# The Rambler March 2003

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## SATURDAY MARCH 15 : SAINT PATRICK'S DAY BLAST 6:00PM

Potluck dinner and a night of wild dancing and fun. Don't forget to wear green and bring your own stuff to eat with, along with BYOB. Dancing put on by that spectacular DJ, Bart!.

Come celebrate!

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## WMC Purpose: (Article II of the WMC Constitution)

The purpose shall be to promote the physical and spiritual well being of its members and others by outdoor activities; to unite the energy, interests, and knowledge of students, explorers, and lovers of the mountains, deserts, and rivers of Utah; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains in behalf of science, literature and art; to explore and picture the scenic wonders of this and surrounding states; and to foster awareness of our natural areas including their plant, animal, and bird life.

## **Miscellaneous Information**

Moving? Please call the WMC office or send your new address to the Membership Director. Allow 45 days for address changes. Missing your Rambler? Contact the Membership Director to make sure the WMC has your correct address. Replacement copies are available, while they last, at the WMC office during office hours.

#### How to submit trip talks:

- 1.Email them to: wmc@xmission.com You can email your pictures too!
- 2.Submit the trip talk, on a 3.5" disk, to the WMC office (1390 South 1100 East in Salt Lake City). Use Microsoft Word and Arial, 10 point for all submissions. Label the diskette with your name and identify which file(s) are submissions. Enclose a hard copy in case your diskette cannot be read. The deadline is 6:00 p.m. on the 10th of the month.

How to submit pictures: The same way you submit trip talks. Photos of all kinds are accepted. Make sure each photo is labeled with the photographer, date, and names of people. Unless a S.A.S.E. is provided, photographs will be left in the red bucket outside the WMC office door.



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## Conservation Notes

March 2003 Will McCarvill

I had some time to kill before a board meeting and dove into the bound volumes of old Ramblers that line the shelves in the WMC office. I decided to see how far back the conservation traditions of the Club went.

Prior to the 60's, I found many articles written by concerned individuals addressing specific issues and providing the names and addresses of public officials to whom the members could write. Carl Bauer ran an ad hoc conservation committee. In the 60's I came across notices for river trips in Glen Canyon acknowledging that soon the gorge would be drowned by the rising waters of Lake Powell. In trip write ups, WMC members were lamenting the loss of this recreation opportunity.

In October of 1960 the Board of Directors recognized that the Club had enjoyed the out-of-doors too long without taking an organized interest in what happened to it. It established the position of Conservation Director and approved a Committee of 3 to 8 members to represent the Club in conservation matters. At the General Membership Meeting held October 19, the new Director heard the views of many members who spoke up on the subject of conservation, grazing, road development and many other items. The first actual conservation meeting was held on February 13, 1961. Quoting from the March 1961 Rambler on the meeting "Our National Parks are in Danger, our mountains are over grazed, and no adequate plans exist for providing wilderness areas for our future population. We hope members of the WMC will help by writing to the appropriate public officials, stating their opinions on these conservation matters." Things have improved some what, but it is clear that much still remains to be accomplished.

In October of 1961, the President of the Club, Cal Giddings, met with Secretary of the Interior Udall in Salt Lake and presented him with a letter commending him for his far sighted policies which, among other things, favored preserving some of the unique scenic and wilderness areas of this state and nation.

Not only was the Club writing letters, but the members were taking care of the out doors. The first clean up outing I can find a write up on was held on August 20, 1961. 19 showed up to police the shores of Lake Blanche.

What a great history and tradition! The WMC actions predate the Wilderness Act by three years. The Club was ahead of its time in recognizing that natural lands were critical to its purpose and was taking the position that its members should become involved.

Speaking of involvement, on March 29<sup>th</sup> a rally kicking off a Day of Action will be held at 10AM in Sugarhouse Park. The rally will be followed by delivering a message to our local communities and political leaders that concerned Utah citizens support environmental protection. This includes America's Redrock Wilderness Act. You can make a difference, all you have to do is show up.

#### Past Directors-I need your help!

We have set up a filing system at the Club Office to collect and keep the last 10 years of trip sign up sheets. If you are hanging onto old trip sign up sheets please take them over to the Club Office and leave outside the door where the new Ramblers are, or give Will McCarvill a call at 942-2921.

## Future Trip Organizers-I need your help!

Please make sure you send in the sign up sheet after the trip. It will be filed at the office. If the trip was cancelled, send the form in with "cancelled" written on it.

## WMC BOARD VOTES TO CHANGE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

After considering the input from the last general membership meeting, the WMC board voted on December 4th to change the bylaws to make it a little bit easier to become a member.

You no longer need to complete two activities and get signatures from trip organizers to become a member of the WMC. This change is effective immediately, although it will take a while to fix up the membership application forms and other published information on membership.

If you know someone who has been procrastinating about becoming a member because they never seem to get their signatures, tell them that they no longer have even a shred of an excuse! They can just send in the membership form leaving blank the lines for qualifying activities and signatures of trip organizers. (Of course we DO still need a check for dues and signatures from the applicant.)

The Club continues to permit guests on outings, and we encourage prospective members to participate in outings so that they can get a feel for the Club before joining. This is the best way for folks to find out whether the Club is right for them. However the Club no longer requires prospective members to carry around the paperwork burden to prove that they have gone on a Club activity.

Donn Seeley / WMC Hiking Director		

## MARCH 29 SAT Service: Environmental Day of Action

The member organizations of the Utah Wilderness Coalition are sponsoring a Day of Action to show support for Utah wild lands and the Redrock Wilderness Act. We will meet in Sugarhouse Park at 10AM to kick off a rally and to ask activists to leave door hangers in their neighborhood. Call Will McCarvill 942-2921 for details.

**APRIL 12 SAT SERVICE: ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN UP.** Meet Randy Long (943-0244) at the Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride at 10AM. Please bring work gloves. Children 12 yrs and up are invited. We will be picking up the winter's debris from Wasatch Boulevard from Big Cottonwood Canyon to I-15. You will need to get an orange vest and a trash bag from Randy before starting out. This includes late comers.

## FAREWELL TO A GOOD FRIEND

We are saddened to announce the tragic passing of our friend Allen Davis. Allen was killed in an avalanche Saturday 2-15-03 on the northwest slopes of Gobbler's Knob. He was one of the kindest, gentlest people I have ever known, an outstanding backcountry traveler, climber, skier, canyoneer. He will be missed by all who were blessed to know him.

If you have any good pictures or stories of Allen that you would like to share, I will be putting together a memorial to Allen in the April edition of the Rambler. Please email them to winc@xmission.com or drop off to the WMC office by the 10<sup>th</sup> of March.

## Thanks for contributions

Many thanks to all club members (and a few non-members) who contributed to the WMC Lodge Fund in memory of my husband, William H. Yates, at the time of his death last summer. As much as I had hoped to thank you personally, I do not have a list of those who contributed. Thanks also to Alexis Kelner, who traveled to Brigham City for the memorial service and gave a brief sketch of Bill's long membership and dedicated service to the club and lodge. We, especially Brad, were also pleased that club members attended the open house we held at our home. When we supported the lodge in a letter to the US Forest Service a few years ago, we noted how important it was both to the club and to our family. Back in our earlier days of membership the lodge was open on an informal basis to members almost every weekend, with an individual or family signing up as hosts responsible for opening and closing, cleanup, etc. We seldom missed a lodge work party in those days, along with the night of cards and conversation that would follow. Although its use has become more social and less of a gathering place and lodging in support of hikes and ski trips, the lodge remains an integral part of the Wasatch Mountain Club. Thanks again to all of you. The Wasatch Mountain Club and the lodge meant a great deal to Bill, and our family has many fond memories - including our daughter's wedding - of the lodge.

Sarah S. Yates

## WMC Winter Sports Policy

October 9, 2002

#### Overview

The following policies define the activities and responsibilities within the winter sports program of the Wasatch Mountain Club. The core program includes snowshoe tours, backcountry tours, cross-country skiing, alpine skiing, and out-of-town trips (e.g. yurt and winter camping trips). The Robert Frohboese Avalanche Class is held in December or January each year. The Audrey Kelly Learn-to-Ski Clinic is held in January of each year. At least one telemark clinic is held each year.

The winter sports director is responsible for the overall management of the winter sports program. He/she appoints skiing and snowshoe coordinators who in turn schedule trips which are not planned at the committee meetings, but can be announced in the Rambler throughout the season. The coordinators also assist trip organizers with information as needed. Other responsibilities include: organize or participate in training trips catering to novices and beginners. They are encouraged to submit articles discussing information on topics of interest.

The winter sports program will promote conservation issues such as: curtailment of ski resort expansion to prevent further loss of backcountry terrain; rigid control (or elimination) of helicopter skiing; continuation of involvement in land management decision making (e.g. snowmobile vs ski trials on Daniel's Summit); and use of UTA routes.

