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Beautiful picture of bald eagle taken by: Myron J. Barrett

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(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.

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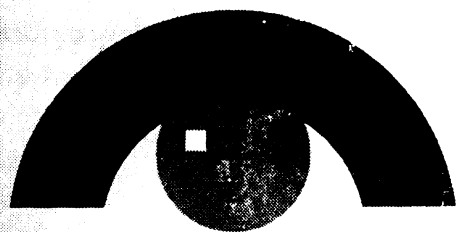
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1. Email them to: wmc@xmission.com You can email your pictures too!

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

February 2004

Will McCarvill

If I had been clever I would have written this before the turn of the year so the planning process would have gotten going a month earlier. I could claim I was out skiing too much, but I have yet to ski by headlamp this year so I had plenty of evenings to get this done. I want to lay out some specific goals for our efforts in 2004.

We will conduct four trails maintenance days with the FS and jointly with SOC. This worked out well last year and we hope to build on that success. We will clean up Wasatch Boulevard three times as part of our commitment to the Adopt-a-Highway program. We would also like to have the second annual Celebrate the Wasatch party where we invite kindred organizations to join us at the Lodge.

The Club donates money to local organizations whose goals are in line with ours and have paid staff to go after evil doers. We typically figure out who we will donate to and how much early in the year.

The conservation chair (me) gets to review mountains of Scoping Documents, EIS's, DEIS's, and other notifications from federal and state agencies regarding proposed actions and activities. The Club usually supports options that favor enhancing the outdoors and minimizing the effects of development and motorized recreation. If you want to see Lake Powell drained come to a Conservation Meeting and make your point.

This past year the Club became deeply involved in the issue of the highway claims in the Wasatch. This effort pointed out that we need to find a way to be better informed about local issues regarding the Wasatch Mountains. We also need to find more effective ways of weighing in and affecting decisions.

Information is the key to understanding what is going on and how it will affect us. An e-mail list has been established for those who want to be kept up to date on conservation issues. If you want to be added just e-mail me at lizandwill@msn.com. I am also trying to get a conservation section on our website with links to other organizations.

Finally, I would like to find a way to keep Club members informed on how their local elected officials have voted on conservation related issues. Club members can then decide if their representatives are truly acting in their best interest. Making sure that local government is aligned to issues that are important to our Mountains and our Club is an effective way to ensure that we can continue to enjoy our namesake.

There is wide variety of things to work on that can make a difference. All you have to do is start.

FEB 18SERVICE: CONSERVATION COMMITTEE. You know you've always wanted to help with conservation. Break that old habit of inaction this year and come help out. At 7PM the Conservation Committee will meet at the club office. All are welcome, we have plenty to do. We need help in tending to the Wasatch Mountains. For more information, contact Will McCarvill 942-2921.

FROM THE RAMBLER EDITOR Kyle Williams

It was a dark night in a city that knows how to keep it's secrets. And on the 12th floor of the Acme Building, a man sat pondering the meaning of life's most persistant questions: "Why do such seemingly intelligent people keep showing up to help me work on this Rambler?" Don't they have a life? " believe me they do, and I am eternally grateful that they interrupt it to help keep this project going Without their help, you wouldn't get a Rambler each month!. **Robert Turner** has put huge time over the last few years, into sorting the activities into a useful schedule that rules the rest of you-all's lives. (It looks simple but believe me, the nuances of taking schedule formats that appear to be exactly the same and getting them to merge properly turned out to be beyond me). **Chris Venizelos** works closely with the USPS to keep us legal. Without his meticulous record keeping and monthly and yearly compliance work, we would be reduced long ago to delivering these things by carrier pigeon. **Jaelene Myrup** has worked for years as the WMC commercial advertising coordinator. She actually CREATES revenue for the club, while the rest of us deplete it. **Sheila Cardwell** has leaped in with countless hours of help this year. **World Wide Mailing**, while not members of the club, have done the labeling and mailing of the Rambler FOR FREE for some years now. Started by the generosity of Allen Davis, and continued by his family and staff in his memory,

they have helped us with THE BIGGEST problem we've ever had in Ramblerdom, getting these things labeled, sorted and mailed. **Cristina Amat di San Filippo** has jumped in this year to add a delightful enthusiasm to the project. If you notice anything in the Rambler that looks like it took creativity and energy, it was probably her idea and doing. This is the last edition that I will be the editor of, and Cris will be taking over next year. The rest of the crew will also be staying on. Thank you so much to each of you folks. It's been fun (PS: if you are breathing a sigh of relief thinking you've seen the last of the "Kyle" photos, think again! Cris has the same taste in pictures as I do....! Ha ha ha ha Ha ha ha ha)

Winter Sports Director's Message

Our current committee consists of: Mike Berry (583-4721, mberry@attglobal.net), Steve Pritchett (523-9243, spritc1041@aol.com), Liz Cordova (486-0909), Douglas Kluender (584-6914, douglas.e.kluender@williams.com). Please give us input!

Winter sports director: Mike Berry
snowshoe coordinator: Liz Cordova
ski coordinator: Steve Pritchett

Early/Mid Winter 2003-2004 Trips that were posted on WMC club email list: wmc-snowshoe

DEC 13 SAT SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD) Alex Rudd
 JAN 01 THU SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD) Alex Rudd

Early/Mid Winter 2003-2004 Trips that were posted on WMC club email list: wmc-ski

NOV 02 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD) Brad Yates
 NOV 09 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: USA BOWL (MOD) Brad Yates
 NOV 15 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TOM'S HILL (MOD) Dale Woodward
 NOV 16 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: UPPER BIG COTTONWOOD (MOD) Brad Yates
 NOV 23 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: LISA'S PEAK OR BIG WATER AREA (MOD) Brad Yates
 JAN 11 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: MAYBIRD GULCH (MOD+) Walt Haas

Don't miss out- Join the wmc-snowshoe, wmc-ski, wmc-hike, or wmc-climb lists.
 We'll see you next season!

WINTER SPORTS RATINGS

Here is the listing of snowshoe and ski tours and the ratings according to difficulty. All mile numbers are ROUND TRIP, from beginning to end. Unless otherwise noted, all trips are in the BACKCOUNTRY. These types of trips may be rated 'Not too difficult' (NTD), but more often are rated 'Moderate' (MOD), or 'Most difficult' (MSD). They more likely encounter avalanche paths, and generally cross areas with steeper terrain. Avalanche beacons and shovels are strongly recommended for these type of trips, and may be required by the trip organizer (see trip descriptions). Typical examples are Powder Park or Catherine's Pass. A trip labeled TOUR is one which mostly follows along a groomed trail, or above an un-groomed road surface and generally has a gentler grade, and less risk of encountering avalanche paths. These types of trips are often rated NTD, but occasionally are rated MOD, or even MSD to length. Avalanche beacons are recommended on a more selected basis. Typical examples are Beaver Creek, or Norway Flats. 'Ski mountaineering' (SKI-MTN) is a rating for difficult trips which, in addition to snow gear and avalanche beacons, include boot climbing on exposed terrain and require self-arrest skills. The rating is

determined by the most difficult technical requirement of the trip. For example, Pink Pine is short, but it is quite steep, so it is rated MSD.

*** Avalanche knowledge is a prerequisite for winter travel. A new rating category for AVALANCHE AWARENESS has been compiled by the Winter Sports Committee to help you assess the relative risk for each trip. Legend- A! - trip crosses major avalanche path and/or multiple avalanche paths; A - trip crosses known avalanche path; M - trip involves minimal risk of avalanches.**

EL and NTD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE MILES	VERTICAL COMMENT				RATING- *
Daniels	Telephone Hollow	EL-NTD	M	3.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Albion Basin Road	EL-NTD	M	3.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road to Elbow Fork	EL-NTD	M	3.0	680	Tour
Wasatch	Willow Lake	NTD	M	3.0	800	
Wasatch	Lake Mary	NTD	A	3.0	910	
Daniels	Doe Knoll	EL-NTD	M	5.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Green's Basin from Spruces	NTD	M	4.0	1000	
Wasatch	Lower Mineral Fork	NTD	A	4.0	1000	
Uintas	Smith & Morehouse Canyon to Ledgefork Campground	NTD	M	6.0	400	Tour
Daniels	Foreman Trail	NTD	M	4.0	900	Tour
Daniels	Telemark Hill	NTD	M	5.0	1000	Tour
Uintas	Bench Creek	NTD	M	7.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Catherine's Lake	NTD	A	4.4	1200	
Wasatch	Silver Fork from Lodge	NTD	A	5.0	1280	Tour
Wasatch	Lower White Pine Canyon	NTD	A	5.0	1400	
Wasatch	Catherine's Pass from Alta	NTD	A	5.0	1500	
Wasatch	Dog Lake	NTD	A	6.0	1400	
Daniels	R Fork Little Hobbie Creek to Valle	NTD	M	7.0	1150	Tour
Wasatch	Days Fork to Second Meadow	NTD	A	6.0	1600	
Uintas	North Fork of Provo River	NTD	M	8.0	600	
Uintas	Beaver Creek Trail	EL-NTD	M	10.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Snake Creek Canyon	NTD+	A	7.0	1800	Tour
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road to Turn-Around	NTD+	M	10.0	1500	Tour

MOD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE MILES	VERTICAL COMMENT				RATING- *
Uintas	Weber Canyon Road	MOD	M	16.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Butler Fork to Overlook	MOD	A	3.0	1500	
Wasatch	Brighton to Twin Lake Pass	MOD	A!	4.0	1300	
Wasatch	Grizzley Gulch to Twin Lakes Pass	MOD	A!	4.0	1320	
Wasatch	Tom's Hill	MOD	A	4.0	1600	
Wasatch	Bill's Hill	MOD	A	3.4	1800	
N. Wasatch	Little Dell-Affleck Park-Big Mtn	MOD	M	11.0	1320	Tour
Wasatch	Catherine's Pass from Brighton	MOD	A!	5.0	1500	
Wasatch	USA Bowl	MOD	A	4.0	1800	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Near)(South)	MOD	A	4.0	1800	
Uintas	Yellow Pine Trail	MOD	M	7.0	2400	
Daniels	Main Canyon -Murdock Hollow	MOD	M	10.0	1400	Tour
Daniels	Strawberry Peak	MOD	A	10.0	1700	Tour

