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Latest songbook was published in 1999: [http://www.ubc-voc.com/mediawiki/images/c/c5/1999\\_VOC\\_Songbook.pdf](http://www.ubc-voc.com/mediawiki/images/c/c5/1999_VOC_Songbook.pdf)

If you're interested to help out in any way at all, please meet at the clubroom on Wednesday, April 1, 6pm (or find a representative if you can't make it). Updates will occur as the organizers figure out exactly what and how much work is needed.

Note: Helping out will count as a workhike towards renting gear.

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2. Slipstream First Aid: Last Call- REGISTER ASAP!! BY TOMORROW!

Ted has received funds for nine out of a needed minimum ten people to get a discount on Wilderness First Aid courses for our members through Slipstream. Ted really wants to get our order out soon as some people have been waiting for about a month. The deadline to register will now be tomorrow: Wednesday, April 1st.

The vouchers are good for one year and work at any location that a course is being held (see the links below). If you want to get first aid training, we highly recommend taking advantage of this opportunity! The prices are as follows:

\$285 per student for 50-hour Essential Wilderness First Aid training for first-time students

\$475 per student for 90-hour Advanced Wilderness First Aid training for first-time students

\$195 per student for 50-hour Essential Wilderness First Aid recertification

\$325 per student for 90-hour Advanced Wilderness First Aid recertification (or upgrade from 50-hour)

Here's some dates:

[wildernessfirstaid.ca]

[wildernessfirstaid.ca]

They are planning to also hold a mid April mid June Vancouver classes if none of the dates work out. Come into the clubroom to pay - cash only please!

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### 3. VOC Spring Gearswap: Sell your surplus gear/buy used gear 📅 Wednesday, April 8th

The VOC Gearswap is an outdoor gear buy and sell event. If you have some extra gear that you no longer need, come sell it. If you are looking to buy used/new outdoor gear for reasonable prices, come on out. Actual swapping of gear is encouraged as well.

There will also be a "free table" - if you have items that could still be used by others but are not fit for selling, or you'd just like to give them away, please consider putting them in the free pile (no junk please). Although the focus is on outdoor gear, other gear that has a loose connection to the outdoors will be accepted too (downhill/snowboard gear, for example).

This event is open to non-members as well, and is absolutely free - bring your friends!

Time: 6:00 PM- 7:30 PM

Location: Neville Scarfe room 209.

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## The Usual Suspects

### 4. Recent Trip Reports

Brew Hut 📅 Couldn't ask for more

What a great trip indeed! Even though we did not end up doing the Neve Traverse through Garibaldi, this trip reached my expectations. We started the day by heading to the logging trail to start the trip. Matteos car had a few problems travelling through the logging trail, but after passing through all the rough patches, we were on the trail head ready to start the hike to Brew Hut...

Telemark skiing in Chilliwack!

For some reason I had decided that it was a good idea to combine my first snow camping trip in Canada with my first time ever on telemark skis. Was it? Maybe not, but then again trips tend to be fun when you don't really know what you're doing. It was a beautiful February morning and the sun was just about to rise as we left Vancouver and headed up north, towards Chilliwack where we were going to do an over-night telemark trip to Flora Peak...

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## 5. Upcoming Trips

Want more trips? Try organizing one yourself on the message board or Trip Agenda!

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### THIS WEEKEND

Rock Resurrection - Easter Long Weekend Climbing (Beginner Friendly) 📅 Fri. Apr. 3rd - Sun. Apr. 5th

Climbing it is! Climbing, simply put, is awesome. Let's go find some rock over Easter long weekend. The location will be finalized based on weather and interest at the pre-trip meeting. Locally we can go to Squamish, Vantage, Skaha, or Leavenworth. This won't be an instructional trip, but if you don't know how to set up top ropes, there will likely be enough experienced climbers around to help with that. There will be no pre-trip meeting, but instead logistics will be sorted out via e-mail. Please e-mail the trip organizer.

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### NEXT WEEKEND

Intro to Hiking in Your Ski Boots (AKA Spring Skiing) 📅 Sat. Apr. 11th - Sun. Apr. 12th

Pelion has been on my list for years. A summit at the north of the stunning Tantalus range, it makes you start from nearly sea level with your skis on your back. We'll cross raging creeks, camp in the snow, and ski some corn. Maybe we'll even stand on the summit. Mostly, we'll be happy to be out in beautiful scenery

with new friends. This trip is advanced friendly. You should have some knowledge of glacier travel and avalanche rescue, and must have a reliable self-arrest. Being able to survival-ski 30-35 degree slopes and camp in the backcountry are also necessary. It would be a good fit for someone who has done AST1, GS1, and Intro to Backcountry Skiing. Pre-trip meeting will be on Thursday, April 9th at 6:00 PM in the Gallery (main floor UBC Student Union Building).

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#### 6. Message Board Highlights

- a. Anyone want to Sea Kayak the west coast this April? 7-14 day trip desired!
  - b. Nepal Everest base camp trekking, interested to join? Mid-late April to mid May
  - c. International Youth Expedition: Damavand 5671m, July 2015, Iran
  - d. Woodfire LNG Meeting: Is it right for Howe Sound? Wednesday, April 1st
  - e. Rooms available! May 1, April 1
  - f. Climbing season is here! Check out the Squamish Climbing FAFF thread and get your climbing stoke on! Or enjoy some trail running and check out the Trail Running FAFF thread!
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#### 7. 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.

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Dear Ms. Manners,

I heard a rumour that each year you look different. I think that I can believe this because your writing also changes year to year. What I want to know is how in the world you can do this!?!

Sincerely,  
Bewildered

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Dear Bewildered,

It is true that my tone changes from year to year as I get older, and yes, my appearance does as well. Is this not the case for everyone? Who is not allowed to have a make over every once in a while? And life experiences can also change an individual, as you may know.

However, the secret is more magical than simple make-overs. You see, I do what I call 'jumping hosts' each year (or sometimes twice in the same year in a few cases!). My true being is not manifested as a physical human being, but rather as an energy that can be passed on from one individual to the next. Thus, the

attitude of my host will greatly impact my tone of writing, and will completely alter my appearance (appearance is 100% host specific, despite my efforts). I will soon jump hosts again in the coming weeks, but I will still be here to provide you with answers to your questions!

There are a few requirements of my hosts, however. The first is that the host must be a UBC student. The second is that they must be willing to let me write and respond to questions addressed to Ms. Manners by using their hands. The third is that they must allow me full control of their bodies every Thursday at 4:00 AM (they often are not aware of this fact...). One day, you too may be able to be a host to Ms. Manners!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Manners

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