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## EDITORIAL COMMENTS

BY EARL COOK

I have recently held several organizational meetings with members who had expressed interest in helping with the Rambler. The outcome of these meetings is that we will include several additional features in the Rambler. Greg and Sandy Hughes will provide an Outdoor Humor column, Helene Mayhew will advise us on Outdoor Food and Recipes, Carol Anderson will give us a look at various club members, and Becky Widenhouse will provide Club Historical Notes. Fern Haley is in charge of obtaining Feature Articles. These new features will provide a wider base of interests in the Rambler. Harriet Jones has taken on the job of Rambler Advertising Manager, and Roseann Woodward is Production Manager.

These people are in charge of the listed jobs and will need the support of all WMC members by giving them material and suggestions for their column. Please read their first columns to see what they need from you and support them.

*Earl Cook*

## WELCOME

The Rambler and W.M.C. want to welcome the following new club members:

Sandy Allen	Margret McEwan
Patricia Black	A. Ross McIntyre
Shurwin Huff	Peter Verschoor
John Lewis	James Zitnik
Ann Holt-Lewis	

We hope you will enjoy our club activities and we look forward to meeting you. Please feel free to volunteer to help where you can.

## WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB BOARD REPORT

The following items were included in the November Board meeting on Nov. 6.

Fred Swanson, coordinator of the Utah Wilderness Coalition spoke to the Board regarding the plans of the WMC and the need for the WMC's active participation.

The Boating Activities spent about \$300 to replace damaged or lost equipment during the year. A down payment on 2 new boats was made for delivery next spring. It is estimated that \$5400 will be spent next year on boating equipment.

The Board approved adding a new Director to the Board beginning next year. The new post will be Information Director.

Membership cards will be issued soon.

The Board approved 8 new members.



# EVENTS AT A GLANCE

(See the chronological listing for details)

## SKI TOURING

<u>December</u>			
1	Alta-Brighton	21	Powder Peak
1	Silver Fork	21	Raymond Peak
7	Reynolds Peak	22	Lower Days Fork
7	Scotts Pass	22	Twin Lakes Pass
8	Lower White Pine	22	Ben Lomond
8	Wolverine	25	Catherine Pass
8	Leader's Choice	25	Wolverine
14	Dog Lake	28	Lower Silver Fork
14	Little Valley	28	Reynolds
14	White Pine Lake	28	Grizzly-Silver Fork
15	Little White Pine	29	Scotts Pass
15	Uintahs	29	Little Water
15	Day's Fork	29	Deseret Peak
21	Lake Mary		

## SNOWSHOEING

<u>December</u>		<u>January</u>	
1	White Fir Pass	4	Lower White Pine
7	Green's Basin		
15	Red Pine		

## SOCIALS

<u>December</u>		<u>January</u>	
14	Christmas at the Lodge	5	Pot Luck & Slides
	Pot Luck and Slide Show	19	After Ski in Park City

## VOLLEYBALL

<u>December</u>		<u>January</u>	
3	South High	7	South High
10	South High	14	South High
17	South High	21	South High

## WMC WESTERN DANCE GROUP

(Tuesday Evenings at Westerner Club, 7:00 pm)

## A WORD ABOUT W.M.C. SKI TOURS.

Rating 1.0-5.0: Ski tours no more than 6 miles round trip the terrain is mostly gentle. Participants have to be familiar with their equipment, know herringbone and side step, snowplow and kickturn.

Rating 5.5-8.0: Tours are up to about 10 miles round trip. Participants have to know the tricks of getting uphill and be proficient coming down intermediate slopes and trails.

Rating 8.5 and up: Some of the tours may be very long. Slopes and trails may be narrow and steep. These tours are for advanced skiers. Pins or alpine equipment may be used.

Any tours on the program may be more difficult than their rating, if snow conditions are poor. If "Pieps and Shovel" are required you are expected to know how to search with a Pieps.

# Three Layers Are Better Than One...

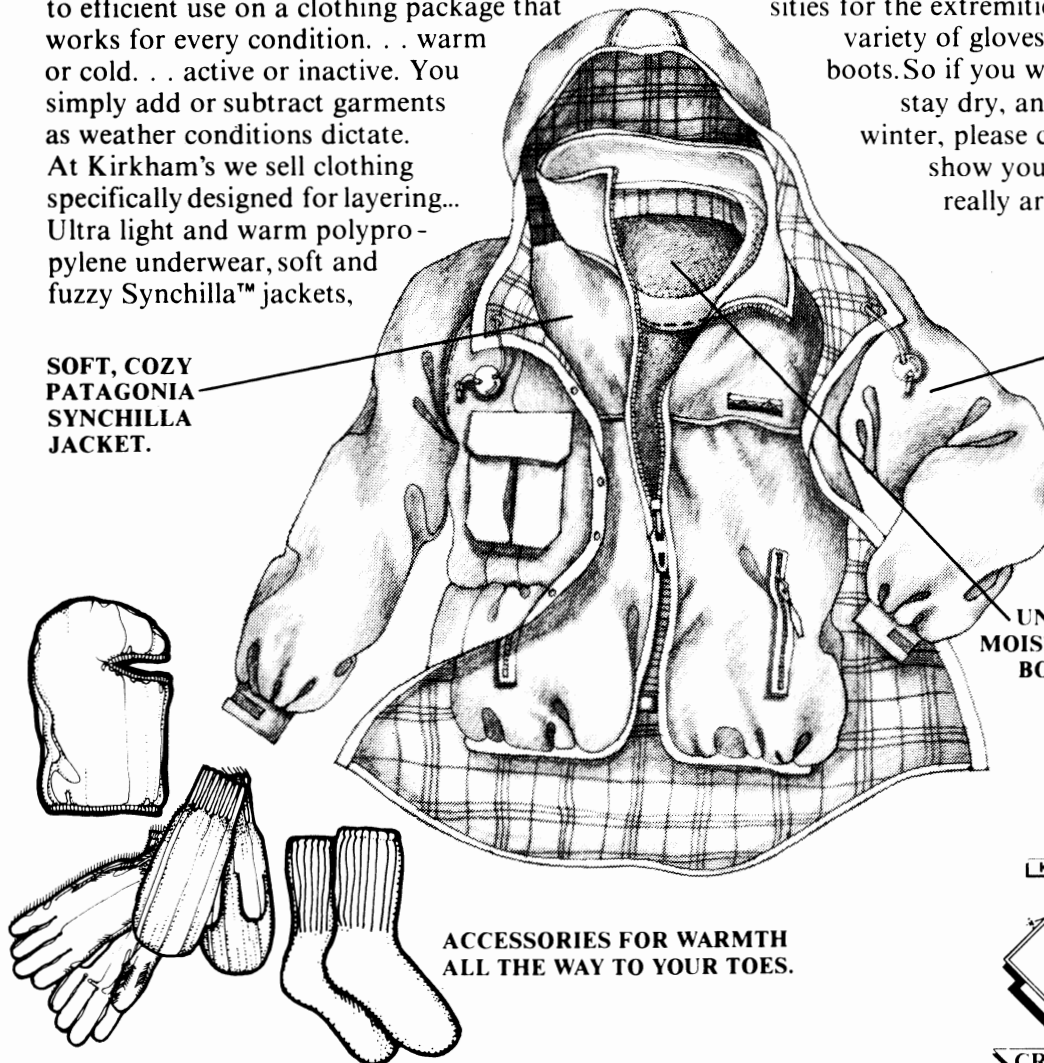
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## CLUB ACTIVITIES

Only activities approved by the appropriate WMC Director can be listed in the Club Activities section of the *Rambler*. Send your proposed activity, for approval, to the hiking, rafting, skiing, etc. director for inclusion in their activity schedule. Those activities sent directly to the *Rambler*, without approval, will not be published.