Uintas	Little S. Fork-Willow Hollow Loop	MOD	M	10.0	2000	
Daniels	Clyde Creek- Mud Creek Loop	MOD	M	14.0	1000	
Stansbury	Deseret Peak Bowl	MOD	A	9.0	2800	
Wasatch	Big Water via Dog Lake	MOD	A	6.4	1400	
Wasatch	Alta to Brighton via Twin Lakes P	MOD	A!	8.0	1320	
Uintas	Smith Morehouse C. to Erickson B.	MOD	A	15.0	1200	
Uintas	Murdock Basin	MOD	M	15.0	1400	
Uintas	Upper Setting Road	MOD	M	12.0	2300	Tour
Uintas	Norway Flats Road	MOD	M	12.0	2530	Tour
Uintas	Red Pine Canyon to Mud Lake Flat	MOD	A	14.0	2235	
Wasatch	Lake Desolation	MOD	A	8.0	1900	
Wasatch	Brighton to Alta via Catherine's P	MOD	A!	10.0		
Wasatch	Red Pine Lake	MOD	A	8.0	2000	
Uintas	Soapstone to N. of Iron Mine Mtn	MOD	M	14.0	2240	
Uintas	Shingle Creek	MOD	M	14.0	2460	
Wasatch	Green's Basin Peak	MOD	A	6.0	2380	
Wasatch	Meadow's Chutes	MOD	A!	6.2	2380	
Wasatch	Reynold's Peak	MOD	A	7.0	2100	
Wasatch	Little Water via Dog Lake	MOD	A	7.4	2100	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Middle)	MOD	A	7.0	2200	
Wasatch	Day's Fork to Upper Cirque	MOD+	A!	8.0	2000	
Wasatch	Bear Trap to Lookout	MOD+	A	7.0	2400	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Far)(North)	MOD+	A	8.0	2040	
Wasatch	Upper Red Pine Lake	MOD+	A!	7.0	2400	
Wasatch	Montreal Hill	MOD+	A!	7.0	2700	
Heber	Main Canyon (Wallsburg to Strawb)	MOD+	M	15.0	3650	
Wasatch	White Pine Lake	MOD+	A!	9.0	2400	
Uintas	Windy Ridge	MOD+	A!	7.6	3200	
Wasatch	Alta-Brighton-Alta	MOD+	A!	9.0	2800	

MSD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT	RATING- *
Wasatch	Pink Pine	MSD A!	2.0 1000	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Cardiff Pass	MSD A!	2.0 1400	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Flagstaff Mountain	MSD A!	2.8 2000	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Cardiff Pass to Big Cottonwood C.	MSD A!	5.0 Traverse	1400 u 2800 d
Wasatch	Silver Fork via Brighton Twin Lakes	MSD A!	6.0 Traverse	1460 u 2400 d
Wasatch	Day's Fork to Big Cottonwood C.	MSD A!	5.5 Traverse	2000 u 3200 d
Wasatch	Mary Ellen	MSD A!	9.2 1820	
Wasatch	Soldier Fork	MSD A	9.0 Traverse	1600 u 2800 d
Wasatch	Tuscarora- Wolverine	MSD A!	8.0 2100	
Wasatch	Alexander Basin via Butler to Log H	MSD A!	7.0 Traverse	2600 u 3100 d
Wasatch	Silver Fork Crest	MSD A!	8.0 Traverse	2200 u 3400 d
Wasatch	Maybird Canyon	MSD A!	6.5 Traverse	2440 u 3000 d
Wasatch	Porter Fork	MSD A!	7.0 Traverse	2200 u 3400 d
Wasatch	Lake Blanche to Bif Cottonwood C	MSD A!	8.0 Traverse	2600 u 4600 d
Wasatch	Mineral Fork from Alta	MSD A!	7.0 Traverse	2900 u 3500 d
Wasatch	Gobbler's Knob via Butler	MSD A!	7.0 3140	
Wasatch	Mt. Raymond via Butler Fork	MSD A!	7.0 3140	
Wasatch	Major Evans	MSD A!	9.2 2700	
Wasatch	Wilson Fork	MSD A!	11.0 Traverse	2600 u 3800 d
Wasatch	White Pine from Alta	MSD A!	10.8 2700	
Stansbury	Victory Mountain	MSD A!	10.0 3800	
Uintas	Hoyt Peak via Swift's Canyon	MSD A	14.0 3530	
Uintas	Hoyt Peak via Hoyt Canyon	MSD A	14.0 3601	
Stansbury	Deseret Peak from Guard Station	MSD A!	12.0 4500	
Uintas	Norway Flats to Smith Morehouse	MSD+ A	18.0 2680	
Uintas	Weber River to Norway Flats	MSD+ A	20.0 2800	
Daniels	Currant Creek Peak	MSD+ A	21.0 2800	
Wasatch	Triple Traverse- Alta to Toll Canyon	MSD+ A!	16.0 Traverse	5700 u 7600 d
Uintas	King's Peak (length!)	MSD+ A	36.0 6800	Very long

SKI-MTN RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT	RATING- *
Wasatch	Mt. Superior	SKI-MTN A!	6.0 2700	
Wasatch	Pfeifferhorn via White Pine Canyon	SKI-MTN A!	10.0 3700	
Wasatch	Superior and Monte Carlo from Alta	SKI-MTN A!	10.0 4810	
Wasatch	Twin Peaks via Broad's Fork	SKI-MTN A!	10.0 5100	
Wasatch	Box Elder peak from Dry Fork	SKI-MTN A!	12.0 5600	
Wasatch	Pfeifferhorn from Dry Creek	SKI-MTN A!	12.0 5630	
Wasatch	Mt. Nebo from Mona	SKI-MTN A!	14.0 6700	
Wasatch	Bells Canyon Supertour Traverse	SKI-MTN A!	14.0 Traverse 3500 u 5700 d	
Wasatch	Lone Peak via Supertour Route	SKI-MTN A!	16.0 5854	
Wasatch	Timpanogos from Timpooneke	Ski-MTN A!	22.0 6500	

Editorial Note: Snowshoe and Ski ratings above are listed in order of difficulty, according to this algorithm:

Difficulty = (M) + (3K). M is the round trip miles including tenths, if any. K is the thousands of feet of altitude gain including tenths, if any. For example: Catherine's Lake at 4.4 miles round trip and 1200 feet of altitude gain:

$$\begin{aligned} & (M) + (3 \times K) \\ & (4.4) + (3 \times 1.2) \\ & (4.4) + (3.6) = 8.0 \end{aligned}$$

If the outing is labeled as a TOUR, factor the difficulty answer by (0.6). Example: Foreman Trail at 4 miles length and an altitude gain of 900 feet calculates as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & (M) + (3 \times K) \times (0.6) \\ & (4) + (3 \times .9) = 6.7 \\ & (6.7) \times (0.6) = 4 \end{aligned}$$

Localized trail conditions may vary throughout the season and affect the actual difficulty on any given day (e.g. trail breaking, icy, bare spots, wind, warm, cold).

TRIBUTE TO AVALANCHE SAFETY

By Sheila Cardwell

On Feb 15th, 2003 on Gobblers Knob, Allen Davis skied into heaven leaving behind many devoted friends and family who were empowered by him through his many adventures of skiing, hiking, climbing, biking and yoga. As we enjoy a wonderful season of skiing Allen would want us to take a moment to review our knowledge and skills regarding safe travel in avalanche terrain. Throughout the valley many classes are offered for free or a small fee educating us on safe skiing in avalanche country. Please take this moment to review your knowledge and experience in this area. We should all realize that when we ski with someone in the backcountry we are saying to our partners that we are skilled and informed of the necessary information to keep our friends safe. Click on to www.avalanche.org to view the many classes offered in the valley regarding avalanche education. Have a wonderful and safe ski season.



Allen Davis Memorial Ski Tour
Mt Wolverine
Feb 2003
By
Allain Bergeron

Allen skied into heaven during one of his many loved adventures. He leaves behind a great legacy to all he came in contact with. Allen believed heaven was here on earth. He lived in heaven as he skied, rock-climbed, biked and relaxed with yoga and tenderly cared for the needs of others. Through these adventures he touched many lives with his positive energy and loving way.

Hey folks, from time to time we are supposed to publish the WMC "fine print" so here goes:**CONSTITUTION OF THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.**

AMENDED OCTOBER 1995

ARTICLE I: NAME AND OFFICE

Section 1. Name. The name of the organization shall be Wasatch Mountain Club.

Section 2. Office. The Wasatch Mountain Club is a nonprofit organization, organized with headquarters in the State of Utah.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

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 on behalf of science, literature and art; to explore and picture the scenic wonders of this and surrounding states; to foster awareness of scenic beauties; and to encourage preservation of our natural areas including their plant, animal and bird life.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Requirements. The membership of the Wasatch Mountain Club shall consist of life, honorary, regular and partner members, all of whom shall be 18 years of age or older.

Section 2. Rights and Privileges. As outlined in the Bylaws, any person meeting the admission requirements for a specific membership, whose fees and annual dues are paid, and who has received a favorable vote of the Governing Board, shall be a member of the Club with all rights and privileges of the type of membership which has been approved. The rights and privileges of members shall include but not be limited to: voting, holding office, attending Club functions at member rates, and examining Club books and records at reasonable times.

Section 3. Termination. The membership of any member may be terminated by a unanimous vote of the Governing Board. Whenever a membership terminates, all rights and interest pertaining thereto revert to the Wasatch Mountain Club, Inc.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. The Officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the General Membership and serve as Directors. The Vice President shall be elected by the Governing Board from the Directors not currently serving as Officers.

Section 2. Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President until the Governing Board shall elect a President to serve for the unexpired term. Any other vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by Presidential appointment and confirmed by a majority vote of the Governing Board.

