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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) Harrison Hut Trail reconnaissance June 2011 ☺ Sat. Jun. 18th - Sun. Jun. 19th
You may have heard vague mention of a mysterious "fourth hut" that the VOC has built and operates. Well, the Harrison Hut has been pretty much inaccessible for a year due to a giant mudslide, and the time has come to find a way back to it! This recon trip will study the prospects for developing a new trail to the hut.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,73805>
http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=72

- 2) I want to Ride my Bicycle - Salt Spring Island ☺ Sat. Jun. 18th - Sun. Jun. 19th
How does a weekend of riding your bike, eating delicious goat cheese, and drinking boxed wine sound? That's what I thought! Join Kathrin L. on this cycle-touring trip to beautiful Salt Spring Island! Pre-trip is tonight!

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=52
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,73781>

- 3) Summer solstice sunrise ski Seymour / Summer solstice sunset ski Strachan ☺ Tuesday, June 21st

Two mountains, two skis, two sun rising/setting events, one day? The longest day of the year is the time to do it!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,74145>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=79

4) Capilano River Kayak (Class 3) - Ongoing on Wednesdays

Snow melt & Long day light = Wednesday Evening Cap runs (after work in May & June)...

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=19155&t=19155>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=62

II. This week in the VOC

1) Past trips and events

-A group headed up to Cathedral Mt, for a bike accessed trip to the tallest point in the North Shore mountains. The group turned back a few hundred metres shy of the summit, but had a great time. TR here: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=19520&t=19520>

-Lot's of VOCers are climbing up in Squamish these days. This past weekend one crew went up self-propelled, making it to Squamish in about 3.5 hours.

-Todd M., Veronika S. and Anne V. headed to the Tantalus and attempted Mt. Alpha's east ridge. TR here: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,74264>

2) From the exec's desk

The exec has decided to make the deposit for book borrowing \$20, so that it actually covers the cost of replacement. It also harmonizes the books with the multiples-of-twenty system used for gear rentals, in anticipation that inflation will lead to \$10 bills and down being phased out of the money supply.

III. Miscellaneous

1) 2010 journals available for pickup

If you haven't grabbed your VOC Journal yet, you are really missing out! This year's journal is packed with epicness, hilarity, and thought-provoking discussion about the outdoors, the VOC, and everything in between. The cost of the Journal is included in your membership fee, so you owe nothing for your first copy. If you'd like more than one, extra copies are available for \$20.

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/wiki/Discounts_for_VOC_Trip_Organizers

IV. Ms. Manners

Dear Ms. Manners,

I was wondering if there is any unwritten rules regarding the procedure of eating other peoples trailmix. I usually bring trailmix to a trip to find out that all the other trailmixes look more delicious than my own, and I am very happy if I can try theirs. Unfortunately, I don't like raisins, so if I take some trailmix, I make sure to only get the nice things like chocolate and cashews..

I feel a bit bad about that now, and just want to confirm that it is compliant to rules to only take the nice stuff. I am worried that there is something like a ratio restriction. Have you heart of that before?

Thank you so much,

Nika Nuts

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Dear Nuts,

Proper etiquette for eating other people's trailmix is to eat consistently with the overall bag ratios, in order to simulate a true random sample of their ingredients. If Bob's trailmix is say 30% cashews, 20% chocolate, and 50% dried fruit, then Sally should aim to be eating with those same proportions. Doing anything else opens you up to accusations of being a Miner. A Miner is somebody who exploits their time as a guest in somebody else's trailmix bag by selectively choosing the things that they want to eat. If you get known around town as a Miner, you aren't likely to get invited back into anybody's bag while in the backcountry.

There is one way - if you're sneaky - to get away with getting the good stuff and not developing a reputation as a Miner. At home, you need to practice feeling out the things you want from a trailmix bag without having to look down into it. Then, next time your hand is in your friend's trailmix bag, maintain eye contact with them and keep a conversation going while you sift out the crap and get a really good handful. They will think you are just getting random stuff, but you have to be quick in order to avoid suspicion. Then, (and this is important) you must complain about their yummy-stuff-ratio (YSR) while you are eating it. "Dude, how can you eat like 90% peanuts and raisins?". If you're lucky, they will deny your accusations and try to impress you by inviting you to eat whatever good stuff is in there (which they don't know you have already had an undeserved quantity of). "What are you talking about, you must have gotten a bad handful. Why don't you try a couple of those triple chocolate hazelnut mocha truffle balls I have in there?" Works every time.

Let me know how it goes,

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.

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