- Note: All Ski Tours and Snowshoe Tours in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons meet at the Geology sign at the East end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.
- Tuesdays VOLLEYBALL. 7:00 pm at South High School Women's Gym. \$1.00 to cover costs. Call Tom at 467-5734 for information.
- Sun. Dec 1 ALTA-BRIGHTON-ALTA SKI TOUR, 10. Group at the Big Cottonwood geology sign at 8:30 and carpool to the Snowpine Lodge where Bob Myers will meet you inside the Lodge at 9:30, 534-1428.
- Sun. Dec 1 WHITE FIR PASS SNOWSHOE TOUR. This is just about the best snowshoe tour in Mill Creek. Meet Irene Schilling at the south side of Bagel Nosh at Olympus Hills Mall at 9:30, 278-6661.
- Sat. Dec 7 REYNOLDS PEAK SKI TOUR, 8.5. This peak has some great views to the north and of Kessler Peak. Meet Anna Cordes at the Big Cottonwood geology sign at 9:00, 363-3390.
- Sat. Dec 7 GREENS BASIN SNOWSHOE TOUR. This is the place of past gourmet's delight. Sherie Pater will show you the way. Be at the east end of the Big Cottonwood parking lot at 9:30, 278-6661.
- Sun. Dec 8 LOWER WHITE PINE SKI TOUR, 8.0. Meet Terry Rollins at the Big Cottonwood geology sign at 9:00, 467-5088.
- Sun. Dec 8 MT. WOLVERINE SKI TOUR, 10.0. Pieps and shovels are required. Meet Dan Grice at the Big Cottonwood geology sign at 9:00, 583-8280.
- Sun. Dec 8 LEADERS CHOICE SKI TOUR, 6.0-11.0. Emily and Chauncy Hall will decide where the best snow is and show you a great time. Call them at 277-1555.
- Sat. Dec 14 CHRISTMAS SOCIAL--7:30 at the Lodge. Our own Rob Snow and his "Lords of Rock and Roll" will be back by popular demand spinning the discs. There will be a tree decorating contest so bring your best homemade ornament. Prizes will be awarded. You will need a pot luck dish and \$4.00 admission. Drinks will be provided at cost. Please remember--the Lodge is up a snowy hill so wear boots and carry a flashlight. Merry Christmas.

- Sat. Dec 14 DOG LAKE SKI TOUR, 4.5, NTD. Group at the Big Cottonwood geology sign at 8:30. Call leader Tom Dickeson at 967-7970 if you have any questions.
- Sat. Dec 14 LITTLE VALLEY SKI TOUR, 7.0, MOD. Meet at 9:00 at the Geology sign. This is north of Clayton. Call leader, Ellie Ieuatsch at 272-2426 if any questions. Pieps and shovels are suggested.
- Sat. Dec 14 WHITE PINE LAKE SKI TOUR, 8.0, MSD. Meet at 9:00 at the Geology sign. Call leader, John Mason at 467-5111 if any questions. Pieps and shovels are required.
- Sun. Dec 15 RED PINE SNOWSHOE TOUR. 3 miles to go and 2000 feet to climb and you'll be at scenic Red Pine Lake. Meet Leo Fontaine, 566-2532, at the east end of the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00.
- Sun. Dec 15 LOWER WHITE PINE SKI TOUR, 4.5, NTD. Meet at 9:00 at the Geology sign. Call leader, Hank Winawer if any questions at 277-1997.
- Sun. Dec 15 THE NEAR UINTAHS SKI TOUR, 9.0, MOD. It may be Bench Creek, or Hoyt Peak. Call leader, Milt Hollander at 277-1416 to register.
- Sun. Dec 15 DAYS FORK SKI TOUR, 12.0, MSD. This starts at Pole Line Pass, meet at 8:30. Call leader, George Westbrook if any questions at 942-6071. Pieps and shovels are required.
- Sat. Dec 21 WILLOW LAKE SNOWSHOE TOUR. That's an easy one. Joy Ray, 272-6116, will meet you at 9:30 at the east end of the Big Cottonwood parking area.
- Sat. Dec 21 LAKE MARY SKI TOUR, 2.0, NTD. Meet at 9:00 at the Geology sign. Call leader, Bruce Hopkins at 278-1507 if there are any questions.
- Sat. Dec 21 POWDER PARK SKI TOUR, 7.0, MOD. Meet at 9:00 at the Geology sign. Call leader, Jim Piani at 943-8607 if there are any questions.
- Sat. Dec 21 RAYMOND PEAK SKI TOUR, 11.0, MSD. Call leader, Larry Larkin at 521-0416 to register.
- Sun. Dec 22 LOWER DAYS SKI TOUR, 5.0, NTD. Meet at 9:00 at the Geology sign. Call leader, Trudy Healy at 942-2290 if there are any questions.
- Sun. Dec 22 TWIN LAKES PASS SKI TOUR, 6.0, MOD. This is via Brighton. Meet at 9:00 at the Geology sign. Call leaders, Lori Warner at 534-0271 or Wally Fort at 534-0915 if there are any questions. Pieps and shovels are recommended.



Sun. Dec 22 BEN LOMAND OR NAOMI SKI TOUR, 12.0, MSD. If you are interested in leading this trip, call George Westbrook at 942-6071.

Wed. Dec 25 LODGE OPEN, a host is needed, call George Westbrook at 942-6071.

Wed. Dec 25 LAKE MARY SNOWSHOE TOUR. How about an informal get-together of snowshoers to amble to Lake Mary from the Lodge, like around noon?

Wed. Dec 25 CATHERINE PASS SKI TOUR, 5.5, MOD. Meet at 10:00 at the Geology sign. Call leader, Karen Perkins at 272-2225 if there are any questions.

Wed. Dec 25 WOLVERINE SKI TOUR, 10.0, MSD. Meet at 9:30 at the Geology sign. Call leader, Allen Gavere at 486-1476 if there are any questions. Pieps and shovels are required.

Sat. Dec 28 LOWER SILVER FORK SKI TOUR, 3.5, NTD. Meet at 9:00 at the Geology sign. Call leader, Mike Hendrickson at 942-1476 if there are any questions.

Sat. Dec 28 REYNOLDS PEAK SKI TOUR 8.5, MOD. Meet at 8:30 at the Geology sign. Call leader, Oscar Robison at 943-8500 if there are any questions.

Sat. Dec 28 UP GRIZZLY DOWN SILVER FORK SKI TOUR, 10.5, MSD. Meet at 9:00 at the Geology sign. Call leader, Ken Kelley at 942-7730 if there are any questions. Pieps and shovels are required.

Sun. Dec 29 DESOLATION LAKE SNOWSHOE TOUR. An 8 mile round trip, but only 1900 feet to climb. Your old favorite leader, Elmer Boyd, 969-7814, will meet you at the 9:00 at Big Cottonwood parking area.

Sun. Dec 29 SCOTT'S PASS SKI TOUR, 4.0, NTD. Meet at 9:00 at the Geology sign. Call leader, Trudy Healy at 942-2290 if there are any questions.

Sun. Dec 29 LITTLE WATER (VIA DOG LAKE INTO MILL CREEK) SKI TOUR, 8.0, NTD. Meet at 9:00 at the Geology sign. Call leader, Peter Hansen at 359-2040 if there are any questions. Pieps and shovels are recommended.

Sun. Dec 29 DESERET PEAK SKI TOUR, 13.0, MSD. Meet at 9:00 at the Geology sign. Call leader, John Meollmer at 467-7519 to register.

Wed. Jan 1 HANGOVER SKI TOUR, 5.0, NTD. Meet at the crack of noon at the Geology sign. We will go to Lake Mary and possibly beyond. Even though this is a short tour, it is not for rank beginners. Call leader, Wick Miller at 583-5160 if there are any questions.