## General Guidelines for Winter Sports Organizers

The winter sports program adopts the guidelines for hiking organizers, published elsewhere in these policies. However, special considerations are necessary for winter activities. Planning your destination and route is the key to a successful trip. You should always try to carpool or utilize UTA transit options in the Wasatch Canyons. Help people understand what the outing involves so that they can decide whether they should be on the trip. The organizer may use his/her discretion as to the equipment and skills necessary for a safe and successful tour. The organizer may evaluate the equipment and capabilities of skiers/snowshoers and turn away people who aren't prepared for the outing. You can check their clothing and gear by eye, and ask questions about their experience and fitness. Make sure that everyone going on the trip signs the release form and therefore acknowledges the risk involved and that its their responsibility to be prepared.

Talk t the group and reach an understanding of when to turn back. You could run out of time to return before dark, or the conditions might turn ominous. Participants disagreeing with the organizer can choose to withdraw from a trip after clearly notifying the organizer, and preferably, at least one other witness. Skiers/snowshoers should return to the trailhead with a buddy, and be sure that the organizer understands your route. Large groups should be subdivided with appointment of a second organizer

and separation of the parties into a 'fast group' and 'slow group'. Have fun. Enjoy the fresh air and snow.

### Equipment Guidelines for Winter Sports Organizers and Participants

All trip participants are responsible for their own equipment and preparedness. Be self-sufficient at all times, and be prepared to assist others when necessary. Carry necessary supplies for changes in conditions. A well-executed trip is a satisfaction to you and not a burden to others. In addition to the "Ten Essentials" (re: Seattle Mountaineers), which are emergency items you should have in your pack at all times, the following items are sometimes carried on winter sports trips: climbing skins, transceivers (dual-frequency or 457 mHz), shovel, probe, repair kit, headlamp, and rope.

The organizer has the discretion to require any of these additional equipment items for group safety considerations. The general guidelines is to require transceivers and shovels on MOD and above trip ratings. Of course, participants may always choose to take these additional items. If participants are unsure of what the trip involves and if certain equipment items will be required, please ask the organizer beforehand or at the meeting place. If beacons are required, the group should consider whether to conduct a beacon signal test before the tour and a practice avalanche search during the tour.

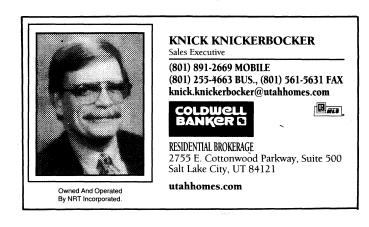
#### Basic Avalanche Awareness Guidelines (Source: U.S. Forest Service)

- 1. Carry an avalanche transceiver that will transmit your location. The transceiver can also be set to receive signals. Learn how to use the transceiver.
- 2. Carry a shovel and collapsible poles to probe the snow for victims in case you need help with a rescue. Some collapsible ski poles can double as poles.
- 3. Be alert following periods of steady snowfall- that's when most avalanches occur.
- 4. Slopes with angels of 25 to 50 degrees are most likely to slide.
- 5. Cornices, or overhanging shelves of snow, can build up along ridges and can fall, triggering avalanches. When traveling along ridges, avoid the edges.
- 6. When traveling through potentially unstable terrain, spread out and cross slopes one at a time, keeping close watch for sliding or settling of the snow.
- 7. Most avalanches start above timberline, on slopes opposite the prevailing wind. Heavily forested slopes are less likely to slide.
- 8. Dig snow pits and learn to read the weather history of the snowpack.
- 9. Check with local forecasters and outdoor travelers for conditions and hazards.
- 10. Only one in three avalanche victims buried without a beacon survives. But if you're caught in an avalanche, try to escape by grabbing a tree or rock. If you fall, get rid of your skis, poles and pack and "swim" on the slide to stay toward the surface. When the avalanche stops, try to stay near the surface and make an air pocket.

#### Winter Touring Etiquette

- 1. Parties should try to stay away from one another as best they can.
- 2. People need to be encouraged to keep their tracks close together in crowded areas.
- 3. Break trials that will be useful to everyone who follows.
- 4. Pat attention to inter-party safety considerations (e.g. do not tour above others).
- 5. Share observations about potentially dangerous snow and avalanche conditions.

Utah Avalanche Forecast Center: 364-1581. See other useful phone numbers and addresses published under the hiking guidelines in these policies.



## LETTER FROM THE HIKING DIRECTOR

Believe it or not, it's March! The hiking season usually gets under way in March, depending on snow and mud and the other hazards of spring. It's one of my favorite seasons to be hiking, though -- it's cool weather, and there are lots of fun places to visit that are too warm later in the year.

We need volunteers to make these hikes happen! Are you ready to organize a hike for the Club? If you are interested but you aren't quite sure you know what to do, then we invite you to our spring hike organizer orientation meeting. We'll have experienced organizers who can answer your questions, and we'll show you some of the things we've learned over the years about organizing. The meeting will be Wednesday, March 19th at 7 PM at the Club offices at 1390 South 1100 East (main floor, toward the back) in Salt Lake.

If you ARE ready to organize a hike, we need to hear from you! We're scheduling day hikes and out of town trips for April and May. Call me at 706-0815 or send e-mail to donn@xmission.com if you have a hiking activity that you would like to organize. By the end of May we will need three day-hike organizers per weekend day, plus one or two out of town trips per weekend, plus evening hikes! That's a lot of organizers. All of our organizers are volunteers -- the Club has no paid staff at all and no professional guides. Help us out and volunteer to organize a hiking activity!

At the start of the hiking season, it's handy to explain some of the terms that we use in write-ups, especially the ones that are relevant to spring hikes. Here are a few useful definitions that I have come up with:

Scrambling: A hike that involves scrambling will require you to put your hands on the rock to make progress. Usually this means that you will need to use rock handholds in some places.

Exposure: A route with exposure will bring you next to a scary drop. Major exposure involves a big drop; minor exposure involves a little drop, or a safe route past a bigger drop.

Off-trail: Many spring hikes are off-trail or cross-country, travelling with reference to landmarks rather than a trail. Off-trail hikes are often quite steep.

Sturdy boots: You need sturdy boots in the spring to protect your feet from encounters with rock (on off-trail hikes) or snow. Tennis shoes or low-top hiking shoes don't cut it in these conditions. If there is a chance of hiking on snow, you should bring gaiters. We recommend high-top leather or equivalent boots, with stiff soles.

Limit: Some hiking activities have limits on participation. When an activity listing in the Rambler sets a limit of (say) 8, that means that only 8 people in addition to the leader may participate. If there are too many people, they will be put on a waiting list or turned away. You should be prepared to be turned away if a hiking activity reaches its limit.

NTD: An NTD hike is 'not too difficult'. It is usually of short duration or low effort (or both).

MOD: A moderate hike. Expect to spend a few hours and get aerobic.

MSD: A hard hike -- `most difficult'. Expect to spend most or all of the day hiking and do a lot of work.

EXT: An 'extremely' hard hike that usually requires special training or gear. You might need expertise with an ice axe or crampons, or experience with glissading or basic rock climbing. There may be hazards like steep snow slopes or exposed ridge scrambles. Not for beginners.

The Ten Essentials (10E's): The Seattle Mountaineers have a checklist of ten essential items to take on every hike. It's a great idea - what is in YOUR pack? The essentials are: a flashlight with spare batteries; a map; a compass; food and water; extra clothing; sunglasses; a first-aid kit; a pocket knife; waterproof matches; and a candle or fire starter. They also recommend rain gear, boots and poly-fleece clothing (as opposed to jeans). I would add gaiters (if there is a chance of snow) and a cell phone (if you have cell service).

Donn Seeley / WMC Hiking Director

## **BULLETIN BOARD**

Did you know ....



The WMC Lodge, now with flush toilets AND Hot showers!!!, can be rented on a full- or half-day basis. Full-day rate, is \$350. There is a discount for WMC members, and, you can earn a \$50 voucher by participating in lodge service projects!.

Contact Julie Mason at 278-2535

#### DO you love the lodge? Prove it!. Get involved to help promote and maintain it!

There is a new club email list, wmc-lodge, for use of the lodge committee and anyone interested in supporting the WMC lodge. To join this list, send an email to: majordomo@haas.dsl.xmission.com containing the text subscribe wmc-lodge

You will receive a message asking for confirmation, which you must reply to before you are on the list.

## 2003 LODGE WORK PARTY SCHEDULE

Mar 15 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Shovel snow

Apr. 5 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Shovel snow

May 3 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Shovel snow & Spring Cleaning

June 7 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Spring Cleaning & painting

July 12 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Landscape & lot clean-up

Aug. 16 9:00 am - 4:00 pm General Maintenance & painting

Sept 13 9:00 am - 4:00 pm General Maintenance & wood cutting

Oct. 18 9:00 am - 4:00 pm General Maintenance & wood cutting

Nov. 15 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm General Maintenance & cleaning

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## **Raptor Nest Survey Volunteers Needed**

Do you like to hike and to explore? Volunteers are needed to help monitor hawk, eagle, and owl nests in Tooele, Utah, Summit and Rich Counties. Prior knowledge of raptors is not necessary; however, willingness to maintain accurate field records is required.

