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-I. Today Last Day for Civic Election Advance Voting (aka VOC Voting Day)

If you are away this weekend and eligible to vote in the upcoming civic election, today is the last day for advance voting. Polls close at 8! Follow the link on the message board to get more information. <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,79272>

0. Trips Coordinator and Membership Chair Sought for Next Semester

Two exec positions will be opening up for the second term this year, and you should think about taking one of them! We're looking for a Trips Coordinator and a Membership. We'll be voting on these positions at the Ugly Sweater Social November 23rd, so start thinking about it now! If you are interested, contact La Presidenta Katherine, or post on the message board here: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,79147,79147#msg-79147>. For more information on the positions, follow the links here: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,79292>

The Trips Coordinator :

Ensures that outdoor activities are available to members of the Varsity Outdoor Club, particularly new members who may not be prepared to organize activities on their own.

Coerces competent Club members into leading trips, particularly when the weather is good and exams are not imminent, i.e. in September, October and January.

Makes sure the trip agenda is brimming with trips and other VOC activities.

Acts as a resource for members who may want to organize their own trips.

Organizes the Intro Night (see, for example, [Intro_night_2010]).

Co-ordinates the fall Glacier school, Avalanche course, Winter Longhike, and Son of Rock. Note that most of these trips have logistics pages linked to from their main page to assist with organization. Worth a read, rather than reinventing the wheel.

A good position for somebody who truly likes to get out and about, and knows their way around in the outdoors, and is prepared to take beginners and unknowns on activities, and can coerce others into doing the same.

The Membership Chair:

Revises the VOC Handbook, pamphlet, and membership form, as necessary.

Looks after Clubs days.

Ensures that anybody who wants to join the Club has the opportunity to do so.

Prints the Hustlers Handbook and any addenda.

A good position for somebody who is friendly and outgoing, and helpful with giving out Club information, but is still prepared to do some paperwork. Job is essentially finished by the end of the Fall term.

I. Upcoming Events and Trips

1) Fred Beckey: Slides and Film Footage from Climbs in the Northwest 📅 Wednesday, November 16th

Mountaineering legend Fred Beckey will come shower UBC with "Life Lessons from the inventor of the 'dirtbag' lifestyle". This is TONIGHT! This guy has put up tons of notable first ascents in North America, some in the area. His most famous photo is of him holding a sign on the side of the road reading "Will Belay For Food". Happening NOW!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=156>

2) Mt Baker Backcountry Skiing 📅 Sat. Nov. 19th - Sun. Nov. 20th

This is your chance to come slay the powder down at Mt. Baker just across the border.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=159>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,78562>

3) Slightly Less Early Season Ski Trip to Brew ☪ Sat. Nov. 19th - Sun. Nov. 20th

Come for a beginner friendly trip up the VOC's Brew Hut this weekend! Three VOC groups were up there this weekend and the powder was great! People with experience are also encouraged to sign up.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=164>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,78667>

4) Telemagique Ridge Day Trip (Intermediate, location tentative) - Sat. Nov. 19th

Intermediate friendly day trip to Telemagique Ridge. This is your opportunity to get some turns in this weekend and still have a day in town!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,79240>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=167>

5) Beginner Friendly Backcountry Ski Trip to Elfin Lakes Hut ☪ Sat. Nov. 19th - Sun. Nov. 20th

Another trip this weekend will be up to the Elfin Lakes Hut, one of the most comfortable and popular huts around. Elfin Lakes also offers some great beginner friendly terrain. Some folks will also be tenting down by the Red Heather warming shelter, about halfway to Elfin.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=166>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,78807>

6) Annual VOC Formal/Ugly Sweater Winter Social! ☪ Wednesday, November 23rd

This is 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..). We'll also be voting in our new Trips Coordinator and Membership Chair for next semester.

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

7) Vancouver Snowfest Gear Swap - Sat. Nov 26th, 10am - 3pm

This event will be replacing the famous MEC fall gear swap, and promises to include some great deals on ski setups, and other winter equipment. You can also bring in your own things to sell. More information available on the message board.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,78632>

8) 7th Annual Jared Stanley Memorial Mountain Safety Lecture ☪ Wednesday, November 30th

In January 2005, Jared Stanley, a UBC student, passed away while back country skiing on Mount Seymour. Every year, the VOC hosts a memorial lecture in his name. Jared's parents will be there sharing memories of him, and this will be followed by a talk given by one of Canada West Mountain School's guides, who will be addressing their views on safety in the mountains from the perspective of someone who is responsible for managing group safety. A highly relevant subject for the VOC!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=168>

9) Banff Mountain Film Festival - Get your ticket through the VOC - Dec 1-2nd.