- Wed. Jan 1      SKI TOUR FOR THOSE IN BETTER HEALTH, 6.0-8.5. Meet at 9:00 at the Geology sign. Find the Slope of the Day for Telemark Practice. Call leader, Karen Perkins at 272-2225 if there are any questions.
- Sat. Jan 4      LOWER WHITE PINE SNOWSHOE TOUR. Although a skier now, Chris Moenich will take you on snowshoes as far as you want to go. Questions? Call 363-7053. Meeting place, mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00 am.
- Sat. Jan 4      GRIZZLY GULCH SKI TOUR, 5.0, NTD. Meet at 9:00 at the Geology sign. Call leader, Harold Goecheritz at 272-6205 if there are any questions.
- Sat. Jan 4      UPPER GREEN'S BASIN SKI TOUR, 6.5, MOD. Meet at 9:00 at the Geology sign. Call leader, Jim Piani at 943-8607 if there are any questions.
- Sat. Jan 4      MAYBIRD SKI TOUR, 10.0, MSD. Meet at 9:00 in the White Pine parking lot. Call leader, Bob Myers at 534-1428 if there are any questions. Pieps and shovels are required.
- Sun. Jan 5      SUNDAY SOCIAL 4-6:00 at the Marmalade Center (168 W., 500 N.). Slide presentation. Bring a potluck dish. Drinks available at cost. Admission is \$1.00.
- Sun. Jan 5      GREEN'S BASIN SKI TOUR, 3.0, NTD. Meet at 9:00 at the Geology sign. Call leader, Bruce Hopkins at 278-1507 if there are any questions.
- Sun. Jan 5      WILLOW PEAK SKI TOUR, 6.5, MOD. Meet at 9:00 at the Geology sign. Call leaders, Theresa Overfield or Dave Morris at 359-6274 if there are any questions. Pieps and shovels are recommended.
- Sun. Jan 5      PIEFERHORN SKI TOUR, 12.5, MSD. Meet at 8:00 at the Geology sign. Call leader, Rolf Doebbeling at 467-6636 to register. Pieps and shovels are required.
- Sun. Jan 12      TELEMAR SCHOOL. Meet at 8:15 at the Geology sign. Milt Hollander will key it and will find the instructors. They will go where the snow is best.
- Sun. Jan 19      SUNDAY SOCIAL at 6:00 at Vince Dessimon's near Park City. Plan to join one of the scheduled ski tours nearby then meet at Vince's for dinner and sauna.
- Sat-Sun. Feb 1-2      WEEKEND SKI TOUR IN THE UINTAS. There will be a limit of 8 and we will stay at the homestead. Wick Miller will lead and is planning a real interesting tour going up Coop Creek down Smithmore house. Register with Wick at 583-5160.

WINTER IN YELLOWSTONE. Ski through the buffalo and hot pots, stay in the cabins, eat at the Lodge, snow coach in and out. Three trip dates are available to us. For information and registration, call George Westbrook ASAP.

First trip from December 23, 1985 to January 1, 1986.  
Second trip from January 22, 1986 to January 29, 1986.  
Third trip from February 14, 1986 to February 24, 1986.

These trips can possibly be shortened, it depends on the requests of the majority of the group.

Feb 14-17

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS SKI TOUR. Stay in kitchen-equipped cabins at night and ski tour by day. Deposit of \$30 due by December 31, 1985. The trip leader is Michael Budig, 328-4512.

## COMMERCIAL TRIPS

May 17-June 1

BACKPACKING IN PERU - A VISIT TO THE FAMED SALCANTAY. Price: \$595 plus airfare. A very special trip to the land of the Incas. This will be the most exciting of treks as we venture high into the Andes to Salcantay and end our journey with a visit to Machu Picchu, the incredible city still shrouded in mystery and jungle. Our personal guide will be Robert Randall who makes his home in the Incan village of Ollantaytambo, all breakfasts, dinner at Ollantaytambo, all land transportation, 1 day river trip on the Urubamba River, 8 day trek. For more information contact Shirley Smith or Sue Morgan at Morris Travel 649-1555. Space is limited. A \$150 deposit will confirm your booking.

June 20-July 8

A CAMPING SAFARI TO NORTHERN TANZANIA. Price: \$1650 plus airfare. Camping beneath the stars in Serengeti and on the floor of the Ngorngoro Crater - game viewing in the world's most prolific wildlife area, visiting the land of the Maasai. If you wish to see the "real" Africa, this is your trip!! The price includes guides, cooks, all food on safari, 3 nights hotel, one in a game lodge, all camping gear and much more. For more information contact Shirley Smith or Sue Morgan at Morris Travel 649-1555. Space is limited. A \$150 deposit will confirm your booking.

June 12-29

STUDY TOUR OF KENYA, EAST AFRICA. If you would like to track down big game with a camera, drive to within 10 meters of a pride of lions at their kill, visit the ancient ruined city of Gede, see the art work of a Hindu temple, or explore a coral reef in the Indian Ocean, you are invited to

participate in the 4th annual Kenya Safari, sponsored by Westminster College of Salt Lake City. The itinerary includes the city of Nairobi, the major game reserves and parks of Samburu, Maasai Mara near the Serengeti Plains, Amboseli beneath Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tsavo National Park, and Mombasa on the Indian Ocean. Of special interest to WMC members is an optional climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro, at 19,300' the highest point on the African continent. The climb would be in lieu of Mombasa and the last two parks, and would cost \$100 more. Cost for the basic trip, which includes round trip air fare from SLC to Nairobi, first class hotels, all land transport, 3 meals per day except breakfast only in Nairobi, entrances to parks and the National Museum, is \$2950. For further information and a brochure, call or write Dr. Barry Quinn, 488-4191 (home 272-7097), Dr. Mike Popich, 488-4182, or Dr. Robert Warnock, 488-4190, at Westminster College, or Janet Bean at Crossroads Travel, 566-5101. A special introduction and slide show will be given on 12 December, Thursday, at 7:30 pm in Malouf Hall 219 on the Westminster campus.

Nov. 1-15, 1986

TREKKING IN NEPAL. This 15 day trek, an unforgettable Himalayan experience, allows us to enter into some of the worlds highest mountains without contending with extreme altitudes. At 13,500 feet we'll be well within the Annapurna Sanctuary, a glaciated amphitheater where we will have outstanding views of some of the most famous peaks in the Himalayas. Trek from Pokhara through Gurkha Villages familiarizing ourselves with the culture of some of the most distinctive Hill People. Our return from the Annapurna Base Camp will take us a different route where we'll end our trip with a stay in the Gaida Wildlife Reserve. Return to Kathmandu. Call JULIE STONEY AT WESTERN TRAVEL INC. (801) 942-5426.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING SOON!

AVALANCHE SAFETY COURSE

January 11, 1986

SEE JANUARY RAMBLER FOR DETAILS



## CONSERVATION NOTES

Conservation Philosophy of the WMC  
by Michael Budig

The WMC was founded in 1921 for purposes of promoting "the physical and spiritual well being of its members and others by outdoor activities; to foster awareness of scenic beauties; and to encourage preservation of our natural areas including their plant, animal and bird life."

Over the years, the Club has been active in numerous conservation battles. Club members were instrumental in the establishment of many of Utah's national parks. The Club also has had active involvement in such battles as the proposed Intermountain Power Plant near Escalante, the BLM wilderness process, the Utah Forest Service Wilderness Bill, the paving of the Burr Trail, the White River Dam Proposal, the proposed Utah Winter Olympics and, (no doubt in the future) the effort by Snowbird to expand into White Pine Canyon.

