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Orientation

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Date & Time of Event: August 10 8-9 PM and August 17th 10-11 AM (PDT)

Q&A Session with Buddies

Organizer name: Demet Kirmizibayrak

Organizer email: demet@phas.ubc.ca

Description:

Have some questions about living at SJC or transitioning to UBC life? In this online session, you will meet with SJC Buddies, who have been living at SJC for a while ☺ Join in to ask us any questions you may have, and to get to know each other!

Logistics:

Topic: SJC Buddies Q&A Session

Date: August 10th 8-9 PM and August 17th, 10-11 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ubc.zoom.us/j/65476368560?pwd=MEkxMEQwZzNOVFBOWW1URWF6M1ZJdz09>

Meeting ID: 654 7636 8560

Passcode: 933729

If you have any questions already before joining the Q&A Sessions please add them below and we will answer them during the sessions. You can also just show up at the session to meet us and ask any questions there.

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Date & Time of Event: August 22th, 8:30-9:30 PM

Games Night

Organizer name: Demet Kirmizibayrak

Organizer email: demet@phas.ubc.ca

Description:

We will be playing board games and meeting each other ☺ We have a large selection of board games, so we can form different groups to play different games or play one game as one large group. If you have any board games you really like, bring them with you and we can try those too ☺

Logistics:

This event will be held at SJC Lecture Hall. Please bring a cup for pop if you like.

If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact the organizer by email.

Date & Time of Event: August 23, 4-8pm

Vancouver Art Gallery

Organizer name: Patrick Fung

Organizer email: patausfung@gmail.com

Description:

The Vancouver Art Gallery holds over 12,000 works by both Canadian and international artists and is located downtown in a historic building that was once the provincial courthouse.

Ongoing exhibitions can be found here:

<https://contentadmin.vanartgallery.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/vag-visitors-guide-summer-2022.pdf>

Logistics:

Let's meet at the clocktower at 4pm enroute to downtown by transit. Prepare your compass card in advance. Be sure to request a voucher or arrange for someone to pack your dinner. There is a bistro on site and numerous dinner options in downtown. Admission to the museum will be free (feel free to bring a donation).

If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact the organizer by email.

Date & Time of Event: August 24th 5pm – 6pm:

Frisbee in the Courtyard

Organizer name: Sidhant Vaidyanathan

Organizer email: sids797@gmail.com

Description:

Let's enjoy fall weather in SJC's courtyard with some frisbee throws! It's always fun to play with new people since we also get talking and make new friends :D

Logistics:

Head over to the courtyard at 5pm and get ready to have a great time!

Date & Time of Event: August 24th and September 1st, 9:30pm – 11pm:

Courtyard Movie Night

Organizer name: Tala Bazzaza and Parham Hamidi

Organizer email: tbazzaza@gmail.com and parhamidi@gmail.com

Description:

Nothing better than an outdoors movie during a summer night! Let's have some fun in the courtyard with pop corns and refreshments! We will be screening some great movies, from classics to recent releases.

Logistics:

Pretty typical event that we have been doing consistently throughout the years. We just need access to the AV room, the plastic chairs and good weather. We can potentially explore having repellent, refreshments, and snacks. Head over to the SJC courtyard

Date & Time of Event: August 25th 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm, Thursday

SJC Karaoke Night

Organizer name: Yi Luo, Nehal Gupta and Sidhant Vaidyanathan

Organizer email: yiluo3@student.ubc.ca

Description:

Have you ever jammed to songs and formed life-long bonds with friends? If not, we're going to change that with SJC Karaoke Night!

Without the pressure of performing a tune and hitting all the notes just right, we hope to foster an environment of fun and comfort for new residents. Singing familiar and new melodies together can create fun memories, and perhaps go-to plans for the future.

As new residents familiarize themselves with UBC campus and Vancouver, this event would be a light-hearted way to spend their evening!

Logistics:

- [Prive Vancouver](#) (6-7 PM due to limited opening hours; availability open from 6PM onwards, but pricing chart indicates double the rate past 7 PM)
 - 2 Rooms
 - Capacity: 11 people

PS: Booking will be made assuming **22 people** participate.