Training is provided, as well as a manual, maps, and the location of historic raptor nests. You would be searching primarily for new nests, but also checking for nesting activity in old nests. You are assigned an area and asked to check for nests in March, and May-July. You choose the days.

You must be able to commit to at least 6 full field days during the four months of March, May, June and July. You are required to complete nest survey datasheets and you must have an email address, binoculars, and a spotting scope. (If you live near SLC you may borrow a scope from the BLM or from HawkWatch.) Many of the survey areas require rough trail driving, although not necessarily 4-W driving, and most areas require hiking.

You will be given datasheets describing historic nests in your area as well as location maps, and asked to regularly check those nests, as well as to locate new nests. Last year 79 volunteers monitored over 1000 nests which included active great horned, long-eared and burrowing owls; prairie falcons; American kestrels; golden eagles; and red-tailed, Swainson's and ferruginous hawks. If we can reach the nests we also band the nestlings. Last year we were able to band 80 nestlings.

The raptor nest survey data is provided to and used by BLM to make land management decisions. Utah DWR, the US Forest Service, and HawkWatch also receive copies of this information. HawkWatch, in conjunction with Utah Power, uses the nest locations to help prioritize retrofitting of power poles. In addition, band returns allow us to learn about raptor longevity, causes of mortality, dispersal, as well as migration patterns. Through this research volunteers are making a lasting contribution to the environment.

Training workshops will be held in early March. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Dawn Sebesta, volunteer, and project coordinator, at 435-649-3024 or sebesta@parkcity.net.

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Want to know the weather ??, flash flood potential, active radar screen and much more for all of the USA? Visit http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/

thanks to WMC Member Jaynee Levy BLM Outdoor Recreation Specialist Price Field Office, UT phone 435 - 636-3620 fax 435-636-3657

ATTENTION Web Miesters!!! After years of serving the club as webmaster, Mike Dege would like to take a vacation. If you are skilled in the ways of website development/management, or would like to be, we could really use your help. If you can help, please contact Gloria Watson, (466-9016)

## **MARKETPLACE**

This is for members placing ads for used, recreational gear or for private and non-commercial and not-for-profit activities. How to submit an add to the Marketplace: Email ads to: wmc@xmission.com Use the subject line "marketplace". Adds are due the 10th of each month. Contact the Editor, Kyle Williams, at wmc@xmission.com if you have questions. \$5.00 up to 20 words, \$.20 per additional word.

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# WMC history book "ONWARD AND UPWARD" AVAILABLE FREE at the WMC office

The Board has approved making a copy of "Onward and Upward", by Mike and Treshow and Jean Frances, available to WMC members at no charge. This is a wonderful history of the Club commissioned on the WMC 75th anniversary. New members and old timers will find this an excellent way to learn more about the Club and get more involved. Please swing by the WMC office any time during business hours and pick one up!(No copies will be mailed due to the cost.)

## Another Book!! "The Lady in the Ore Bucket" by Charlie Keller (longtime WMC member!!)

The place names, physical traces, and artifacts remaining in the 3 Wasatch canyons tantalize with what they suggest, but do not tell, about the history of settlement and development in the canyons. Charles Keller has extracted a wealth of information to create *The Lady in the Ore Bucket*, a fascinating history of the lumber, mining, and hydropower industries built from the rich natural resources of the canyons. The book is alive with details concerning the personalities, politics, pacts, and peregrinations of local leaders from the white settlement in 1847 through the early 1900s, and will delight any reader with an interest in the magnificent canyons that open onto the Wasatch Front. Available in hardcover from bookstores everywhere!

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### Mt. Aire or Bust

by Chris Hague

It was a bust as far as reaching Mt. Aire, but a nice snowshoe nevertheless. On Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, Vince Desimone led ten of us on his usual Tuesday snowshoe. The day was a blue bird sky and perfect temperature wise. It was billed as a snowshoe "to the overlook of Elbow Fork" with "those wishing to extend the trip on to Mount Aire." Well, after a few miles up the trailhead from Lambs Canyon, there was a fork in the trail and after much spirited discussion among some members of our party, it was decided that we should take the right fork, which turned out to be a very challenging route that would, we hoped, give us a more direct route to Mt. Aire. It led us to a minefield of scrub oak that had few paths to snowshoe through. Have you ever tried to snowshoe through scrub oak that is about three feet high and not covered with snow? Some of us tried hiking through it by removing our snowshoes, but that only partially worked since there were places on our newly forged trail where the snow was too deep and soft to hike. Where is the snow?

Anyway, we had fun trying to assault the unknown peak that we could visualize above. Eventually, many of the group made it to the peak adjacent to Mt. Aire and we had some spectacular views of Mill Creek Canyon and the Salt Lake valley. On the hike down, we did find some pretty decent powder to plow through and made it back to the trailhead using the established trail. Shown in the picture above, those on the hike were, from left to right, Vince Desimone, Wendy Roberts, Chris Hague, Dale Woodward, Donna Fisher, Rick Gambie, Clare Mysenberg, and Ralph Fisher. Missing are Mike Cloutier who was the photographer and Steve Sprowles who had left the hike prior to the photo.

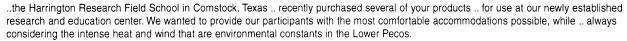
Our thanks to Vince who does such a tremendous job of organizing a snowshoe nearly every week and provides us with some pretty decent jokes along the way.



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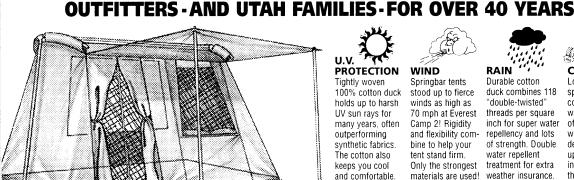
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## WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB ACTIVITIES

What activities can be listed in The Rambler? Only activities approved by the appropriate WMC director. Direct submissions to the Editor are NOT accepted.

How do I submit my activity to the club?

Send your proposed activity for approval to the appropriate director for inclusion in their activity schedule. Activities sent directly to the Rambler are not accepted.

What are some of the rules and regulations?

1. **Dogs and children** are not allowed on WMC activities, except when specifically stated in the activity description.

Car pool rates: Gas plus \$0.15/mile, shared by everyone in the vehicle (including the driver) on 2WD roads, OR gas plus \$0.25/mile on 4WD roads.

**Notice to Non-Members:** Most WMC activities are open to prospective members except when specifically stated in the activity description.

## Find out about "Unlisted" WMC activities on our

**email lists.** A lot of activities are planned on the spur of the moment because of a good dump of snow! Don't be left out of the cold! Get on a list! NOTE: Activities formed with these lists are for members only. Lists are to be used **only** for the scheduling of WMC activities. Any use of this service for any other purpose, such as advertising, SPAM, jokes, etc, will result in the loss of privilege. **Getting on WMC club email lists.** 

Send an email to: majordomo@haas.dsl.xmission.com with the text (not in the header section):

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Boating List: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wmcboaters/ and put yourself on the list.

\*\*\*Participation in any WMC activity can be dangerous. It is your responsibility to evaluate your own preparedness and ability to safely participate in any activity. Please be sure to read and re-read the release forms in the back of this publication, as well as on the sign-up sheets at the beginning of each activity!!!!

## **Rating Difficulty Range:**

- 0.1-4.0 'Not Too Difficult (NTD)' lightly strenuous
- 4.1-8.0 'Moderate (MOD)' Moderate to very strenuous
- 8.1-11.0 'Most Difficult (MSD) 'Very strenuous, difficult
- 11.1+ 'Extreme (EXT) 'Very strong, well-seasoned hikers.

## **Other Factors:**

- B 'Boulder fields or extensive bushwhacking
- E 'Elevation change in excess of 5,000 feet
- M 'Round trip mileage in excess of 15 mi.
- R 'Ridgeline hiking or extensive route finding
- S 'Scrambling
- X 'Exposure
- W' Wilderness area, limit 14

## WHAT ARE 10Es?

The 10 Essentials are:

Map/compass, flashlight, pocketknife, matches/ firestarter, sunscreen/bugspray, sunglasses, candle, first aid kit ,extra clothes, food and water.

# WMC BOARD VOTES TO CHANGE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

You no longer need to complete two activities and get signatures from trip organizers to become a member of the WMC. This change is effective immediately, although it will take a while to fix up the membership application forms and other published information on membership.

If you know someone who has been procrastinating about becoming a member because they never seem to get their signatures, tell them that they no longer have even a shred of an excuse! They can just send in the membership form leaving blank the lines for qualifying activities and signatures of trip organizers. (Of course we DO still need a check for dues and signatures from the applicant.)