We have won some battles and lost others. Our victories however are often actually just a temporary postponement of a loss which may seem to be inevitable and will be permanent. An example of this is the battle over the paving of the Burr Trail, which conservationists succeeded in delaying for many years, but now may have finally lost. The victories here were temporary, the loss probably permanent.

It seems as though conservationists are always on the defensive in our battles, trying to defend further desecration of wilderness areas rather than trying to regain what was previously lost.

However, this may be changing. For instance, the recently released Wasatch-Cache Forest Plan has a provision which states that any future loss of cross-country ski areas by expansion of developed ski areas should be mitigated. Although this provision appears to be rather weak and vague, it is a big step in the right direction and needs vigilance by organizations such as ours to see to it that it is followed.

The Wasatch Mountain club owes its existence to the preservation of recreational opportunities in our nearby public lands. Our commitment is to work to preserve these opportunities for ourselves and for future generation and to guarantee that everyone has access to these opportunities.

Unfortunately, the threats to our public lands are far too numerous to allow us to adequately respond to each threat. So we try to direct our conservation funds and efforts where we will get the most effective results. This means that we give financial support to conservation organizations which are fighting the same battles we want to fight but are unable to fight without a full-time conservation staff.

This allows the WMC to concentrate its conservation efforts on local battles in which we have our strongest self-interest and can be most effective. This was true, for example in the battle earlier this year over the proposed Utah winter Olympics. Undoubtedly, it will also be true in the forthcoming battle over preservation of White Pine Canyon.

This funneling of funds also allows us to show some acknowledgment of our debt to the lands which give us so much enjoyment and on which our organization depends. Future generations will judge us not on conservation battles won or lost, but by our level of commitment. Will the WMC be perceived as a group that merely sought to enjoy their own recreation opportunities, or as an organization which endeavored to guarantee that these same opportunities will continue to exist for everyone?

#### WMC Considers More Support For SPLORE

It is in the interest of conservationists to have disabled people enjoy the backcountry just like everyone else. Indeed, wilderness represents freedom. Everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy this freedom. The opportunity to enjoy wilderness ideally should be limited only by our own defined limitations.

There is a Salt Lake City based organization which provides outdoor education and recreation for special need groups and individuals. The organization, Special Population Learning Outdoor Recreation & Education (SPLORE) now provides opportunities for river running, climbing, sledding and cross-country skiing in the Utah area. SPLORE currently serves groups which include the physically disabled, mentally retarded, behaviorally and emotionally disordered, blind, deaf and diabetics as well as juvenile offenders.

SPLORE was founded in 1980 by Martha Ham, a licensed recreational therapist, who contends "Disabled people have the right to the same kind of enjoyment in the wilderness that everyone else does."

SPLORE's current Executive Director, Patty Mulvihill, is the only full-time paid SPLORE staff member. The organization relies on a seasonal staff and an army of volunteers to succeed in

its mission. Despite its reliance on volunteers, SPLORE historically has had to charge its disabled participants in order to maintain a financially viable organization.

However, last year SPLORE initiated a scholarship program to allow reduced rates for some disabled participants who can not afford to pay. This scholarship fund provides opportunities to enjoy the outdoors to disabled individuals who otherwise might have no such opportunity.

The WMC Board of Directors will consider establishment of a WMC financed SPLORE-WMC scholarship fund which could be considered for renewal each year. Last year, SPLORE had about \$500 of support for its scholarship fund and could very easily have used 10 times that amount. I am proposing that the Mountain Club initiate its own scholarship fund with a donation of \$500.

I have personally gone on several ski outings and rafting trips as a SPLORE volunteer. I found the trips were exceptionally well organized and aimed at meeting the special needs of each trip's disabled participants. For instance, each raft trip has at least one registered nurse and some also include an MD.

The volunteers are amazingly energetic and enthusiastic, insuring that the trip is an enjoyable experience for everyone involved. When the typical river days began at 6:00 am, I was just astonished at how peppy, fresh and happy everyone else was at such an indecently early hour. But the trips do succeed.

A testimonial to the program's success is the number of disabled participants who return year after year as well as the continued momentum of growth enjoyed by the program.

The trips are enjoyable not only for the disabled, but for the volunteers as well. In fact, the group of volunteers has generally enjoyed the same rate of return members and new growth as has the disabled participants. This is not due just to the generosity of the volunteers. In fact, volunteers will admit that they received much more inspiration and reward from the clients than can ever be given to the clients. Many of the clients seem to be able to transcend their disabilities and focus on their abilities instead.

Indeed, one of the purposes of SPLORE defined by Ms. Mulvihill is to enhance disabled peoples confidence in their own abilities. "But," she added, "it's also important for the public to know what the handicapped can do in the wilderness."

This is the area in which conservationists should eagerly provide assistance. For we can ally with disabled people toward a goal which will serve both communities. If we can get disabled people into the backcountry, it might become easier politically to obtain protective management, such as wilderness designation for these areas.

The access of disabled people into wilderness areas will destroy the myth that only the rich, elite and able-bodied can utilize wilderness. It proves conclusively that a person's access to wilderness is generally restricted only by his/her own self-defined restrictions and limited imagination. It will also destroy the contention that disabled individuals require pavement to get into wilderness and want wilderness desecrated in their name. While conservationists' goals can be well served by handicapped individuals, conversely, we can provide a great service to the handicapped. Indeed, I contend that we have a responsibility to see to it that all individuals should be guaranteed access to wilderness areas, accepting the

premise that destruction of wilderness values is neither a necessary or tolerable condition of this statement.

Furthermore, I maintain that we should assume a responsibility for aiding the disabled in their efforts to go into the backcountry. By serving the handicapped in this way, we will be able to promote the idea of wilderness and the need for protection of more wildlands.

With this goal in mind, the WMC Board of Directors authorized a disbursement of \$600 to SPLORE last year. SPLORE used these funds to establish a sledding program. This program opened the way for paraplegic and other physically disabled individuals to enjoy winter recreation. The rafting fund provided \$200 of this while the other \$400 came from the WMC conservation budget (from money donated by the checkoff donations during membership renewal). Needless to say it was a very worthy expenditure.

As a non-profit organization, SPLORE is always seeking tax-deductible donations. Much of its funding comes from very generous support by the rock band The Disgusting Brothers.

SPLORE is also in need of more volunteers for its winter skiing program and WMC members are encouraged to contribute however they can. Those wishing to volunteer for the winter program should either contact SPLORE or show up at the pre-winter organization meeting scheduled for Monday, December 9, at 7:00 pm at the Utah Center For the Blind (at 309 E., 100 S.).

SPLORE can be contacted at:

SPLORE  
255 East, 400 South, # 107  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111  
(801) 363-7130

## Conservation Budget

At the October 16, 1985 WMC general membership meeting we briefly discussed the Club's conservation budget. I will now discuss the budget again in more detail.

Last year, due to the pressing nature of conservation issues, the WMC Board of Directors actually went over budget on conservation expenditures by \$518. This deficit was carried over to this year's conservation budget, which means the conservation department started out \$518 in the hole this year.

The conservation fund is financed by 10% of membership dues (about \$1460 per year) and conservation checkoff donations (about \$900 per year). Thus the budget for this year would be about \$2500.

I proposed a conservation budget of \$3550 earlier this year, including a \$750 contingency fund (for lobbying trip to Washington, D.C., possibly needed wilderness appeals, etc. The contingency fund was to be used only if needed. However, due to our desire to have a balanced budget for the Club this year, the conservation budget was pared to \$2800, with no contingency fund. Meeting this goal would still result in a deficit of \$518 from the previous year being carried forward.

Now we are about two-thirds of the way through the budget year and I see the need for additional funds for conservation. The good news is that the Club can meet my requests and still have a budget surplus at the end of this operating year. This is due to the change in the printing of the RAMBLER, which is saving the Club over \$600 per month. This change started with the October issue of the RAMBLER, meaning the Club will save \$3600 in this operating year (April, 1985 through March, 1986).

