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- 1) 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 course: 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

- 2) Whitewater Kayaking in Chilliwack Canyon, Sep 19 (Sun)

Erik is organizing a whitewater kayaking trip to the Chilliwack Canyon:
Destination: Chilliwack Canyon (III-IV). Level will come up after Saturday's forecast rain, so we're hoping for 1.1+ or so on the gauge, which makes the run solid 3 with maybe some 4 here and there, and a LOT of nonstop fun. If you have a good roll and are comfortable at the grade, why not join us? (cross-posted with Vancouver Kayak Club).

I have space available in my car and room for boats, and have some gear to lend if needed.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=15032&t=15032>

3) 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

4) Beginner Friendly Needle Peak Trip, Sept 25-26 (Sat-Sun)

Let's head out to Needle Peak for a weekend of hiking and scrambling. This is a beginner friendly trip, so even if you don't have any experience, we can try and teach you any skills you need. The trip will involve almost 900m of elevation gain on Saturday, but we'll have loads of time to do it in, so as long as you can get up a few flights of stairs, you should be okay.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=14976&t=14976>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010_Beginner_Friendly_Needle_Peak_Scramble

5) Self Propelled to Golden Ears, Sep 25-26 (Sat-Sun)

Golden Ears, self-propelled! We will cycle to Golden Ears Provincial Park, cleverly hide our bikes somewhere, and go for an overnight hike. This page is just to gauge interest and more info will be filled in closer to the date.

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

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=14774&t=14774>

6) VOC Intro Night, Sep 27 (Mon)

New to the club? This is where all the mysteries of how the VOC works are revealed!

Everyone is welcome (especially your friends that haven't joined the club yet)!

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Location: MATH 100

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Intro_night_2010

7) Long Hike!, Oct 2-3 (Sat-Sun)

Longhike is the club's popular, annual rock climbing & party extravaganza. Small groups are led by an instructor who is a fellow VOC member with climbing experience. On Saturday there is a "rock school" in Squamish and groups climb at either Murrin Park or the Little Smoke Bluffs. All ability levels are welcome and no climbing experience is necessary. An alternative hiking trip may be available for those who do not wish to climb, but still want to be part of this fabulous weekend. Saturday night will feature dinner at our venue followed by a dessert potluck and a huge party with DJs. Sunday is open to climbing (and/or hiking) and there will be no formal instruction. This is the perfect time to try out your newly learned skills with people that you have met climbing or partying.

Tickets on sale during gear hours and Club Days.

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

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Longhike_2010

II. Miscellaneous

1) Club Days - volunteers needed, Sep 22-24

This year, Clubs Days will take place Wednesday, September 22nd to Friday, September 24th from 10am-5pm. Clubs Days is our prime time for seeking new members/reminding our current members to renew their membership. If you're interested in sharing your excitement outdoor-related activities, and how the VOC is a wicked way to get involved, come on out to help us! Even if you can only make one shift that helps! In addition to being buckets of fun, helping out during Clubs Days will count as a workhike.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=49089&t=49089>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Clubs_Days_2010

2) New Gear Hours

New gear hours have been posted!

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Gear_rental#Rental_hours

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) Comments sought on IPP project up the Sechelt Inlet

An independent consultant has contacted and am conducting a recreation impact assessment for a proposed hydroelectric project in the Narrows Inlet/ Sechelt Peninsula area. This area is north of Sechelt up the Sechelt Inlet.

5) 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'm new to the club, and I heard it's a great place to meet people. Specifically, I'm looking for a boyfriend/girlfriend... How can I got about this?

Thanks for your advice,
Looking for a Date

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Dear LD,

The VOC is an Outdoor club, and as such we focus on outdoor activities. That being said, club trips and events are a great place to meet new people. You might even hook up with someone, and spend your life with them. This is how many couples in the VOC have met.

Your best bet is to attend as many trips and events as possible... In particular, the upcoming Long Hike is a great big party. It's a great environment for hitting on someone... Just don't hit anyone!

Yours,
Ms. Manners

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