The Banff Mountain Film Festival is coming to Vancouver, and we are selling tickets! \$15, come during gear hours, the price at the door will be \$18. Dec 1-2 at the Ridge Theater, Dec 3 at Centennial Theater (North Vancouver).
http://www.accvancouver.ca/bmffworldtour_2011.htm

10) AST1 - AST2 Avalanche Skills Courses- Dec 17th and on

Avalanche awareness and skills are essential for winter back country travel around here. VOC members are strongly encouraged to take Avalanche Skills Training (AST) courses, and every year we work out a deal with Canada West Mountain School to provide professionally tough courses. These usually combine classroom instruction and field practice at Seymour or Whistler. These courses will be run in various blocks in December and January (and an AST2 course in Feb.) More information here:
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,79165>

II. Trip Ideas and Partners Sought

- Michal R. is looking for partners for an early season ice-climbing trip next week. He's free all week and is flexible with the dates: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,78599>

III. This week in the VOC

1) Past trips and events

-The Annual Early Season Ski Debacle to Brew Hut (AESSDBH) went off without a hitch this past weekend, with a big crew of VOCers enjoying the wonders of the Mt. Brew area. Five VOCer's went up for Friday night instead of Saturday. TR on the way: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,78013,page=2>

-The intermediate-friendly Full Alcohol Traverse last weekend turned into a very beginner-friendly Fully Alcoholic Non-Traverse. See what I mean here:
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,78349>

-Another joyous crew headed to Taylor Meadows for another early season ski trip. Great photo on the message board! <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,78581>

- Seven carloads of VOC fun went down to Smith Rocks in Oregon to get in some autumn climbing. Sources say that multiple tales of epicness are on the way:
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,76696,page=2>

-Hordes of VOCers descended upon a well-prepared Westcomb factory last night for a private VOC sample sale. Lot's of folks picked up new jackets, pants, and everything in between at deep discounts.

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

2) Call for VOC journal articles - 54th edition!

Time to start writing up those crazy memories of outdoor experiences this past year, or just turning your existing TR's into journal articles! Every year, the VOC immortalizes the wonderful fun we have in the outdoors in the VOC Journal. Receiving a journal is a priveledge of membership in the VOC, and it relies

completely on submissions from people like you! Check out the message board for more information about the deadline and types of things you can contribute:
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,79263>

V. Ms. Manners

Dear Ms. Manners,

This weekend my high output traverse got cut short, and we ended up staying in a hut unexpectedly. There was a small group of kind VOCer's already there, enjoying some peace in the silent and empty backcountry. We, with tons of energy that we had been planning to use on the traverse, knew no other option than to channel that energy into having a good time in the hut. So tell me, what is the proper etiquette for crashing somebody's quiet hut trip?

Sincerely,
Snores When Drunk

Dear SWD,

We've all been there. Cozied up in a hut, sun setting, possibly surrounded by an idyllic winter scene of ancient firs laden with fresh soft snow. There's tons of room: everybody's gear neatly hung and each backpack with a corner to itself. Everything is perfect: warm, somber, quiet. The moon is bright. Life is good. And then they come, the dancing flashes of headlamps through the window, the muffled sound of voices approaching, ecstatic to have arrived at something warm. The door opens, and in they come, the crashers, steaming from exertion, packs full of snow. Suddenly everything is chaotic, the sound of wet shells sliding against each other as the newcomers pass each other in the cramped hut. The door keeps opening and closing, heat exits as snow blows in, the floor is soon covered with standing water. Suddenly it's seeming like it would have been better to put a lock on the door.

However, despite the obvious drawbacks, crashing a quiet hut trip can be a fun and rewarding activity. These easy-to-follow steps may help you avoid making too many enemies out there:

- First, offer a symbolic olive branch to the others by offering them your crusty earplugs.
- If you have brought alcohol or other delicacies, extend them to the whole group as another expression of peace.
- If any members of the quiet trip are keen, take them on whatever ridiculous excursions from the hut you may have planned.
- If one of the members of the quiet trip starts doing something loud in the morning while you are still nursing a hangover (for example, with a hammer), pretend to sleep through it.
- Have something go wrong on your trip in order to attract sympathy.
- Apologize profusely.
- As always, leave the hut in better shape than you found it.

See you in a hut!

Ms. Manners

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