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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

Well folks, summer is here, and there are quite a few ways to celebrate that with the VOC!

- 1) Brew Work Hike ☺ Sat. Jul. 16th - Sun. Jul. 17th

Work-hikes are the glue which hold the VOC hut system together. Propel yourself into karmic glory by helping out the club and the outdoor community as a whole. And don't worry, a work hike is more fun than you think!
http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=78

- 2) Crown Mtn Hike/ Scramble ☺ Saturday, July 16th

Join Chris Yuen on this classic North Shore scramble!
http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=82
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,74548>

- 3) Harrison Hut Trail reconnaissance Round 2 - Tentative - Sat. July 16th- Sun. Jul. 17th

Ben SP is organizing a second trip to the Harrison Hut area to further investigate some options for re-establishing a trail to the VOC's most remote hut. This trip may or may not end up going, but pre-trip is scheduled for tomorrow.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=84

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,74684,74684#msg-74684>

4) Overnight kayak trip - Deep Cove to Granite Falls, July 16-17

Join Rebecca A. kayaking Indian Arm this weekend. She's looking for some partners with self-rescue experience.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,74966>

5) Work Hike: Brian Waddington Hut - July 23-24

The time has come to haul a bunch of new windows up to the Brian Waddington (Phelix) Hut, as well as take some measurements for a bridge. This trip is in need of volunteers at all levels of physical fortitude (including some in the "crazy" category). Please help out if you can!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,74749>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/member/tripagenda_functions.php?tripid=77

6) Shuksan Fisher Chimneys 🏠 Sat. Jul. 23rd - Sun. Jul. 24th

Laura M. is organizing an attempt on Mt. Shuksan via the well-known Fischer Chimneys route.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,74860>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=86

7) Car and fellow kayaker needed: Clayquot Sound kayaking July 22-25th

Line V. is looking for a few people with a car to join on a kayaking trip in Clayquot sound.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,74978>

8) 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

- The VOC's third monthly BBQ of the season was a popular one. Apparently there was a bit of trash left for the last people to leave to deal with. Make sure you pack out whatever mess you make, plus a bit of somebody else's.

- The Annual Veenstra Traverse again demonstrated that a giant VOC trip need not be a dangerous gong-show. This trip seemed to have it all. Lot's of photos here:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,73379,73379#msg-73379>

- Roland and a few others went up to the Brew hut last weekend, and Roland has posted some of his observations: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,74779>

- Laura C. posted a TR from a successful bid on Mt. Ranier via the Liberty Ridge route. Sounds epic: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,74812>

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'm new to the VOC and this weekend like 10 VOCers fell asleep on top of me on a mountaintop. Isn't that strange?

Best,

Between a Rock and a VOCer

Dear BRV,

In most circles, it would perhaps be strange to end up arranged horizontally in a pile of people you just met. The VOC attracts a lot of friendly and at-ease people, which makes such a thing a lot more likely. But the real reason that you were comfortable in this cuddle-puddle was that the folks you were laying under were not strangers at all. Studies show that being roped up with others on a glacier leads you to "get to know them" at up to five times the normal rate. This is due to constant messages exchanged between your bodies, mediated by vibrations in the rope. Certain actions accelerate this already rapid process of becoming acquainted. For instance, every time you yell "Slow the \$%#!# down", you gain approximately a week of close friendship. Each time you have to wait for your rope partner to relieve themselves, you gain a month. If you stop a crevasse fall, well than you may as well just get married. So enjoy your new best friends!

Your's Truly,

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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