#### DIRECTIONS TO COMMON MEETING PLACES FOR HIKING ACTIVITIES

Olympus Cove Park and Ride lot: about 3850 S. Wasatch Blvd. (3555 E.), on the west side of Wasatch Blvd. between 3800 S. and 3900 S.

Skyline High east parking lot: about 3330 E. 3800 South -- from the intersection of Wasatch Boulevard and the Mill Creek road (3800 South), go west under the I-215 freeway, then turn north (right) into the entrance opposite Birch Drive (3330 East).

Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride lot: at the northeast corner of the Big Cottonwood Canyon Road and Wasatch Boulevard at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Little Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride lot: 4323 E. Little Cottonwood Canyon Road -- on the north side of the intersection of Little Cottonwood Canyon Road and Quarry Road at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon.

Utah Travel Council lot: about about 120 E. 300 North -- go east from the intersection of State St. and 300 North and turn south (right) into the first parking lot.

Parleys Way Kmart lot: 2705 Parleys Way -- from Parleys Way, turn north into the parking lot; or from Foothill Drive, turn west on Stringham Ave. (2295 South) and then south into the lot.

## Past Directors-I need your help!

We have set up a filing system at the Club Office to collect and keep the last 10 years of trip sign up sheets. If you are hanging onto old trip sign up sheets please take them over to the Club Office and leave outside the door where the new Ramblers are, or give Will McCarvill a call at 942-2921.

## Please make sure you send in the sign up sheet after the trip. It will be filed at the office. If the trip was cancelled, send the form in with "cancelled" written on it.

MAR 1 SAT SNOWSHOE: BEARTRAP FORK (MOD). Carol Ann Langford (255-4713) would like to show you the subtle joys of hiking through the aspen and pine tree-lined drainage in winter. The avalanche rating is 'A', for a trip which crosses a known avalanche path, so check the UAC number at 364-1581. Bring energy foods, water, the 10 E's, and your transceiver if you have one. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

MAR 1 SAT SNOWSHOE: GREEN'S BASIN (NTD+)(TURTLE). Nancy Phillips (942-8953) plans to take a leisurely-paced trip. This area is mostly forested and provides protection from the dreaded avalanche. The avalanche rating is 'M' for minimal. Bring snacks and drinks. Meet Nancy at Butler Elementary at the adjusted time (later) of 9:30 am.

MAR 1 SAT SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) is heading up into the canyons this morning for an invigorating hike. Due to avalanche risk, be sure to bring your beacon and shovel. Another high energy trip- so food, water, and the 10 E's! are also needed. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

MAR 1 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SHOW AND GO (MOD). Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Meet your companions at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary and choose a destination based on snow and avalanche conditions. UAC: 364-1581. Bring your 457Hz beacon, skins, avalanche shovel, food, water, and 10 E's. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am.

MAR 2 SUN SNOWSHOE: WHITE FIR PASS (NTD+). This is no early start, so Victoria Saldana (546-4767) needs help tracking out a route to White Fir Pass this morning. Don't forget to bring food, fluids, and the 10 E's. Meet Victoria at Skyline High at the adjusted (later) time of 10:00 am.

MAR 2 SUN SNOWSHOE: UPPER WILLOW LAKE (ALMOST AFTERNOON)(NTD/NTD+). In case you haven't already figured out the premise here, this is a "brunch snowshoe" according to Adrienne Boudreaux (278-9894). Adrienne has never been to Upper Willow Lake so she hopes one of you stalwarts out there will join this 'shoe to guide her to the right trail from the Lower Willow to the Upper Willow. Bring lunch (not gourmet) and a warm beverage (to keep your insides warm!) for this leisurely snowshoe. As usual 10 E's are a must! Questions? Give her a call. Meet Adrienne at Butler Elementary at the extremely adjusted and sane (later) time of 11:00 am.

MAR 2 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). Pete Mimmack (801-377-2330) says that "the snowpack was so low as of early January that the 'Julie Andrews Meadow' tour would not have been enjoyable. So hopefully we'll be up to our necks in snow by this March." Destination generic- but will choose a destination based on snow and avalanche conditions. UAC: 364-1581. Bring your 457Hz beacon, skins, avalanche shovel, food, water, and 10 E's. Meet Peter at Butler Elementary School at the adjusted (later) time of 9:30 am.

MAR 2 SUN SKI TOUR: NORWAY FLATS TOWARDS THE SMITH-MOREHOUSE CREEK DIVIDE (UINTAS)(MOD++) This 16+ mile RT tour in the Uintas will provide an aerobic workout. It will also push you to dip into your 'bag of tricks' for efficient ski techniques to cover the territory. Light backcountry (double-cambered, metal-edged) skis are recommended. Call Rob Rogalski no later than Friday regarding the meeting place/time, and to register.

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MAR 4 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD to MOD+). These are relatively brisk half day outings with early starts and "noonish" finishes so you can go back to work by early afternoon at the latest. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins. Plan on meeting at a Fort Union Blvd. Lot, or alternate place at 7:00 am. Contact Dave Moser (580-5865, dfmoser@hotmail.com) to register and for meeting place.

MAR 4 TUES SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MODMSD). Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" again this year. They go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal (healthy) pace with great conversation. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at Vincedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at 435-649-6805. Trip information is sent weekly to the 'wmc-snowshoe' email list.

MAR 7 FRI - 9 SUN SKI/SNOWSHOE: SOUTHWEST UPLANDS (TUSHARS)(NTD-MSD). Mike Berry (583-4721) is planning a 1<sup>st</sup> Annual (exploratory) trek in which we can ascend through four bio-zones- Upper Sonoran to the Subalpine zone. This will involve a drive of 3 and ½ hours with a stop at Mom's Café in Salina for dinner. Then on to the comfortable Fremont Indian State

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MAR 8 SAT SNOWSHOE: DOG LAKE (NTD). Janet Friend (268-4102) will host a 'true' NTD. Bring snacks, layered clothes, and safety essentials. Meet Janet at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary.

MAR 8 SAT SING-A-LONG 7 pm 'til 10 pm. Yee-Hah! Come prepared to sing Cowboy Classics like Tumbling Tumbleweeds, Cool Water, Happy Trails, Don't Fence Me In and other western favorites. We might add some Willie Nelson, Hank Williams and Patsy Cline classics to our tried & true, ever growing song list also. We want all talented, frustrated and/or wanna be musicians and singers to join us for an evening of fun & musical delight. Bring your favorite instrument to pick, strum, blow, shake or bang. Music and words provided. Join us at 3705 E. Golden Hills Av. (8740 S.- 2 miles south of Big Cottonwood Canyon Park 'N Ride at Wasatch & Ft. Union Blvd). BYOBeverage & snacks to share. Questions???? Call Linda - 943-1871.

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MAR 8 SAT SNOWSHOE: NEFF'S CANYON TO MEADOW (MOD). A new tour that covers almost 3 miles and gains about 2,500 feet, Tom Walsh (487-1336) will lead you to a bowl of jagged limestone cliffs with a great view. Since this is a lower elevation tour, snow conditions may require a change. Bring safety gear. Meet Tom at Skyline High School Parking Lot at 9:00 am.

MAR 8 SAT BIKE PLANNING PARTY: (NTD) Come out tonight (7:00 p.m.), say goodbye to the outgoing Biking Director, rub elbows with the new Biking Director, see how many Ex-Biking Directors you can spot, and fill in the calendar to lead your favorite ride(s) this year. If you're not ready to sign up, come to the party anyway because we'll be kicking around ideas for some great trips this year. Sandwiches and other goodies will be provided. Bring your

beverage of choice. Please RSVP for location. Larry Ovaitt (pterpan1@msn.com or 562-5081) or Heidi Schubert (heidi@biochem.utah.edu or 521-2890)

MAR 9 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: WEBER RIVER CANYON EXPLORATORY (MOD+) When you look at the Uintas from Park City and you see steep slopes with no forest cover E- NE, that is Windy Ridge area. At press time, access issues were unresolved. Meet Dave Moser (580-5865) at the Parley's Way K Mart at 8:00 am equipped with beacon, shovel, skins, and the 10 E's.

MAR 9 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). Karen Perkins (272-2225, <karenp@xmission.com> ) leads this MOD snowshoe trip of her choosing. Beacon and shovel highly recommended. Also bring the 10 E's. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am.

MAR 9 SUN RESORT SKIING AT ALTA (NTD- MSD). Join the three amigas, Karen Buzanoski, Marietta Rigby, and Heidi DeMartis for a fun day of downhill skiing at Alta Ski Resort. We'll divide into "Green", "Blue" and "Black" groups at Butler Elementary and carpool up the canyon ("leaving" Butler Elementary at 9:00 am). The entire group will hook-up for an 11:45 lunch at Alf's Restaurant and possibly again at the end of the day (if we're able to find a hot tub). So, if interested, bring a swimsuit and towel! Email Heidi at heididemartis@excite.com or call her with any questions at (801) 942-8088.

