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0. What You've Been Waiting Your Whole Life For: A Chance to Design Socks

At the CAC fundraiser on Monday, we'll be voting on a design for the hotly anticipated official VOC ski socks. If you've always wanted to change the world (of socks), download the template and let's see what you've got! <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,80916>

I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) Winter Longhike 2012- Seymour ☺ Sat. Jan. 7th - Sun. Jan. 8th

The annual VOC snowcave-building tradition continues. Remember, pre-trip is tonight! And by tonight I mean RIGHT NOW!!!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=197>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,79997>

## 2) 2nd Annual Canadian Avalanche Centre Fundraiser 📅 Monday, January 9th

Last year we inaugurated a new tradition of spending a night raising money for the Canadian Avalanche Association (the folks who put out the avalanche bulletins) while drinking beer and watching ski porn at the Gallery. It was so great that we're doing it again, this time with even more awesome raffle prizes (like a Westcomb jacket and an avalanche beacon). Tickets will be \$5, or 5 for 20.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=201>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,80255>

## 3) Extremely Beginner Friendly Ski Evening 📅 Wednesday, January 11th

From the trip description: "If you keep looking longingly at the 'beginner friendly' trips but hesitate to sign up in case it is more than you can handle, this is the outing for you! We will head up to the free trails at Seymour and experiment with the concept of skiing uphill, and then getting back downhill."

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,80402>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=203>

## 4) Skiing trip to Elfin Lakes Shelter (beginner-friendly) 📅 Sat. Jan. 14th - Sun. Jan. 15th

This will be an overnight trip to the Elfin Lakes shelter. A beginner friendly trip, but a few experienced folks would be much appreciated.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=171>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,80789>

## 5) Tele School @ Seymour Resort 📅 Saturday, January 14th

A VOC annual tradition, Telemark School is an opportunity for young, earnest, telemark skiers to learn the ropes from old, grizzled, VOC telemark veterans. A ski resort, while lame, is a great place for learning telemark technique without the added difficulties of fatigue, a heavy backpack, route-finding, and buried hazards.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,80541>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=194>

## 6) Tentative - N Shore Ski Exploration, the Haynes loop 📅 Sunday, January 15th

This tentative trip will be to ski a loop through the North Shore mountains from the Lynn valley to Grouse, or vice versa, or something else entirely!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/functions.php?tripid=175>

## 7) 20 hour Wilderness First Aid 📅 Sat. Mar. 17th - Sun. Mar. 18th

The date has been set: March 17th-18th! This will be a chance to take a first-aid course from Slipstream with a deep VOC discount. Courses like this can make the difference between life and death for you and your friends.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,80161>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/functions.php?tripid=195>

## II. Trip Ideas and Partners Sought

- Dan E. has suggested a parallel "Learn To Ski" event for AT skiers to occur

alongside Tele School on Jan 14th. <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,80541>  
- Chris D. is looking for partners to climb Denali this summer: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,80876>

### III. This week in the VOC

#### 1) Past trips and events

- New Years trips occurred up to Phelix and Brew, check out the pictures and a retrospective analysis of the snow-pack: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,77985,page=2>  
- A group of VOCer's spent the days around NYE skiing in Roger's Pass and Revelstoke. The trip has a happy ending despite both a full avalanche burial and a knee injury. You'll want to read this TR and the ensuing discussion: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,80905>

### IV. Miscellaneous

- 1) Rewards and incentives for trip organizers
- 2) Call for Slideshow Presenters
- 3) Call for VOC journal articles - 54th edition!
- 4) 21 Mile Creek User Survey

#### 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](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Discounts_for_VOC_Trip_Organizers)

#### 2) Call for Slideshow Presenters

Have you been on some crazy adventure lately, or do you have some advice to share? Consider attaining instant fame by giving a VOC slideshow this semester:  
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,80896>

#### 3) 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>

#### 4) 21 Mile Creek User Survey

From Scott N: "The 21 Mile Creek drainage is a non-motorized zone and snowmobiling is prohibited. The Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC is conducting a user survey to measure the frequency of illegal snowmobile use in 21 Mile Creek. The results from the survey will guide compliance and enforcement actions by government conservation officers." Please take a brief moment to complete the survey, if you've been on a trip to 21 Mile Creek.  
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,80729,80729#msg-80729>

### V. Ms. Manners

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Dear Ms. Manners,

I've heard that building a snowcave is quite labour-intensive. How does one get to play a more "upper management" role while others do the hard work?

Thanks,  
Lazy

Dear Lazy,

Climbing the social ladder from Snow Digger to the Big Cheese is no easy task: it takes time, a dash of wit, and most importantly luck. In particular, you'll need more than one Winter Longhike to find yourself playing a purely managerial role. As an alternative, you might consider the following popular approach: spend the afternoon floating around the various snowcaves-in-progress. Chat with the people hard-at-work, trying your best to be pleasant, funny, and attractive. Offer your friends food, drink, and entertainment (but not relief with the digging - once you are part of this workforce you're stuck). By nightfall, about 80% of the snowcaves will be complete and inevitably somebody will have "extra space". This method can of course only be recommended if you have a backup plan (such as a tent) - but has proven itself time and time again.

Sincerely,

Ms. Manners

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