If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact the organizer by email.

Date & Time of Event: August 26thⁿ Timing tentative based on availability

Dimensions 3D Printed Art Gallery and Gastown Trip

Organizer name: Tala Bazzaza, Parham Hamidi and Demet Kirmizibayrak

Organizer email: tbazzaza@gmail.com parhamidi@gmail.com demet@phas.ubc.ca

Description:

This gallery will give you a fun and unique experience with art created by local artists. Each room is immersive, interactive and guaranteed to awe and shock you! (See pictures below). After the gallery trip, we will go around the streets of Gastown in Downtown and have dinner in one of its many great restaurants.



Logistics:

We will leave from the clocktower at SJC and take the 4/14 bus to get to Gastown. Please make sure you have a compass card beforehand or spare coins for the bus fare. You can also use your credit card to tap in. If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact the organizers by email.

Date & Time of Event: Aug 27- 10.00 am -1.00 pm

UBC Botanical Garden

Organizer name: Mikko Paajanen

Organizer email: mikkopaajanen@gmail.com

Description:

The UBC Botanical Garden is a heaven of plants and peace a 15 minutes' walk away from SJC. The Garden has a vast collection of plant species from all over the world, with gardens dedicated for East Asia, British Columbia native plants, eastern North America, edible and medicinal plants etc. The UBC rock garden, with plants from mountainous areas of the world, is one of the largest in North America!

The garden is well worth visiting even if you don't consider yourself a plant nerd. It's a great tranquil place for a walk and picnic. And for \$9 for UBC students, Greenheart suspended Canopy Walk will even give you an adrenaline rush, especially if you're afraid of heights ;)

Our guide Mikko is a Botany PhD student and a plants&nature nerd.

The UBC Botanical Garden is FREE for UBC students, so don't forget to bring your UBC card with you!

Logistics:

We'll meet at the entrance of the college (Clock tower) at 10.00 am and walk to and from the garden. We'll be back around 1pm, ready for lunch!

1. The Garden is free for UBC students, so please bring your UBC card.
2. You can bring a backpack with anything you may need, such as water bottle, sunglasses, etc.

If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact the organizer by email.

Date & Time of Event: Aug 27th 1:00 pm - 3.00 pm

Early Start BBQ Brunch @ the Patio

Organizer name: Edgar Liao

Organizer email: edgarliao@yahoo.com

Description:

In the summer and sometimes in the winter when it's not raining (so maybe once a month), residents chill and dine at our 3rd floor patio, home to our informal SJC garden, a good number of lounge chairs, and our long-suffering BBQ grill.

Come meet other new residents over a barbecue breakfast/brunch. Simple fare but not so simple conversations.

Logistics:

1. Please bring your own cutlery, plates, bowls, mugs.
2. Please register and indicate any dietary restrictions/preferences here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IOILB7eO6J18FASJ45RIe-8SKVaUBrSXIZtqe8OHiXI/edit>

If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact the organizer by email.

Date & Time of Event: Aug 28 2pm-6:30pm

Beach Day

Organizer name: Sherril Wang, Sidhant Vaidyanathan

Organizer email: ssherrilwang@math.ubc.ca, sids797@gmail.com

Description:

It's a bit of a workout (500 stairs) getting down to Vancouver's legendary clothing-optional beach — look for the steep staircases of Trail 6 at the west end of University Boulevard to find your way to beautiful Wreck Beach (part of [Pacific Spirit Regional Park](#)). Come for the beautiful nature views, but please give other beach-goers their privacy. There are often vendors selling snacks and drinks on the beach, but it's a good idea to come prepared with your own supplies. (<https://visit.ubc.ca/see-and-do/gardens-and-nature/wreck-beach/>).

Let's walk down to wreck beach and enjoy the Summer vibe! Those who want to take a dip can go ahead and those who want to relax on the beach can relax or play frisbee. If we're lucky to have low tide, we could walk across to tower beach which is the other extreme of wreck beach.

Logistics:

We meet at the entrance of the college (Clock tower) at 2:00pm and come back at about 6:30 pm.

