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** Special Features

* Neil Mackenzie Adventure Grant

Neil Mackenzie was one of the VOC's most talented members, and one of its most enthusiastic and capable teachers, until his tragic death in January 2015 on Mount Joffre with Stephanie Grothe and Elena Cernicka. To preserve and honor Neil Mackenzie's memory, Neil Mackenzie's parents and the VOC are working together to provide a grant for any VOCer planning really cool outdoors shenanigans somewhere in the world. The preference is for climbing in Scotland, but any self-propelled outdoors adventure which you couldn't do without this grant is fair game. If you have a big idea for a trip somewhere in the world, but particularly in Scotland, you might want to apply for this grant. Full details are here: http://www.ubc-voc.com/mediawiki/images/2/27/Neil_Mackenzie_Adventure_Grant_2016.pdf ([https://webmail.alumni.ubc.ca/owa/redir.aspx?SURL=HLCyjvtu4vZxUgnLgFC-LFIJbqDGtlb-E-w-](https://webmail.alumni.ubc.ca/owa/redir.aspx?SURL=HLCyjvtu4vZxUgnLgFC-LFIJbqDGtlb-E-w-Axjkqby43e770QDTCGgAdAB0AHAA0gAvAC8AdQBAGMALQB2AG8AYwAuAHUAcwAxADEALgBsAGkAcwB0AC0AbQBhAG4AYQBnAGUALgBjAG8AbQAvAHQAcgBhAGMAawAvAGMAbABpAGMAawA_AHUAPQA3AGIANgA4ADUAMwAyADgANQAZADIAYgAxADcAMAAZAGEANAA2ADMANQA3ADkAMwAyACYAaQBkAD0ANABkADgANgBkADcAYgA3ADYA0AAmAGUAPQA5AGMAZAA4AGQANwA5ADEAYgBiAA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fubc-voc.us11.list-manage.com%2ftrack%2fclick%3fu%3d7b685328532b1703a46357932%26id%3d4d86d7b768%26e%3d9cd8d791bb)

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We look forward to reading the applications!

** The Usual Suspects

**** Recent Trip Reports**

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- * Vincent and co (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/2015/12/07/hot-whiskey-at-elfin-lakes-opal-cone>) made it up to Elfin Lakes and the Opal Cone.
 - * Jeff Mottershead and his son (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/2015/12/07/brew-hut-smackdown-dec-5>) have an epic heading up to Brew.

**** Upcoming Trips**

THIS WEEK

Hot Springs Trip Dec 11-12 (Fri-Sat) · Fri. Dec. 11th - Sat. Dec. 12th
(<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1115>)

Description:

Hot springs trips are good for the shoulder season, when there's not enough snow to ski and it's too wet to hike/climb. This year our hot springs program took a bit of a beating. First there was the Meager Adventure where we go trapped by the road washout and it took me a month to get the Jeep back. Then there was the Meager/Keyhole/Skookumchuk Adventure with the pig brains. More recently there was the Lizzy Trail/Skookumchuk Adventure which I missed because I had to go to Pemberton and get stitches instead. Carla thinks that I should avoid Pemberton. But I like hot springs. So I'm proposing to drive to Keyhole Friday evening, tent there, and drive home Saturday. With all the rain we have been getting, snow should not be a problem, and the Authorities report that the road is now open. If this Adventure appeals to you, email me and we can make it happen. Esther and I are putting this together between us and I'm not sure about going up Friday, though that's what I would prefer.

Why shouldn't we have two consecutive shoulder seasons if the snow doesn't come?

**** Message Board Highlights**

-One hand-made kayak (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,115621>) out of tree branches and a tarp.

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