ARTICLE V: DIRECTORS

Section 1. Composition. The Governing Board shall contain at least ten (10) qualified members serving as Directors pending election by the General Membership. Required qualifications are stated in the Bylaws.

Section 2. Term of Office. The term of office shall be one (1) year or until new Directors are elected. New Directors shall take office at the first scheduled meeting of the Governing Board following the annual business meeting.

Section 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled by Presidential appointment, subject to approval by the remaining Governing Board.

Section 4. Duties. Each Director shall perform the duties outlined in the Bylaws. If any Director is considered inactive or otherwise undesirable, said Director may be discharged from office by unanimous vote of the remaining Governing Board.

Section 5. Business. The Governing Board shall conduct business only at regular meetings or special meetings upon proper notice.

ARTICLE VI: TRUSTEES

Section 1. Composition. The Trustees shall consist of four (4) elected members in good standing and the President of the Club. One member shall be elected each year at the Annual Business Meeting for a four (4) year term. Each member shall have served previously for at least one (1) year as a Director and shall have been a regular member of the Wasatch Mountain Club for at least five (5) years.

Section 2. Chair. The senior member of the Trustees shall act as Chair. The Chair shall call meetings of the Trustees as requested by the President, or at the discretion of the Chair upon proper notice. At meetings of the Governing Board, each attending Trustee shall have one (1) vote on all matters in addition to those special matters to be brought before the Trustees.

Section 3. Vacancy. Should a vacancy in the Trustees occur during the year, a new member shall be elected by the remaining Trustees to serve until the next Annual Business Meeting of the Club, at which time a new Trustee shall be elected by the Membership to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 4. Duties. Each Trustee shall perform the duties outlined in the Constitution. If any Trustee shall be considered inactive or otherwise undesirable, said Trustee may be discharged by unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees subject to approval by the Governing Board.

Section 5. Expenditures.

- a. Any expenditure of the Club that exceeds \$1,000 in a single project, or the sale or disposal of any property valued in excess of \$1,000 shall be approved by a majority of the Trustees prior to the obligation of the expenditure or sale. A report of the action taken by the Trustees shall be made to the Governing Board within twelve (12) days of the date the Trustees are informed of the proposed action.
- b. If the Trustees fail to act or fail to approve the expenditure within the specified time, the matter shall automatically be referred to the Governing Board, that may present the request to the General Membership for action.

Section 6. Financial Review. The incoming Chair, assisted by the other Trustees, shall be responsible for a review of the Treasurer's books at the end of the Treasurer's term of office. The review may be performed by an outside agency at the direction of the Trustees. It shall be completed prior to April 30.

Section 7. Annual Financial Report. The Trustees shall approve the annual financial report of the Treasurer, which shall provide in reasonable detail a general statement of the transactions and financial condition of the Club. This report shall be presented at the first general meeting held after May 1, and shall be published in the RAMBLER immediately afterwards.

Section 8. Constitutional Interpretation. The authority and responsibility for the interpretation of this Constitution shall be vested in the Trustees.

ARTICLE VII: GOVERNING BOARD

Section 1. Composition. The Governing Board shall be composed of the Directors, including the Officers and the Trustees.

Section 2. Responsibilities. The responsibilities of the Governing Board shall be noted as below or as assigned by the Membership:

- a. The control of all Club business and activities shall be vested in the Governing Board.
- b. Any action approved by the Governing Board may be put to a vote by the General Membership for final approval if requested through a petition signed by five (5) percent of the Membership as of May 1 of the current year.
- c. Bylaws, not in conflict with the Constitution, may be adopted, amended, or rescinded at any meeting of the Governing Board by a two-thirds vote of the total Board, provided all Board members are notified by mail or otherwise. Notice shall include the exact wording of the proposed amendment and date and place of the meeting, and be given at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.
- d. Date, time and place of General Membership meetings shall be specified by the Governing Board.

Section 3. Meetings. The Governing Board shall meet as specified in the Bylaws or as designated by the President with approval by the Board.

Section 4. Quorum. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be a majority of the members of the Governing Board.

Section 5. Remuneration. No Governing Board member shall receive any financial remuneration for services rendered to the Club in such capacity.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings. There shall be at least two (2) General Membership meetings held each year, one of which shall be the Annual Business Meeting.

Section 2. Notice. A matter requiring a vote by the General Membership may be transacted at a General Membership meeting, provided that notice was mailed to the Membership at least ten (10) days before the date of such a meeting, such notice stating generally the purpose, time, date and place of the meeting. A member may vote in person or by proxy, executed in writing by the member.

Section 3. Election. Election of Trustees and Directors shall be conducted at the Annual Business Meeting or by a general mail ballot if the Governing Board so chooses.

Section 4. Quorum. A quorum for the transaction of business at a General Membership meeting shall consist of the members present or represented by written proxy.

ARTICLE IX: HISTORY

There shall be a written and pictorial history of the Club maintained, giving recognition for outstanding service to the Club by individuals or groups of individuals. The Governing Board shall appoint a Club historian to compile and maintain said history.

ARTICLE X: PUBLICATIONS

The RAMBLER shall be the official publication of the Wasatch Mountain Club, Inc.

ARTICLE XI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of the Wasatch Mountain Club, Inc. in all cases not provided for in the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, Bylaws or in the Standing Rules.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENT

Amendments to this Constitution shall require a two-thirds vote of the quorum of members present and voting at any General Membership meeting. Any member may submit a proposed amendment to the Board for consideration, and it shall be referred to the Membership on approval of the Governing Board providing that notice has been sent to all members at least ten (10) days prior to the vote.

BYLAWS OF THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

AMENDED OCTOBER 2002

ARTICLE I: ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

Section 1. President and Trustees. The President is one of the Club's Trustees. In order to be eligible to hold either the office of President or the position of Trustee, a person must have been a member in good standing for at least five (5) years, and must have served on the Governing Board for at least one (1) year.

Section 2. Other Officers and Directors. In order to be eligible for office in this category, a person must be a member in good standing, as defined by the Constitution, Article III.

ARTICLE II: DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. Duties of Officers.

- a. The President shall be chief executive officer of the Club, preside at all Governing Board and General Membership meetings, and shall exercise all powers of supervision over Club affairs which are not otherwise provided for in the Constitution or Bylaws. Subject to the approval by the Governing Board, the President shall appoint a member to fill any Directorship vacancy. The President shall also have power to appoint special committees and call special meetings.

- b. The Vice President shall assume the responsibilities of the President in the President's absence, or in the case of the termination from office in midterm, until the Governing Board can elect a President to serve for the unexpired term.
- c. The Secretary shall take minutes of all Governing Board and General Membership meetings; verify the presence of a quorum at meetings; be responsible for all Club correspondence; and keep accurate records of all business (other than financial), including the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and Policies.
- d. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds under the direction of the Governing Board, handle the accounts and all matters concerning Club finances and monies, and tender monthly financial statements to the Governing Board. Bank accounts and investment instruments of the Club shall be kept as determined by the Governing Board and disbursed as directed in the Constitution. The Treasurer shall keep adequate documents for a financial review at the end of the term of office and submit them to the preferred tax preparer. As the Club's financial officer, the Treasurer shall be suitably bonded to cover any liabilities associated with the holding of this office. Funds shall be withdrawn only over the signatures of Officers duly designated to have signatory rights.

Section 2. Duties of other Directors.

- a. The Conservation Director shall serve as chairperson of the Conservation Committee, and keep the General Membership and Governing Board informed about conservation issues.
- b. The Mountaineering Director shall be responsible for planning the annual climbing schedule, climbing and safety instructions, and for keeping an inventory of the Club's mountaineering equipment.
- c. The Boating Director shall be responsible for the annual boating schedule, safety considerations, obtaining necessary permits, and obtaining and maintaining Club boating equipment.
- d. The Hiking Director shall be responsible for planning the annual hiking schedule, maintaining a hiking leadership and safety program, and supervising Club maintenance of hiking trails.
- e. The Entertainment Director shall coordinate all entertainment and social programs and secure facilities, as needed for the General Membership meetings.
- f. The Lodge Director shall have charge of the Club Lodge.
- g. The Membership Director shall keep an accurate list of members, submit qualified applicants for Board approval, have charge of activities directed toward obtaining new members, and shall see that each new member receives a copy of the Membership Manual.
- h. The Publications Director shall compile, edit, and publish the RAMBLER and preserve copies in the Club files, and shall be responsible for mailing the RAMBLER.
- i. The Winter Sports Director shall be responsible for planning the annual ski touring and snow shoeing program and maintaining a touring leadership and avalanche safety program. In addition, the Director acts as custodian for all Club winter sports equipment.
- j. The Information Director shall be responsible for promoting the Club and its activities, attracting new members, and enhancing the image of the Club.
- k. The Bicycling Director shall be responsible for planning the annual bicycling schedule and maintaining a leadership training and safety program.

Section 3. Records. It shall be the duty of each Director to keep records and suggestions concerning their respective activities and pass these on to the incoming Director.

Section 4. Committees.

- a. Activities Committees: Each Activities Director may appoint a committee to aid in organizing and carrying out the activities under his/her jurisdiction.
- b. Nominations Committee: This committee shall publish in the January RAMBLER a slate of one or more nominees for each Governing Board position to be filled. All nominees shall meet the qualifications as defined in the Constitution and Bylaws and be willing to serve on the Governing Board, if elected. Nominations may be accepted by the Nominations Committee from the General Membership until January 15th when nominations are to be submitted to the President.

Section 5. Coordinators.

- a. Coordinators are established by the Governing Board to be responsible for conducting specific programs.
- b. Coordinators are nominated either by the participants in a specific activity, or by a sponsoring Director. All Coordinators must be approved by a vote of the Governing Board.
- c. Coordinators do not have a vote on the Governing Board, but may attend Board meetings to discuss matters pertaining to their area of responsibility. They may also communicate with the Governing Board via a sponsoring Director.
- d. The Coordinator positions shall include, but not be limited to: Rafting, Sailing, Kayaking, and Canoeing (all sponsored by the Boating Director); Snowshoeing; Ski touring; Mountain biking; Trail maintenance; and In-line skating.