What you might want to bring:

- Towel/ Beach mat
- Swimsuit (maybe)
- Footwear (may wear sneakers for the stairs and bring flip flop for the beach)
- Some drinks and snacks
- Sunscreen & Sunglasses! (As the sun is pretty strong)

If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact the organizer by email.

Date & Time of Event: August 29th, 8:30-9:30 PM

Speed Friending

Organizer name: Demet Kirmizibayrak

Organizer email: demet@phas.ubc.ca

Description:

Speed Friending is now a start-of-SJC tradition, where you get to meet as many fellow SJC Residents as you can in a short amount of time. Here is where the lifelong SJC friendships start to form! We will have some topics for you to talk about in speedy 2-minutes with each new/(g)oldie residents and we will do different topics and runs (do we all want to talk about our favorite ice cream flavor, or is it just me? ☺). Join in for some speedy meeting and fun!

Logistics:

This event will be held at SJC Dining Hall

If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact the organizer by email.

Date & Time of Event: August 30, September 14thth 7:30pm – 9pm:

Volleyball in the Courtyard

Organizer name: Ali Pourzahedi and Sidhant Vaidyanathan

Organizer email: alipourzahedi@gmail.com and sids797@gmail.com

Description:

Playing volleyball at the courtyard has become a common practice among many SJC residents throughout spring and summer. The games are a lot of fun and very friendly. Consider this an official invitation to play volleyball with us at the courtyard. Whether you have never touched a volleyball or you are a professional player, we would love to have you!

Logistics:

We play at the courtyard where the volleyball net is. Wearing sportswear is recommended. Depending on the number of players we will divide into two or more teams.

If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact the organizer by email.

Date & Time of Event: August 31st 8.00 pm - 10.30 pm, Sunday

SJC Dance Night

Organizer name: Yi Luo, Nehal Gupta and Sidhant Vaidyanathan

Organizer email: sids797@gmail.com

Description:

Dance is always a good way to begin new friendships!

We believe that getting the SJC community together by organizing a dance event would be a great way for folks to get to know each other. With a Zodiac sign theme (see [image](#)) party, there will be lots of opportunities to break the ice.

As a small community who find comfort and happiness in each other's company, this event would be the perfect way to kick things off for the new academic year— and for making memories!

Logistics:

- Central space in the Social Lounge to be cleared out (chairs pushed to the periphery)
- Decoration and party lights setup
- Speaker system and aux/bluetooth connection to relevant laptop/phone
- 30 to 40 blank chits and ~5 pens
- 2 boxes/bowls to collect chits
- TV screen with HDMI cable

PS: Snacks and pop will be ordered assuming around **30 people** participate.

If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact the organizer by email.

Date & Time of Event: September 2nd, 10:30am - 4pm

IKEA Trip

Organizer name: Nehal Gupta, Patrick Fung

Organizer email: 2008nehalgupta@gmail.com; patausfung@gmail.com

Description:

We are planning a trip to IKEA where you can find lots of affordable furniture and furnishings to spruce up your room. The upper floor showcases room and furniture layouts for inspiration while the Market Hall downstairs has all the home essentials you'll need. We will make room for brunch in the food court where you can try iconic Swedish meatballs.

Logistics:

We will meet at the clock tower at 10:30 am and take public transit to IKEA, returning around 4pm.

1. Please prepare your own compass card for public transportation.
2. Tentatively, we may arrange for a small truck/vehicle to bring back any larger items (TBD). Orders can also be placed online after the trip.

If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact the organizers by email.

Date & Time of Event: September 3rd, 10.00am – 1.00pm:

Pacific Spirit Park

Organizer name: Mikko Paajanen

Organizer email: mikkopaajanen@gmail.com

Description:

Get to know your western red cedars, Douglas firs and hemlock trees! Or just get to know where to go for nature walks and to wind down after your busy class schedule. The Pacific Spirit Park is UBC's own regional park, a large forest area of coniferous and deciduous trees situated between the UBC campus and the city of Vancouver. The park has a vast network of well-maintained paths for us to explore.

After the walk we can come back to SJC or alternatively have our lunch in the Westbrook Village, which is a place worth knowing also for your grocery shopping needs!

