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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) 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

- 2) Shuksan Fisher Chimneys ☺ Sat. Jul. 23rd - Sun. Jul. 24th

Laura M. is organizing an attempt on Mt. Shuksan via the supposedly awesome Fischer Chimneys route.

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

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

- 3) Pick a Climb Pick a Fruit - Skaha Rock Climbing and Fruit Picking Trip ☺ Fri. Jul. 29th - Mon. Aug. 1st

There was a time when fruit picking and rock climbing were distinct sports. This era has ended. Join Kathrin L. for a trip to the Okanagan to do both!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,74837>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=51

4) Mt. Veeocee! ☪ Fri. Jul. 29th - Mon. Aug. 1st

Climbing this mountain - which has the VOC as its namesake - is not currently a requirement for membership but could be soon. Help Nick M. navigate a route up this remote peak over the August long.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,73624,73624#msg-73624>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=69

5) 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

-Last weekend saw a workhike up to the Brew hut, and a VOC trip to Crown Mt.. Keep your ears engaged for reports.

-Andrew M. and Brad W. made an attempt on the "Sheild" route up Huascaran Sur in Peru. You don't want to miss this TR: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,75192>

-Caitlin S. and Dmitri went kayaking along the West Coast Trail: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,75171>

-Four of our clubs very own made it out for an overnight kayak up Indian Arm: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,74966>

-Some VOCer's made it up Wedge Mt. this weekend. Keep your eyes peeled for a TR.

-Kristen B. posted a TR on a trip up Viennese Peak in the Chehalis range over the July long weekend: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,75153>

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've started getting emails from the GearMaster(TM) reminding me to return my overdue gear from the clubroom. How am I supposed to keep my gear long past its due date without feeling guilty now?

Thanks,
VOCer

Dear VOCer,

Indeed, a new system has been implemented that sends a friendly reminder the day before your gear is due, and then a weekly email if your gear is not back on time. So far, it seems to be doing a good job of reminding people of the things they forgot they had (or were hoping the club forgot they had!).

If your normal method of dealing with guilt is by ignoring your transgressions, then these reminder emails could be a problem for you. I'd suggest a two part solution. First, you should adopt healthier coping mechanisms - you'll go farther in life that way. Once you've purged your personal weaknesses, the next step would be to stop keeping your gear way past its due date. If you want to keep your gear past a week, then get in touch with a quartermaster to see if that is OK. Nobody is out to get you, the exec just wants to make sure that the system is being used for its intended purposes and that the gear remains available to serve others. It should be noted that when begging for extensions and so forth, it is always a good idea to be in the good graces of the quartermasters. Proven methods of getting on their good side(s) include:

- a) doing awesome things for the club, like coming on the Phelix workhike this weekend, running trips, and taking out the trash in the clubroom
- b) being very courteous and appreciative when you take out and return gear
- c) sleeping with a quartermaster (and please, spend the night)

Yours 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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