MAR 9 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD). Jim and Bonnie Zinanti (571-1454) want to be very sociable and offered to co-organize a "true NTD" snowshoe hike today. The pace will be leisurely, allowing time for photos to be taken on the hike. Be sure to bring your 10 E's, snacks, water, extra clothing, and in case of avalanche danger also bring your beacon and shovel. Plan on meeting them at Butler Elementary at the adjusted time (later) of 9:30 am.

MAR 9 SUN SNOWSHOE: (AFTERNOON) BROAD'S FORK TO THE MEADOW (MOD). Cassie Badowsky (278-5153) wants to add some real challenge by hiking up the Broad's Fork trail to the meadow. This hike features 4.7 round-trip miles and a 2,040' elevation gain. This trip will be at a moderate pace. The goal will not be to rush up and rush back down, but for you to enjoy yourself along the way. The view towards Dromedary and Twin Peaks is imposing! Be sure to check the Utah Avalanche Forecast phone number at 364-1581. Don't forget to bring the winter safety essentials, snacks, and water. Meet Cassie at Butler Elementary at 1:00 pm

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MAR 12 WED SERVICE: CONSERVATION COMMITTEE. At 7PM the Conservation Committee will meet at the club office. All are welcome, we have plenty to do. We need help in trial maintenance, trails access, and tending to the Wasatch Mountains. For more information, contact Will McCarvill 942-2921.

MAR 15 SAT LODGE WORK PARTY - 2:00-5:00 PM. FREE admission to tonight's social event and earn a \$50 credit voucher to apply to your next Lodge Rental fee. When there's snow in the mountains, there's snow on the roof of the Lodge. Let's move some of it off before it gets too deep! All willing hands are needed. Bring your heavy duty shovel for a couple hours of cardio enhancing exercise. Come by after your morning snowshoe or skiing activity. Call Linda at 943-1871 to RSVP.

MAR 15 SAT SNOWSHOE: CHURCH FORK (MOD-TURTLE). Joan Proctor (474-0275) emailed the committee with her latest idea of leading a MOD 'Turtle' snowshoe up Church Fork. She says "we will go only as far as we choose and the pace will be easy". Sound good? As always, be sure to bring snacks, water, and your 10 E's. Meet Joan at the Skyline High Parking Lot at 9:00 am.

MAR 15 SAT SNOWSHOE: BIG BEACON (MOD+). Jan Uhlir (355-0480) says "you can leave your electronic pets at home and join him for a ridge run workout between Red Butte and Emigration Canyon. Bring your 10 E's. Meet at the Fort Douglas Cemetery parking lot in Research Park at 9:00 am.

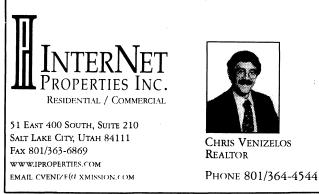
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MAR 15 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: CO-OP CREEK TO SMITH-MOREHOUSE (UINTAS) TRAVERSE (MSD). Dmitry Pruss (944-7755, pruss@online.ru). and/or Rob Rogalski (278-7381) have 18.5 miles and 2,200 vertical feet of varied terrain for you today. This tour is designed as a "getting in shape for the King's Peak tour" according to Dmitry. After the long climb to the Castle Peak ridge, enjoy untracked powder on north and west facing slopes of Box Canyon and skate, or diagonal stride to the finish over snowmobile tracks past Smith-Morehouse Reservoir. This may turn into a Yellow Pine loop if snow's too deep and participants are too few. Headlamps are highly recommended. Light metal-edged skis are OK as are telemark skis. Beacon, shovel, and skins. Probably meet well before 8:00 am at Parleys K Mart (See March Rambler for details).

MAR 15 SAT SKI TOUR: LILY LAKE XC SKI TRAILS AND YURTS (FULL MOON)(NTD). Come ski by moonlight and help celebrate the fact it is almost St. Patrick's Day at the Lily Lake trails on the north slope of the Uintas south of Evanston, Wyoming. There will be luminaries showing the trail, a bonfire at the warming hut, and fun along the way. Co-listed with BRORA- The Bear River Outdoor Recreation Alliance (consortium)(www.evanstonoutdoors.com). Meet Bob Cady (rcady@xmission.com, 274-0250) at the Parleys Way K-Mart at 4:30 pm.

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MAR 15 SAT SNOWSHOE: WASATCH CREST (MSD). Snowshoe up the Willow drainage to the ridge, across the ridge to the open bowls, and then yo-yo up and down those slopes until the sun goes down or we run out of energy -- whichever comes first. (Why should the skiers be the only ones who have fun all day?!). If you want to be home by 2PM, this is NOT the trip for you! Any questions, call Cassie Badowsky at 278-5153. Meet at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary.



MAR 15 SAT SOCIAL: SAINT PATRICK'S DAY BLAST Come to the lodge at 6:00PM for an unusual potluck (you make it unusual) and a night of wild dancing and fun. Don't forget to wear green and bring your own stuff to eat with, along with BYOB. Dancing put on by that spectacular DJ, Bart! Cost \$5.00. Come celebrate! Questions call Jeanine @ 364-1873 or Vickie @ 599-0281.

MAR 16 SUN SNOWSHOE (AFTERNOON): ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD). Robert Turner (544-0605) is planning his own version of an afternoon NTD snowshoe. Meet Robert at 1:00 pm at Butler Elementary with all the usual gear.

MAR 16 SUN DAY HIKE: BIG BEACON (NTD). For our inaugural spring hike, we'll ascend the steep but pretty bump called Big Beacon. Meet Leslie Woods (266-3317) at 9 AM at the Hogle Zoo lot.

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MAR 16 SUN SNOWSHOE: CATHERINE'S PASS VIA BRIGHTON (MOD). Liz Cordova (486-0909) wants to take it at a leisurely pace up to Catherine's Pass via Lake Mary and Catherine's Lake. Since she hasn't been to the pass this winter, she'll try again. Be sure to meet Liz with all your essentials, snacks, water, and pieps at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary.

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MAR 19 WED ORGANIZER ORIENTATION: HIKING ACTIVITIES. Have you wondered what it takes to organize a hiking activity for the Club? Meet some experienced organizers at 7 PM at the Club offices (1390 S. 1100 East) and learn about the ins and outs of hiking activities. We'll be there to answer your questions and present some advice about the (not really very difficult) challenges and (really quite exciting) rewards of organizing hikes and out-of-town trips. Call Donn Seeley (706-0815) after March 8th if you need more details.

MAR 22 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SHOW 'N GO (MOD) No organizer at press time- meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am to see if any WMC 'ers are going out today. Equipment guidelines are per WMC policies- Winter Sports safety gear (beacon, shovel, and skins) and the 10 E's recommended. Note: Show 'n Go tours are for WMC members only. You can sign-up for ski list messages by following directions on the inside cover.

MAR 22 SAT SNOWSHOE: WASATCH 'RIDGE RUN' (MOD). This trip was so much fun with organizer Larry Nilssen last month, that Cassie Badowsky (278-5153) decided to do it again. Up Willows to the ridge, across the ridge, and down Beartrap Fork. Plan for a full day. As usual, bring all the essentials, including food, water, and a beacon. Meet at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary.

MAR 22 SAT SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD). Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Meet your companions at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary prepared for the conditions of the day. Decide on the day's activity and destination, and split into NTD and MOD groups if you wish. Bring the ten essentials. When appropriate, be aware of avalanche danger.

MAR 22 SAT SNOWSHOE: BIG BEACON (MOD+). Jan Uhlir (355-0480) says "you can leave your electronic pets at home and join him for a ridge run workout between Red Butte and Emigration Canyon. Bring your 10 E's. Meet at the Fort Douglas Cemetery parking lot in Research Park at 9:00 am.



MAR 23 SUN DAY HIKE: WEST DESERT (MOD). Depending on snow conditions, we'll visit higher or lower elevations; you should expect off-trail hiking and some scrambling with possible minor exposure. Meet at the Utah Travel Council parking lot (about 120 E. 300 North) at 9 AM. Contact Donn Seeley (donn@xmission.com or 706-0815) if you have questions.

MAR 23 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SHOW 'N GO (MOD) No organizer at press time- meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am to see if any WMC 'ers are going out today. Equipment guidelines are per WMC policies- Winter Sports safety gear (beacon, shovel, and skins) and the 10 E's recommended. Note: Show 'n Go tours are for WMC members only. You can sign-up for ski list messages by following directions on the inside cover.

MAR 23 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) plans to check out a Cottonwood Canyons location at a not too difficult pace. Winter equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies. Winter Sports safety gear and the 10 E's recommended. Meet Norm at Butler Elementary School at the adjusted (later) time of 10:00 am.