Our guide Mikko is a Botany PhD student and a plants&nature nerd.

Logistics:

We'll meet at the entrance of the college (Clock tower) at 10.00 am, take a bus to the park and come back at about 1.00 pm. There's also an option to have lunch in the Westbrook Village after the walk.

1. Please prepare your own compass card for public transportation (you can also pay by cash or credit card)
2. You can bring a backpack with anything you may need, such as water bottle, sunglasses, etc.

If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact the organizer by email.

Date & Time of Event: September 4th 10.00 am -2.00 pm

Stanley Park and Second Beach

Organizer name: Nargess Ovesy

Organizer email: Nargess.ovesy@sauder.ubc.ca

Description:

SAVE AS MUCH SUN AS YOU CAN!!!!

Second Beach in Stanley Park is located at the junction of Stanley Park Dr and North Lagoon Dr next to Second Beach Pool, an ocean-side, heated, outdoor pool. Barbeques can be used at nearby Ceperley Meadow. We are going to enjoy the fantastic view while swimming and get suntanned.

Logistics:

We meet at the entrance of the college (Clock tower) at 10.00 am and come back at about 4.00

1. Please prepare your own compass card for public transportation. 2. You can bring a backpack with anything you may need, such as water bottle, sunglasses, etc.

If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact the organizer by email.

Date & Time of Event: Sep 5th 10.00 am -2.00 pm

UBC Museum Trips

Organizer name: Yi Lou and Sacchi Pillai

Organizer email: spillai@eoas.ubc.ca

Description:

The UBC Campus hosts many amazing museums that feature very interesting. We will be visiting three different musuems.

The Museum of Anthropology (MOA) has a stunning Northwest Coast First Nations art collection and is commonly featured in list of Vancouver's best museums. The Pacific Museum of Earth has a small but mighty collection of gemstones, rocks and fossils. It houses plenty of fun and interactive activity. With its eye-catching whale skeleton, the Beaty Biodiversity Museum has over 2 million specimens. It is Vancouver's only natural history museum is a treasure trove of fish, fossils, birds and bugs.

Logistics:

We meet at the entrance of the college (Clock tower) at 10.00 am and come back at about 2.00 pm. We will walk to the MOA followed by the Pacific Museum of Earth and ending the trip at the Beaty Biodiversity Musuem.

1. Be sure to bring your UBC Student Card to ensure free entry to all the museums

email.

Date & Time of Event: Sep 5th 8.30 pm -9:30 pm

Dinosaur Watchparty

Organizer name: Sacchi Pillai

Organizer email: spillai@eoas.ubc.ca

Description:

Prehistoric Planet is a five-part nature documentary about the dinosaurs. It details life in the latest Cretaceous before the devastating asteroid strike and has some of the most accurate depictions of dinosaurs. It is narrated by David Attenborough of Planet Earth and Blue Planet fame and the soundtrack is composed by Hans Zimmer. We will watch the first episode and if wanted we can continue with the second.

Logistics:

We can either host the event at the TV room, Social Lounge or if there is enough demand outside (weather depending) in the courtyard. If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact the organizer by email.

Date & Time of Event: Sep 7th 8.30 pm -9:30 pm

Trivia Night

Organizer name: Sacchi Pillai

Organizer email: spillai@eoas.ubc.ca

Description:

There is no way to make better friends (or enemies) than a fun competitive game of trivia. Groups will be assigned randomly with 5 rounds of quiz which will include a picture round and a music round.

Logistics:

We can either host the event at the Dining Hall or the Social Lounge If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact the organizer by email.

Date and Time of the Event: September 8, 2022, 8 p.m. (tentative)

SJC Coffee House, second session

Organizer name: Edgar and Hari

Organizer email: hari2020@student.ubc.ca

Description

The first session of the SJC Coffee House, held in July, saw a good turnout with our residents enthralled the audience with performances in piano, violin, Japanese folk dance, cello, etc. It is now time to have a second session, this time with new residents who we are welcoming in August and September.

