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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) Climbing (various)

Alix wants to climb Friday and or Saturday:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=14681&t=14681>

Kathrin wants to climb Saturday:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=14668&t=14668>

- 2) Weekly Kayak Polo (ongoing, Tue or Thu)

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 Tuesday or 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) Cora's Camping Trip, Aug 24-26

From Cora:

I am looking for people who want to go on a camping trip from Tuesday August 24th-Thursday August 26th. I am off work at 12 on the Tuesday and have the next two days off. I know it is in the middle of the week as I work weekends, but I am hoping to find people who also may have a similar schedule. I would love to combine the trip with rock climbing, hiking, etc. if anyone else is interested! It

would be great to find a few people to come out :)

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=14631&t=14631>

4) 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

5) Bugaboos, Aug 30 to Sep 5

Jacob and Todd are heading to the Bugaboos (dates somewhat flexible). This will be a mountaineering trip requiring a lot of glacier travel (not beginner friendly). If you are interested, see post on the message board (below).

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=14632&t=14632>

6) VOC Summer BBQ, Sep 1 (Wed)

The last 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

7) Mountaineering Camp, Sep 4-6 (Sat-Mon, Labor Day Long Weekend)

Bring out your sharp point bits, and sungoggles. Lets gather round at Wedgemont lake and mountaineer some mountains.

Here yee is the official announcement for the location for the VOC Mountaineering Camp 2010. It will be at Wedgemont Lake, affording opportunities to Climb Wedge, Weart, Cook, Rethel, and several other things of assorted difficulty and pointiness. There's a glacier up there so if you like glaciers, that might be your thing. We will be assisting people to find rides, food groups, and offering advice about what to climb, but it's up to you to find a mountain to climb, and somebody to climb it with, or not.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=14634&t=14634>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Mountaineering_Camp_2010

II. Miscellaneous

1) VOC is looking for a Journal Editor

Our beloved Journal Editor has been whisked away by a government job on the Island. This means that the coveted job of Journal Editor is now open! If you've been feeling that you'd like to contribute something more back to the club, this

might be your chance.

Here's what the Journal Editor position requires:

- * Publishes the annual Varsity Outdoor Club Journal (VOCJ)
- * Coerces members into submitting articles, photos, etc. for the Journal.
- * Works to a deadline. The journal must be out before the end of term.
- * Is solely responsible for the quality of the finished product.
- * Works to a budget of sorts. Collects advertisements to defray the cost of the Journal.
- * A good position for someone with computer skills, and the ability to deal with a heavy workload for a short time in the Spring.

2) Glacier School, Sept 18-19, call for instructors

Yep, summer is coming to a close - soon we'll all be riding the pow... but first there'll be the VOC's Glacier School.

And we'll need instructors! Unlike the call for participants (which will happen soon enough, probably two weeks from the trip) the call for instructors doesn't happen by mass wiki chaos. So, if you're keen to instruct please send Christian an email for consideration. We usually instruct in pairs, trying to put old veterans with newer instructors, and will have an instructor meeting some time before the trip.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=14629&t=14629>

3) VOC is looking for a lawyer!

Are you a lawyer? Do you have a friend who is a lawyer and could do the club a small favor? No worries, the club isn't in trouble, we just need some advice. If you can help us out, please write to info@ubc-voc.com. Thanks!

4) 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 went on a crazy trip this weekend. We hiked from dawn till dusk, crossing glaciers, hopping over crevasses, ascending mountains, and even bushwhacking through dense rain forest in the night. Most of the time I thought I was just about to die, and at the time, I would have described the experience as intense suffering. But, just as the trip was about to end, I started thinking, this is actually the most fun I've ever had, I want to do this again (but not too too soon!). What's happening? Am I developing a love-hate relationship?

Thanks for your advice,
Outdoor Lover-Hater

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Dear OLH,

It sounds like you just discovered Fun Type II. That's the type of fun where you suffer through the experience, but in retrospect it was fun. In a way, the

suffering type of fun grows on you, just as bushwhacking and beer are an acquired taste. The first time it sucks, but then it just gets better. As one club member put it, "you don't have to be having fun to have fun".

Anyway, don't worry, this is completely normal, and most of us have been through it at one stage or another, or for some of us on every single weekend of the year. Enjoy your next suffer fest!

Yours,
Ms. Manners

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