MAR 23 SUN SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (MOD). Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Meet your companions at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary prepared for the conditions of the day. Decide on the day's activity and destination. Bring the ten essentials. When appropriate, be aware of avalanche danger.

MAR 25 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD to MOD+). These are relatively brisk half day outings with early starts and "noonish" finishes so you can go back to work by early afternoon at the latest. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins. Plan on meeting at a Fort Union Blvd. Lot, or alternate place at 7:00 am. Contact Dave Moser (580-5865, dfmoser@hotmail.com) to

register and for meeting place.

MAR 25 TUES SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD). Vince DeSimone and friends lead a "Tuesday Group". They go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal (healthy) pace with great conversation. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at Vincedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at 435-649-6805. Trip information is sent weekly to the 'wmc-snowshoe' email list.

MAR 29 SAT Service: Environmental Day of Action. The member organizations of the Utah Wilderness Coalition are sponsoring a Day of Action to show support for Utah wild lands and the Redrock Wilderness Act. We will meet in Sugarhouse Park at 10AM to kick off a rally and to ask activists to leave door hangers in their neighborhood. Call Will McCarvill 942-2921 for details.

MAR 29 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: KING'S PEAK (MSD). The last Saturday in March is the big event of the ski season. The historic King's Peak ski tour, hosted for the 28th (or so) year by Steve and Larry Swanson, will convene on Friday night (March 28th) at the Henry's Fork Snow-Parking area and get underway very early on Saturday morning. We meet for car pooling (optional) at the K-Mart parking area on Parley's Way about 5:30 PM and leave for Evanston and the old standby, Lotty's Café, at 6:00 PM. Avalanche transceivers, shovels, and registration are not required. Headlamps are mandatory (double check that they work and that the batteries are fresh). Lots of water (2-3 liters) and protection from facing directly into the sun for most of the day are also important. Standard backcountry touring gear is best but every possible combination has been used in the past. Climbing skins are often handy but not essential. We generally leave the skis at Gunsight Pass and climb the peak on foot so Vibram-type soles on your boots are usually helpful if the snow is hard. Snowshoers are welcome but they need to remember that since they cannot just kick and glide back to the car they have a much earlier turn-around time. 1:00 pm is the usual turn around time for snowshoers.

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It will be a long day, we start before dawn and usually end after dark. It's not at all necessary to climb the peak, however, to enjoy the ski touring in this lovely, gentle drainage and normally more than half the participants turn around short of the peak. Elkhorn Crossing is a good scenic NTD destination used by many. Gunsight Pass, 5 miles farther, is MOD, and gives wonderful views. Gunsight Pass is the standard turnaround place for most and for all those that arrive after 1:00 pm. The summit is MSD chiefly because of the length of the day and the climb of the peak at the end. Mandatory turnaround is 3:00 pm no matter where you are on the route. We carry out ALL waste paper so plan for it. For additional information, call Steve at 272-5750 or Larry at 583-4043. We will start out no matter what the weather and assess the summit from the basin or Gunsight Pass. The trip to the basin is

sheltered and makes a nice ski tour even in stormy weather.

MAR 29 SAT SNOWSHOE: GOURMET RIDGE RUN (MOD). Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) is heading up into the canyons this morning for a half ridge run and rendezvous with the gourmet potluck party. A high energy trip. Stay hydrated! Meet at Butler Elementary at the adjusted (earlier) time of 8:30 am.

MAR 29 SAT SNOWSHOE: GOURMET POTLUCK WILLOW LAKE (NTD = FUN!). Holly Smith (272-5358) and Mark Jones (486-5354) have graciously offered to once again host the Annual Gourmet Snowshoe. Now is the time to dig out your favorite gourmet recipes as well as your most festive and creative costumes to celebrate the official end of Snowshoe Season and welcome the advent of SPRING! Meet at Butler Elementary at 10:00 AM with your favorite potluck dish in tow, enough to serve around 8 or 9 people, and come prepared to have a great time! Wine tasting included- bring your reds and whites. Skiers welcome too!

MAR 30 SUN BIKE RIDE ROAD & MOUNTAIN: JORDAN RIVER PARKWAY/LEHI SECTION (NTD) First Official "SLACKERZZ" Ride of the 2003 biking season. Weather permitting, let's get our bikes out, oil the chains, air up the tires, and give 'em a spin. Meet at the Smith's Food Store parking lot in Draper (12600 S., 200 E.) @ 9:30 a.m. We'll drive out to the Camp Williams Trailhead on Redwood Road, and then bike south on the Provo/Jordan River Parkway Trail to the Lehi trailhead (22-mi. roundtrip). Neophytes are welcome, but bring ALL necessary safety gear, helmet, spare tube, repair "stuff", water and snacks…no children or pets please. Contact Larry Ovaitt (562-2081 or pterpan1@msn.com). Please RSVP, as this ride will not go unless the weather is "sweet".



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MAR 30 SUN DAY HIKE: CAMPBELL PEAK IN THE SILVER ISLAND MOUNTAINS (MOD). The Silver Island Mountains are a stark and rugged range rising out of the salt flats northeast of Wendover. The hike will be a rugged off-trail hike with some scrambling. Meet at the Utah Travel Council parking lot south of the State Capitol at 7:30 AM. For further details, contact organizer Brad Yates at bnyslc@earthlink.net or 521- 4185. Co-listed with the Sierra Club.

MAR 30 SUN SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD/MOD). Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Meet your companions at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary prepared for the conditions of the day. Decide on the day's activity and destination, and split into NTD and MOD groups if you wish. Bring the ten essentials. When appropriate, be aware of avalanche danger.

MAR 30 SUN SNOWSHOE: (AFTERNOON) ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). Cassie Badowsky (278-5153) wants to snowshoe to SOMEwhere!? The Utah Avalanche Forecast phone number is 364-1581. This trip will be at a moderate, yet sane pace. Don't forget to bring the winter safety essentials, snacks, and water. Meet Cassie at Butler Elementary at 1:00 pm

APR 1 TUES SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD). Vince DeSimone and friends lead a "Tuesday Group". They go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal (healthy) pace with great conversation. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at Vincedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at 435-649-6805. Trip information is sent weekly to the 'wmc-snowshoe' email list.

APR 5 SAT CLIMBING: PLANNING PARTY/SOCIAL. Outdoor climbing season is approaching and it's time to make plans to take full advantage of it. At 7:00 pm we'll start the party/planning session at the WMC Lodge to tell tall tales from last years climbs and plan the climbs for the coming season. No one knows when it will end because staying the night is an option if you're not up to the post party downclimb in the dark. We'll start out with a planning session for the climbs we'll be scheduling and will discuss some of the options we have for financing the replacement of club climbing equipment during the pot luck dinner. Bring your slides, pictures, videos, and stories to share. BYOB and a pot luck dish to share. Lodge use fees are \$3 per person for WMC members and \$5 per person for others. Rating: Approach to lodge could be Al-1 to Al-3 depending on snow conditions and route taken. If you have any questions contact Craig Homer @ sail2mountains@earthlink.net or call 201-0813.

APR 5 SAT DAY HIKE: WEST RIDGE OF GRANDEUR PEAK (MOD+). Tony Barron (272-8927) says he knows of a different route from the usual one, following the rock spine. It's surely as steep as (or steeper) than the usual route, so this will be a real test of your quadriceps! Meet Tony at 9 AM at the Park and Ride lot at 3800 South and Wasatch Blvd.

APR 5 SAT SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD/MOD). Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Meet your companions at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary prepared for the conditions of the day. Decide on the day's activity and destination, and split into NTD and MOD groups if you wish. Bring the ten essentials. When appropriate, be aware of avalanche danger.

APR 5 SAT SOCIAL: INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING Get your feet wet with learning some dance steps with a really fun folk dancing group. We have been invited to join this dance group for their usual 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday event at the First Unitarian Church (6<sup>th</sup> South and 13<sup>th</sup> East) at 8:00 PM. Bring an optional pot luck snack to share and your dancing feet. Usual cost is \$4.00. Questions call Karen Bradakis @ 364-3251.

APR 6 SUN DAY HIKE: WEST DESERT (MOD). Depending on snow conditions, we'll visit higher or lower elevations; you should expect off-trail hiking and some scrambling with possible minor exposure. Meet at the Utah Travel Council parking lot (about 120 E. 300 North) at 9 AM. Contact Donn Seeley (donn@xmission.com or 706-0815) if you have questions.

APR 6 SUN DAY HIKE: FOOL PEAK (MOD+). For this year's observation of April Fools Day, the annual hike to Fool Peak will be done by a different route on the north side. This 9,717-foot peak northeast of Delta has an east facing cliff and a rounded backside which resembles Notch Peak. In a normal year snowshoes would be necessary, but this year it may be possible to walk to the summit. Plan to have food, water, the 10e's, money for transportation, and snowshoes (just in case). Call Tom Walsh at 487-1336 to register.

