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** Special Features

* Garibaldi's Crown Jewel At Risk!

As per the previous email, the VOC is asking its members to sign a petition in support of reopening the Garibaldi Park Master Plan and stop the Garibaldi at Squamish resort
(https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/BC_Minister_of_Environment_Hon_Mary_Polak_Open_the_Garibaldi_Park_Master_Plan_and_Stop_Garibaldi_at_Squamish_Resort/?pv=5) .

** Recent Trips

-Ilia Capralov and several others had a beautiful bike trip over the Galloping Goose trail (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/2016/03/29/sooke-loop-recon>) .
-Jeff Mottershead and his sonDevlin (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/2016/03/23/jasper-er-march-14-2016>) had some misadventures in the Marmot Basin ski resort.
-Olek et al (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/2016/03/28/march-25-good-neve-friday>) report a successful day trip spent simultaneously crossing the Neve and trying to summit Garibaldi and the Sharkfin.
-Ilia Capralov completes his epic tale of New Years' Fiascos (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/2016/03/23/new-year-fiasco-in-kootenay-part-2>) in the Kootenays.

**** Upcoming Trips**

----- THIS WEEK

VOC Environmental Committee Meeting · Tuesday, April 5th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1192>)

Hey VOC,

The environmental committee is having a meeting to discuss the results of the SaveGaribaldi campaign and to plan our next steps for preventing the development of Garibaldi at Squamish. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Take action by promoting #SaveGaribaldi on social media and signing the petition at SaveGaribaldi.ca!

We look forward to hearing your opinions on the future of Garibaldi Park and the GAS development.

Plastic 2: Learn to (gym) Lead · Wednesday, April 6th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1182>)

Do you want to take the leap into Lead Climbing?

This is an evening school held in The Aviary where you'll learn the necessary skills to take your climbing to the next level. It will also include some prep work on the VOC forum to learn some theory to help you become a better lead climber.

Slideshow: Cylce Touring in South America, Alberto Contreras and Lucy Buchanan-Parker · Wednesday, April 6th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1155>)

Join Lucy and Alberto as they showcase some of the best photos and stories of almost two years of cycle touring through the Andes, from Colombia to the Southern tip of Argentina.

Location: ESB (Earth and Ocean Sciences) room 2012

Time: 7:30 PM

Bike Touring 101 Presentation · Thursday, April 7th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1187>)

Summer is coming up and the open road is calling! The AMS Bike Co-op is holding a free workshop for folks interested in learning the basics of bike touring. This is not a trip, but an awesome presentation that will give you the basic info you need to know about heading out for adventures on your bike.

THIS WEEKEND

Powder Mountain Horseshoe Traverse · Sat. Apr. 9th - Sun. Apr. 10th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1198>)

A beautiful, beginner-friendly traverse.

A Womyn's Ski Traverse · Sat. Apr. 9th - Sun. Apr. 10th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1188>)

Blackcomb-Curry Traverse, minus the boys.

Beginner Friendly skiing off Mt Rohr · Sat. Apr. 9th - Sun. Apr. 10th
(<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1197>)

Weekend trip into picturesque terrain and great skiing. Type 2 beginner-friendly; as the organizer puts it, "the weaker skier you are the more you might need to rely on your other stronger attributes like determination, self deprecation and general sense of humour."

End of Class Car Camping Rager · Sat. Apr. 9th - Sun. Apr. 10th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1176>)

The semester is ending and that seems like a good enough reason to celebrate. We will be going to be Car camping up the Squamish Valley River. We will be staying at 49.915044, -123.295996 (GPS) which is a free camping area up the squamish valley road.

NEXT WEEK

Mount Garibaldi via Brohm Ridge (Intermediate Friendly) · Thu. Apr. 14th - Fri. Apr. 15th (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=1186>)

The goals of this trip are two-fold: to climb Mt. Garibaldi via the classic Northeast Face, and to enjoy and get images of the Brohm Ridge approach while it is still in a relatively untouched state. That could change soon, thanks to the Garibaldi At Squamish project.

** Message Board Highlights

-Speak up to save Garibaldi Park! (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,117626>)
-G3 Factory sale (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,117708>) , 45-65% off!
-Ted Angus is selling his ice climbing gear (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,117694>) .
- The Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,117663>) is hiring a summer student Field Crew member.
-Reservation system to be implemented (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,117683>) at Stawamus Chief for boulderers.
-Trip leaders workshop (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,117702>) is on!

** Ms Manners

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,

It looks like the skiing season's over, now that the powder's gone. I'm still in mourning over that. Now that the skiing season's over, how do I get into rock

climbing?

Cheers,
Fun While It Lasted

Hey Fun,

It's not over yet! In fact, the skiing season this year can probably stretch into June depending on your experience/pain threshold!

We might not have powder anymore, but if you've skied at all over the last two years, all that means is we've got about the same conditions for April and May that we had for all of last winter. There'll be plenty of fresh corn snow wherever the sun's around to melt it out. Climbing mountains on skis when the sun's out is nearly as nice as doing it when it's clouded out but powdery. It's also traverse season!

We've got trips courtesy of Ross and Elliott (Powder Mountain and Rohr) that are perfect for beginner skiers wanting to get out and ski some great objectives. I believe the Neve is also in pretty good condition for a weekend trip. Obviously the ideal thing to do is ski one day, then rock climb the other. Tis the season.

Have fun in the sun,
Ms Manners

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