



SJC
2023
ORIENTATION

Date & Time of Event: August 10th, 8-9 PM & Aug 18th, 10-11 AM

Q&A Sessions 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

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 621 6749 2471

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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 18th 8:30 pm – 10:30pm

Games Night

Organizer name: Bill Zhao

Organizer email: bzhao69@student.ubc.ca

Description:

We will be playing board games and it is a great chance for you to mingle with fellow St. John residents

Logistics:

This event will be held at SJC Lecture Hall. If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact the organizer by email.

Date & Time of Event: August 19th 9PM-11PM

Courtyard Movie Night

Organizer name: Tala Bazzaza, Oguzhan Kaia, Sidhant Vaidyanathan, and Poornima

Organizer email: tbazzaza@gmail.com, sids797@gmail.com, oguzhan.kaya@alumni.ubc.ca

Description:

Nothing better than an outdoors movie during a summer night! Let's have some fun in the courtyard with popcorn 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 20th and August 27th 7PM-8:30PM and September 17th, 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Volleyball in the Courtyard

Organizer name: Catherine Zhu, Oguzhan Kaia

Organizer email: catherine_zhu@hotmail.ca

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 21st 3pm -5 pm

Bubble Tea with Mochi

Organizer name: Sacchi Pillai

Organizer email: spillai@eoas.ubc.ca

Description:

Come join us in the SJC Courtyard for some bubble tea. We will be joined with Mochi (the principal's very adorable dog) as well as some edible Mochi (which is a Japanese rice-cake made of glutinous rice and filled by a variety of sweet fillings. This would be a great way to spend the afternoon and enjoy the sun.

Logistics:

Host the event outside in the Courtyard, we can do it indoors in the social lounge in case the weather is bad. Cook the tea and tapioca pearls in the common kitchen ahead of time. Similar process to Chai Chill. Expecting around 10-15 people.

Date & Time of Event: August 22nd 12:00 PM

Pool Day

Organizer name: Demet Kirmizibayrak and Tala Bazzaza

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

Description: A day at the pool! We will travel to a nearby outdoor (weather permitting) pool near a beach and enjoy some sun, water and play pool games.

Logistics: Let's meet at SJC Clocktower Entrance at 12 Noon and go and enjoy the pool together (we will go to an outdoor pool with oceanwater like Kits Pool or the 3rd Beach pool, weather permitting). Remember to bring your sunscreen, a towel and swimming clothes and enough water 😊

Please **sign up beforehand until Aug 19th** using this link as we will need to reserve the spots for everyone (max 15 people):

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sjc-orientation-pool-day-sign-up-tickets-684095065757?aff=oddtcreator>

Date & Time of Event: August 23rd 2:00 PM

Ice cream with Office Staff

Organizer name: Demet Kirmizibayrak and Tala Bazzaza

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

Description: Join us for a lovely afternoon under the sun while getting to know the SJC office staff and eating delicious ice cream.

Logistics: Let's meet at the SJC courtyard at 2 PM

Date & Time of Event: August 23rd 6:00 PM

Bard on the Beach

Organizer name: Demet Kirmizibayrak and Tala Bazzaza

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

Description:

The Beatles are back at Bard! It's the 1960s all over again, and free spirits are escaping from Vancouver to get "back to the land". This joyful tribute to love, laughter and music features two-dozen classic Beatles songs, from "I Want to Hold Your Hand" to "Here Comes the Sun", performed live on stage. The original Bard production played to sold-out houses in 2018 and has triumphed across North America since then. The show runs for 2 hours and 40 mins, including a 20-minute intermission. Join us for a night of fun, love, and laughter!

The SJC office has kindly subsidised 50% of the ticket price. Each interested resident is requested to pay \$14 to the office in cash to finalize the registration. Please sign up beforehand as it tickets are given on a first come first serve basis.

Logistics: Let's meet at SJC Clocktower Entrance at 6 in the Evening and take the public transport to reach there in time. Please have your compass card ready or spare coins for the bus fare.

Budget Requested: Sign up will be at office and residents can pay 14 CAD cash to sign up there.

Date & Time of Event: August 24th, 10.00am – 1.00pm

Pacific Spirit Park

Organizer name: Mikko Paaajanen and Jeremy James

Organizer email: mikkopaaajanen@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: Aug 25th 3:30 PM-5 PM

Listen & Learn with Margaretta James

Description:

A mother, grandmother and great grandmother of Filipino and Stl'atl'imx roots, Margaretta James has lived with the Mowachaht/Muchalaht nation of the Nuuchahnulth people for the past several decades in Yuquot (colonially known as Friendly Cove or Nootka Sound). Margaretta's community work includes Indigenous education, heritage preservation and cultural interpretation. She formerly served as Band Manager for the Mowachaht Band Council, and as the President of the Land of Maquinna Cultural Society for over twenty years; her work has included Canadian historic site awareness, repatriation and global cultural tourism. In addition, she also has been working on the Yuquot Centennial 2023, Summer Youth tour training program, the community garden and advocating for Elder and intergenerational community wellness.

