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\* Help finish the new songbook!

The new songbook is nearly finished, but it's still missing guitar chords and some LaTeX-based reformatting. If you're able to help, please do: we haven't released a new songbook in some time, and belting out song lyrics while in remote skiing huts is about as central to VOC life as mulled wine or glacier school (or, mulled wine at glacier school). Also, it almost definitely counts as a work hike.

Details are in the 'Upcoming Trips' section below.

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\*\* The Usual Suspects

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\*\* Recent Trip Reports

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\* Elliott Skierszkan and some friends summited Whitecap Mountain (<http://www.ubc->

voc.com/2015/08/05/whitecap-mountain-and-the-bendor-range-alpine-bliss) .

## **\*\* Upcoming Trips**

### ----- THIS WEEK

Songbook final hoopla (Need guitar chords and latex assistance) · Thursday, August 13th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1014>)

#### Description:

Hey people,

If you know guitar chords and could potentially help fitting chords to songs, WE NEED YOU!

The new song book is S00000 close to completion.... we really need manpower for a final push! About 30+ songs still need chords.... or we may have to drop them all. :(

If you don't know chords, we could also use help with latex. If interested to help with this, I'll email you instructions from Clemens A and link to the working files.

EDIT: Also, artists amongst us might want to attempt at a songbook cover!

I'm 99.99% confident that this is considered a workhike!

### THIS WEEKEND

Hornby Island Cycling Tour (Tentative) · Fri. Aug. 14th - Mon. Aug. 17th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1009>)

#### Description:

Let's ride bikes to Hornby island? This is a tentative trip which depends on interest and availability. The ride is between 150 and 200km each way, so I'm thinking we could devote part of two days to riding and two full days plus whatever is left to hanging out and exploring.

The route will be to ride first (bus or bike) to Horseshoe Bay, take the ferry to Nanaimo, ride north up the coast to Buckley Bay, take the ferry to Denman Island, ride across Denman Island, and then take the ferry to Hornby Island. I'm not sure, because I've never done it, but this could take 5 or 10 hours. I'd prefer to get an early start. We can camp \*somewhere\*.

Highlights will include Helliwell provincial park (second picture), with its very unique coastal ecosystem, and Tribune Bay (first picture), which must be among anyone's selection of the top three most beautiful beaches in BC. When I was there in early June, the water was warm enough to swim all day. In August, it should feel like Cabo.

Beginner-friendly overnight to Mt Rohr · Sat. Aug. 15th - Sun. Aug. 16th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=998>)

#### Description:

This will be an awesome weekend trip up to Rohr lake with a scramble to the peak of Mt Rohr. This hike gets great reviews and sounds like an easy scramble for

people looking to get more comfortable with overnight trips, or just to enjoy a relaxing weekend in the mountains.

It's rated a moderate day-hike from Whistler or Pemberton, but coming all the way from Vancouver (~3 hour drive) I'd like to hike in and camp at the lake on Saturday night.

People coming on this trip should be comfortable with carrying their own camping gear, food and water, and knowledge of how to use topographic maps and compasses would be a bonus.

Squamish Rampage Bouldering Comp · Saturday, August 15th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1004>)

Description:

Squamish Rampage is an annual outdoor bouldering competition, where the local and international climbing community gather, climb and fund-raise, amongst the beautiful Apron and Grand Wall Boulders. This year, all proceeds will go to Squamish Access Society (<http://squamishaccess.ca/>) and Climb and Conquer Society Canada (<http://www.climbnconquer.ca/>), 2 amazing not-for-profit powered by climbers to benefit the world! The competition is partnered with Squamish Uprising 2015 bringing a full day of fun events.

Prior bouldering/climbing experience is preferred for competitors, but the competition is open to everyone in 3 categories: Beginners (V0- V3), Intermediate (V4- V6) and Open (V7+). On the day, we will meet at the Grand Wall parking lot at 8:15 to sign waivers. Camping the night before is also an option. Carpooling and Camping will be organized closer to the date and via email.

NEXT WEEKEND

Mt. Fromme - MTB (Mountain Bike) - Train & Play · Saturday, August 22nd (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1013>)

Description:

\*\*\*Please note the TIME CHANGE in order to accomodate the 0900 parking lot opening time.

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This is a followup on Katie's message thread on the lack of Mountain Biking VOC trips...so...here's one!

Train and play means that we will be spending some portion of the trip learning, building, and sharing the fundamental techniques of mountain biking with each other, with the remaining portion shredding (biking).

\*\* Message Board Highlights

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Looking for a room I MAKE PANCAKES (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,113622>)

Who doesn't like pancakes?

Why is the Wedgemount Glacier Melting Like This? (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,113611>)

Cool pics, interesting thread, faintly sad subject.

\*\* Ms Manners

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Hi Ms Manners,

I'm not sure how awesome mountain biking is. Can you articulate to me exactly how awesome mountain biking is?

Thanks,  
Confused VOCer

Hi Confused,

I don't know if I can articulate exactly 'how' awesome mountain biking is, beyond saying that it's awesome. It's really, really fun. It kinda feels a lot like skiing, in terms of the speeds and turns involved, but in big dirt-trail playgrounds.

If you're still confused, maybe go check out Kevin Woo's trip next weekend?

Cheers,  
Ms Manners

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**(This is no joke, no wimpy confirmation screens will appear, so don't mess around)**

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