Section 6. Voting Procedures. There shall be one (1) vote per Directorship and each attending Trustee. Proxies may be designated by Members of the Governing Board.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

- a. The regular meetings of the Governing Board shall be held at least once every month or as required by the Board to conduct Club business. The time and place of meetings shall be designated by the Board, and written notice shall be sent to all Board members at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.
- b. A General Business meeting shall be held in February at which elections will be conducted.
- c. At least two (2) other General Membership meetings shall be held annually, one of which shall be the Awards and Nominations Banquet.
- d. Special General Membership meetings may be called by the Governing board. All General Membership meetings require ten (10) days prior notification by mail.

ARTICLE IV: RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES, AND ENFORCEMENT

Section 1. Publication and Distribution.

- a. Periodically, the Board shall issue statements of updated Rules, Regulations, and Policies which shall be published in the RAMBLER.
- b. The President shall distribute an up-to-date copy of the Constitution and Bylaws to each member of the Governing Board at the second

(2nd) regularly scheduled meeting of the fiscal year. Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be published in the RAMBLER.

Section 2. Enforcement.

- a. Trip leaders may report violations of Rules or Regulations by participants by letter to the Governing Board, orally to the appropriate Director, or at any scheduled Governing Board meeting. Participants may also report any malfeasance of the trip leader in a similar fashion.
- b. If the Governing Board deems the Rule/Regulation violation to be sufficiently serious, the violator shall be placed on a three (3) month probation period and notified by certified mail of the exact nature of the violation.
- c. Upon report of a second serious Rule/Regulation violation within the three (3) month probation period, the member shall be notified by certified mail of the exact nature of the violation and the date that his/her suspension of membership will be considered. The member may appear before the Governing Board on that date to explain any mitigating circumstances. Suspension of membership shall be by unanimous vote and prorated unused dues refunded. Termination of membership shall be in accordance with the Constitution.
- d. Should a suspended or terminated member rejoin the Club, membership before suspension/termination may not be included in the twenty-five (25) years of membership required for Life Membership.

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Requirements for Regular Membership. Prospective members shall submit a signed application with an appropriate witness signature and the initial membership fee. Acceptance shall be subject to approval by the Governing Board. A dues-lapsed or suspended member may resume membership without re-qualification upon payment of dues and a reinstatement fee.

Section 2. Requirements for Life Membership.

- a. The Life Member candidate shall submit an application documenting the fulfillment of the following requirements to the Governing Board:
 1. Uninterrupted payment of dues for twenty-five (25) years. With approval of the Governing Board, arrears dues may be updated;
 2. Demonstrate a visible level of recent interest in Club affairs;
 3. Perform meritorious service to the Club, equivalent to at least two (2) years of service on the Governing Board, as outlined in the Standing Rules and Regulations.
- b. Life Membership is an individual recognition. In the case of couple membership, each must satisfy the requirements individually.
- c. After approval of the application by the Governing Board, it must be approved by a vote by the General Membership at a regular General Membership meeting.
- d. Life Member dues shall be the equivalent of the existing RAMBLER fee. Life Membership continues without payment of this fee, but no publication shall be sent.

Section 3. Requirements for Honorary Membership. Under extraordinary circumstances, the Club may confer an Honorary Membership on a public official (e.g. Governor, Senator, or Congressman) who has been especially helpful in making the organization realize its purpose, as expressed in the Constitution. The status of Honorary Member requires yearly renewal.

Section 4. Fees and Duration.

- a. Membership fees shall include a one time initiation fee of \$5.00 for each regular member, plus annual dues of \$35.00 for a single, \$50.00 for a couple membership.
- b. Each household shall be eligible to receive one (1) subscription to the RAMBLER, the fee for which shall be included in the membership. The subscription fee is likewise assessed to Life Members.
- c. The membership year shall be for twelve (12) consecutive months, renewable on the month of the member's acceptance into the Club. Membership dues not paid within thirty (30) days of the renewal date will result in the removal from the membership files and require a reinstatement fee of \$5.00 to rejoin the Club.
- d. Dues-lapsed or suspended members may reinstate membership upon payment of annual dues and a \$5.00 reinstatement fee.
- e. Full-time students eighteen to thirty (18-30) years of age, are eligible for a \$20.00 per year membership fee.

Section 5. Types of Membership.

- a. A Regular member shall be any member who has fulfilled requirements for membership and whose dues are fully paid.
- b. Spouse or equivalent member of the same household qualify as a partner member and shall enjoy all privileges of regular membership pending payment of the appropriate dues. Children under eighteen (18) years of age shall be eligible for participation in designated activities.
- c. Life Members currently having this status shall continue in this category as consistent with the Constitution and enjoy all privileges associated with this designation throughout their life.

Section 6. Privileges of Membership. Privileges of membership shall be as designated in the Constitution (most recent revision) and shall include one (1) subscription to the RAMBLER per household. Only members may lead Club activities.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominations Committee.

- a. With the consent of the Governing Board, the President shall appoint by November 15 a Nominations Committee of three (3) members who are not currently members of the Governing Board. At least two (2) members of this committee shall have previously served on the Board. The names of the appointed members of the Nominations Committee shall be published in the December RAMBLER.
- b. The Nominations Committee shall contact all incumbents to determine if they wish to run for reelection. Club members may contact the Nominations Committee if they wish to run for office.
- c. The Nominations Committee is responsible to ensure that there is at least one candidate for each position. All nominees shall meet the qualifications as determined in the Constitution and Bylaws and be willing to serve on the Board if elected.
- d. The slate selected by the Nominations Committee shall be published in the January RAMBLER.

Section 2. Awards and Nominations Banquet.

- a. The time and place of the Awards and Nominations Banquet shall be set by the Board and be published in the January RAMBLER.
- b. During the business portion of the banquet, nominations for any office may be made from the floor. In order to appear on the final slate of candidates, such nominees must give their approval and must fulfill the selection criteria specified for the offices sought.

- c. Nominations are closed at the end of the Awards and Nominations Banquet and may not be reopened after the final slate has been published.

Section 3. Elections Meeting.

- a. The final slate of candidates and the time and place of the General Membership meeting shall be published in the February RAMBLER, or a separate mailing shall be sent to all members at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.
- b. Voting shall be by secret ballot.
- c. A member may vote in person or by proxy, executed in writing by the member.

Section 4. Terms of Office. The term for all Directors shall be from March 1 to February 28. The staggered terms for the four (4) Trustees are four (4) years in length, with one Trustee being elected each year.

ARTICLE VII: AWARDS

Section 1. Trustee Emeritus. On rare occasions, a Trustee with long and distinguished service to the Club decides to vacate his/her office. In recognition of such service, the Board may elect to bestow the distinction of "Trustee Emeritus" on this individual. The distinction is permanent and does not provide Board voting privileges.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB POLICIES (STANDING RULES)

CURRENT AS OF AUGUST, 2003

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

All documents created by the Governing Board, Coordinators, Trip Organizers, and others performing Club business, should be considered historically important. Therefore, all such documents should be dated, including month, day and year. Use standard letter-sized paper whenever possible. Since many documents will be bound in some manner, leave a binding margin of one-half to one inch on the left margin. For two-sided printing, the binding margin will alternate between left and right margins. (1/93)

The Club will use recycled products whenever practical and Club members are urged to recycle. (6/91)

Board meetings will be held monthly, on the first Wednesday of the month unless needed more frequently or otherwise scheduled. (3/86)

Board meeting format: (6/92)

- Only one person per directorship will report unless there is a clear splitting of report between the co-directors.
- Chair will allot "x" number of minutes per presentation.
- Presentation format of short issue:
State what is proposed.
State what action is requested.
- Presentation format of longer/complex issue:
Send written proposal in advance, i.e. in time to be sent out with minutes or bring written proposal ahead of time and Board will act upon it at following meeting.
- A Board member may appoint a proxy to vote at a Board meeting; it is recommended that a committee member be appointed if possible. (3/84)
- All unopened mail addressed to a Club member will be opened before the end of the Board meeting whether the Board member is there or not. Any unidentified mail will be opened and designated to the appropriate director. (3/91)
- Board members will provide their own refreshments at Board meetings.

Board members may be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in connection with routine Club business. The Board will vote on these reimbursements as they are requested. Each successive Board should determine its own policy. (6/81) The present board will be reimbursed at \$.25 per mile. (92)

The president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary shall be the signors on the checking account. (3/89)

The president is signatory for the Salt Lake Foundation. (1/92)

The vice-president is elected by the Board from the Board to act as president when the president is not available. (3/89)

Incoming directors should get keys, notebooks, etc., from outgoing directors. (3/89) Outgoing directors will spend a minimum of two hours with incoming directors. (3/94)

The treasurer and two trustees can authorize a transfer from the investment account to the checking account. (3/89)

No one can speak for the Club at public meetings unless he or she is sanctioned by the Board. (8/86) Directors may speak to questions about their particular domain. If an individual is not a director or otherwise authorized by the Board, he or she is to make the press and the public aware that he or she is speaking as an individual, not on behalf of the WMC and to refer the press and public to the appropriate Board members. (9/94)



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The president, secretary, treasurer, and information director are responsible for planning and implementing an Organizer's Party in the fall. Each director submits to the officers a list of organizers they would like honored. (4/89) (6/90) Guests are invited by written invitation. Also, a notice is placed in the *Rambler* in case there are any members who felt they qualified but had been overlooked in the invitations.

Each director will submit a detailed budget by the April Board meeting for Board approval and will subsequently adhere to that budget for the period March 1 to February 28. (4/97) Those expenses that are General Fund expenses will be further identified as hiking, membership, administration, etc. Office expenses include phone, rent, utilities, and related expenses. The treasurer will develop codes that identify each area of the general fund. (6/94) The administrative assistant position was discontinued.

WMC has accounts at Kinko's and Office Max for use of the Board. (12/96)

GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board consists of a set of directors and four trustees. The directors' responsibilities include:

1. Responsibility for respective areas;
2. Forming committees;
3. Giving feedback to membership through the *Rambler*; and
4. Being responsible for Club property and keeping inventories current.