While Ms. James continues to reside at Tsaxana on British Columbia's West Coast, she is currently enrolled in the Master's program with the Institute of Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice at UBC, which will focus on bringing together Margaretta's existing and ongoing body of work with academic study to explore the relationship between Indigeneity and Asian Migrations to the west coast of North America. St. John's College is pleased to welcome her as our Johannean Scholar-in-Residence for 2023/24 where she will be staying with us twice a month during her studies.

Logistics: The event will start at the SJC Social Lounge at 3:30 PM

Date & Time of Event: Aug 25th 8 PM

Night Out at Gastown

Organizer name: Demet Kirmizibayrak and Tala Bazzaza

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

Description: We will explore the city's Gastown Region, the Steam Clock and grab some refreshments together in Gastown. Those interested may also join us for dancing at the town after 😊

Logistics: Please bring your compass card to take the bus together. We will meet at SJC Clocktower Entrance at 8 PM and leave for the bus together.

Date & Time of Event: August 26th 10 AM

UBC Farmer's Market Trip

Organizer name: Demet Kirmizibayrak

Organizer email: demet@phas.ubc.ca

Description: We will go to UBC Farm Saturday Farmers Market and explore the vendors with fresh fruits, veggies and many other items!

Logistics: Please bring your compass card to take the 68 bus together (it's a very short drive). And perhaps bring some reusable bags and cash if you wish to buy things (usually they accept credit cards but some vendors may not)

Date & Time of Event: August 27th at 4pm

Chai Chill

Organizer name: Sidhant Vaidyanathan

Organizer email: sids797@gmail.com

Description:

We have had a long tradition of Chai parties at SJC every Sunday afternoon where we prepared Indian style tea called “Chai” along with snacks which we enjoyed. "Chai Chill" is the on-going season of the same traditional event at SJC which happens every Sunday at 4 pm. The organizer either prepares chai or lemonade based on the weather, and sometimes other residents offer to make their regional or cultural drinks to share with the SJC community.

If you would like to host a drink from your region or culture, feel free to contact the organizer by email! :)

Logistics:

The event takes place in-person in the SJC courtyard. The attendees need to bring their glass/cup to get some chai.

Setup in the courtyard (assuming the weather is good): 1 small table, 15 chairs
(Venue shifts to the Lecture Hall otherwise)

Date & Time of Event: August 28th 10.00 am -1.00 pm

UBC Botanical Garden

Organizer name: Mikko Paajanen, David Barkemeyer

Organizer email: david.barkemeyer@gmx.de

Description:

UBC Botanical Garden is Canada's oldest university botanic garden, established in 1916 under the directorship of John Davidson, British Columbia's first provincial botanist. The original mission of the garden was research into the native flora of British Columbia. Over the past 100 years, the mission of UBC Botanical Garden has broadened to include education, research, conservation, community outreach, and public display of temperate plants from around the world.

Logistics:

Please sign up for this event [here](#). This event is limited to up to 20 participants and spots are assigned first-come first-served.

We meet at the clocktower at 10am, walk to the botanical garden together and return to SJC around 1pm. Please bring your UBC card.

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

Date & Time of Event: August 29th, 4-6PM

Painting at the Courtyard

Organizer name: Ana Polgár

Organizer email: a.polgar@protonmail.com

Description:

Join us for an afternoon filled with creativity, inspiration, and artistic exploration. We will have canvases, oil and acrylic paint ready and some lovely refreshments. Whether you're an experienced painter or have never picked up a brush before, this workshop is perfect for everyone.

Don't worry about materials - we've got you covered. Just bring your creative spirit and a pinch of enthusiasm! It's the perfect opportunity to unwind, express yourself, and perhaps even create some beautiful artwork that can double as gifts.

Logistics:

Set up of tables, chairs and easels and art supplies in the courtyard (with parasol – optional)
Round tables from dining hall, Small foldable tables from committee room, Plastic chairs, Parasols (optional), Table Easels, Canvases, Acrylic and Oil Paint, Brushes, Paint thinner, Linseed Oil, Palettes, cups for water.

Date & Time of Event: Aug 30th 7:30 pm -9:00 pm

Sunset Watching at Wreck Beach

Organizer name: Izzy Zhang & Maggie Liao

Organizer email: yixinzhang111@gmail.com, maggieliaomz@gmail.com

Description:

Hey Beach Lovers!

Join us for the ultimate chill session at Wreck Beach next to UBC, where we'll be soaking up the sun and witnessing a peaceful sunset together! 🌅👜

Yes, we know about the notorious stairs, but fear not! We've got a laid-back attitude to keep us going!