I think this budget surplus makes re-evaluation of the conservation budget to be a proper step at this time. I am therefore proposing that we increase our allocation for conservation for this year and for future years, with part of this allocation set aside for a contingency fund. The contingency fund could then be allocated only if necessary; otherwise, it could be carried forward to the conservation operating budget next year.

I am proposing that we make the following expenditures which will put conservation expenditures over budget for this year: \$500 to SPLORE, \$500 to the new Save Our Canyons organization and \$500 to the Utah Wilderness Coalition. (See related articles concerning all three of these organizations in this issue of the RAMBLER.)

I am proposing that we make this increase in the following manner: increase the conservation allocation to 10% of general revenues instead of 10% of dues. This would generate a change from the current level of about \$1460 to about \$2500-3000 per year, or a net increase of about \$1000-1500 per year. This would utilize about 15-20% of the surplus realized from the RAMBLER format change.

I would then like to see the conservation donations become our contingency fund. This would leave a projected contingency fund of \$900 per year, but of course this could go up or down considerably depending on membership interest. This would also insure that Club conservation expenditures (which are beyond our 10% of general revenues guideline) accurately reflect the sentiments of Club members.

Finally, I am also proposing that the conservation budget start the 1986-87 operating year with a zero balance. If there is a deficit at the end of this



year, it should be erased by charging it to the general fund.

Burr Trail  
by Chris Swanson

National Park Service Director William Mott in a letter to the Utah Congressional Delegation on November 6, recommended that the entire 66 mile Burr Trail be turned into a National Scenic Road under Park Service jurisdiction. Portions of the road would be paved and a bridge built over Bullfrog Creek. A visitor center for the town of Boulder is also proposed. The Utah delegation is greeting the plan as a license to fund the Creamer and Noble construction company multi-million dollar superhighway. Conservationist are tending to endorse the scenic road and visitor center plans, but are reserving approval until specifics are developed which minimize damage to wilderness values. There is still a headlong rush to begin paving before jurisdictional issues are settled. Garfield county and the BLM must yield rights of way to the park service before engineering and construction is appropriate.

Unfortunately, there is 8 million dollars for paving in the senate budget bill. Write a quick letter to Representative Sidney Yates, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 80515 to cut Burr Trail funding from the bill. Whatever happened to fiscal responsibility?

#### BLM Wilderness Proposals

The WMC is supporting the 3.8 million acre Utah Wilderness Association, BLM Wilderness Proposal. The WMC, with 17 other organizations has also helped form the Utah Wilderness Coalition to promote a 5 million acre BLM wilderness plan. The additional 1.2 million acre includes such places as Negro Bill Canyon and others dear to backpackers. It is in the interest of the Club to help preserve as much Utah wilderness as possible for quiet recreation and contemplation.

The political process is slow, expensive and exhausting, but working in coalition allows us to exert maximum influence for Club members. Those of you who would like to do more in the name of the WMC are encouraged to contact Chris Swanson, 359-3159.

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## **ATTEND FREE 4th ANNUAL NORDIC SYMPOSIUM FREE NORDIC CLINIC**

**Saturday, Dec 7  
at the Brighton Touring Center**

**but you must stop in at either Kirkhams or Wasatch Touring  
Friday Evening, Dec 6, 7:00 pm to preregister.**

**Saturday - participate in clinics in all levels of xc skiing  
from beginner to advanced telemark**

**Half price rental & demo equip Friday night. 10% discount on ski things**

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2nd South & 7th East 359-9361**



## GLAD TIDINGS

The Citizens' Committee to SAVE OUR CANYONS has been reestablished!

As you have noticed, the steady growth of Salt Lake City is constantly bringing increased pressure on the Wasatch Front canyons. The Wasatch Mountains are our crown jewels, not only providing for Salt Lake one of the most beautiful settings of any city in the world, but giving fortunate city dwellers an enormously varied playground, schoolroom, and public park.

The Wasatch Front canyons also contain a booming ski industry, many private cabins, and the main source of our culinary water.

It is inevitable that difficult choices and conflict will arise around the use, preservation and management, and development of a resource on which so many demands are being made. SAVE OUR CANYONS joins other Utah organizations in the important task of increasing public knowledge and discussion of issues concerning our beloved Wasatch Range.



## GIVE YOURSELF A CAN

- How can we best plan to avoid unwise development and needless loss of this treasured heritage ?
- How can continued urbanization of the Wasatch Range be avoided?
- Should Snowbird Ski Resort be allowed to expand into White Pine and American Fork canyons?
- Should the Solitude Ski Area be allowed to expand into adjacent Silver Fork Canyon?
- What should the balance be between commercial ski development and terrain for year-round dispersed recreation?
- On public forest lands has a balance already been reached?
- Would an interconnect system of lifts and maintained ski runs linking the main Wasatch ski resorts be a good thing?
- Would a sewer line, providing for more condominiums and residential developments in Big Cottonwood Canyon be in the public interest?
- How much overnight accomodation is desirable in the canyons?
- Is helicopter skiing desirable? If so, how much?public land should be allowed for such use?

# Cross Country Skis— Period.



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We'd appreciate you giving us a try—but for cross country skiing only, please.







# NYON FOR CHRISTMAS

- How can public access to public lands be assured?
- How can public transportation into the canyons without congestion and pollution be provided?
- How can water quality best be protected?
- How much grazing is desirable?
- Should the idea of holding Winter Olympic events in Wasatch canyons be pursued yet again?

SAVE OUR CANYONS is dedicated to the idea that wide public awareness is vitally important. We plan to reach out to groups and individuals with slide presentations and publications. We plan to help publicize these issues and questions so as to keep them constantly before the public and the officials who share responsibility for resolving them.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

As a Christmas present to yourself, your family, and friends, and your community please send us a contribution to help us get started.

The SAVE OUR CANYONS Committee's Board of Directors:

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The SAVE OUR CANYONS mailing address:

1377 Butler Avenue  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84102

The Citizens' Committee to SAVE OUR CANYONS is an entirely voluntary effort. No professional fund raising is involved. No administrative costs are involved. Every dollar contributed goes directly to our informational campaigns.

YES! I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZENS' EFFORT  
TO SAVE OUR CANYONS.

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to further the cause.

I will also help in other ways, primarily \_\_\_\_\_

Please include my name on your mailing list.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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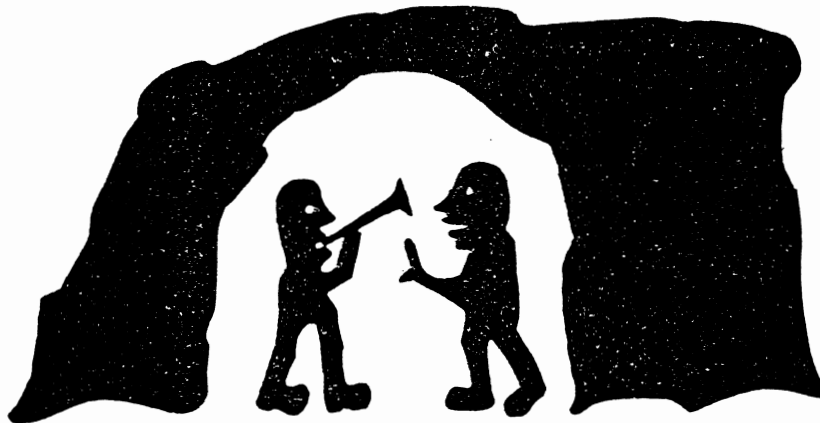
Come join us at Zion Lutheran Church (1070 Foothill Dr.)

