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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) Croquet, (ongoing, Tue, Today!)

Lately croquet has been happening on Tuesdays, meeting 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. Check the message board for details about upcoming croquet meet ups. We usually meet at 8pm at the clubroom.

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

- 2) Waddington range the old-fashioned way (slideshow), Oct 20 (Wed)

Veenstra, Line, Kjell and Steve: Waddington range the old-fashioned way. Note, not in the clubroom but in MATX 1100 at 7pm.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=49840&t=49840>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WQaTzEGbSU>

3) Belay Test Extravaganza, Oct 21 (Thu)

Lisa and Phil will be belay testing as many people as they can handle on Oct 21 (Thursday) at the VOC climbing wall (behind the Norm theater), between 12:30-1:30pm. A belay test is necessary in order to use the VOC climbing wall, which members can use for free. Details on the climbing wall and what is included in the belay test can be found in the link below. If you want to get a belay test done, come on out. Please get to the wall as early as possible because if everyone shows up five minutes before we get booted, then we won't be able to get everyone tested.

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

4) Mt. MacDonald Day Scramble, Oct 23 (Sat)

The goal is to scramble the to the peak of Mount MacDonald in Chilliwack in one day. MacDonald is listed in Matt Gunn's Scrambles as a moderate scramble so a helmet is required. The trailhead is only about 2 hours drive from Vancouver and is accessible by 2WD vehicles.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=15551&t=15551>
http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Mount_MacDonald_Day_Scramble

5) Phelix Hut and Trail Workhike, Oct 23-24 (Sat-Sun)

Once upon a time, access to the Brian Waddington hut was difficult. People would make it in well after dark or not at all. Then the club built a beautiful new trail. The trail is in pretty good shape, but it won't stay that way without maintenance. This will be a great chance to get out and do some real, useful, but not too threatening work for the club (and one of the last chances before 4m of snow covers everything). October is a great time for these sorts of things - you'll feel good, even though the climbing season is coming to an end and ski season is yet to begin. I mean, what else could you do this time of year? Go to a hotspring? This trip will be beginner friendly, which means the experienced people will help keep you alive if you've never done something like this before. That said, the trail into the hut is pretty good... so if necessary and you abandon trail work, just concentrating on survival, it would be pretty easy.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=15291&t=15291>
http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Fall_Phelix_workhike_2010

6) Garibaldi and Black Tusk Weekend, Oct 23-24 (Sat-Sun)

We will be going up the Garibaldi Lake in Garibaldi Park for an overnight trip. We will set up camp at Taylor Meadows, which is 7.5 km from the trail head with 900 meters elevation gain. This trip is beginner friendly but there is elevation gain. The trail is well made with lots of switch backs but it is a steady climb most of the way. No experience is needed, but proper gear and a general level of fitness will make your life easier!

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Garibaldi_Lake_Weekend_Oct2010
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=15434&t=15434>

7) Backcountry Hotsprings, Oct 23-24 (Sat-Sun)

Drive up various logging roads into the wilderness of BC and have an enjoyable

relaxing weekend soaking in some natural sources of delightfully hot water. This is a great way to get out of the city and forget all about the midterms and assignments and release all tension, both physical and mental, built up by our busy lives. This will be a low output trip that won't involve more than 20-30 min (steep) approach. Most people go nude in hot springs, bathing suits will be optional for our group.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=15629&t=15629>

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

8) Intro to Orienteering, Oct 26 (Tue)

The purpose of this event is to provide a quick and basic introduction to orienteering. You will learn how to follow bearings, orient yourself using a detailed map, and plan an efficient route that passes through the required waypoints. After learning the basics you will have the opportunity to try it out on a short course around UBC campus. Many of the skills involved in orienteering are very useful on backcountry trips. Hopefully you will discover that orienteering is a fun standalone sport, but also that navigation is a fun and useful tool to employ in the outdoors.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=15573&t=15573>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Intro_to_Orienteering_2010

9) Semi-Weekly Kayak Polo, Oct 26 (Tue)

For a while now, VOCers have been holding semi-weekly kayak-polo sessions at the UBC pool or the beach. 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. Please check the message board thread for updated information.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=13419&t=13419>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Kayak_Polo_%40_the_Aquatic_Centre

10) The Island of Your Dreams: Vancouver Island (slideshow), Oct 27 (Wed)

Long beaches of white sand? Snowy mountains? Rainforest? Tiny islands surrounded by turquoise water? Seals, whales and salmon? Yes! You can find all these on Vancouver Island. Maya and Gili will recount a few adventures on the Island and highlight the immense potential for exciting trips, just a few hours away.

