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Sorry about the giant text explosion that has been occurring in the VOCene section on upcoming trips. It never appears until after I send the email. I'm currently employing the guess-and-check strategy to eliminate it, so bear with me.

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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) SLIDESHOW: The Current state of Patagonian exploration mountaineering: What has been done and Future Challenges ☺ Wednesday, February 8th

This is tonight! 7:30, in the clubroom.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=236>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,82404>

2) Ancipital Backcountry Coquihalla Daytrips; Feb.11th-12th

Ancipital - flattened and having two edges

If that word strikes your fancy check out this trip: back to back daytrips along the Coquihalla.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,82376>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=238>

3) MOVIE SCREENING - Adventure, Oil and Activism: The Pipedreams Project - Monday, February 13th

Faroe is one of us, a VOCer, so don't miss this! This will be a free film shown in GEOG 100 at 7PM. From the description: "In May of 2010, Enbridge Inc. made an official application to build twined crude oil and condensate pipelines that would connect Alberta's Tar Sands to Kitimat, BC, and for the first time bring crude oil super tankers to BC's North Coast. In the fall of 2010, Curtis, Ryan and Faroe kayaked 900 km in opposition to this controversial pipeline." This film is a documentary about that journey.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=234>

4) Kayak Polo in the UBC Pool - Tuesday, February 14th

Come practice your rolls and play kayak polo in the UBC pool! Kayaks are usually available, just make sure to confirm beforehand. 7:30 PM.

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

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=239>

5) SLIDESHOW: Denali - by Laura M., Mike D., Christian C., and Geoff M. 📷 Wednesday, February 15th

This past summer, 4 VOCer's made an attempt on Denali, the highest peak in North America. Come hear there tale, sure to be packed with hilarity and useful tips for your own high-altitude mountaineering aspirations.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=237>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,82402>

6) 2-Day Backcountry Ski Trip: Mt. Rohr with Anne and Veronika 📷 Sat. Feb. 18th - Sun. Feb. 19th

This will be a weekend trip up to the beautiful Mt. Rohr! RAWR!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=235>

7) Reading week: Sphinx Ski Camp 📷 Sat. Feb. 18th - Sun. Feb. 26th

As usual , we'll be having an informal ski camp at the Sphinx hut during Reading Week. From the trip description: "Back in the day, the VOC used to swarm up to Sphinx Bay for their annual Spring Ski Camp - this generally happened during exams, but it was a large event, often involving food drops by aeroplane to extend the party". We probably won't be having any food drops, but there will be plenty of skiing and merriment as the good times roll.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=219>

8) Reading week: Red Rocks reading-week climbing road trip 📅 Sat. Feb. 18th - Sun. Feb. 26th

From the trip description: "Some people like to ski during reading week, but some of us want to climb rock. This is a loosely organized road trip to Red Rocks near Las Vegas to get our climbing fix. The climbing there is world class with everything from short sport climbs to long multi-pitch traditional routes, all on some very cool and funky sandstone."

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=211>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Red_Rocks_Trip_2012

9) Beginner friendly snowshoe daytrip to Eagle Bluffs 📅 Sunday, February 19th
Here is your sweet redemption, snowshoers!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=232>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,82015>

10) VOC Spring Gearswap 📅 Wednesday, March 7th

We'll be having another VOC gear swap; the last few have been a huge success! All outdoor-related gear is appropriate, and it's open to non-members.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=215>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,81464>

II. Trip Ideas and Partners Sought

-James M. is looking to do a backcountry skiing day trip this Sunday, likely up the Sea-to-Sky: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,82312>

-Skyler is looking to do some ice-climbing for the first half of Reading Week.
Working trip title: 'Screaming Barfies Reading Week Frozen Get-away':

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,82380>

-Leslie W. and another are looking for some climbers to help fill their car down to Smith Rock, Oregon over Reading Week! <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,82258>

III. This week in the VOC

1) Past trips and events

- A VOC bunch headed up to Hollyburn for some full-moon snowshoeing last night!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,81242>

- Some others went up to Sphinx, as is the custom for a weekend this time of year: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,81798>

- Then there was the trip to Phelix, which was by all accounts epic and awesome: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,81750>

- A crew headed to Sproatt, and some others may have gone to the Whistler Telemark Festival.

- The VOC Intuition buy night happened last week, and half the VOC now has liners with a super-sexy "Salmon" coloured interior.

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 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) 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>

4) Mammut Pulse 3.2 Firmware Update - Available Now from the VOC

From the message board post: "The VOC can now offer firmware updates to Mammut Pulse beacons. This is handy because firmware version 3.2 was recently released. Why is the VOC offering this service? Because no one else in Vancouver does and because the same tool that lets us do this also lets us record the health of our new rental beacons. The cost for getting the upgrade through the club is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members."

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,82371>

5) Matt's Awesome Maps

Matt P. has been putting together some super access maps for our huts, which are printable high quality PDF's. Check them out an the subsequent discussion here:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,82415>

V. Ms. Manners

Dear Ms. Manners,

When I get back from a trip, I need to unpack immediately or else it just doesn't get done. So, when I get in the door I like to drop everything and get started right away. And by 'drop everything', I really mean everything: I'm so tired of wearing those wet and smelly base layers that I end up ripping them off and unpacking my stuff in the nude. If I have roommate(s), should I feel bad?

Sincerely,
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Hey NUDE,

I know what you mean; I'm the same way. I find that unpacking goes way faster when I treat it as a prerequisite to such personal rewards as showering, using the washroom, and relaxing over a hot tea.

Now, to answer your question, unpacking naked is most certainly the correct thing to do. Firstly and importantly, stripping off your backcountry layers is simply a part of the unpacking process. You could not in good faith wander about proclaiming yourself unpacked while still clad in what you wore for the weekend. That's like showing up at the trailhead in jeans and declaring yourself packed. Once you see taking off your clothes as a step in the unpacking process, there seems to be no reason why this particular step should be left for the end. Secondly, nudity is a part of any healthy roommate relationship. Being able to be naked at home is an essential method of getting through the rainy winter in high spirits. And finally, there is the positive benefit to others: any witnesses who are lucky enough to see your fleshy form move smoothly across the room as you pull the tricks out of your bag of tricks.

Keep in mind that many people bring along an extra bag with car clothes on a trip, so that they can slip into something more comfortable for the ride home. This makes the stop at the Shady Tree less interesting, but is good for the club's public image, since rather than your roommates getting the good view it's the loggers, RCMP officers, and retired couples in RV's cruising down the highway that get the gift of your bare ass seared into their synaptic pathways.

Don't forget to keep the blinds open,

Ms. Manners

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