PRESIDENT & VICE-PRESIDENT

The president is the main contact for outside organizations and individuals who interact in one fashion or another with the Club. These include Federal agencies (in particular the US Forest Service) as well as state and local agencies that are involved with outdoor matters such as recreation, environmental concerns, and trail access. Since the Club, along with most of its members, is located in the Wasatch Front, the Club has its most frequent contact with agencies responsible for this area. The Club also interacts with sister organizations such as the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, the Utah Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, and S'plore.

The president presides over the monthly Governing Board meeting. The vice-president presides if the president is unable to be at the meeting.

TREASURER

The Club's fiscal year runs from March 1 to the last day of February. (12/96) The tax year is from January 1 to December 31.

Donations to the Club are not tax deductible.

A \$200 petty cash fund for the membership director is approved if required. (8/93) A \$200 petty cash fund for the lodge director was also approved if required. (7/93) The Board also approved petty cash funds available for the entertainment (\$300) and winter sports directors. (9/99)

The treasurer has authority to pay the following bills between Board meetings: rent, electric and phone, postage and printing costs associated with the *Rambler*, Kinko's and Office Max. (5/95) (12/96)

The treasurer is approved to write checks for pre-approved lodge budget items between Board meetings. Receipts continue to be required to receive reimbursement. (7/94)

Requests for reimbursement should be accompanied by an explanation (note) on how the money was used along with all relevant receipts. All expenses must be submitted to the treasurer, even if there are offsetting incomes that compensate for them.

If the Club sells major assets, a statement is required by the IRS, which includes the original cost of the item, when it was bought and sold, and to whom it was sold.

For the purpose of fulfilling tax requirements, the following procedures should be followed:

1. Any donated funds and their designated purpose need to be detailed.
2. The lodge director needs to distinguish income from lodge use resulting from member use or outside use.
3. If admission fees for Club functions at the lodge include a lodge fee, the entertainment director needs to account for this separately, by noting the lodge fee times the number of people present.
4. Services provided by the Club such as instructional courses are related to our tax exempt status; therefore, careful accounting procedures should be followed. Directors should note income from fees, and the cost for running the program.
5. Receipts for all expenses are required.
6. Taxes should be prepared by a professional tax preparer at the Club's expense with the assistance of the treasurer.

Monthly and year-end financial statements are circulated to Board members including trustees.

Memorial Funds have been accounted for under "Mountaineering" funds. Where the Club is the collection agency for these funds, a trustee will follow the fund. In the future, memorial funds will be accounted for separately under "Donation Funds." (3/81)

The accumulated interest for the year shall be allocated to the individual Club funds by the outgoing treasurer in an equitable fashion subject to approval by the Board. (1/90)

Past Boards have allocated 15% of all dues collected to the lodge, 10% to conservation, 4% to the lodge capital improvement fund. (Reaffirmed 11/00) Allocation can be changed by the Board at its own discretion. (4/87) (3/89) (Reaffirmed 1/97)

Investments are limited to treasury notes, treasury bills, money market funds (US securities only) or certificates of deposit. The treasurer is responsible and authorized to make investments within the above parameters. (11/88) (3/89)

All statements for expenses, before being paid, will be submitted to the appropriate director for approval and coordination. (1/89)

\$5000 to \$15,000 of Club funds will be left in the checking account based on projected expenditures with the rest being transferred to the investment account. (10/90) (Modified 9/00) It is recommended that the treasurer keep no more in money market fund than will be needed before long-term accounts mature. (9/91)

The treasurer is authorized to meet periodically with a CPA for Club business at the Club's expense, with the approval of the president. (9/00)

One million dollar liability insurance policies are maintained on the lodge and the office per lease requirements of the Forest Service. Property insurance is maintained on the office contents (valued at \$20,000) and the boating "shed" (valued at \$20,000). A fire insurance policy was also purchased to protect the Club against damage to the lodge. (7/00)

Funds from publications. Because Wasatch Publishers has sold the rights to *Hiking the Wasatch*, the previous allocation of funds is no longer valid. Proceeds from one-time publications transactions shall be allocated equally between conservation and lodge capital funds or directed by a vote of the Board. (12/00)



Bob Wright and Bob Roundy in Colorado .July 2003. Photo by Bonnie Walsh

SECRETARY

Minutes should be taken at each Board meeting, then typed, duplicated and mailed to each Board member, trustee, and coordinator 10 days prior to the next meeting. Notification of the next Board meeting should be included. (12/96)

The financial statement from the treasurer should be mailed to trustees not attending the Board meeting where the reports were given out.

The secretary maintains and updates the current Club policies. After every Board meeting, any policy modifications or new or deleted policies should be updated on the master document and printed out at least semi-annually for Board members. (1/01)

Permanent records, minutes, letters, etc., should be collected and kept in a single place, with the current secretary. (2/92)

Any Bylaw changes should be recorded word for word, as opposed to a general summary. The same applies to any other Board action which might require an explicit record.

The secretary handles thank you notes as applicable, also correspondence for the president and directors as required. Copies are kept for the file.

A brief report of the General Membership meetings should be submitted to the *Rambler*. (11/91)

The secretary shall provide ballots for Governing Board elections at the General Membership Meeting. (2/90)

TRUSTEES

All trustees need to be consulted concerning approval of major expenditures. Even after a majority has agreed on a position, the rest still need to be contacted. (4/81)

SERVICE POLICIES

At least four days each year will be set aside so that only Club service activities are scheduled. (7/91) (9/94)(11/02)(8/03)

Two of the four service days shall be scheduled for the weekends following the July 4th and Labor Day holidays. (7/00)(11/02)(8/03) The governing board shall schedule the remaining two service days. (11/02)(8/03)

APPLICANT AGREEMENT, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK, AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY FORM

The following form is used for Club activities and on new member and renewal forms:

Voluntary Participation: I acknowledge that my participation in any WMC activity is voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate. I agree to abide by the rules of the WMC.

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.

Preparation: I understand that it is my responsibility to evaluate the difficulty of this activity and 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 claims 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 I may incur while participating in this activity. If I have no such insurance, I certify that I am capable of paying for all such expenses or liabilities.

My signature below indicates that I have read this entire document, understand it completely, understand that it affects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by its terms. I am at least 18 years old, or if not, my parent or guardian has signed for me.

ACTIVITIES POLICIES

All activity participants will sign an Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgement of Risk, and Release from Liability Form prior to participating in any/every Club-sponsored activity. (4/81) Also, each WMC member will sign a generic Acknowledgement of Risk and Release from Liability form when joining the Club and yearly thereafter; the WMC attorney will review all Release forms, and all Release forms will be collected at the office, filed by activity and held in storage for seven years. (10/94)

Activity directors continue to have the final word about activity organizers. (10/94)

No alcoholic beverages will be provided by the Club at any Club function. (8/86)

In case of a vehicular accident, the driver will absorb reimbursement of the deductible on insurance. Trip organizers need to advise car owners to be adequately insured as the \$.15 per mile charge by trip participants is intended to cover all operating costs including the cost of insurance. (7/91)

Board policy does not allow for payment for helicopter rescue necessary on Club trips. (7/85)

All lists of scheduled events submitted to the *Rambler* should come from the appropriate director. (5/81)

If a change in organizers is needed for a particular trip, the director for the activity should be consulted. (5/80)

Guidelines for handling transportation costs on Club trips: \$.15 per mile plus the cost of gasoline should be divided equally among all the occupants of the vehicle, including the driver. The money goes to the driver. This can be modified for particular trips. 5/92)

Millcreek Canyon fee affects Club activities; passengers pay fee, while driver goes for free. (3/91)

Parking for Wasatch Front activities will occur in Park 'n Ride lots or lots where the Club has received written permission. Permission is to be reconfirmed on a yearly basis. (2/94)

Guidelines for handling deposits for Club trips:

- Full deposit will be refunded for any person on a waiting list not participating because the trip is full.
- A person with a confirmed reservation for a trip who later cancels, may be required to forfeit a portion or the full amount of any deposits or advanced fees paid if the cancellation has a financial impact on other trip participants.
- Non-Club members who participate in Club trips must pay the estimated trip cost in advance of the trip departure date. The difference between actual and estimated costs will be addressed after trip completion.

Individual directors and coordinators are to plan and arrange their own parties, but the entertainment director needs to be informed of any

planned parties to avoid scheduling conflicts. The entertainment director may veto conflicting parties. (10/89)

Trip organizers are required to submit a written report about any injury or accident/incident that occurs on any Club function at the first Board meeting after the injury or accident. The organizer will include comments written by the injured party and written by any witnesses to the accident/incident. (8/89)

A trip organizer has the right to refuse participation to anyone if that person is unprepared or unqualified. (5/90) (7/00)

The Club does not allow promotion of commercial (for profit) trips with Club activities. (10/86) Trips not sponsored by the Club shall not be written up in the Rambler. (9/92)


The participants of the trip shall absorb all expenses of a trip. (2/85) Damage or loss of Club gear will be equally divided among the group participants up to a limit of \$15.00/person, the rest to be absorbed by the Club. (6/88)

Coordinators volunteer and are selected by the directors to assist with a particular activity. This selection is ratified by a vote of the Board. The coordinators report to the Board through a sponsoring Board member as follows:


ACTIVITY

BOARD SPONSOR

Canoeing	Boating
Rafting	Boating
Kayaking	Boating
Boat Equipment	Boating
Sailing	Boating
Boating Instruction	Boating
Mountain Biking	Biking (4/94)
In-line Skating	Biking (8/95)
Tennis	Hiking (1/92)
Trails Issues	Conservation (1/92)
Adopt-a-Highway	Information (92)
Commercial Ads	Publications (6/92)
Rambler Mailings	Publications (6/92)
Skiing	Winter Sports
Snowshoeing	Winter Sports (6/92)
Lodge Use Rep	Lodge



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MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

The membership year is for a 12-month period, renewable in the month of the member's acceptance into the Club. Membership not renewed within 30 days of the renewal date will be removed from the membership files. If dues are not paid within the 30-day period, a reinstatement fee of \$5.00 will be assessed. (2/94)

Dues shall be \$35 for a single and \$50 for a couple (or partner). (2/94)(10/01) Full-time students, under 30 years of age, are eligible for a \$20 per year membership dues. All new or reinstating members pay a \$5 application fee.

