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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) VOC Summer BBQ, Sep 1 (Wed, today!)

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

- 2) Climbing (various)

Alix is looking to get out this Friday (Happy Birthday!):

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=14819&t=14819>

Check the Trips board for more climbing posts, or if you are interested in heading out why don't you post a message yourself?

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

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

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

Here yee is the official announcement for the location for the VOC Mountaineering Camp 2010. It will be at Wedgemount 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

4) Tony's Camping and Surfing Trip to Tofino, Sep 4-6 (Sat-Mon, Labor Day Long Weekend)

Tony is heading to Tofino for the long weekend, planning to camp, surf, watch storms and other things. If interested, contact him by email at toni.stiegelmar@yahoo.com, or on the message board below.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=14808&t=14808>

5) 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>

6) 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

7) Beginner Friendly Trip to Brew Hut (workhike), Sep 10-11 (Sat-Sun)

Roland is organizing another workhike to Brew! The Brew Hut is our most accessible Hut, and is especially recommended for those who are new to the Club and the area. With a bit of luck, we will drive about 7 kms of logging road, and then hike about 3 kms of forest plus 2 kms of alpine meadows to get to the Hut. Various weekend activities may include picking blueberries, swimming in Brew Lake, singing songs, getting warm and dry, etc. as well as preparing a winter's supply of firewood by hauling it up 500m from the site of the old hut.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=14843&t=14843>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010_Sept_11-12_Brew_Hut_trip--workhike

8) Glacier School, Sep 18-19 (Sat-Sun)

Glacier School is a 2-day (weekend) course intended to teach safe and efficient means of travelling over glaciers. The school is divided into two courses: Glacier 1 is designed for beginners to snow and glacier travel. It is expected that you have previous backpacking and camping experience. Glacier 2 is for students with previous glacier experience that want to learn more advanced skills or to climb a peak.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=14827&t=14827>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Glacier_School_2010

II. Miscellaneous

1) Imagine Day volunteers needed (workhike), Sep 7

The VOC will have a booth at the Main Event (formerly Main Event Carnival) on September 7th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. The booth is there to inform students about the club so if you're interested in sharing your excitement about the VOC, come on out! Help is needed to set up and take down the booth, and also to talk to students about how fantastic the club is.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=48971&t=48971>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Imagine_Day_2010#The_Main_Event

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, the call for instructors doesn't happen by mass wiki chaos. So, if you're keen to instruct please send Christian Veenstra 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) Longhike, Oct 2-3, call for instructors

Fall is coming up and with it VOC's best party and rock climbing event! This year's Longhike takes place on Oct 2nd-3rd and we need Instructors! If you're keen to instruct please send Lisa an email (lisa.pittl@gmail.com) 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=14797&t=14797>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Longhike>

4) Ms. Manners

Do you have a question for Ms. Manners? If so, email it 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,

If you were sick with a fever in the middle of a back country trip and knew your tent partner had to share your tent for extra nights, would you declare 'sick' and

keep him/her paranoid about sharing the tent, and get mercy on being slow and whiny? Or keep your sickness to yourself, to keep your hard-man status?

Thanks for your advice,
China Man

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Dear CM,

Probably people indeed split into two distinct groups: the sufferers, who will plead mercy, possibly get you to carry some of their stuff, but assure you that you are not likely to get sick, and the strong-men who will just tough it up, and if you get sick from them, so be it.

In reality, you are both stuck in the same tent either way, so if you are careful about where you sneeze and cough, the decision on whether to tell your partner hardly matters. However, if you are not planning to descend but rather continue with your trip, and you are sick enough to affect your performance, then the responsible thing would be to tell your partner. At least that way they will share part of the blame if you continue despite the sickness, but fail due to it...

The best solution? Be strong, and don't get sick!

Yours,
Ms. Manners

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