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- 1) Beacon Search Practice ☺ Tuesday, October 25th

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<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=139>

- 2) Annual VOC Gearswap! ☺ Wednesday, October 26th

This will be our second annual VOC gearswap, where members can buy, sell, trade, or just give away outdoor gear. We've also invited the largest other local outdoor groups, so there should be plenty of gear floating around. If you've got some gear that never seems to make it out of the closet, dig it out!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=126>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,77394>

3) Skaha Halloween Climbing 2011 📅 Sat. Oct. 29th - Sun. Oct. 30th

Climbing over Halloween at Skaha - near Penticton BC - is a VOC tradition. It's typically drier there, and this tends to involve a big fire and party on Saturday night. So far over 60 people have signed up. The pretrip has passed - updates can be found on the message board.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,77700>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=133>

4) 2nd Annual Spooky Scramble - Baby Munday 📅 Saturday, October 29th

Likely the most haunted scrambling trip of the year, this new annual tradition will involve scrambling Baby Munday in costume!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=143>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,77839>

5) Halloween Skiing under the Tusk (29-30)

This will be an early season ski trip in the alpine below Black Tusk - open to all skill levels!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,78025>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=151>

6) Kayak Sessions in the UBC Outdoor Pool 📅 Tuesday, November 1st

These are ongoing kayak sessions at UBC on Tuesday nights. See the message board thread for more information!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,77067>

7) So, what's in your pack? What do you need for a Winter Hut Trip with the VOC? 📅 Tuesday, November 1st

Come get some tips on how to pack for a winter hut trip with the VOC. Some experienced club members, who claim to know what they are talking about, will bring their packed bags to show you what they'd take. Or bring yours and get some feedback on it from the veterans. Overpacking is easy to do, and can make a weekend significantly less fun!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,78003>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=150>

8) Avalanche beacon training Wreck Beach 📅 Tentative - Wednesday, November 2nd

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<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/functions.php?tripid=141>

9) Atmosphere Buy Night 📅 Thursday, November 3rd

Come get 25% off on gear at Atmosphere (formerly Coast Mountain Sports)!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=138>
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,78235,78235#msg-78235>

10) Winter Sea Kayak Expedition in Gulf Islands - Tentative ☺ Sat. Nov. 5th - Sun. Nov. 6th

This will be an intermediate winter sea kayaking trip: you should be self rescue and have gear, including full immersion gear.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=137>

11) Annual VOC Formal/Ugly Sweater Winter Social! ☺ Wednesday, November 23rd

The SIGN UP IS NOW UP for the annual VOC Winter Social at the Gallery (in the SUB, main level). The amazing DJ Oker will be spinning for us, and if it's anything like last year this will be a great party! This will be a potluck, and the dress code is formal, or an ugly sweater (note, "formal" here is to be interpreted in the generalized VOC sense, including ski boots, 90's ski onesie's, etc..).

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/functions.php?tripid=140>

II. Trip Ideas and Partners Sought

-Looks like there will be a group heading down to Smith Rocks in Oregon over Remembrance Day weekend. Check out the message board faff here! <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,76696>

-It's never too early to start thinking about plans for New Years. Traditionally a bunch of VOCers spend as long as a week in a backcountry hut, with smaller groups coming and going as they please. It all of course culminates with a raucous party on NYE. Join the discussion here: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,77985>

III. This week in the VOC

1) Past trips and events

-15 VOCer's lived it up with mulled wine and gourmet camp meals at Pebble Creek hotsprings last weekend: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,77858>

-A few club members went hiking up on Mt. Seymour Saturday. Everyone had only type I fun, so there's not much to report: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,77930>

-A few VOCers got some early season turns in on Brohm Ridge, TR here: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,78094>

IV. Miscellaneous

1) 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

V. Ms. Manners

The results are in! The grand prize for Ms. Manners' Limerick-off 2011 goes to the sole submission, by the poetic genius of Sam Mason. Thanks Sam and get well soon Nick!

Nick M was leading and fell
Causing his ankle to swell
Now his foot's in a cast
Six weeks on his ass
Let's all hope he gets well!

by Sam Mason

No question this week, as Ms. Manner's has still got some research to do for the latest question.

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