APR 6 SUN SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD/MOD). Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Meet your companions at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary prepared for the conditions of the day. Decide on the day's activity and destination, and split into NTD and MOD groups if you wish. Bring the ten essentials. When appropriate, be aware of avalanche danger.

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APR 10 THUR CLIMBING: PETE'S ROCK. This is where we start the outdoor climbing season and get away from the gym. This Quartzite outcrop at 5200 S Wasatch Blvd. is a great place to get back into it, with routes for all abilities. Meet at the rock @ 6:00 pm. Email Craig Homer at sail2mountains@earthlink.net or call 201-0813 if you have questions. If the weather is bad we can go to Rockreation. Please bring helmets for your safety.

APR 12 SAT SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD/MOD). Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

APR 12 SAT - 13 SUN SERVICE / FUN: EASTERN SAN RAFAEL SWELL It. This trip will include a service day for the Price River BLM office: please bring work gloves. We will be inventorying and replacing Carsonite signs along the Mexican Mountain WSA (Wilderness Study Area) southeastern boundary on Saturday. Sunday we will enjoy a day hike up Cottonwood Wash and inventory the condition of the petroglyphs in it. We will car camp near Smith's Cabin. This time of year is fabulous in the desert. Call Will McCarvill (942-2921) for details.

APR 12 SAT - 13 SUN FAMILY / DOG CAR CAMP: SAN RAFAEL SWELL. Get a taste of the red rock country with Dave and Leslie Vance (1-801-444-0315). Call to register and get details.

APR 13 SUN SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD/MOD). Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

APR 15 TUES SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD). Vince DeSimone and friends lead a "Tuesday Group".

APR 19 SAT FAMILY DAY HIKE: STANSBURY ISLAND BACKCOUNTRY LOOP (MOD). Randy Long (943-0244) writes: ``This is a very nice hike on the second largest Great Salt Lake island, with just one steep section (the first mile). The rest is level, with two very spectacular overlooks and two nice canyons. So there's no reason to forget to show up!" Adolescent children (12 and up) of members may participate with the consent of the organizer. Meet Randy at the Utah Travel Council lot (about 120 E. 300 North) at 9:30 AM.

APR 19 SAT - 20 SUN CAR CAMP: WAH WAH MOUNTAINS. Donn Seeley (706-0815) thought that last spring's trip to Lawson Cove in the Wah Wah Mountains (west of Beaver, southwest of Delta) was so spectacular, he's going to try it again. We'll drive south on Friday night and car camp. On Saturday, we'll hike through the ponderosa, white fir and bristlecone forest to the 8918-foot summit, peer over the stunning cliffs, then loop back through a narrow canyon. On Sunday, we'll visit the bright white knob of Crystal Peak and/or Fossil Mountain in the Confusion range. Call to register and get details.

APR 25 FRI - 27 SUN BACKPACK: DARK CANYON. Come join John Styrnol (801-825-6441) or j.styrnol@att.net for a backpack down to Southern Utah to Dark Canyon near Blanding, UT. This will be a moderate backpack down to Dark Canyon across some slick rock. We will explore 2-3 other canyons from base on Friday afternoon, and Saturday/Sunday this is up to the individual if they want to come along. If there is any interest, we can head all the way to Lake Powell. This is a very beautiful area to explore, gorgeous scenery is to be had. Make sure you are well prepared with the right gear. If you are interested please call or e-mail me. Transportation/carpool will be decided upon as the trip gets closer.

APR 25 FRI - 27 SUN FAMILY CAR CAMP: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE. Connie McKay (274-2606) will find a pretty place for a spring outing. Call to register and get details. Children of members may participate with the consent of the organizer.

APR 26 SAT DAY HIKE: WHITE ROCKS LOOP ON ANTELOPE ISLAND (MOD). Randy Long (943-0244) says: ``We did a very nice hike on the second largest Great Salt Lake island last week. Now let's do a similar one on the largest island, with a more gradual climb, one very spectacular overlook, and an equally spectacular walk along the west lake shore. The park entrance fee is \$8 per vehicle." Adolescent children (12 and up) of members may participate with the consent of the organizer. Meet Randy at the Utah Travel Council lot (about 120 E. 300 North) at 9:30 AM.

MAY 3 SAT SOCIAL: INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING Come to the lodge for an experience of a lifetime, dancing with the International Folk Dance Club and performance by the Ethnic Arts Ensemble. Bring your usual pot luck dish and utensils and BYOB at 6:30 PM with FUN dancing to follow. Cost is \$3.00 per person so don't miss it! Questions call Jeanine @ 364-1873 or Vickie @ 599-0281.

MAY 10 SAT - 11 SUN SERVICE / FUN: EASTERN SAN RAFAEL SWELL II. This trip will focus on the southwestern side of the Mexican Mountain WSA. This trip will include a service day for the Price River BLM office. Please bring work gloves and a can do attitude as we will be inventorying and replacing Carsonite signs on Saturday. Sunday we will enjoy a day hike up Spring and Nates Canyon and enjoy the petroglyphs at the mouth of this complex. We will car camp near Mexican Mountain. Call Will McCarvill (942-2921) for details.

MAY 19 MON - 26 MON BACKPACK: CANYONEERING WITH STEVE ALLEN. Donn Seeley (706-0815) won a canyoneering trip with author and guide Steve Allen at the SUWA auction last fall. The trip is almost full, but there will be room for one or two more participants. The cost is \$225 per person, with a \$100 deposit. We'll provide our own breakfasts and lunches, and we'll share dinner cooking duties; Steve will provide the resources for dinners. Our destination is the Escalante backcountry north of the Boulder Mail Trail and west of Death Hollow. There will be scrambling and climbing opportunities in addition to hiking and photography. Call Donn at 706-0815 or send e-mail to donn@xmission.com. Limit: 7.

MAY 31 SAT - JUN 1 SUN SERVICE / FUN: EASTERN SAN RAFAEL SWELL III. This last spring Trip will be focused on inventorying and replacing Carsonite signs along the northern Mexican Mountain WSA (Wilderness Study Area)

boundary on Saturday. Sunday we will hike up Cow and Calf Canyons. We will car camp at the Wedge Overlook. Call Will McCarvill (942-2921) for details.

## **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

NOV 2003 INTERNATIONAL TRIP: DISCOVER THAILAND. Spend 16 days exploring Thailand with WMC members. Contact Vince Desimone <vincedesimone@yahoo.com> (435-649-6805) to express your interest and learn more. There is a possibility of a 3 day pre-trip to Angkor Wat and/or a 6 day post-trip to Vietnam. Details below:

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Day 1-2 Cross the date line as we fly to Bangkok from Los Angeles.

Day 3 Explore Bangkok/Visit Grand Palace

Day 4 Explore Bangkok canals by boat/Enjoy Thai cooking

demonstration in a Thai home, visit the flower market

Day 5 Explore floating market/Drive to Kanchanaburi to vist the River Kwai railway built by Allied POW's/River rafting

Day 6 Explore Hell Fire Pass/Ride a Kwai speedboat to a woodland hike

Day 7 Discover Wat Chantaram/Cruise the Khiri Nava rice barge viewing pastoral scenery stopping at local markets.

Day 8 Explore 13 Century Sukothai/Visit Thai school/Explore Phrae home to the kingdom's artistic & spiritual epicenter.

Day 9Visit indigo-dying workshop/Mekong River & Golden Triangle

Day 10 Cross border into Myanmar (Burma)/Visit Tachilek & ride in a rickshaw.

Day 11 Journey to Mae Salong hill tribe & open songtaew taxi.

Day 12 Elephant ride & trek/Explore Chaingmai/Visit the Night Bazaar.

Day 13 Buddhist alms giving ceremony/Visit monks/Local home dinner.

Day 14 Fly to Bangkok/Enjoy free afternoon/Farewell dinner cruise.

Day 15 Free day to enjoy Bangkok & perhaps a massage.

Day 16 Return to US or start 6 day Vietnam post-trip.

A three night pre-trip to Angkor Wat palaces & temples is available.

Price from the Los Angeles is \$1890. People who did the Costa Rica trip receive a \$100 credit. Includes all air travel, airconditioned bus, lodging in comfortable, small hotels or resorts, bilingual guide & 39 meals. To reserve a space send a \$300 deposit (refundable until end of April) to Vince Desimone POB 680111, Park City, UT 84068. Contact vincedesimone@yahoo.com or 435-649-6805 to request a detailed itinerary or discuss the trip.

## **NON WMC Activities**

These activities are not sponsered or sanctioned by the WMC. Any resemblence to any WMC activity, living or dead, is purely coincidental.

