

VOCene #37 ☺ March 25h, 2010

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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

1) Weekly Kayak Polo

Under the excuse of practicing eskimo-rolls, VOCers are holding weekly kayak-polo sessions at the UBC pool. Typically, half the time is spent practicing rolls, as there's always people that want to learn, and the rest of the time we play kayak-polo. The pool is warm so you don't need a wetsuit and beginners are always welcome. This usually happens on Tuesdays from 8:30 to 10pm, but please check the message board thread, and if you are coming write your name on the wiki page.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=10773&t=10773>

[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Kayak\\_Polo\\_%40\\_the\\_Aquatic\\_Centre](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Kayak_Polo_%40_the_Aquatic_Centre)

2) Weekly Slide Show: Cumulus Sleeping Bags - March 31st

Cumulus is a Polish company which makes high quality, ultra-light sleeping bags and is currently trying to expand its market to North America. They contacted the VOC in the hopes of presenting their products and getting some of their sleeping bags out and about in Canada. Realizing that broke students eventually turn into people with actual incomes, they want to show off some of their bags to us next Wednesday and they will be offering a 10% discount to all VOCers.

Check the Forum for more info:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=47353&t=47353>

3) Easter Trip to Brew - Apr. 2-5

There's an Easter long weekend trip to the Brew Hut shaping up. Brew is warm, in an awesome location and has been responsible for only a few epics involving lost

parties wandering the alpine meadow for hours/days.

Discussion is ongoing on the discussion board and there's a sign up on the wiki:  
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=12329&t=12329>  
[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010\\_Apr\\_2-5\\_Brew](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010_Apr_2-5_Brew)

#### 4) Vantage Trip - Apr. 2-5

At least once a year, a group of VOCers head down to Vantage, Washington to climb in Frenchman Coulee, a gorge located in the Columbia River Plateau. There are hundreds of routes, sport and traditional, on a variety of rock ranging from 30m basalt column cracks to sporty 5.12 jug-fests.

Sign up and details on the wki:  
[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Vantage\\_April\\_2010](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Vantage_April_2010)

#### 5) White Water Kayaking Day Trip - April 10th

There has been talk about this amongst the Tuesday evening pool paddlers for a long while now, so it's time it became reality. The pool is fun, but the real thing is out there on the rivers. For starters, we'd like to do something nice and simple and easy - the lower Seymour, for example (water levels permitting). Since people might be chewed-up after skiing over the Easter long weekend, the Saturday after that might be a good time to try this.

Let Piotr know if you're interested on the discussion board:  
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=12547&t=12547>

## II. Miscellaneous

### 1) VOC Executive Elections

Love the VOC? Can't get enough of it? Join the exec!

Elections for executive members will be taking place during our Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will happen during the Year End Banquet on April 7, @ 6pm (more details on the banquet will follow soon).

Details about executive positions can be found here: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/member/execpositions.php>

Nominations, or your name if you wish to run, should be written on a sheet that will be posted outside the clubroom as of Monday March 15, 1:00pm or online here: [http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Exec\\_nominations\\_2010](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Exec_nominations_2010)

The VOC needs you to help run our club, continue organizing great trips, and getting everyone outdoors and having fantastic fun!

### 2) FMCBC Articles Needed

Since I'm sure you are all full of article ideas after writing one for the VOC Journal you should write one for Cloudburst! The last issue of Cloudburst featured a VOC trip photo on the cover so we should make it happen again.

Here is the info for writing your article:  
Just a reminder that we will be accepting articles for the Spring/Summer issue of

Cloudburst until April 15th. The sooner you send them in the better so we can review them and request any missing information. Please include photos if you have any as they really add to the articles. We welcome articles which inform our readers about mountain access, recreation, and conservation issues or activities in B.C. Articles should not exceed 1,000 words. Photos should be approximately 4x6 inch photos with 150 DPI resolution. With submitted articles please include the author. With submitted photos please include location, names of people in the photo and the name of the photographer.

Email articles to Jodi at: [admin.manager@mountainclubs.org](mailto:admin.manager@mountainclubs.org)

3) Ms. Manners

Do you have a question for Ms. Manners? If so, email it to one of your friendly neighbourhood VOCene editors and it'll get forwarded Ms. Manners for review. Remember, there's no such thing as a stupid question, so ask away.

Dear Ms. Manners,

I really like the VOC and helping run the club sounds like fun. That said, I'm pretty sure that I'm not qualified to be on the exec because I can't do one finger chin ups or ski crazy lines or rescue someone from a crevasse if they fall in. Is there anything else I can do to help out?

Sincerely,  
Beginner Friendly

Dear BF

Good news! You don't actually need to be crazy strong or experienced to be on the exec! The VOC is just a pack of students suffering in the middle of nowhere and telling themselves that it's fun. This requires no strength or experience, in fact, those are really just hindrances.

Being on the exec is mostly about helping guide where the club is going and organizing events. Members of the exec are supposed to organize at least one trip per term, but that doesn't mean you have to lead it. Don't feel qualified to lead a trip? Ask someone else to do it for you (easy to do). All you have to do is make sure a wiki page goes up and that a pre-trip meeting happens. No experience required, just a small amount of effort to make sure things happen. You'll also quickly discover that running trips is way easier than you thought. It's actually just a misnomer that you need to be experienced to lead trips, after all, a VOC trip just isn't a VOC trip until it's hit full blown fiasco level.

Plenty of positions on the exec are really straight forward in terms of their duties too. Take VOCene editor for example: can you operate 'ctrl-c' and 'ctrl-v' with at least 85% accuracy? You are officially overqualified to be the VOCene editor.

Being stoked about the VOC and wanting to help keep it running is far, far more important than how experienced or strong you are. If you want to help keep the club strong, then run for a position.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Manners

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