On December 12, 8:00 p. m.

to view our slide presentation

and to share your canyon thoughts and concerns.

# A CELEBRATION AND AWAKENING



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## NEW QUALIFICATIONS FORM FOR RATED ACTIVITIES

A new application/qualification form has been adopted by the WMC Board of Directors for use by trip leaders in activities where the qualifications of prospective participants need to be assessed or verified. Four such activities are Rafting, Kayaking, Canoeing and Ski Touring. This form will be published twice a year in the Rambler. Members are urged to retain this form and to make additional copies if they plan to participate in any high-risk activity where this form may be requested by the trip leader. Trip leaders are encouraged to request that this form be completed by prospective participants, especially when the qualifications of a member are not known or are in doubt.

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### WMC ACTIVITY QUALIFICATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Trip: \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) of Trip: \_\_\_\_\_

On an attached sheet of paper or the reverse side of this form, state your qualifications in terms of past activities and your level of participation.

Example: 1981 and 1983, Main Salmon River, Paddleboat Captain.

Submit this form with your deposit to the trip leader.

I verify that all statements are true and correct. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Wasatch Mountain Club and any other federal, state, or local authority having jurisdiction over the terrain upon which this trip will occur.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS

## Salt Lake Sierra Club Group Outings

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 7

Beginning Nordic Ski Class. This class is designed for the complete novice and will cover the most fundamental aspects of equipment and technique. Register with instructor Walt Haas at home, 534-1262, or at work, 581-5617.

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 8

Beginner tour on the Beaver Creek trail east of Kamas. Bring a bathing suit and soak in the hot tub at Homestead Resort afterwards. Register with leader Walt Haas at home, 534-1262, or at work, 581-5617.

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 15

Beginner level ski tour in the Spruces Campground area. Register with leader Dick Dougherty at 583-3421 after 6 PM.

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 22

Intermediate tour up Butler Fork to Mt. Reynolds. Skins recommended. Meet at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 AM. If you have questions call leader Don Dalton at 583-6182.

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 29

Easy intermediate tour to Scott's Pass. Meet at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 10 AM. If you have questions call leader Lucy Kehr at 596-0927.

### SATURDAY JANUARY 11

Avalanche class. Strongly recommended for all nordic skiers.



Wilderness Medical Quiz II  
by Carl Cook

- Q9. You are hiking with some friends on a nice day in October. It suddenly clouds up and the temperature drops. When it begins raining you decide to hike back to your cars 10 miles away since you are not dressed for rainy weather. After about an hour you all are shivering uncontrollably. About a half hour later, one of you, a thin young man says he feels too warm and starts taking off his shirt. He acts euphoric and has stopped shivering. What is the matter with him, if anything, and what do you do?
- a. He says he's OK. It's his body and he ought to know.
  - b. He has mild hypothermia, get him to hike faster.
  - c. He is severely dehydrated. Make him drink at least a liter of water.
  - d. He is moderately hypothermic, get his clothes off, dry him, get him into a sleeping bag with another person.
  - e. He is severely hypothermic, get him dry and into a sleeping bag with another person. Give him a warm enema, and warm liquids.
- A9. No, he doesn't know, he's moderately hypothermic, and not dehydrated. d is the correct answer.
- Q10. You are on mile 3 of a 10 mile loop. It is a fairly strenuous hike in the desert with the WMC when one of the party (an overweight 60 year old male) starts holding his chest and complaining of chest pains. He can't breathe deeply so you tell him to sit down and rest. After about 10 minutes the pain goes away. You ask him about his family and personal history and he replies that there have never

been any heart problems in his family and he has never had a heart attack. What has just happened and what do you do about it?

- a. He has just had a heart attack, carry him back to the cars.
  - b. It is most likely only angina, encourage him to finish the hike.
  - c. It is most likely a heart attack, help him walk back to the cars.
  - d. It is most likely angina, ask him to walk slowly back to the cars.
- A10. A heart attack will last longer than 10 minutes while angina seldom lasts over 10 minutes. Angina does mean heart problems though, so get him to a doctor as soon as you can. Carrying an overweight person might give you a heart attack, so what I would do is to ask him to walk slowly back to the cars. I would also make sure someone who had some medical training went with him.
- Q11. What is the most common sign of a heart attack?
- a. Pale face, patient holding his left side.
  - b. Sudden death.
  - c. Pain in left side of chest, radiating to left arm.
  - d. Horrible crushing chest pain.
- A11. b is the correct answer.
- Q12. What percent of the time will a person having a heart attack go into cardiac arrest?
- a. 30.
  - b. 50.
  - c. 70.
  - d. 90.
- A12. d is the correct answer.
- Q13. What is the major cause of constipation?

- a. Inactivity.
  - b. Change in lifestyle.
  - c. Dehydration.
  - d. Nerves.
- A13. Inactivity and a change in lifestyle are causes of constipation, but dehydration is the major cause.
- Q14. What is the most important treatment when a patient is bitten by a rattlesnake?
- a. Panic.
  - b. Capture the snake.
  - c. Incision and suction.
  - d. Make the patient comfortable and keep the patient quiet.
- A14. d is by far the most important treatment. Avoid doing a and b, and only do c if you are sure you know how.
- Q15. Suppose you are hiking in the desert and find you are low on water and have a long way to go to get back to your cars. Since you have hiked in the desert before, you know better than to hike in the day sun. There are four of you and only one canteen of water, what do you do?
- a. Ration your water supply so it will last longer.
  - b. Drink water if you're thirsty and don't bother to ration it.
  - c. Kill the other 3 people so you will have enough water to get back alive.
  - d. Scream for help.
- A15. To operate efficiently, you should drink water whenever you are thirsty. Even if water is in short supply, survival time can be lengthened by drinking what water is available, rather than rationing the supply. Some desert travelers have died with rationed water in their canteens. If you picked c, you must be a Republican.
- Q16. Of all the people who have been attacked by bears, what percent of them survive?
- a. 10%
  - b. 25%
  - c. 50%
  - d. 75%
  - e. 90%
- A16. The correct answer is d.
- Q17. Of all the reported bear attacks, how many people were alone when they were attacked?
- a. 11%
  - b. 21%
  - c. 43%
  - d. 69%
- A17. According to U.S. Forest Service personnel, of the 150 bear maulings in the past 80 years, 69% occurred to people traveling or camping alone. Parties of two accounted for 27% and parties of three, 5%. Always travel with one or more companions in bear country.
- Q18. What North American National Park has had the most grizzly bear attacks?
- a. Yellowstone
  - b. Glacier
  - c. Denali
  - d. Yosemite
- A18. There are no grizzly bears in Yosemite. Yellowstone is first, Glacier is second, Jasper (Canada) is third and Denali is fourth.
- Q19. What percent of snakebites occur on the extremities?
- a. 25%
  - b. 55%
  - c. 82%
  - d. 90%
- A19. The correct answer is d.

## HALLOWEEN

Halloween at the Lodge  
by Earl Cook

On the night of October 26, strangely appearing beings were seen making their way through the snow to the WMC Lodge: Once there they all partied to good food and the dance music of a Band called "Z". The altered appearances of the Club members were wonderful and exciting to behold. A poll of the

attendees indicated the five winners of best altered appearance prizes. The top winner was John Colaizzi. Thanks to Penny for organizing this event.

Too bad we can't print the photos in color so we all could get a better look at the costumes.



photos by E. Cook



photos by Helene Mayhew and E. Cook



FROM THE

## BOATING DIRECTOR

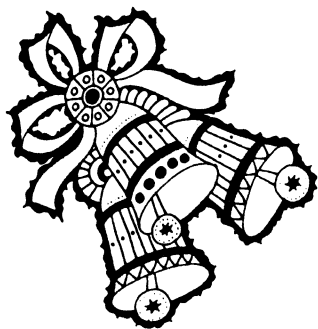
by Chuck Reichmuth  
for Gary Tomlinson

WANTED: Left Overs for the 1986  
Boating Season

The Club needs an ample supply of left over (cheap or free) containers for use in the boating KP boxes and PU kits. Please start now saving the following kinds of containers, with their covers, to bring to the Spring boating permit meeting, boating work parties or rafting orientation sessions.

