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Special Features

1. Memory Books for Elena, Steph and Neil's families

Memory books for Elena, Steph and Neil's families will be bound next week. Please submit your letter-size page by Tuesday Feb 3rd to the clubroom for inclusion. You are also welcome to send your message to: RememberingStephNeilandElena@gmail.com.

2. Climbing Wall Logo Competition!- Deadline January 31st

We've decided on a name for the new climbing wall: The Aviary! I'd like to get a head start on a few things like having signs/banners made, getting staff shirts, and maybe even something as snazzy as membership cards. I'd love a cool logo for the gym!

The following might provide inspiration:

The name: The Aviary. This is following the UBC Thunderbird theme, and the fact that the gym space is tall and narrow.

The colour scheme. The wall is mostly a grey colour ("Stone" - RGB 201,207,204) with accent areas in a light blue ("Azure" - RGB 51,128,184)

The final version will need to be in a vector format (SVG, etc).

There is now a deadline set of January 31st at midnight! There is nothing like saying Happy New Year like a good old logo submission!

3. Photo Competition- Deadline January 28th (TOMORROW!)

It's time to pick your best pics and submit them to the VOC's annual photo competition!

The pictures can be submitted in the following categories:

- A) Landscapes 📷 Waterfalls, mountains, sunsets, etc. People are not the focus of the shot.
- B) Action Shots 📷 Photos of people outdoors and in action, usually climbing, skiing, or mountaineering.
- C) Flora and fauna 📷 Plants and animals only. A good place for macro's.
- D) Club Activities 📷 Parties, longhike, winter longhike, glacier school, and all other club activities.
- E) Portraits 📷 Portrait of a person. Preferably in an outdoor setting, and of someone in the club.
- F) Miscellaneous 📷 Anything that doesn't fit in the other categories.

To submit your photos, simply upload them to the VOC gallery with the appropriate tag. Step-by-step instructions can be found here:
http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Photo_gallery

If you upload your pictures to the gallery, they'll automatically contain your name. The next step is to give them a tag for the relevant category. The format is :

a-contest2015, b-contest2015, c-contest2015 etc for the six categories above.
CAPITALIZATION IS IMPORTANT. Use lowercase letters throughout.

Deadline is January 28th. Photos will be judged in the last week of January 2015. Prizes are presented at the annual VOC banquet at the end of March. Maximum six submissions per person. The competition is open to VOC members only. May the best photos win!

4. Wiki page Editing 📷 Tuesday, January 27th (TONIGHT!)

You think the VOC Wiki is kinda messy? You wish someone cleaned it up and made pages more accessible?

Well, Wikis are kept alive by those using them, which means that you are that someone. Let's edit together, since that's a lot more fun. We will start on Jan 27st around 6:15 PM in the VOC clubroom.

Tobias will be there to help with any technical questions related to the wiki (he used to be a MediaWiki coder, so has fairly extensive knowledge of all the technical stuff). However, we will require people with some actual knowledge about the club, about trips, locations, huts, etc. to edit and improve pages.

If you don't have a good idea on how to improve the wiki, don't worry. There are some easy things you can help out with.

No signup tool, but it'd be cool if you could leave a comment on the message board in case you want to come.

Room: VOC Clubroom. Meet up from 6:15-8:00.

5. Slipstream Wilderness First Aid Training Discounts

Slipstream First Aid is once again offering the VOC a roughly 40% discount on their 50-hour and 90-hour Wilderness First Aid courses. These courses have been taken by members of the VOC in the past and have recieved very positive feedback.

To keep things flexible, Slipstream is allowing us to purchase course vouchers that are good for one year from purchase. With your voucher you can select any course date and location that works for you. Please signup using the signup tool by early February.

Discounted prices are as follows: 50-hour course: \$285 + tax = \$320; 90-hour course: \$475 + tax = \$535.

6. Want to get more involved in the club? Join the VOC Exec!

Why should you consider running for an executive position for the VOC on March 25th? Executive positions are not only for the most experienced or extreme VOCers, but are also for anyone who seeks responsibility or wants to become more involved in the club.

Being on the exec increases opportunities to get to know other club members through executive meetings and get-togethers, and also through an increased awareness of the activities being hosted each week, which exec members are encouraged to support and attend. Your responsibilities as an exec member are what you make them, but the added responsibility of running two trips a year on top of your position-specific duties often offers the opportunity to increase your involvement and meet more people. Furthermore, being on the exec can be very fulfilling and provides you with the opportunity to make suggestions regarding changes that you feel could benefit the club.

