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\* The hot spring trip went well! (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/2015/10/12/something-in-the-water>) Occasionally type 2 well. A good faff was seemingly had by all, and there was a Lord Of The Flies-esque cult ritual involving pig brains.

\* More Gulf Islands! More biking! (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/2015/10/03/gulf-island-cycle-series-galiano>)

\*\* Upcoming Trips

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THIS WEEK

Slideshow: Trips to the Arctic (Ellesmere Island, Iceland, Greenland) by Cassandra Elphinstone · Wednesday, October 14th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1043>)

Description:

Cassandra Elphinstone will give a presentation on the Arctic (Ellesmere Island this summer and last summer and Iceland and Greenland four years ago).

The Arctic is a special place; once you see it you will never forget its vast beauty, its spectacular peaks and its endless glaciers. Four years ago during an SOI Arctic (2011) expedition to Iceland, Greenland, and parts of northern Canada I fell in love with the Arctic landscape, its wildlife and its harsh conditions. For the past two summers I have had the amazing opportunity to return to the high arctic, this time to Ellesmere Island (a polar desert). Come hear about six months of camp life with 24 hour daylight, polar bears in camp, miniature plants, and mild frostbite in the middle of summer.

Location: BUCH B213

Time: 7:00 PM

#### THIS WEEKEND

Hike the Golden Larches - Mt. Frosty Beginner Friendly Overnight · Sat. Oct. 17th - Sun. Oct. 18th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1072>)

##### Description:

Let's head up Mt. Frosty in Manning Park! We will hike through a larch forest that has some trees that are over 2,000 years old. Hopefully the trees will still have their golden needles on them.

The hike will be 22 or 27.5 km over two days, with 1100 - 1200 m of total elevation gain.

On Saturday evening, we will share desserts, ideally home baked goodies.

Beginner friendly scrambling at Wedgemount lake · Sat. Oct. 17th - Sun. Oct. 18th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1073>)

##### Description:

Let's go to Wedgemount lake for the weekend. The lake is beautiful and there's a hut, but we should bring tents nevertheless because it does not fit a lot of people. From the lake there are two scrambles that we can do: Mount Weart or Mount Cook. Mount Weart is supposedly a bit more rewarding than Mount Cook, but also not as straightforward. Personally I have only done Mount Cook. On Sunday we will choose one of those depending on people's comfort levels, just staying at the lake is also an option.

For the scramble you will need an ice axe and a helmet. You will also need sturdy hiking boots, regardless of whether we are doing the scramble or not. The gear and details of the two scrambling options will also be discussed at the pretrip meeting.

Hike of the ten views! Beginner friendly day hike · Sunday, October 18th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1067>)

##### Description:

I want to explore some hikes outside the Sea to sky area. The Sendero Diez Vistas (ten views) hike sounds pretty appealing to me so lets give it a go! The hike loops around Buntzen lake on the ridge of indian arm area. It would be pretty sweet if we have enough cars but if not, we can go a long way with public transport and figure something out:-)

The whole loop is 15 km and has quite a bit of a incline but once you are on the ridge, the view is supposed to be pretty sweet.

#### NEXT WEEK

Annual VOC Fall Gearswap - buy/sell your surplus or used outdoor gear · Wednesday, October 21st (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1054>)

##### Description:

The Annual VOC Fall Gear Swap 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).

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

Please feel free to post on the Message Board thread whatever gear you have planned on bringing, so people can get a sense of what will be at this year's swap.

Any questions? Please post them on the message board thread.

Time: 6:00pm-8:30pm

#### NEXT WEEKEND

Beginner Friendly Elfin Lakes! Study Friendly · Sat. Oct. 24th - Sun. Oct. 25th  
(<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1068>)

Description:

\*Moved to next next week due to short notice\*

Midterms and deadlines are rolling in, I know. But what if we went away and studied at the same time? Elfin Lakes is about 600 m elevation and 10 K one way. In addition to there being a very beautiful lake, there will also be a very beautiful solar powered hut in which we can study. Of course, you don't have to study.

#### \*\* Message Board Highlights

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-We could really use people who want to find some way to inform and raise awareness about the Garibaldi At Squamish resort that the VOC is currently fighting. (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,114641>) The Garibaldi ski resort people are increasingly determined to buy up Brohm Ridge (we use the area to access Garibaldi or the Neve traverse region on occasion), even if there wasn't any snow on Brohm Ridge to ski on last year and Whistler is just down the road. The proposal could just as easily lead to them sticking a dozen condos down rather than a resort, which honestly looks way more fiscal at this point to any casual observer. There was a meeting a couple weeks back with them and other stakeholders, particularly the VOC and the FMCBC, which ended with us being told this project will absolutely go through because the investors backing it have 'very deep Canadian pockets'. Else Bosman wants some help at least letting other people know exactly how unreasonable and damaging this project could be, although it's advisable you don't read any further if you have high blood pressure problems.

-Get out and vote! (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,114627>) Next Monday, I mean.

#### \*\* Ms Manners

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Ms Manners is the VOC's resident expert on mountaineering and outdoors etiquette, and answers questions from VOCers once a week in her advice column, here. Do you have a question for Ms Manners? Email the VOCene editor and it will be forwarded on to Ms Manners, with a reply posted the following week.

Hey,

This week we've got a couple PSAs related to Rock Party. Apparently it went great--I've heard a couple stories already--but we need to go over some tent and cabin etiquette.

1. Please don't have sex in other people's tents! This goes for all couples, triples, singles, or any permutation or combination of randy people thereof. Unless you have permission or something. If you do have sex in someone else's tent, why not reimburse them for any damages? Maybe get them a suitably themed Hallmark card?

2. The VOC is happy to be able to offer cabins to any who need them, but we really need to talk about priorities here. A family with a toddler needs a cabin. One person who ends up with a cabin to themselves due to luck, and who is strongly encouraged by a VOC executive to swap places with a family with a toddler, and who then declines because they feel they're going to be even luckier at some point later that night, is of slightly lower priority. As someone who's been to Rock Party and ended up hanging around sober until the wee hours, believe me-nobody in the VOC has ever needed an entire cabin to themselves for that. There are various alternative solutions to your problem!

Happy... whatever you're doing,  
Ms Manners

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