Pringles potato chip tubes  
Schilling Parsley & Instant Onion containers (6" X 2 1/2")  
Baking powder cans (5" X 3")  
Coffee cans (1 lb. size only)  
Any other wide-mouthed, plastic or foil-lined paper, containers, with a snap-on or screw type cover, no larger than 4" in diameter, and varying from about 5 to 10" tall.

By the way, our thanks to the person who responded to our earlier request for gallon containers for bail buckets. Someone provided several dozen stout plastic bottles that should carry us through the 1986 season. Rumor has it that it was Bill Adams, but no one admits to having seen him do the deed.



FROM THE

## HIKING DIRECTOR

BY JOANNE AND WICK MILLER

The hiking committee put on an elegant steak fry for the season's hike leaders. It was a great opportunity for all those hard core contributors to the clubs active hiking program. The committee consists of Sue Berg, Dale Green, Peter Hansen, Allan Olsen, Irene Schilling, and Marilyn Tuellar. They not only did a great job of a busy and diverse summer, they also slaved away on a delicious dinner so the rest of us could have too much fun one more time.

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## GRUBBY GOURMET

by Helene Mayhew

After partaking in a variety of foods at club functions, members have expressed an interest in exchanging food and beverage recipes, ideas and menus, as well as information of Apres' ski establishments. Many enjoy preparing, experiencing and trading new culinary delights. Many of us like to try new recipes from different parts of the country, and considering that many WMC members are not from these parts, this column may serve as a trading medium. This pre-holiday season is a good time to start experiencing new food and beverage ideas. The Rambler is willing to provide space and coordination for this column, if there is sufficient interest and participation. Anyone interested, please call me at 359-2521. Anything from gorp to gourmet for hiking, ski touring, boating, backpacking, etc. will be welcome.





# S'PLORE

Special Populations Learning Outdoor Recreation & Education

## EXPLORE WITH S'PLORE

S'PLORE, Special Populations Learning Outdoor Recreation and Education, is a private, non-profit agency providing adaptive outdoor education and recreation for special needs groups and individuals. These people include the physically disabled, the mentally impaired, sensory impaired, the elderly, diabetic, youth groups, juvenile offenders, and psychiatric patients. Our organization has grown from its inception in 1979 into a program consisting of the following:

### Cross Country Skiing in the Wasatch Mountains

With the use of the Brighton Touring Center's groomed track system in Big Cottonwood Canyon, we are able to meet the wide range of abilities of our participants.

### River Rafting on the Colorado and Green Rivers

We all need challenges and risks to progress. A river trip provides.

- Blind individuals travel down the river without sight and find vision.

- The physically disabled are free to explore their limits, only to discover the sense of accomplishment is much more powerful than the label "disabled".

The river broadens our horizons.

We provide 1 - 8 day trips for various populations.

### Climbing in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons

Our experienced and professional instructors will use their expertise to educate participants on mountain safety and the importance of team dynamics. The primary goal is to produce a personal success through perceived danger as maximum safety precautions are observed.

S'PLORE exists primarily on the use of its volunteers. Because of this, our organization is cost effective in that most monies are used for program planning and implementation rather than staff salaries. Our volunteers possess varying backgrounds in such fields as recreational therapy, special education, the medical profession, social work, research and the business profession.

Got any questions? Give us a call.

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## ROVIN' WITH ROVER

Dog Lovers' Hike  
by Anne Walthall

Sunday, October 6, saw the first of what will become the annual Dog Lovers' Hike. Led by Anne Walthall, ten people and twelve dogs left the Terraces picnic area for a climb up the Bowman Trail to Baker Spring and the Big Cottonwood Divide. Not everyone had the time or the energy to reach the pass, but those who did were treated to spectacular autumn color in the draws and gullies. Much to the surprise of some of their owners, the dogs behaved exceptionally well. Once the group was well clear of the picnic area, leashes proved unnecessary, and the dogs were allowed to gambol up the trail. Their owners then traded horror stories about dog catchers and the city pound and offered advice on how to deal with snow balling under dogs' feet on ski trips (silicon spray). The intrepid dog lovers were Sue deVoll, Gwen and Erica Heffelfinger, Monty Yovno, Helene Mayhew, John Colaizzi, Sandy Lindstrom, Carol Kalm, and Tom Hamach.

## PARK CITY MINES

by Carol Anderson

Mining the historic treasures of Park City on the Second Annual Park City Historical Hike, 36 participants led by Lyman Lewis found some rich veins of interest as they car pooled to various locations in the city and environs on a cool, cloud-threatened Saturday, September 7.

First stop on the tour was the Spiro Tunnel, one of many water drains accompanying the mine operations in the area. Running about 2.5 miles, it has its portal on the city golf course. Salt Lake City residents,

incidentally, can claim much of the water for their own--although the capital city has not needed to use this source. But the Tunnel has until recently provided many skiers access to the upper mountain from the valley floor.

The infamous red-light district was the next stop. Here occupants of 17 crib houses lured miners, locals, and playboys alike. Not until 1955 was the district located on the northwest side of the city raided and closed by the authorities.

After tour members gave the Silver King Tram at Deer Valley their inspection, they grouped at Silver Lake Flat. This was the location in 1871 of the first town-site in the area and established just three years after the initial ore discovery on nearby Flagstaff Mountain. The town name Lake Flat, however, was changed the next year to Park City after Parley's Park or Parley's Canyon as we now know it. Tour members learned that Park City mines yielded \$2.5 billion for their investors in just over 100 years; that compares to \$320 million from the Comstock Lode in Nevada during its brief 25 year period. Despite mining dangers, only one disaster claimed many miners' lives: 34 men were killed in a powder explosion at the Daily West mine in 1902.

From the Lake Flat, the members of the group enjoyed beautiful vistas of surrounding mountains, the high ski ridges, the full length of the Park City business district as well as Empire and Woodside Canyons leading to the Daily West and Silver King Mines respectively.

Final stops on the car pool tour were at the Ontario Mine and Mill. This mine was the second, in 1872, to produce ore and had as its developer

the illustrious George Hearst of the California publishers' dynasty. With one of the deepest shafts--2000'--it was not only the highest valued mine but the most lucrative. Newly refurbished buildings on the site indicate that the mine has operated until just the last decade.

A third of the group at this point either departed for Salt Lake or decided to satisfy their hunger pains with a stop at a Park City restaurant. Twenty others suppressed their appetites and ventured the 2 mile hike to the Daily West Mine. There they viewed the massive slag dump and the huge tower over the mine shaft; Lyman told them the tunnel below intersected with the Ontario Mine tunnel allowing miners a convenient escape route during emergencies.

After lunching at the Daily West site under a drizzly sky, hikers headed down Empire Gulch, stopping to survey the Anchor and Alliance Tunnel opening and the adjacent, now--abandoned Assay Building. One tour member, Gerry Hatch, was more enterprising than the others and discovered interesting cylinders or core samples out in the back of the building while the other hikers shuffled through the debris on the office floor and imagined the day to day work scene there.

The number of participants dwindled, unfortunately, for the next event--the hike to Silver King Mine, certainly the highlight of the day's adventures. Only 13 people rewarded themselves after scrambling up Woodside Gulch by exploring the magnificent old mining buildings. Magnificent they still are in their size and suggestion of large scale operations on the site, the immense spools holding thousands of feet of cable for the mine shaft giving silent proof of the fact. Still parked inside one of the buildings was the rusted, stripped down hulk of a car from the thirties with dramatically flared fenders and wide running board.

