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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) 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

- 3) 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>

4) 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) 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>

2) 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>

3) Callaghan Backcountry Use Survey

The FMCBC is conducting a survey on backcountry skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing in the Callaghan Valley near Whistler, British Columbia. Please complete this survey if you have skied, snowboarded or snowshoed in the Callaghan Valley in the past, or plan to do so in the 2010-2011 winter season. The survey takes less than 15 minutes. The survey results will help the Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC (FMCBC) and the Alpine Club of Canada (Whistler Section) in their negotiations for continued backcountry access at the Whistler Olympic Park.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=48986&t=48986>

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/callaghan2010>

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,

My partner refuses to help wash the dishes on trips. He says that a good strong cup of hot chocolate is all that is needed. Is this a good way of dealing with dirty dishes?

Thanks for your advice,
Dirty Dishes

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Dear DD,

Well, the hot chocolate solution is indeed the hard-core mountaineer solution - some don't even bother with the hot chocolate. The other advantages of this method are that you don't waste the nutritional value of the scraps of food that you bothered to carry way up into the mountains, and that you don't end up dumping your food scraps and gray water in the wilderness. That being said, whether or not dirty dishes will attract bears to your campsite has yet to be investigated.

What do I do? The first line of defense is licking and scraping anything that can be salvaged. Next step - rinsing with water, far from water sources. Never use soap.

Yours,
Ms. Manners

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