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0. REMINDER: Annual Banquet is Next Week!

Don't forget to come out to our most important event of the year on Wednesday, the 28th (details below). And keep those exec nominations: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,83357> and award nominations: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,83358> a-coming!

0.2 Climbing Competition: Date Confirmed!

The date and time of the climbing competition are now totally confirmed, so be sure to sign up for this awesome VOC tradition (details below)! Also, if you would

like to get a workhike done and have your climbing comp entry fee waived, send Brody G. an email and join him this weekend for route setting on the VOC climbing wall.

I. Upcoming Events and Trips

1) Movie: Cold 📅 Wednesday, Wednesday, March 21st

Phil T. broke down and bought the movie "Cold", which looks awesome. Come catch this 20 minute flick in the clubroom and then stick around for sum beers in the pub afterwards!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=267>

2) Red Heather Rhymes with Bed Feather 📅 Saturday, March 24th

This will be a beginner friendly ski trip up to Red Heather on Saturday.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=268>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83824>

3) Annual VOC Climbing Competition 📅 Monday, March 26th

"It's back! Once a year, the VOC climbing competition brings together climbers of every level to test their climbing prowess, rope skills, balance, and boldness on the climbing wall behind the Norm Theatre in the SUB." This competition includes, in addition to real climbing, such awesome things as the prussiking competition and the world-famous VOC pastime of Crate Stacking. It only costs \$5 to compete, and there will be prizes!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=240>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,82699,83131#msg-83131>

4) Kayaking sessions in the UBC Outdoor Pool 📅 Tuesday, March 27th

Come out for some kayak polo or to practice/learn how to roll! Kayaks are usually available by arrangement.

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

5) Annual Banquet 📅 Wednesday, March 28th

The Annual Banquet is one of our most important yearly events. We'll elect our new exec, give out awards and laugh about the year, listen to a sweet slideshow by Skyler, and then dance the night away with our resident DJ Oker. This is also the first and best opportunity to grab your copy of the VOC Journal. The banquet is a no miss event!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=254>

6) Intro to Top Roping 📅 Thursday, March 29th

"Looking to learn how to put a harness on? Want to learn a safe, stylish, and sexy belay technique? In short, do you desire to learn how to top rope? Some VOCers will be getting together at our nice, warm, dry climbing wall behind the Norm theatre in the SUB to show you the ropes."

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83760>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=265>

7) Rock climbing season kick-off / Birthday climbing in Leavenworth 📅 Fri. Mar. 30th - Sun. Apr. 1st

This trip (tentative on some dry conditions) will be a great first chance to start the climbing season. Plus, you can celebrate some VOC birthdays with some cheap yankee booze!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=261>

8) Kayaking sessions in the UBC Outdoor Pool ☺ Tuesday, April 3rd

Come out for some kayak polo or to practice/learn how to roll! Kayaks are usually available by arrangement.

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

9) Elstone and his technicolor dream tights ☺ Sat. Apr. 7th - Sun. Apr. 8th

You've been waiting your whole life for this. Nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=264>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83714>

10) Space Odyssey/Another Brick in the Wall (31-1) ☺ Sat. Mar. 31st - Sun. Apr. 1st

This will be the first installation of three consecutive weekends of bringing in the awesome spring ski season. Yeah!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=270>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83930>

II. Trip Ideas and Partners Sought

-Faye D. from the SFU Outdoors Club has extended the invite for a Garibaldi Neve traverse, likely this upcoming weekend: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83927>

-Folks are talking about doing the Spearhead Traverse this weekend:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83032>

-Noriko is going to start with some afterwork paddling at Jericho on Thursdays, as early as next week.

III. This week in the VOC

1) Past trips and events

-A bunch of VOCers enjoyed the low avi conditions in Pacific Spirit park and took a 20hr first aid course. Thanks Breanne J. for organizing!

-Last week saw some sweet presentations, with a slideshow on alpine climbing in the Bugaboos as well as the Radical Reels tour swinging through Vancouver.

-Some folks went up to Red Heather, and it looks like they had some good snow:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83928>

-Four intrepid VOCers skid the groomers at Seymour, after deciding that was going to be more fruitful than looking for avalanches: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83789>

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>

V. Ms. Manners

Dear Ms. Manners,

I took a first-aid course this weekend, and the instructor told us about the various stages of hypothermia and what body temperatures they correspond to. He told us that we should have a medical thermometer in our first aid-kit, and that making the temperature measurement up the rear-end is usually more precise than sticking the thermometer in one's mouth. Then he made the following sick joke. Q: "What's the difference between a mouth thermometer and an ass thermometer"...drumroll....A: "Taste!". Ha ha ha, we all laughed, very funny, but now unfortunately I am actually quite concerned about this and I am loosing sleep. How do I know that the next well-meaning VOCer to take my body temperature via the mouth hasn't in an equally well-intentioned act of desperation used that very same thermometer for a, um, how should I say this...more accurate reading?

Nervously yours,
Temperature 35

Dear 35,

The universe is full of mysteries and surprises, dear, and some contingencies we can never quite prepare ourselves for. In this case you may have to resign yourself to the possibility that you will one day be the victim of a thermometer that has been "double-dipped". If you are really hypothermic, the extra special

taste of the thermometer is probably not the biggest of your worries. And if your instructor is right that the only difference at play is taste, this might be a good time to employ some of that emergency hot sauce.

In India, it is customary to eat with your right hand only, as the left hand is reserved for cleaning up one's self after visiting the loo. In this spirit, I might advise carrying two thermometers, clearly marked "L" and "R" (or "M" and "A"). But that's starting to get really heavy, and you are probably vying for the Weight Weenie award. I'd just take your chances.

Sincerely,
Miss Manners

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