Even though its use was more recent than the machinery inside the mine building, it served at the end of the tour as a symbol of the transience of the mining period in the area.

With a touch of poignancy for the scene, the hikers took a more leisurely pace down Woodside Gulch. The weather had turned in their favor and they appreciated sunshine after the chilly temperatures earlier in the day.

Only 9 participants joined each other at the Grubsteak Restaurant after the last hike, but those 9 enjoyed delicious steaks or seafood along with a delicacy of the house--beer bread, the sweetest bread, certainly, this side of any pastry one has eaten. After dinner, with tummies full and hearts happy from delightful camaraderie, the remaining tour members bid farewell to each other after almost twelve hours of good exercise, interesting exploration, and informative adventure.

Those participating in the day's events were Ed Cook, Barbara Cook, Dan Grice, Eleanor Grice, Fred Brice, Roberta Stedfield, Mark Jones, Jason Kato, Carol Kuntzelman, Kristi Kuntzelman, Harold Harrington, Rick Scott, Paul Siegel, Jim Dalglish, Bill Ienatsch, C. L. Keller, A. N. Keller, Norm Fish, Carol Dalglish, Andrea Resnick, Bill Vivant, Sue deVall, Vince Desimone, Judy Weatherbee, Ellie Ienatsch, Myra Boggess, Carol Anderson, Mark Hartstein, Fern Haley, Chris Stevens, Bruce Stevens, Elmer Boyd, Gerry Hatch, Karen Sinclair, Vilma Lewis, and Lyman Lewis.

## ZION

Zion National Park Car Camp  
Oct. 5-6th, 1985  
by Jerry Hatch

The great spires and domes of Zion National Park are as familiar to most Americans as the great vistas of Yosemite. Still, in both parks most visitors never wander more than a few

yards from their cars. I never had, so I was looking forward to seeing what the "backcountry" was like. For several of us the trip began at 4 am and as we passed through central Utah the sky lightened and we drove into a flawless dawn.

Arriving at 10:30, Sherrie Pater led us up the East Rim Trail. The climb was beautiful, although the cottonwoods had not yet begun to change. As we passed foaming joggers and camera-toting Japanese tourists, it was hard not to speculate as to how much Zion had changed since the East Rim Trail had been built, nearly a century before. However, no amount of foot traffic could really detract from the magnificence of the trail as it switched back and forth through narrow defiles, and up nearly vertical cliffs.

At the top of the rim if you looked to the east with binoculars, you could just barely see the ruins of the tram head where in the late 19th century loggers lowered lumber down 3000 feet to the valley floor. If you looked to the south and far below us you could see the great massif of Angel's Landing.

After hiking Hidden Canyon on our way back we got together for dinner in Zion's rather desolate campground. Dinner was fun, Randy Miller cooked some excellent chili for us, and afterwards we roasted marshmallows and ate smores.

On Sunday Fern, Susie, Karen, Reza, Margret, the Millers, and myself set off for Angel's Landing. We started early which made it possible to watch as the halo of the sun crept over The Great White Throne. The trail up to Scout's Landing is relatively easy, but I was worried. Susie had said that she would cure my acrophobia, but I was skeptical.

At Scout's Landing we stopped and stared at what seemed to be a nearly vertical climb to the top. How could this be? Wasn't this supposed to be a main trail? There was nothing to do but ditch our packs and start scrambling. The trail wasn't vertical, but it was steep enough, since a few feet off to either side the cliffs dropped a thousand feet or so. The Park Service had provided handrails, but they didn't look too sturdy to me. I could visualize myself plummeting into the abyss clutching forty feet of handrail. Despite the terrors of the climb, I was glad I had done it. The view from the top is magnificent. The view up the Virgin Narrows is particularly fine.

October is a good month to visit Zion. The temperature was perfect while we were there and the crowds were not too bad. It was a good trip.

Trip participants were: Sherie Pater, Susie Smith, Fern Healey, Karen Perkins, Reza Sardab, Margaret Strickland, Randy & Michelle Miller, Tim & Chris Doyle, Jerry Hatch, Don & Merlene Hamilton and their 3 daughters.

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# RINCONS AND WRITINGS

## Rincons and Writings by Earl Cook

Last month I described a trek down Lower Grand Gulch from Collin's Spring Trailhead past several "Red Man" panels of Indian rock art to our camp adjacent to Rope Canyon about 7.5 miles from the trailhead.

We had found that Rope Canyon was so called because of the "rope" actually telephone wire that was used as a fixed rope to aid ascent and descent at a pour-off in the canyon. This canyon, it was determined, allowed hikers to traverse between the main gulch bottom and Grand Flat to the west on top.

We spent the night camped on a shelf above the bottom and near a ruin site. In the morning we arose early for our planned 9 mile trek to the San Juan River. The hiking was pretty easy with only small areas of quicksand or mud. We did not notice any Indian writing or ruins until we reached the arch, 3 miles from camp.

This is a very nice arch, thick, tall and easily approached. Pictographs in red, white, green and yellow are along the wall near its base. Many hand prints of all sizes are at one end of its base. Across the stream from the arch is a rincon. As I explained last month a rincon is a bowknot in the stream that has been abandoned by the stream eating through the canyon wall to straighten out the stream flow. Chuck had been told by a ranger that Indians choose these for their writings on the rock wall.

We investigated this one and sure enough the Indians had listened to the ranger and erected some rock structures and put their graffiti on the walls.

One of the hikers in another group from Milwaukee we had seen the previous day had told us of a way up to the rim from the arch. If we could find it we would attempt to trace it to the rim, hike the jeep trail back to Rope Canyon and camp,

on the way back from the river. We found evidence of the bottom of this route as we hiked downstream from the arch rincon, and made plans to return here no later than 5 p.m. in case the route did not go all the way to the rim. Darkness was at about 7:30 p.m.

We hurried, not taking time to look into the four rincons we passed. We reached a large side canyon on the east at 1:00 p.m. John wanted to hike to the San Juan River about 2.5 miles downstream, while Chuck and I chose to hike downstream only about 1½ miles to where we had stopped on a river trip last June.

It was 3:30 when we returned to the side canyon and thought we had better leave its exploration for another trip. We reached the arch trail at 5:00 p.m. and determined that we could see several cabins along the slopes. John arrived 5:30 and we set out up the route following the carins. Several places would require hauling up backpacks but generally the route is quite easy and well marked.

After reaching the rim top, which is directly across the canyon from the fin contain the arch we headed directly west and intersected the jeep trail. The take-off point from the jeep trail is about one-quarter mile past a cone-hat shaped rock formation. This formation is visible for several miles.

Storm clouds were building in the west and we hurried to reach camp before rain and sundown. Almost to Rope Canyon the clouds parted allowing the sun to illuminate the far buttes and Bears Ears giving a magnificent desert sunset vista.

We found Rope Canyon, descended it, used the "rope" to aid our descent down the pour-off and reached camp just as darkness fell. Tired, but happy in "discovering" the accesses to the canyon.

We ate and turned in early. Planning to use Rope Canyon as an exit instead of fighting our way upstream in the bottom.

During the night Chuck and John moved closer to the wall in a premonition of the rainstorm to come.

And rain it did! Unfortunately it was too dark to see the pour-off, but we could hear them. The stream rose but not to flood stage and anyway, we were safe and dry well above flood level.

The morning brought clearing skies and lower streamflows. Boy! were we glad we had found the way out Rope Canyon and didn't have to slog through the stream, mud and quicksand the five miles back to the junction.

*"Red Man" at Red Man Canyon*

*Used for target practice*



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# Wasatch Mountain Club

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