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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) Croquet, Sep 21 (Tue, today!)

Todd is organizing another session of Croquet - meeting on Tuesday at 8pm at the clubroom. Croquet is not exactly what it sounds like, to get a better idea check out <http://www.buildering.net/guidebooks/ubc> or just show up! No special gear required.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=14993&t=14993>

- 2) Parkour, Sep 22 (Wed)

Juan has been training Parkour for two years now and is trying to interest more people at UBC in it. Parkour is defined by americanparkour.com as "the physical discipline of training to overcome any obstacle within one's path by adapting one's movements to the environment". Though the day may have to switch if the weather does not cooperate, Juan will be holding a training session on Wednesday, September 22 at 6:00 PM for anyone looking to learn the basics. It will be at the field east of Thunderbird residences on Thunderbird Blvd, as this spot provides a space to learn rolls as well as a ledge for basic vaults.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=15054&t=15054>

3) 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. See the message board and wiki for more info.

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

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

4) Callaghan Ski Trail Signs Workhike, Sep 25-26 (Sat-Sun)

This trip is a workhike to put up some trailhead signs for the Beverley Creek and Hanging Lake ski trails in the Callaghan Valley. These trails were developed to enhance backcountry access and to "stake our claim" in the area. So far the trails have proven to be quite popular and they will be easily accessible again next season after being blocked last year for the Olympics.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=15049&t=15049>

5) 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

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) Ice Cragging at Mt. Baker (date TBA pending weather)

Ran is planning a trip to Mt. Baker to climb some glacial ice! Waiting for some good weather to come our way.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=14964&t=14964>

8) 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) Looking for Slideshow Presenters

Every year we hold weekly slideshows at the clubroom (and sometimes in bigger rooms if it gets crowded). We're looking for people to talk about cool trips and adventures they've been involved in, basically show us your cool pictures and tell us about all the cool/hardcore stuff involved. After the slideshows we usually go for a beer at the Gallery upstairs.

Email Ignacio at rozada@math.ubc.ca if you want to give a slideshow. The format is very flexible and we've had a few instructional seminars too (how to build a harness, how to pack super light). We might even show some of the movies in our library, especially since we now have a new fancy projector.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=49186&t=49186>

3) VOC Journal: Call for articles and your help

Every year around March/April the VOC publishes its annual journal. This wouldn't be possible without the help of all of you! To find out how you can contribute/help take a look at the links below, and feel free to contact the Journal Editor, Kathrin Lang at journal@ubc-voc.com.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=49224&t=49224>

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

4) New Gear Hours

New gear hours have been posted!

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

5) 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>

6) 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.

7) 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 just moved to Vancouver, and I'm not used to all this rain, especially on weekends. I'm looking for stuff that is still fun to do in the rain. Do you have any suggestions?

Thanks for your advice,
Rainy Days

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Dear RD,

My first advice is to get yourself a good set of rain jacket and rain pants. With these, anything can be fun in the rain again! It's just a different type of fun: Wet Fun.

While this is true in general, there are things that are more fun to do in the rain than others. Such as sea kayaking and whitewater kayaking - you are already dressed to be wet, so the rain hardly matters. Also, hot springs - there's nothing like a good butt-naked soak in a hot spring while it is raining (or better - snowing!). Another fun thing to do in the rain is to snuggle up to a loved one with a cup of hot chocolate or soup. Tents, tarps and huts are great for getting you out of the rain.

We usually get a few nice weekend in September and October - something to look forward to. Soon enough the snow will start flying for real, and we can start skiing again (those of us that stopped!).

Yours,
Ms. Manners

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