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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) 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

- 2) 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>

- 3) Canada Day Whitewater Paddling, July 1 (Thu)

Anne and Piotr would like to go paddling on Thursday:
The idea would be to do a nice mellow river somewhere outside of town - currently

considering something Chilliwack way. We're fairly new in this game, so we're aiming for grades II-III and no harder. We can take 2 or maybe even 3 more people, and fit 4 or maybe even 5 boats on the roof. We currently have the club boat and the boat Erik lent us in the garage to lend out as well - although if we bring all that we'll have to do the "car shuttle" by walking/hitch-hiking. If we bring less stuff we can squeeze a bike in there too - or maybe somebody else with a vehicle wants to join? I suppose the trip qualifies as semi-beginner friendly, but since I'm a semi-beginner in WW myself I can't really offer any instruction etc. If you've paddled a river or two or done a bunch of pool sessions you should be fine...

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=13967&t=13967>

4) Skypilot on Canada Day, July 1 (Thu, full!)

Sky Pilot is a pointy looking 2025m peak located a few kilometers behind the Chief. It's easily accessible in a day and will provide us with a fun 3rd class scramble and some fantastic views of our beautiful country. I'll bring a big Canadian flag for some saluting, singing, and epic summit shots and I think it might be fun to have some sort of fireworks... It would be cool to celebrate the existence of other countries too...multiculturalism and all that, so if you hail from somewhere else, bring your flag too (ie: if your from Germany, bring a German flag). We'll probably try to move fairly quick, but no one will be left behind. Beginner friendliness will be encouraged.

Note: this trip is now full!

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

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=13836&t=13836>

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) ACC trip to Phelix Creek, July 2-4 (Fri-Sun)

The ACC has graciously invited VOC members to join a trip to the Phelix Hut area, staying at the Brian Waddington Hut (which belongs to the VOC). They are planning to hike up on Friday, and then do some scrambling and hiking in the area. Sign up on the ACC website (see below) where there is also more detailed information.

<http://www.accvancouver.org/events/details.asp?eventid=346>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=13919&t=13919>

7) 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>

8) Mamquam Mtn., July 3-4 (Sat-Sun)

The details are not quite there yet, but Line, Piotr and possibly some others might be doing a backcountry ski trip to Mamquam Mtn. in Garibaldi Park.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=13888&t=13888>

9) Rock climbing road trip, July 5-15

Gili is planning a rock climbing road trip for the 5-15 of July: Most likely we will head to the West Kootenays. I was there last summer for hiking and scrambling, and the scenery is incredible, lots of rock spires and small towns. You would need some experience rock climbing, leading, belaying a leader, preferably some trad too. This is the tentative plan for now. It might end up including some light mountaineering. Most likely we will also pick some cherries in the Okanagan and do some hiking on off days. There are also some nice hot springs, if it gets cool enough. So far Julian and possibly Ran Z are in.

If you are interested, post on the message board or send Gili and email.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=13866&t=13866>

10) 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) VOCene goes on summer schedule

For the month of July, the VOCene will be on a loose two week schedule. To find out about upcoming trips, please check the message board and the wiki (see below). The next VOCene will be sent out on in mid July.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/list.php?f=3>

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

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,

I don't understand the VOC obsession with Tim Hortons. Their coffee is crap, their hot chocolate is too sweet, and they have long lineups almost always. So, why, oh why, does everyone stop there before every trip?!

Thanks for your advice,
Tim Hortons Objector

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Dear THO,

You are right, there is a curious phenomenon in the VOC - the club as a whole seems to be addicted to Tim Hortons. I don't understand it myself. But, It won't matter what you say or do, it seems that it will be impossible to wean them from their bad habits. The reason being that it is not just the club that is addicted, it is the whole nation. In a marvel of marketing genius, Tim Hortons has firmly branded itself as a Canadian cultural icon. Canadians miss it when they go overseas, and crave it in the nights. One can't really blame them, they don't know any better.

Did you know that their baked goods are baked, frozen, and then delivered from Ontario? They call this system "Always Fresh", hah! What a joke.

Yours,
Ms. Manners

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