

VOCene #11 ☺ June 23rd, 2010

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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) Get that monkey off your back: workshop on packing light, June 23 (Wed, Today!)

Hiking and camping is a lot of fun but can be a pain in the back if your pack is too heavy. In this workshop we'll explore ways to get your backpack lighter than you imagined possible - without spending a lot. The theme is ☺lighten it, lessen it or leave it☺. This will be an interactive workshop, with several experienced VOC gram-counters on hand to share detailed tips and answer the questions that have been weighing you down. Co-hosted by James Murphy, Phil Tomlinson and more. Starts at 7pm, in Math 103, just next to Koerner library.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=48162&t=48162>
http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Slide_shows#Summer_2010

- 2) Ultimate on the Beach (ongoing, Wed)

On every Wednesday when it is not pouring rain, you'll find VOC'ers down at the beach playing Ultimate Frisbee. Come out and enjoy some exercise with fellow VOC'ers, and maybe even some sunshine!

Where: Jericho beach, on the lawn by the parking lot at the foot of Tolmie st.
When: 6:30ish

- 3) Weekly Kayak Polo (ongoing)

For a while now, VOCers have been 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 practices were recently moved to the beach, and are usually on Thursday evenings. Please check the message board thread for updated information.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=13419&t=13419>

4) Brew Hut Reno Workhike, June 26-27 (Sat-Sun)

The long awaited Official Brew Hut Renovation Workhike is finally happening! We need lots of excited people on this trip who are prepared to work hard, have fun, and give back to the outdoor community by helping us make the Brew Hut a great place to be. You don't need to be experienced in the outdoors or in hut maintenance, we just want you. All the info is on the wiki.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=13389&t=13389>
http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010_Jun_26-27_Brew

5) Beginner Friendly Skaha Trip, July 1-4 (Thu-Sun)

Canada day is on a Thursday this year, so if you take off the Friday then you get a four day weekend! And who would bother going in on Friday anywhere? So, with four days off, let's head to Skaha to do some rock climbing. Skaha this time of year is hot and dry so it'll make a nice change from Vancouver. There's plenty of mellow climbs so being a fantastic climber is not required. There's also great hiking and a lake to lounge around for when you decide to take a break from climbing. If you can't take the full four days off, then feel free to only come for 2 or 3 days or whatever works for your schedule.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=13813&t=13813>
http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010_July_1-4_Skaha

6) Stein Valley, July 2-4 (Fri-Sun)

Ignacio and Pascale want to explore the Stein Valley July long week-end! It is a moderate hike, and without much elevation gain if we stay in the valley. There are many campsites along way. There is a possibility to hike up to the Stein lake. It is said to be a region rich in cultural and biodiversity patrimony, with petroglyphs and old cabins. You should have some past overnight hiking trips (not 10 years of it, but at least you are well prepared for it on your own). If you are interested, take a look at the message board thread below.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=13695&t=13695>

7) VOC Summer BBQ, July 7 (Wed)

The third VOC Summer BBQ for this summer is coming up! These are a great place to meet new friends, have trip meetings, or talk about ideas and plans for the upcoming month. Don't forget to bring your own hamburgers, weiners, roastable veggies or whatever along. Someone usually brings a barbecue. Frisbee, hacky sac, and slack lines are also encouraged.

Where: Jericho beach, on the lawn by the parking lot at the foot of Tolmie st.
When: First Wednesday of May, June, July, August and September, 6:30ish

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Summer_Barbeques

II. Miscellaneous

1) Conservation Corner: Draft Management Plan for Stein

From Scott Webster:

There is a draft management plan available for public comment on the new Upper Rogers K01117 Conservancy. This area includes the section of the Stein Valley traverse near Caltha Lake and the Lizzie Lake cabin.

A brief summary of the good points of the plan (thanks Scott Nelson):

- Wilderness Recreation zoning for the whole conservancy
- No motorized access/recreation
- No Mountain Biking
- No Camp Fires
- Recommends no aircraft landings
- Allow existing trails and campsites (Stein traverse, Caltha Lake campsite)
- Leaves open possibility for a backcountry hut at an unspecified location
- Encourages reactivation of the Lizzie Lake FSR

You can submit comments online at the link below until June 25 (Friday).

http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/planning/mgmtplns/upperRogers/upperRogers_mp.html

2) Ms. Manners

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

Dear Ms. Manners,

Have you ever been invited on a trip and declined the invite only to be left on the Reply All mailing list and spammed with messages planning a trip you can't go on?!?! Arrgh!

While this has indeed happened to me, I am currently perpetrating the crime by keeping a certain lady on an email faff fest planning out our Mt. Somewhere attempt. But hey, she deserves it!

Thanks for your advice,
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Dear LO,

There is a longtime tradition of mocking and abusing people who bail on your trips, even if they don't actually bail, but just declined to go on the trip in the first place. This is an important tradition, rooted in the 19th century in the Alps, and I ask that you please continue it. Of course, sometimes you will be on the receiving end, but bear your shame with pride. At least you were invited on the damn trip!

Yours,
Ms. Manners

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