What's in store:

- Jaw-dropping sunset views
- Music, laughter, and frisbee
- Picnic vibes – snacks and pop will be provided so BYO cup

Logistics:

We meet at the SJC Clocktower Entrance at 07:30 pm and head to the Wreck beach, which is right behind SJC. Dress comfortably, remember to bring:

- your cup
- beach essentials (sunscreen, towel, sunglasses, swimsuit (maybe))
- Footwear (we suggest wearing sneakers for the stairs and bringing flip flop for the beach)

Get ready to unwind with old and new friends. No pressure, just good vibes and good times!

See you then - let's make it an unforgettable evening!

Date & Time of Event: August 31st 8:30-10:00

Social Night

Organizer name: Sacchi Pillai and Sidhant

Organizer email: spillai@eoas.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 Social Night! Prepare to dance, sing Karaoke and generally have a great time together. We will 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:

We can either host the event at the TV room, Social Lounge, Part Room or if there is enough demand outside (weather depending) in the courtyard.

Date & Time of Event: September 1st at 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.

Current exhibitions can be found here:

<https://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/current-exhibitions>

Logistics:

Let's meet at the clocktower at 4pm to head downtown by transit. Prepare your compass card in advance. Be sure to request a voucher or arrange for someone to pack your dinner (there are numerous dinner options downtown). Admission to the museum is free.

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

Date & Time of Event: September 2nd 10:00 am – 2:00pm

Queen Elizabeth Park Tour

Organizer name: Bill Zhao

Organizer email: bzhao69@student.ubc.ca

Description:

Experience the beauty of Queen Elizabeth Park on a captivating tour. Join us as we wander through the lush gardens, taking in the views that this iconic park has to offer. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with other residents. As part of the tour we will visit the Bloedel Conservatory too.

Logistics:

We will meet under the clock tower at 10am and bus there.

Date & Time of Event: September 3rd time TBD

Ice Skating

Organizer name: Patrick Fung and Jeremy James

Organizer email: patausfung@gmail.com and jeremy.james@live.ca

Description:

Enjoy a public skating session at the UBC Thunderbird Sports Centre with your fellow residents. Skate and helmet rentals are available; feel free to bring your own equipment too.

Logistics:

Let's meet at the clocktower (time TBD) to head to the recreation centre by transit. Prepare your compass card in advance. Bring along a backpack with water and a light sweater/jacket.

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

Date & Time of Event: September 3rd 8:00 p.m.

Campus Tour

Organizer name: Sacchi Pillai

Organizer email: spillai@eoas.ubc.ca

Description:

A guided tour with fun facts about the different buildings on Campus. This will be a great way to learn more about the campus and ensure you are lost on the way to class. We shall finish the tour by getting ice-cream!

Logistics:

Meet at the Clocktower at 8PM, and walk around campus.

Date & Time of Event: September 4th, 8:30-9:30 PM

Speed Friending

Organizer name: Demet Kirmizibayrak , Izzy Zhang

Organizer email: demet@phas.ubc.ca, yixinzhang111@gmail.com

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: September 5th 4-6PM

Tie Dye Workshop

Description: Welcome to the Vibrant Creations Tie Dye Workshop, where we invite you to unleash your creativity and witness the magic of ice dyeing! Set in the charming courtyard, this immersive experience will take you on a colorful journey of self-expression, as you learn the art of tie dyeing using the unique and captivating ice dyeing technique. The courtyard will be transformed into a vibrant hub of creativity, filled with lively colors and artistic vibes.

We invite residents to bring any white or light coloured cotton (or other natural fiber material) items such as t-shirts, tote bags, scarfs, hats, pouches, bandanas, that you want to tie dye. We'll not be doing bleach dye today, so leave your darker fabrics.

We will provide dye, elastic bands, buckets/tubs, oven wire racks, etc.

We understand creativity can be thirsty work, so we'll offer a refreshing beverage station with water, juices, and snacks to keep the creative energy flowing.

Logistics: Large tables (the ones next to social lounge) will be arranged in the courtyard, providing ample space for participants to work comfortably. We'll cover the tables with newspapers to protect them from any dye spills. Elastic bands will be provided to participants for creating mesmerizing patterns on their fabrics. A few buckets or tubs will be stationed at the dyeing area, filled with water and ice cubes. These will play a vital role in the ice dyeing process, creating a stunning, unpredictable effect on the dyed fabrics. We'll use oven wire racks (we could use some from the kitchens) to place the dyed fabrics during the ice dyeing process. These racks will allow the melting ice and dye to flow freely and avoid unwanted pooling. A designated drying area will be set up to lay out the finished ice-dyed creations. A designated drying area will be set up to lay out the finished ice-dyed creations.

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.