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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) Slideshow: East Africa and Kilimanjaro, March 9 (Wed, Today!)

Join Craig A. as he recounts his recent travels in Tanzania, Kenya and Ethiopia, including an ascent of the highest mountain in Africa, Kilimanjaro.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=52522&t=52522>

- 2) Charlie and Heather's VOC-VOCO to Needle Peak, March 12-13 (Sat-Sun)

Did you know that we have a VOC Okanagan "sister club"? Come meet them on this

trip!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=17655&t=17655>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/12-13th_March_2011_VOC-VOCO_Needle_Peak

3) Geoff's beginner friendly Neve traverse, March 12-13 (Sat-Sun)

Geoff is organizing a beginner friendly two day neve traverse! The trip might actually start on Fri evening.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=17990&t=17990>

[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Geoff%27s_12-](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Geoff%27s_12-13_March_2011_Beginner_Friendly_Neve_Crossing)

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4) Laura's Saxifrage and Cassiope trip (intermediate), March 12-13 (Sat-Sun)

The plan is to camp below Saxifrage and Cassiope peaks, climb them and then ski multiple runs on their flanks.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18101&t=18101>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=5

5) Big tree hike on UBC, March 13 (Sun)

Did you know there are 8 foot diameter trees on UBC? Me neither!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18098&t=18098>

6) Tele lessons with Phil - Seymour, March 14 (Mon)

Do you want to tele better? Phil Hammer (EOS) is a CANSI Level 2 telemark instructor and is offering free tele lessons to help out the VOC (and to get more teaching experience).

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

7) Beginner friendly Mt. Rohr mission, March 19-20 (Sat-Sun)

We're planning to go up to Mt. Rohr on the Duffey Lake road for a two day backcountry skiing trip. This peak is just opposite Joffre and Matier and on a clear day the views are amazing, and the skiing is supposed to be pretty good.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18174&t=18174>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=11

8) Wilderness First Aid Course (20h), March 19-20 (Sat-Sun)

Have you ever thought about what you would do if a trip mate of yours was injured? We don't like to think of these things, but being prepared could save a life. Sign up is apparently closed, but might be worth a try.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=17779&t=17779>

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

9) Wilderness First Aid Course (50h), various dates

Looking for a more in depth first aid course? We have a great deal this year, with flexible dates (sign up might be closed for this one).

http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=52084&t=51803#reply_52084

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Slipstream_50_hour_Wilderness_First_Aid#Signup

10) Hollyburn Moonlight Snowshoe, March 19 (Sat)

Full moon party! This is a beginner-friendly trip to the top of Hollyburn by moonlight.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18121&t=18121>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=7

11) Skyler's Himalayan Experience (advanced) - Rainier, March 18-21

Attempt #3 on Rainier, last chance to do it in "winter".

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

12) Tele lessons with Phil - Cypress, March 22 (Tue)

See 6) above.

13) Semi-Weekly Kayak Polo, March 22 (Tue)

Come play with whitewater kayaks in the UBC pool. Fun (almost) guaranteed.

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

Previous session: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18104&t=18104>

14) Annual Banquet, March 23 (Wed)

The year is starting to run out! Time for the end of year banquet! That's right, time to dress up, eat food, elect the new Exec and watch an epic slideshow and then dance and party until we're politely asked to leave! There will also be a slideshow by John Baldwin, the guy who wrote the backcountry ski guidebook, who happens to be a longtime VOC member!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=52349&t=52349>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Banquet_2011

15) Mel's snowshoe trip (beginner), March 26-27 (Sat-Sun)

A non-threatening beginner overnight snowshoe trip to Joffre/Duffey region. Trying to decide on Keith's Hut or tenting/snowcave at Upper Joffre Lake.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=3

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Mel%27s_26-27_March_2011_Sphinx_Snowshoe

II. This week in the VOC

1) Past trips and events

Lots of day trips this weekend!

- The Brew hut trip was a success, with some beautiful weather and jumps. The cat didn't end up taking the group up to the trailhead in the end.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=52522&t=52522>

- Day trip to Telemagique Ridge

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18031&t=18031>

- Day trip to Vantage Ridge (Duffey Lake Road)

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18051&t=18051>

- Day trip to Beverley Creek. One member of the party forgot his socks. Another is 7 months pregnant.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18074&t=18074>

2) From the exec's desk

- The banquet will be at the ANZA club (near MEC). Details have been finalized, so we're good to go.

- The 80's ski social raised \$350 for the CAC (Canadian Avalanche. Centre) which will be donated soon.

- The MEC club night (10% off) has been set to April 26th, and it will be separate from the ACC club night.

III. Miscellaneous

1) The exec needs YOU!

The VOC exec will be changing over at the banquet. If you think the club is doing a great job, join the exec to keep us moving in the right direction. If you think we're doing things terribly, join the exec to help guide us in a better direction. This is YOUR club, help keep it awesome.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=52358&t=52358>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Exec_nominations_2011

2) Rewards and incentives for trip organizers

Woohoo, prodeals for VOC Trip organizers! In return for leading trips, you now get not only immense satisfaction, but cheap gear too.

<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

3) Looking for slideshow presenters

We're still looking for a few more slideshow presenters for this year, only a few slots left! Have you had an amazing experience in the outdoors or while traveling? Have some impressive photos to show the club? Want to give an outdoor related workshop? Ignacio would love to hear from you at rozada@math.ubc.ca

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

4) VOC T-Shirts and Voile straps on sale

The colourful and inspiring VOC t-shirts have been a hit! We still have a few left, so why don't you come over to the clubroom to get one for yourself or as a gift? We also have lots of VOC Voile straps on sale, very useful in many situations (I own at least ten).

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=51097&t=51097>

IV. 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've been in the VOC for two years now - I went on some exciting trips, learned lots of new skills and most importantly met many cool people. Now, I'm thinking that maybe I'd like to do something for the club. Help contribute in some way. I've already done a few work hikes, but I'd like to be more involved...?

Thank you,
Want to Help

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Dear WH,

Yes! You can help the club by joining the exec. This might appear daunting, but it isn't, really. Mostly they meet once a week around lunch time to talk and plan various things. In addition, each exec member has something he or she is responsible for, such as gear, the slideshows or the VOCene. This is all done in a relaxed atmosphere, and any suggestions or ideas are encouraged. If you think we should get VOC stickers made, have a bonfire social or anything else, you can make it happen!

Yours,
Ms. Manners

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