MAR 1 SAT SKI RACE: 1st ANNUAL LA SAL LOPPET 18K OVERLAND (MOAB)

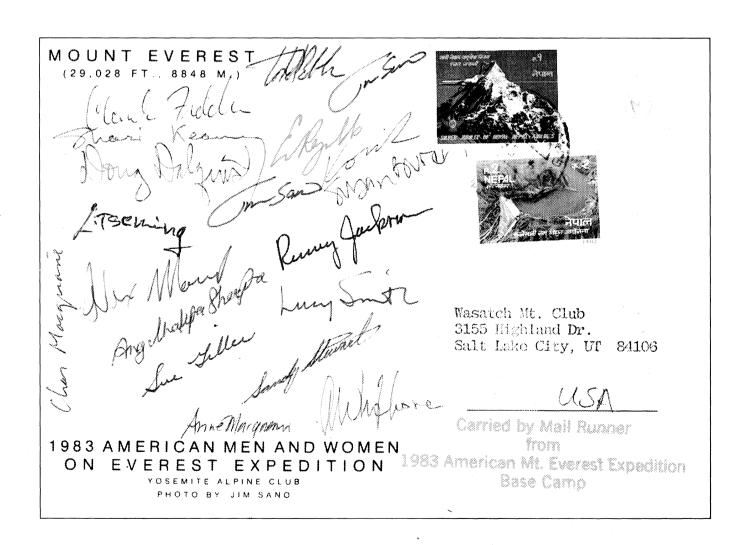
Utah's highest nordic ski race will begin at 10:00 am at the Geyser Pass Trailhead, elevation 9,600 feet, and climb to Geyser Pass, 10,600 feet, and descend the Dark canyon Road to a finish at the "Corrals" above Old La Sal in San Juan County, at 9,400 feet. The average course elevation is about 10,200 feet. Advance registration is \$20 and will include shuttle from Moab and an apres race party at McKay's new resort in Moab- Moab Springs Ranch. The race is a "groomed mountain road" race. Awards will be given in three categories: skate, classical wax, and classical no-wax. A "best effort" will be made to have the road groomed about 8 to 12 feet wide, but a snowstorm or other event might intervene, in which case it will be classical only. So bring back-up skis. For info call McKay Edwards at 801-588-0911.

## MAR 2003 CROSS COUNTRY SKI RACES

DATE	RACE	TECHNIQUE	LOCATION/START
Sat., Mar 1	White Pine/TUNA Relay	both (3x5)	White Pine, 10:00
Sat., Mar 8	Yellowstone Rendezvous	class (25)	West Yellowstone. 8:45
	Yellowstone Rendezvous	free (25/50)	West Yellowstone. 8:45

Schedule provided by The Utah Nordic Alliance (TUNA). For more up-to-date information, call the TUNA Cross Country Ski Hotline 461-9000 or check the TUNA web page: www.utahnordic.com

**28 June –14 July East African Safari-** The 12<sup>th</sup> African Safari, sponsored by Westminster College, will be led by Dr. Barry Quinn, dept of Biology, leaving SLC 6/28. The tour will begin in Nairobi and will include the major game parks of Kenya and Tanzania, such as Samburu, Lake Nakura, Maasai Mara in Kenya, and the Serengeti, Olduvai Gorge, and Ngorongoro Crater, one of the 7 Wonders of the Natural World. Of particular interest to WMC members is the 5 day climb of Mt Kilimanjaro, At 19,340, the highest mountain in Africa. The climb is non-technical and is in lieu of the Serengeti Park. Cost is \$6440 (climb is \$100 less) and includes airfare from SLC to Nairobi via Amsterdam and return, all land transport, first class hotels, game lodges, tented camps, all meals, park entrance fees. For a detailed itinerary or questions, call 832-2353 (office) or 272-7097 (home) or email bquinn@westminstercollege.edu. A slide show introduction to the trip will be held 17 Feb at 7:30 PM in the Dick Science Building, room 102, Westminster College, 1300 east, 1700 South. Everyone is Welcome. Space is limited, and time is short, so call today!!



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## ACTIVITY SURVEY WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAD?

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# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION Page 1 of 3 Wasatch Mountain Club New Member/Reinstatement of Previous Members Application Do not use this form for regular, annual membership renewal.

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#### **WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)**

### Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgment of Risk, and Release from Liability

**VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION:** I acknowledge that my participation in any WMC activity is voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I am aware that WMC activities involve risks, and could result in injury, illness, death, and damage or loss of property. These dangers include but are not limited to: the hazards of traveling in remote areas without medical services or care, the forces of nature, the inherent dangers involved in participation in sports, wilderness travel, and social activities, and the negligent actions of other persons or agencies. I understand that all activities should be considered "exploratory," with the possibility of unexpected conditions and route variations. The WMC is not, nor does it provide, a professional guiding service. In order to partake in the enjoyment and excitement of WMC activities, I am willing to accept the risk and uncertainty involved as being an integral part of the activity. I acknowledge this risk, and assume full responsibility for any and all risks of injury, illness, death, or damage and loss to my property.

I verify this statement by placing my initials here:

**PREPARATION:** I understand that it is my responsibility to evaluate the difficulty of any activity I participate in, and decide whether I am prepared by having the experience, skill, knowledge, equipment, and the physical and emotional stamina to safely participate.

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE:** I agree that I, my heirs, and personal or legal representatives hereby do release and hold harmless from all liability, and promise not to bring any suit or claim against the Wasatch Mountain Club, its leaders, directors, agents or representatives for any injury, illness, death, or damage and loss to property resulting from my participation in any WMC activity even if they negligently caused the injury or damage.

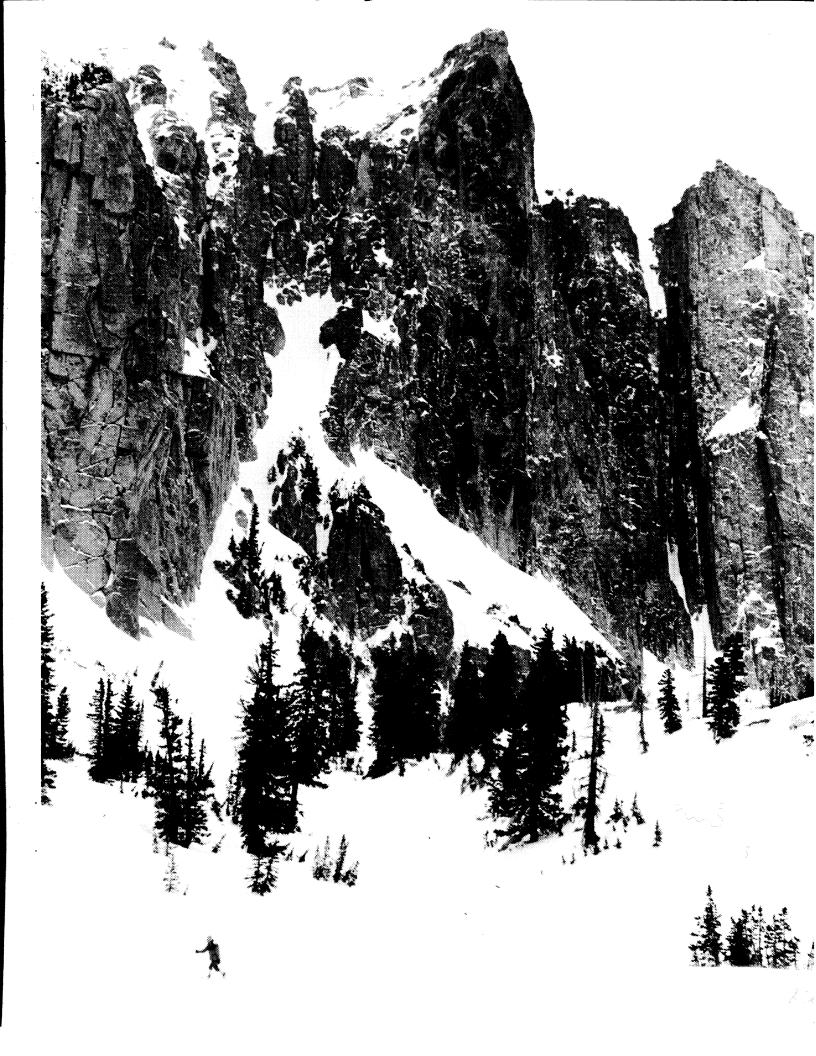
**LEGAL FEES:** Should it become necessary for WMC, or someone on their behalf, to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to pay WMC reasonable costs and fees thereby expended, or for which liability is incurred.

**INSURANCE:** I certify that I have sufficient insurance to cover any bodily injury or property damage that I may incur while participating in any WMC activity. If I have no such insurance, I certify that I am capable of paying for all such expenses and liabilities.

My signature below indicates I have read this entire document, understand it completely, understand it affects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by its terms. I am at least 18 years old.

Signature:	Print Name:
Address:	
Phone:	Date:
WITNESS: I certify that	has alleged to me that he/she has read and understands this document.
Witness signature:	Print Name:
Address:	
Phone:	Date:

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