Checks should be used to pay for membership dues instead of cash. A stipulation for checks only will be in the application form. The membership director will return all cash to sender, and request checks instead. (3/80) Checks and forms must accompany new memberships, reinstatements and membership renewal requests. (11/80)

Renewal forms and the membership application form shall include current applicant agreement, acknowledgement of risk, and release from liability statements that are initialed and signed by the member. (1/93)

A statement is included on the application form indicating that the Club's mailing list is made available to Board-approved organizations. If a member does not want his/her name made available, he/she can indicate so on the renewal or application form. (6/94)

Service activities should be stressed as alternatives to outings as a method of satisfying membership application requirements.

The membership director updates and publishes the membership manual as necessary to reflect current Club policies. The membership manual is sent out to every new member. (1/01)

Any amendments or changes to the Constitution and Bylaws or updates/revisions to the Membership Manual will be published in the February *Rambler*. (1/93) (1/01)

Information on interests of new members shall be given to Board members when the applications are approved. Printouts of this information are available to each director.

A letter of welcome and information is to be sent out to new members. (4/81)

Free *Ramblers* are not mailed to prospective members unless specifically requested by Board members. Prospective members may request two copies of the *Rambler* to be mailed to them at a cost of \$5.00. (2/95)

There is no exception to payment of membership dues except for life members who only pay for the *Rambler*. (9/94)

Policies shall be sent to new members only upon specific request. (3/85)

The membership director is responsible for maintaining the membership database and for facilitating printing of the membership list in the *Rambler* 1-2 times/year. (1/97) Current membership lists should be sent to any retail store (such as Kirkham's), which gives WMC members a discount on purchases.

REQUIREMENTS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Life member designation is a privilege and recognition of service in the Wasatch Mountain Club. Payment of dues and participation in Club activities for the designated period of time are not in themselves sufficient for candidacy for life membership.

The following must be satisfied for life member candidacy:

- 1 Twenty-five (25) years of continuous dues paying membership in the WMC. In the case of interrupted membership, the candidate may update the dues in arrears with the approval of the Board of Directors.
2. The life member candidate must have satisfied one of the following:
 - a. Serve as a member of the Board of Directors.
 - b. Accumulated the equivalent of 100 hours in the organization and/or leadership of WMC activities and functions. c. **The following scale will be used to guide in the tabulation of equivalent time participation:**
 - Day trip organization: 5 hours
 - Participation in work parties: 2-5 hours
 - Extended trips: Document time
 - Committee work: Document time
 - Social event organization: Document time
 - Other: Document time
3. Life membership is not granted automatically. The life member candidate must submit a written application documenting the fulfillment of requirements to the Governing Board.

Life Membership is an individual recognition. In the case of couple membership, each must satisfy the requirements for life membership individually.

Life membership applications must be cleared by the Governing Board and must be approved by vote of the general membership at a regular WMC General Membership Meeting.

Life Member dues will be equivalent to the existing *Rambler* subscription fees.

After approval of life membership, it is incumbent upon that member to indicate to the WMC membership director her/his intention to remain on the WMC rolls by filling out a membership renewal form yearly.

♦ **CONSERVATION**

Trail clearing efforts should emphasize lesser-used trails which the Forest Service does not maintain rather than helping where there are already sufficient resources being expended. (9/87) The trails issues coordinator position is within the conservation directorship. (92, 5/95)

When members of the conservation committee attend public meetings but do not express Club opinions for one reason or another, the Club can still be listed as having attended and expressed an interest in the issues discussed.

Individuals who want to get involved in issues in the name of the Club should get approval to use the Club name beforehand.

Ten percent (10%) of membership dues presently goes toward a conservation fund. Disbursal of the monies is determined by the Board currently in office. Each successive Board must evaluate this negotiable issue for its term of office. Organizations that the Club has supported include: Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Idaho Rivers United, Nature Conservancy, Trust for Public Land and S'PLORE.

The conservation director is authorized with Board approval to speak at public hearings and to submit written comments on behalf of the Club subject to general conservation policy guidelines. Board approval is needed before signing onto any environmental lawsuits or other legal actions. This does not apply to participation in administrative hearings or appeals.

The WMC opposes the Olympics because of environmental concerns for the Wasatch Front with particular concern over potential impacts on Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons contrary to the Canyon Master Plan. (12/89) (Reaffirmed 5/95)

♦ **LODGE**

The lodge is on the National Register of Historic Sites. (12/80) It may be eligible for matching funds, when available, from the Utah Heritage Foundation. An 8" X 10" historical plaque was purchased from the Utah Historical Society and hangs on the lodge. (1/81)

A fund has been set up for lodge improvement. (7/00)

A formal caretaker position has been established. The caretaker is considered to be an employee of the Club. Payment for services is in-kind, i.e. free room, utilities except phone and use of the lodge when it doesn't interfere with Club plans. The caretaker has access to the lodge at all times to perform certain duties and lodge maintenance. (7/93)

LODGE CARETAKER JOB DESCRIPTION (9/00)

1. The lodge director(s) shall make arrangements for a lodge caretaker. In the event that co-directors are selected, a specific lodge director shall be designated as the supervisor for the caretaker. In the event that the supervising lodge director is unavailable, another lodge director or other WMC Board member shall be designated as acting supervisor.
2. Any person being considered for the caretaker position shall be a current member in good standing of the WMC and will maintain Club membership for the duration of the position. The caretaker shall not have any potential conflict of interest in maintaining and

preserving the lodge.

3. The caretaker shall be present at the lodge on a regular basis. In the event that the caretaker will be absent from the lodge for more than one week, the caretaker must notify the lodge director prior to leaving and arrange for alternate coverage as directed by the supervising lodge director. Seasonal weather conditions will require notification of shorter absences.
4. The caretaker shall take reasonable measures to ensure that the lodge and associated Club property are protected. The caretaker shall ensure that the lodge user regulations are followed. Any problems related to use of the lodge or the lodge structure shall be reported to the supervising lodge director.
5. The WMC will provide a private room for the personal use of the caretaker and will provide electric utilities as available and water. Compensation will be limited to the above room and utilities.
6. The caretaker will be responsible for personal telephone service as desired.
7. The caretaker should have no personal overnight guests in the lodge without prior approval of the lodge director.
8. Duties of the caretaker shall include the routine, day-to-day requirements for maintaining the lodge. These duties include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Keeping the roof free from damaging levels of snow
 - Operating the snow thrower or shoveling to clear snow from the lodge entrances
 - Monitoring watering systems
 - Meeting with users and prospective users of the lodge and answering their questions concerning the facility
 - Inspecting the facility after use, and cleaning up as necessary
 - Attending and assisting with work parties as needed
 - Performing other tasks, activities, and duties as assigned by the lodge director(s)
9. The caretaker will report his/her activity to the lodge director to include activities performed and the time expended specifying the date, hours, and what was accomplished each month.
10. Any and all agreements between the caretaker and the lodge director(s) and/or WMC Board may be terminated by any party with a 30-day written notice.

User fees for the lodge will be \$250/day and \$150/half day. (5/94) The daily user fee for Club members is \$3. (5/94) User fees will be established yearly.

The Club has adopted a policy that the lodge shall be made available for public use to the greatest extent possible without restriction as to member status. This policy will remain in effect as long as the lodge is operated under a USFS special permit. (12/94)

A person who has worked at a lodge work party during the day will not be charged an admission fee for entry to a Club function that night. (8/90)

Piano rental fee is at the lodge director's discretion.

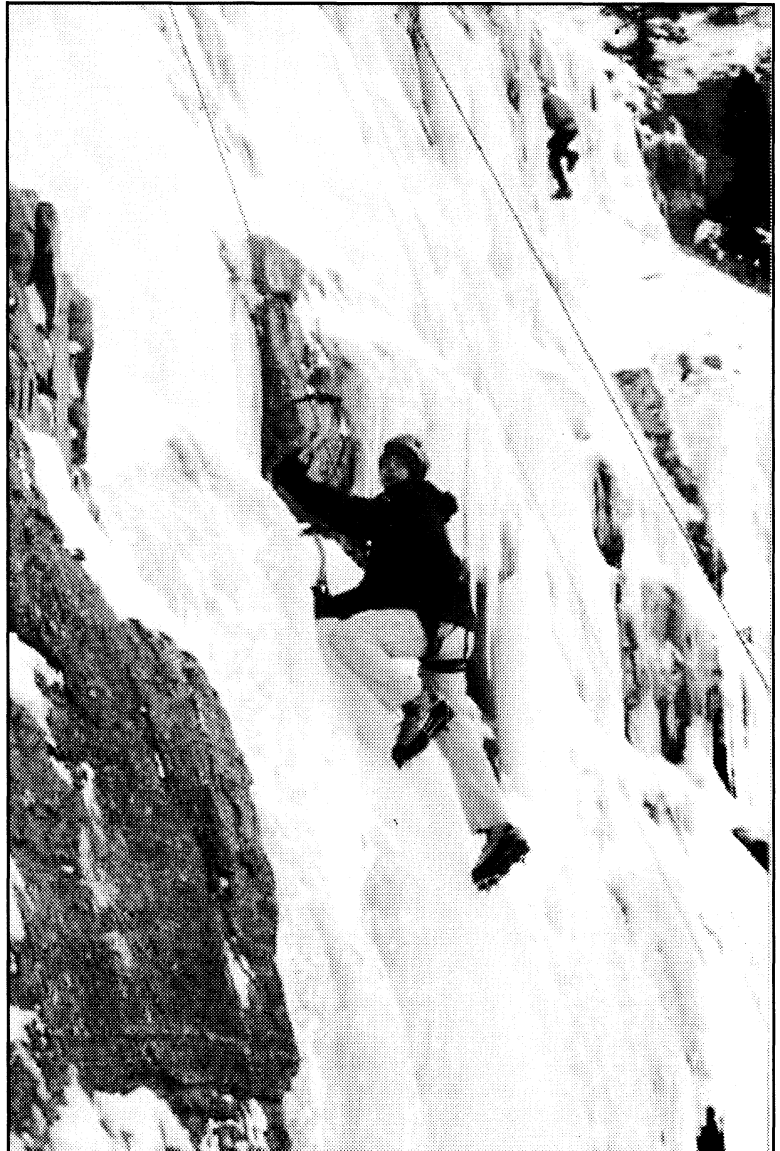
No smoking will be permitted in the lodge or on the porch. (11/88) (10/93)

The second weekend of July and September are reserved for service activities. Optionally, August may also be scheduled as a service month. No in-town activities are scheduled in conflict with these service days. (See service policy.) (12/92) (Updated 4/95)

Zion Lutheran Church has free use of the lodge in return for letting the Club schedule meetings at the church free of charge. Utah Avalanche Forecast Center (UAFC) has fee use of the lodge one weekend each winter (06/01).

