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Maya Goldstein, a longtime VOCer, is now running a non-profit called Kids On Wheels ([http://www.bccc.bc.ca/kids\\_on\\_wheels](http://www.bccc.bc.ca/kids_on_wheels)) . She needs some instructors for two 5-day sessions on UBC campus in April. Who wants to help teach kids the joys of cycling? She's made a message board posting here (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,117350>) if you're interested.

**\*\* Recent Trips**

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-Ian Johnston and the gang had some incredible powder at Steep Creek (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/2016/03/21/a-spearhead-traverse-that-became-deep-at-steep-creek>) last weekend.

**\*\* Upcoming Trips**

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ONGOING

Slipstream 50-Hour Essential Wilderness First Aid- Discount Vouchers Available · Sat. Mar. 19th - Wed. Mar. 23rd (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1158>)

Slipstream's potentially-vital first aid course still has some vouchers left for the rest of the year. Possibly the most important safety course you could take in the VOC.

#### THIS WEEK

VOC Spring Gearswap: Sell your surplus gear/buy used gear · Wednesday, March 23rd (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1165>)

A potentially ideal time to pick up some slightly-used skis for next season, or free up some budget for a trad rack now that you've gotten all the powder you'll need for a few years.

German Engineering Session (gear repair workhike) · Wednesday, March 23rd (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1183>)

We need to repair a bunch of skis so we can break them again! Also, as it is a German engineering session, I understand there will be at least some beer immediately afterwards.

#### THIS WEEKEND

Galloping Goose trail bike trip (March 25-26) · Fri. Mar. 25th - Sat. Mar. 26th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1174>)

150 km of terrain, 65 km of which is off-road and unmapped. What self-respecting VOCer could say no? Bikes capable of off-road travel (read: front suspension!) are a must.

Easter Long Weekend Climbing! · Fri. Mar. 25th - Mon. Mar. 28th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1170>)

4 days of climbing somewhere nice!

Trail Running Round II (Intermediate Friendly) + Donuts! · Saturday, March 26th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1184>)

Trail running! 12-13 km and 400+ m elevation trip, running from Lynn to Deep Cove.

#### NEXT WEEK

MEC Clubsnight! - (volunteers needed too!) · Tuesday, March 29th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1163>)

10% off everything!

FILM: The Last Summer Break, Martin Cermak · Wednesday, March 30th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1151>)

Hey! Got any plans for Wednesday, March 30th? No? Good! You should come to see my outdoorsy/backpacking/comedy movie then! Check out the trailer in the link above and we'll take it from there.

VOC Annual General Meeting and Banquet · Thursday, March 31st (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1156>)

Somewhat important potluck and/or elections night.

#### \*\* Message Board Highlights

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-Ross Campbell (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,115330>) wants to get

outside skiing this week.

-We need sweet Garibaldi Park photos! (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,117411>)

\*\* 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 Ms Manners,

The rock climbing season's nearly upon us, and I'm getting antsy. I really want to climb rock! I also still want to go skiing. How do I choose, Ms Manners? HOW DO I CHOOSE?!

Thanks in advance,  
Indecisive

Hi,

I honestly have no idea. It's even hard to pick what kind of skiing to do right now--the crevasses are nice and closed up but at the same time the powder skiing has been just phenomenal. And given how deep the snow is, the spring traverse season could probably extend practically into June, so you might have this indecisiveness for a while. If it helps your decision making process at all, you can also go biking (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1174>) if you like.

I guess that doesn't help at all, does it.

Sorry,  
Ms Manners

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