11) Coliseum Mountain, Oct 30 (Sat)

Coliseum Mountain is on the Northshore and Part of the Lynn Headwaters Regional Park.

It's a day trip for everyone interested and fit enough and for those who don't go to Skaha but wanna get out of town.

The hike is ~ 20 km, 8 - 10 h return and ~ 1250 m elevation gain.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=15721&t=15721>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010_Oct_30_-_Coliseum_Mountain

12) Halloween Skaha Climbing, Oct 29-31 (Fri-Sun)

Skaha is a rock climbing area located near Penticton, BC, in the Okanagan Valley. It is generally pretty dry, making it a common destination for times of the year

when Squamish is a little soggy. The VOC usually runs a trip there around Halloween. Skaha has climbs at all levels, in both the traditional and sport styles. There is also top-roping possibilities for beginners who know how to set up top-rope anchors. Absolute beginners should have attended longhike before, as this trip is not instructional (but will most probably have tons of nice people). There needs to be at least one person that can set-up a top rope anchor per group.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=15603&t=15603>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Skaha_Halloween_2010

13) Spooky Brandywine Mountain Scramble, Oct 31 (Sun)

Calling all ghosts and goblins... The plan is to summit Brandywine Mountain (2213m) on Halloween, in costume! It's reportedly a fantastic scramble, with an elevation gain of 1268m, and roughly 7 hours round trip, depending on party speed. The scrambling has limited exposure, so beginners are most welcome and encouraged! There will be lovely views of glaciers and the surrounding peaks. We will of course take awesome costumed summit pictures. Yes, this is trip number 13!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=15673&t=15673>

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

II. Miscellaneous

1) Rewards and incentives for trip organizers

In an effort to reward our dedicated members who spend time teaching and leading our beginner members on some of the most fun trips to some of the most beautiful places in BC, we have developed a partnership with ProMotive.com to offer discounts on backcountry brands. These discounts are open to members who we call VOC Trip Organizers. You may be thinking to yourself, "I have led trips for the VOC! Am I a VOC Trip Organizer?" Or "how do I lead trips for the VOC to become a VOC Trip Organizer?" Well, in order to answer these questions, the exec has come up with a handy check list to determine if trips you have already led qualify you as a VOC Trip Organizer, or how help you lead your first trips to qualify you as a VOC Trip Organizer. See more info in the links below.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=49623&t=49623>

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

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. First deadline for articles covering stories from April to October 2011 is December 1st!

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/VOC_Journal_2010_-_2011

4) Banff Mtn. Film Festival: tickets on sale

We will be selling tickets for the Banff Mtn. Film Festival (on tour in Vancouver). The shows will be December 2 and 3 in the Hollywood theatre, and December 4 in North Van. If you buy them from the VOC you'll save \$3 compared to if you buy them online. To buy the tickets drop by the clubroom during gear hours or most days during lunch time and ask an exec member to sell you the tickets.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=49878&t=49878>

http://www.accvancouver.ca/bmffworldtour_2010.htm

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,

There have been so many awesome trips on the schedule lately that I've been having trouble deciding which trip to go on. For the coming weekend I've signed up for 3 conflicting trips. Is this cool? How should I decide which trip to go on?

I hope to hear from you soon,
Baffled Tripper

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Dear BT,

Well, in general we don't like it when you sign up for a few conflicting trips. The reason is that there are many constraints to trip size: number of cars, capacity of hut, manageable group size, number of tents/stoves etc., and trip organizers need to plan these things ahead of the trip. That's why many trips have a maximum number of participants posted. If you sign up and cancel last minute, that's a spot that could have been taken by someone else. Maybe that person already made other plans by now, because the trip looked full.

How to decide which trip to go on? Try and decide for yourself which trip fits your experience level, gear, fitness etc. If you can't decide, you can contact the trip organizers to consult with them, or post your questions on the message board.

Yours,
Ms. Manners

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