Work parties or Club functions should not be scheduled at the lodge during weekends when it is to be used by outside groups. (7/80)

At present, the Board feels that Club funds can cover losses from the lodge which remain after user fees.



Andreas Climbing at the Provo Ice Festival

At least one weekend per month is to be reserved for Club use out of total lodge use. This usually has been done in conjunction with entertainment functions, a party being held one night, and the rest of the weekend being reserved for Club member use.

Fee structure for social functions held at the lodge:

- \$2 per person lodge user fee, except for those people admitted free for participating in a same day lodge work party. The lodge operating and maintenance fund pays the cover charge less the lodge fee except for those people admitted free for participating in a same day work party. (6/95) (Lodge fee was raised to \$3 in 5/94, and lowered again to \$2 in 00.)

♦ **MOUNTAINEERING**

The John Gottman Memorial Fund was established in March, 1980. For tax purposes, memorial funds will be accounted for separately from the rest of the Club's monies. The Board approved application of the Gottman Fund toward development of a Mount Olympus trailhead. (4/80) An alternate plan for using the Gottman Fund money would be to set up a library for the lodge containing mountaineering magazines, etc. (9/80)

The Robert Frohboese Memorial Fund was established in March, 1981. The Frohboese Memorial Funds have been withdrawn from the general funds and are in a separate account. This is a perpetual fund and the interest that is accrued will be used to establish a source of public education for avalanche survival. The Club has an avalanche course offered every January using this fund. (3/84)

♦ **HIKING**

A list of local hikes, their ratings, and an explanation of the rating systems is published in the *Rambler* every April. (4/97)

The hiking director and committee schedule local hikes, outings, and out of town car camping and backpacking trips.

For day hikes into wilderness areas, group size should be limited to 14 unless a mandatory lower limit applies. If the meeting point group is larger than this, the scheduled organizer should recruit a second organizer so that the group can be split. The splitting of the group and second organizer's name should be noted on the release form. To insure that the groups will travel separately, the participants should be asked to assign themselves to either a "fast group" or the "slow-paced group" and the fast group should start up the trail first, preferably 15 minutes ahead of the second group. (6/92)

For backpacks or other pre-registration trips, the scheduled organizer should keep a waiting list once the initial trip is filled. As people call in and are added to the waiting list, the organizer should inquire if the individual is capable of leading an overflow trip to a similar destination, typically another drainage in the same general area. Once a second trip organizer volunteers, that individual becomes responsible for contacting the people on the waiting list and making necessary arrangements. (6/92)

Rules for hike organizers should be sent to each organizer along with a release form to be signed by each hiker. (8/84) It is suggested that new hikes not be scheduled close to the beginning of the month because there is no guarantee that the *Rambler* will be out in time to announce the hike. (4/89) alternatively, the hiking director can announce hikes into the month following the current published *Rambler*.

Minor children are only allowed on trips designated as family trips and advertised as such in the *Rambler*. (4/99)

GUIDELINES FOR HIKING LEADERS: (5/93)

These guidelines should be sent to all volunteers prior to their hike. This is a supplement to the official hiking regulations, which should also be included.

- If for some reason you can't lead the hike that you volunteered for, you should try to find a replacement organizer and notify the hiking director.
- Planning is the key to a successful trip. Know your destination and route. According to regulations, the organizer is responsible for explaining the hike to the people who want to go on it. Unless the hike was described as exploratory in the *Rambler*, you should have personal experience with the route. If you haven't already hiked the route with the Club, you should hike it yourself first. It helps to start with a guidebook such as *Hiking the Wasatch*. If the hike is exploratory, you must rely on your general experience with the area, topographic maps (available from the USGS), guidebooks and contacts with forest or BLM rangers. According to current Club policy on exploratory hikes, an exploratory hike must be described as exploratory in the *Rambler*, and participants must register by phone so that the organizer can evaluate their experience and preparedness in advance. You should make sure that participants understand what is involved in an exploratory hike. For any hike that you lead, you should be able to describe the risks: the length and difficulty of the hike, whether there is exposed terrain, and whether the hike involves rock scrambling, wading, route finding, snow crossings, extreme temperatures or other difficulties. You should know approximately how much time the trip will take. You should be aware of seasonal road closures; for example, the upper gate in Mill Creek is often closed through Memorial Day. You must get permission to cross private property if no easement or right-of-way exists.
- Get everyone to the trailhead. A surprising amount of trouble can occur at this step. You should always try to carpool. This saves gas, puts less stress on limited parking spaces, gives you fewer vehicles to keep track of and makes it more likely that someone in any given car will know where you're going. You should count heads and cars before carpooling. Be sure that all the cars can handle the road; for example, don't drive a Lincoln to the Lake Hardy trailhead. If some of the drivers are not absolutely certain of the driving route, try to show them the route on a road map before leaving and arrange to pause at obvious points to collect vehicles. It's very important to make sure that drivers know what the lead car looks like. You should be sure that you can park where you need to at the trailhead; don't park illegally. Once you reach the trailhead, don't start hiking until everyone arrives (count heads again). A special exception: a group with a designated deputy leader may leave earlier (see below for a description of subdivided hikes). Club policy on sharing transportation costs is that drivers should be reimbursed at 15 cents per mile, and the cost of gas in a given vehicle should be divided equally among riders and drivers. For four-wheel-drive vehicles, reimbursement is 25 cents per mile when engaged. Riders split user fees (for

example, at the tollbooth in Mill Creek Canyon).

- Evaluate capabilities of hikers. Participants must be prepared. The basic idea here is to look for problems before they can hurt you on the trail. The regulations say that hikers must evaluate their own capabilities; let people read the regulations before they sign the release. Your job is to help people understand what the hike involves so that they can make an informed decision about whether they should be on this hike. Make sure that everyone understands the risks and that it's their responsibility to be prepared. To help with this, you can check their clothing and gear by eye, and ask questions about their experience and fitness. If you notice that someone doesn't have the necessary boots, socks, warm clothing, water, food, or first aid, you should bring it to their attention. You should be especially attentive to deficiencies with gear, fitness or experience on exploratory hikes and more difficult hikes. It is Club policy that regular day hikes are not open to children under 18. The Club sponsors family hikes which are open to children, although unsupervised children under 18 are never permitted on any hike. Minor children are only allowed on trips designated as family trips and advertised as such in the Rambler.
- Turn away people who aren't ready for the hike. If in your best judgment, someone isn't sufficiently prepared for the hike in spite of their own evaluations, you should turn them away. The hiking regulations give organizers discretion to exclude people who aren't prepared, or who don't follow the regulations. If no one is ready for the (possibly poor) conditions, you should cancel the hike. You should always explain carefully why you are excluding a person; if the *Rambler* description was inaccurate or oversimplified, you may explain why, or if the conditions have changed due to rain or snow on the trail or something else, you should also explain. Don't let people sway you from your best judgment, and don't let people tag along if you refused to let them participate. It's useful to bring a copy of the current *Rambler* so that people can find out about easier hikes.
- Organize the operation. Everyone must sign the release form. If you don't sign, you don't hike; this is a Club regulation. You should make sure that everyone understands what they're signing, and answer all questions as best you can. The release provides protection to participants, the organizer and the Club. The release makes a participant think about the risks of the hike, and tells you and the Club that the participant knows what they're doing. The release is not a magic bullet; you must still act responsibly in your capacity as an organizer.
- Don't lose your hikers. It is polite to wait a little while before leaving the meeting place, to accommodate a few latecomers. Once on the trail, you should set a pace appropriate to your group. Pay special attention to inexperienced hikers. You should take care to keep the group together and count heads when the opportunity arises. If someone is missing, wait for them, and adjust the pace of the group if necessary. Sometimes it is advisable to lead from the rear; in that case, you should put someone at the front who knows the trail. Organizers may choose to regroup as desired, for a lunch break or at the trail's destination.
- Large groups should be subdivided. Large groups can damage the wilderness and devalue the wilderness experience, and they can be difficult to manage and account for. Groups of 14 or less are recommended, and are required in designated wilderness areas. If you have a big group, you should look for experienced Club members to volunteer to lead a smaller group. You can then divide the big group according to the speed of the hikers, or to ability and interest, or other parameters. You can select alternate routes or destinations for the smaller groups to reduce the overall impact on one trail. You should make sure that the organizers of the smaller groups can account for all the members of their group and that they understand that they have the same responsibilities as other activity organizers. You should take care to account for all members of all the groups at the end of the hike(s).
- Know when to turn back. Sometimes you just can't make it safely to the destination you chose. You might run out of time to return before dark, or the weather might turn ominous, or some of your hikers may be running low on water or have other problems. If you can't make it on this trip, turn around and promise yourself that you can try again some other time. You should try to anticipate trouble while it's on the way, rather than waiting for it to arrive.
- Get appropriate help when needed. You should always use your best judgment and act responsibly when there's a problem. If you lose someone, check the obvious places, but don't take unnecessary risks in self-rescue. If you can't account for all the hikers at the end of the trip, try calling their home to see if they left without checking out. If a hiker may be lost or injured, don't let things run on until it's too late. Call emergency services or search and rescue and let professionals handle the problem. You should carry change for a pay phone, and bring the list of emergency phone numbers. Club regulations say that the person being rescued is responsible for any costs charged for the rescue, even if the rescue turns out to be unnecessary.
- Offer useful advice. If there are less experienced people on the hike, you may be able to increase their safety and enjoyment by passing on some of your own experience. This can range from noting the best photo opportunities, to telling people about potential problems on the trail such as loose rock, rattlers or poison ivy. Do answer all questions about the trip as best you can, however don't be a pest.
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- Have fun. Almost every hike comes off without a hitch. On the average hike, the most important part is to have fun. Enjoy the fresh air and the scenery, and make friends and learn new things. Set a pace and choose a route to maximize the fun for everyone.
- Close out the hike. Every person must be accounted for at the end of a hike. Use the check-off boxes on the release form to check off hikers who have returned safely. Hikers may return early, but regulations ask that people who return in advance of the group travel with a buddy. Choose an experienced person to be a buddy; if no one else can be found, you should collect all the hikers and return together. If some hikers need to return early and can't wait for the rest of the group, you should ask them to leave you a note on your car or some other designated place telling you that they arrived safely. If a group has divided, the organizers of the smaller groups should help you account for all the hikers at the end.
- If someone does leave the hike, do your best to make sure they return safely. Club regulations permit people to leave the hike. However, sometimes people just take off on their own; if someone won't cooperate, note the problem on the release form. Please notify the hiking director about hikers who won't obey rules.

