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0. Free Journals for Student and Associate Club Members!! + The VOC now sells stuff!

If you haven't already then please come and pick yours up from the clubroom! You don't want to forget to collect this years awesome little book of memories.

ALSO

The VOC now sells a variety of VOC branded swag, as well as Zebralight H51 headlamps + John Baldwin's and Matt Gunn's guidebooks and maps (Baldwin). Check it out!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/stuff-the-voc-sells>

## I. Upcoming Events and Trips

### 1) Beginner Friendly trip to Brew Hut ☺ Sat-Sun, April 21-22nd

Erica is running a trip to brew as a great way to take a much needed study break. To make it even more fun 1920s ski garb might be encouraged.

\*\*\*This trip could really use more drivers! sign up asap!\*\*\*

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=281>

### 2) Intermediate Kayaking between Jericho and Lighthouse Park ☺ Tues. Apr. 24th

Post exam paddling bliss on a Tuesday.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=282>

### 3) Intro to River Kayaking (Tentative) ☺ Sat-Sun, April 28-29th

Been to a few pool sessions and itching to try your new skills on the river? If yes, then this trip is for you

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=277>

### 4) An Awesome Mountainous Adventure (Lizzie!) ☺ Sat-Sun, May 5-6th

Jeff plans to 'climb every mountain in sight and perhaps ski some too' around the Lizzie Hut

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/functions.php?tripid=286>

### 5) MEC Clubs night ☺ Tues. May. 8th

Start saving those dollars, the next MEC 10% off night is just around the corner! Sign up below to gain access to this discount.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,84429>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=275>

## II. Trip Ideas and Partners Sought

-Caitlin and Dimitri are heading to Skooks tomorrow for some kayaking. Drop her a message if you're interested in coming too.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,84477>

- Some people are thinking of crossing the Neve this weekend. Here's the thread, let the faff commence!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,84606>

-Looks like Arlin is organising a Croquet competition for Tues April 24th

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,84587>

-Anna S. is looking for a day trip, possibly tomorrow, get in touch with her asap if you're interested.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,84578>

## III. This week in the VOC

### 1) Past trips and events

-The third installment of Sam's trips did the Spearhead Traverse - I can personally vouch that it was an awesome trip, with tons of great views. Check 'em out:  
<http://s1251.photobucket.com/albums/hh546/samckoy/Fitzimmons%20Horseshoe%20April%2014-15/>  
-Nick^2 stood on some rocks that someone named after our club <http://www.ubc-voc.com/2012/04/13/nick-stands-on-some-rocks-that-someone-named-after-our-club>  
-Roland and some others went for a hike up Hollyburn <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,84586>

#### 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](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 next semester by contacting our new PR exec member Cora Skaien:[http://www.ubc-voc.com/members/show\\_extended?target\\_id=3375](http://www.ubc-voc.com/members/show_extended?target_id=3375)

##### 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

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Dear Ms. Manners,

I'm planning on joining the VOC just in time for the summer, but I'm really not sure what you guys get up to during those warm sunny months - can you help me out?

cheers,

summer n00b

Dear summer,

It's true that winter is sort of the VOC's 'thing' where we break out our tele skis and shred as much fresh pow as humanly possible. That being said, there is a !@#\$\$ ton of summer activities that we get up to. Here's a brief list of some of your options.

1. Hiking - this can range from a stroll on the north shore to a multi day trek along the coast. With the snow gone at lower elevations, the ground is yours to march on.
2. Scrambling - Not quite rock climbing but more technical than hiking. check out Matt Gun's book for some ideas on where to go
3. Rock climbing - It's dry(ish) out!! Squamish and Skaha are calling!
4. Mountaineering - grab your ice axe, crampons and rope up for some summertime glacier travels and alpine ascents.
5. Kayaking -
  - i. River kayaking! Remember all those skills you learned at kayak polo? Time to put them to the test in some real moving water
  - ii. Sea kayaking! An awesome way to explore the Gulf Islands, Howe Sound, etc without a heavy overnight pack.
  - iii. kayak polo - at Jericho beach on Tuesdays
6. Cycle Touring - A carbon neutral way to explore south western BC
7. Hut maintenance - There will be a bunch of workhikes to keep the huts we enjoy so much in winter in good condition. This is an awesome opportunity to check that workhike off your list and enjoy the outdoors at the same time
8. Ultimate Frisbee - Every wed at Jericho beach!
9. Monthly VOC BBQs - The first Wed of every month this summer
10. Self Propelled Trips - Any combination of the above minus using a car or bus to get to your destination
11. Summer skiing? Yes, you heard me right. A bunch of us crazy VOCers strap our skis to our packs and find a patch of snow long enough to complete 7 linked turns at least once a month. If you've also got the bug to ski all year then give Ms Manners a call.

I hope that gives you an idea of what's out there. Keep your eyes peeled on the message board and trip agenda for even more options!

Ms. Manners

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