With new residents come a diverse set of talents to the table. Keeping in with the multicultural ethos of our college, we encourage them to display the best of the cultures familiar to them. This coffee house session will be a good opportunity for them to showcase their lighter, artistic side and also to get acquainted with the artistic side of the current residents. We hope we can make it grander than the first one. and look forward to welcoming you all. Please feel free to register for the event using the link given below.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FiqDVXV-TquV2oDKOO4eeZpSkAXQt1xNOcpXk_iVubw/edit#gid=0

Logistics: Head to the social lounge at 8pm (tentative) and enjoy the show!

Date & Time of Event: Saturday, September 10th 10:00 am -1:00 pm.

UBC Farm Saturday Farmers' Market

Organizer name: Olaitan Ogunnote.

Organizer email: oogunnot@student.ubc.ca.

Description:

“Don’t miss out on Vancouver’s only multi-vendor farmers’ market located on a working farm! In addition to certified organic and farm-fresh produce, fruits, herbs, and seeds from the UBC Farm, the Saturday Multi-vendor Farmers’ Market also features a variety of other local vendors selling meat, mushrooms, fruit, vegetables, nursery plants, baked goods, alcohol, coffee, and prepared foods, alongside food trucks and local artists!” (UBC Farm).

Logistics:

We meet at the entrance of the college (Clock tower) at 10:00 am and come back at about 2:00 pm. We will walk around the UBC Farm and enjoy lunch there. You can bring a backpack with anything you may need, such as water bottle, sunglasses, etc.

If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact the organizer by email.

Date & Time of Event: Sunday, September 11th 10:00 am -2:00 pm.

Granville Island

Organizer name: Olaitan Ogunnote.

Organizer email: oogunnot@student.ubc.ca.

Description:

“In the 1970’s, Granville Island began its successful transformation from an industrial wasteland to one of the most beloved public spaces in Vancouver.

As Vancouver’s premier artistic and cultural hub, located in an urban, waterfront location and steeped in a rich industrial and maritime heritage, this unique destination attracts millions of visitors each year from Vancouver and around the world.

The charm of Granville Island lies in its unexpected mix of uses. The famous Public Market, open daily from 9 am to 7 pm, is home to more than 50 independent food purveyors and contributes to the Island’s appeal as a renowned culinary destination. In the Net Loft Shops and Railspur District, many of Canada’s best artists and designers can be found. Granville Island is home to many cultural venues and hosts numerous performing arts and cultural festivals year-round.

Operationally self-sustaining, Granville Island is home to more than 300 businesses employing more than 3,000 people.” (Guanyu Chen).

Logistics:

We meet at the entrance of the college (Clock tower) at 10.00 am and come back at about 2.00 pm. We will walk around the Granville island and enjoy lunch there.

1. Please prepare your own compass card for public transportation. Alternatively, you could pay by tapping a contactless credit card on the card reader on the bus or using cash (coins or bills). It should cost about \$7.00 for the round trip.
2. You can bring a backpack with anything you may need, such as water bottle, sunglasses, etc.

If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact the organizer by email.

Date & Time of Event: September 12th, timings are tentative

Ice skating in UBC recreation center

Organizer name: Nargess Ovesy

Organizer email: Nargess.ovesy@sauder.ubc.ca

Description:

Prepare yourself for winter activities!

I had been instructing ice skating for years, so you are in safe hands. The skates and helmets will be provided and we can enjoy some icy speedy movements together and lots of laughs.

Logistics:

We meet at the entrance of the college (Clock tower) at 6.00 pm and come back at about 8:00 pm. You can bring a backpack with anything you may need, such as water bottle, etc.

If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact the organizer by email.

Date & Time of Event: Sep 13th 8-9 PM

Introduction to SJC Committees

Organizer name: Demet Kirmizibayrak

Organizer email: demet@phas.ubc.ca

Description:

Here at SJC, our committees are a vital part of our social and academic life. We have many many committees and clubs that you can participate in based on your interests : ranging from Wellness to Academic Organizations to International Cooking, Social Acitivities, Films, Books and many many more! Join in this session for a general introduction to our vast selection of committees and to pick your favorite ones to join in ☺ We will also have some refreshments and cookies!

Logistics:

This event will be held at SJC Social Lounge. Please bring a cup for tea if you like.