The positions that are available are described more specifically (here), but are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Chair, VOCene Editor, Trips Coordinator, Quartermaster(x5), Journal Editor, Public Relations, Archivist, FMCBC/ACC Rep, Huts Coordinator, Trail Coordinator, Climbing Wall Coordinator (new climbing wall in the fall!), and Swag Master. You must be a UBC student to run for an executive position. Execs meet once a week for meetings at a time that fits most exec members schedules. Execs must organize a minimum of two trips in a year in addition to their executive position responsibilities (e.g. Public Relations Rep organizes weekly slideshows when applicable)

Nominate yourself or others here

The Usual Suspects

7. Recent Trip Reports

Flora peak -a walk in the sunshine

With the weekend a couple days away, forecast for Saturday turned from questionable to complete crap, eliminating plans of an overnight trip and an alternative plan was needed. Thankfully Sunday was forecasted to be sunny and warm, conducive to a proper hike of sorts. After the usual decision-faff, Marcin and I picked Flora peak as our objective since neither of us has been there before. At 1350m elevation gain, it seemed like a good all-around goal that was neither too quick nor offensively sloggy. Research came up with some conflicting results, often grossly contradicting logic (and topo maps), one calling for a 1800m elevation gain over first 4km, and another for a total gain of 1800m. Topo showed road at 600m, summit at 1950, and nothing suggested a major parasitic elevation yo-yo, so we went with it...

Don't panic, did you bring your towel? TR (partial)
After 5 days in the Ghost and 2 weeks of Ice climbing, I'd decided to try and make my way back to Vancouver via thumb and towel. The others were keen to squeeze in an afternoon in the South ghost but I was conscious about making it back before university started; and so with that, we went our separate ways and I began the cold frustrating epic that is hitch-hiking in a Canadian winter...

8. Upcoming Trips

THIS WEEK

Wiki page Editing 📅 Tuesday, January 27th- TONIGHT!
You think the VOC Wiki is kinda messy? You wish someone cleaned it up and made pages more accessible? Let's get together and edit! This will start at 6:15 PM in the clubroom. See above for more details.

Pretty Faces Movie Screening 📅 Wednesday, January 28th
Come watch Pretty Faces with us. There will be a dollar or two fee to cover the cost of the movie. You can watch the trailer [here](#). Please sign up as interested as this may be cancelled if not enough interest- check the Trip Agenda for updates before arriving! Screening will otherwise start at 7:00 PM in Buchanan A202.

Photo Contest Judging 📅 Thursday, January 29th
This is an evening of artistic appreciation. Bring your creative flair and something edible to share. May the best photos win! Judging will start at 6:00 PM in Forestry Room 2916.

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THIS WEEKEND

Burns and Turns 📅 Fri. Jan. 30th - Sun. Feb. 1st
This was a trip originally cooked up by our dear late friend Neil Mackenzie, and we will be holding it in dedication and memory to Neil and Steffi and Elena who lost their lives in a climbing fall on January 11. This trip will go to Phelix hut! As long as you are competent enough to ski up to and down from the hut, you are welcome to try and join the trip! Pre-trip meeting will be Tuesday, January 27th (TONIGHT!!!) at 6:30 PM in Woodward room 1.

Another beginner friendly ice climbing trip 📅 Fri. Jan. 30th - Sun. Feb. 1st
TENTATIVE!!
Similar to Daughter of Ice and Stepson of Crampon, this trip will hopefully

involve bringing a group of keen VOCers up to Marble Canyon for a weekend of fun! No ice climbing experience is required, some climbing knowledge is good (ie belaying, anchors, etc) but not totally essential as we can go over stuff at the pretrip. The trip will be beginner friendly in the sense that anyone is welcome to come out and give it a try, but it won't be set up as an instructional trip. The trip organizer be there to set up ropes and give some advice but we won't be teaching things like how to lead ice. If anyone has any questions feel free to email the trip organizer or drop by the clubroom during Wednesday gear hours :) The pre-trip meeting will be Wednesday, January 28th at 6:00 PM in the clubroom! Please note that this trip is tentative!

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NEXT WEEKEND

Avalanche Skills Training Block D (AST-1) 📅 Sat. Feb. 7th - Sun. Feb. 8th

Please follow this link for info regarding AST courses:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwdhLZ1rdB6YUzhpaVpvQWpkSGs/view?usp=sharing>

9. Message Board Highlights

a. Whistler FAFF thread: This is a thread to help folks organize rides up to Whistler, much like the Squamish faff thread.

b. Can't get enough climbing and eager for more? Check out the The indoor climbing faff thread!

c. Trail Running FAFF Thread- get your run on with friends!

d. VRCG/VOC Membership Agreement: \$10 discount, which reduces the VRCG membership cost to \$20!

e. ACMG Climbing Gym Instructor Level 1: the Oval is offering an ACMG Climbing Gym Instructor level 1 Course February 20-22.

f. Quartermaster Needed - February to April

g. Looking for a bedroom from March 1st with VOCers

10. Ms. Manners

Do you have a question for Ms. Manners? If so, email it to to your friendly neighbourhood VOCene Editor and it'll get forwarded Ms. Manners for review. Remember, there's no such thing as a stupid question, so ask away.

Ms. Manner is currently waiting for questions. She says to remember to cherish your friends and spend time with them whenever you have the time! :)

CONTRIBUTIONS to the VOCene are welcome. Please send all inquires or additions to the VOCene Editor.

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