- You may have to dismiss a participant. If a participant endangers others, undermines your authority, or acts contrary to the Club's regulations and policies, the person can be dismissed. If someone looks like they're in trouble, or they're causing trouble, you should use your best judgment about when to send them back or even cancel the hike. Be sure that people understand why they are dismissed, but don't be argumentative. Don't let someone feel humiliated because they can't finish a hike; act maturely. Above all, don't let problems progress to the point where you can't handle them safely. You should be sure to follow the rules and policies for returning early. As above, please note the problem on the release form and notify the hiking director.
- Inform the hiking director of accidents and incidents. Using the accident/incident report form, you should report any accidents, injuries, unusual conditions or circumstances to the hiking director or another officer of the Club as soon as you reasonably can. Any accidents or injuries are to be reported in writing to the full Governing Board within 30 days. You should cooperate with the authorities in investigating the situation, if called upon. The Club may ask you and other members who may have witnessed an incident to write a description for circulation to the Club's board.
- Have an enthusiastic person write the trip up for the *Rambler*. The *Rambler* contains directions about submitting write-ups. Don't forget to include the compromising photographs!

Useful Phone Numbers and Addresses:

- Emergency: 911
- Utah Highway Patrol, road conditions: 964-6000
- WMC Hiking Director
- WMC President
- Avalanche Forecast Center: 364-1581
- Forest Service, Salt Lake ranger district: 524-5042
- Forest Service map office, 125 S State: 524-5030
- Bureau of Land Management, 324 S State: 539-4001
- Utah Geological Survey (maps), 2363 S. Foothill: 467-0401

HIKING REGULATIONS (FOR PARTICIPANTS) (5/93)

Awareness of Risk

1. Don't go on a hike unless you understand the risks and are prepared. If you want to go on a WMC hike, you must read the release form and sign it prior to participating. By signing the form, you are acknowledging to the WMC and to the organizer that you understand the risks involved with the hike. If you are under 18, your parent or guardian must sign the release for you. If you have any questions about the risks, ask the organizer before you sign. Don't sign and don't go on the hike if you have doubts about the risks. Trip descriptions in the *Rambler* are meant to help you make decisions about risks before you consider a hike. Check the hike rating and look for terms like 'scrambling,' 'exposure,' 'exploratory' or 'cross-country.' Check weather reports for potential rain, wind or extreme temperatures. Check guidebooks such as *Hiking the Wasatch* for more information about conditions on the hike.
2. If a hike becomes riskier than what you are prepared for, stop. If for any reason you can't complete the hike, talk to the organizer and explain the problem. You may then sign off from the release form and leave the hike. Don't leave alone; always return to the trailhead with a buddy, and be sure that the organizer understands your route. Fatigue, blisters, bad weather and unexpected terrain are some of many appropriate reasons for stopping. Don't let anyone pressure you into taking risks for which you aren't prepared.
3. Always make use of common sense, experience and good judgment. If you find yourself in an awkward situation on a hike, ask the organizer for help and advice. If by circumstance you become separated from the group, make yourself easy to find and don't take any unnecessary risks. Your good judgment is your best defense against accidents. You can help by memorizing landmarks along the trail, carrying a compass and knowing how to use it, and taking advantage of the experience of the organizer and other hikers.

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4. Be prepared for a hike with proper equipment and physical fitness. It is your responsibility to prepare for a hike so that you won't endanger yourself or others. If you don't have the appropriate equipment or fitness, or if you don't have sufficient experience with the technical requirements, the organizer can bar you from the hike. If the *Rambler* description or the organizer asks you to bring materials and equipment such as high-top hiking boots, extra water, long pants, crampons, rope or wading shoes, and you forget to do so, you won't be allowed to go on the hike. Check the hike rating and the trip description to make sure that you are fit enough to handle a hike of the given steepness or length. If you aren't sure, ask the organizer.
5. Stay together on the trail and watch out for others. Stay within view or earshot of other hikers in the group. If you get ahead of the group, or if the organizer asks, you must wait to collect the rest of the group before continuing. If the organizer appoints another experienced hiker to lead a secondary group and assigns you to that group, you must respect the decisions of the deputy organizer and stay with your secondary group. If you notice other hikers in difficulty, report the problem to the organizer and try to help the organizer deal with it. There is safety in numbers, but it is also hard to manage large groups, especially in terrain that limits views such as forests or rough slickrock country. If the group spreads out, it can be difficult for the organizer to provide proper advice or directions, especially if the organizer must stay toward the rear to help slower hikers. You can help the organizer by making your location obvious; for example, if you leave the trail temporarily, drop your pack by the trail to show where you are taking your break. Another way to deal with these problems is for the organizer to ask the group to meet at a landmark on the trail. If you have experience with leading and with this particular hike, you can volunteer to help the organizer in situations like this by heading a secondary group.
6. Talk to the organizer to report problems and seek guidance. The organizer is your resource for help with the hike. If you are unsure of the risk in a situation or if you need directions, you must ask the organizer for help. Your trip organizer should know the hazards and

risks of the route; have directions for driving to and from the trailhead; know possible escape routes in the event of bad weather or other unexpected conditions; know meeting places to regroup on the trail; have maps for exploratory hike routes; and have suggestions about the right equipment for the conditions.

7. Walk softly in the wilderness and keep it clean and safe. While on a WMC activity, you shall preserve wilderness values. Don't cut switchbacks or encourage trail erosion. Pack all your trash out. Don't needlessly injure plants or animals, and preserve their habitat. Don't hunt while on WMC hikes. The WMC Constitution "encourage[s] preservation of our natural areas, including plant, animal and bird life."
8. Obey established rules for recreation on the trail. Certain wilderness areas have established rules on group size; WMC groups will limit themselves to no more than the maximum permitted size, or split into secondary groups. You must respect private property and take care not to damage it or infringe on the owners' rights. Hikers should of course obey all applicable laws and cooperate with police officers, forest and BLM rangers, and other authorities. You are responsible for parking legally at trailheads, refraining from fishing in restricted streams, following rules about backcountry camping, and handling other duties of a responsible citizen.

Discretion of Organizers

9. You may be ejected for not following rules. An organizer may exclude you if in their own best judgment, you lack the experience, equipment, physical fitness or good judgment to complete the hike without becoming a danger to yourself or others. If you are already on the trail, you must return to the trailhead with the organizer or another experienced hiker appointed by the organizer. You are responsible for understanding the rules, and any violation of the rules may be grounds for exclusion. You must sign off from the release form before you leave, and be accounted for upon return like any other hiker. By signing the release form before the hike, you recognize that your trip organizer may act on behalf of the WMC to uphold its rules and policies. If you observe problems with leadership you should report them to the Hiking Director, but on any given trip you must cooperate with the organizer.
10. You must respect the organizer's decisions on the trail. Even if you disagree with the wisdom or usefulness of the organizer's directions, you must comply with them or leave the hike. The organizer has no obligation to accommodate you if you can't accept the conditions on the hike. The organizer has some discretion to maintain order on the hike. If you do leave a hike, you naturally must follow the rules above about leaving hikes. Do take care not to follow the organizer into a situation you aren't prepared for-sometimes the organizer's choices just aren't suitable for you, and don't be afraid to leave if that's the case. The WMC sponsors family hikes which are open to all ages of hikers; check the *Rambler* description to see if a given hike is a family hike.

Responsibilities of Organizers

11. **The organizer will plan the hike and explain the risks to you. The organizer can always explain to you the chosen route to the destination of the hike and describe the hazards along the way. The organizer shall emphasize the safety and well being of the group. You should not sign the release until you are satisfied that you have understood what kind of hike is being planned. Don't be afraid to ask. The organizer may change plans as a consequence of changes in the weather, trail conditions, time constraints or other problems, but they should explain the changes in plans and the reasons for the changes.**
12. **The organizer will sign you in and account for you at the end of the hike. The organizer will ensure that you read and understand the release before signing it, and that you sign it before hiking. The organizer will account for you at the end of the hike, even if you didn't finish all of the hike. In turn, you must make sure that the organizer knows you have returned from the hike. In the event of an accident or rescue, the expenses incurred are your responsibility. If you don't notify the organizer, you will be held responsible for the expenses even if you didn't need rescue. If you return before the organizer, you must either wait for the organizer or make sure that someone who does wait for the organizer will tell him or her that you returned safely. (4/97)**

♦ WINTER SPORTS

The following policies define the activities and responsibilities within the winter sports program of the Wasatch Mountain Club. (10/00)
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 a skiing and snowshoe coordinator 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 organizing or participating in training trips catered to novices and beginners. They are also welcome to submit articles discussing information on topics of interest.

The winter sports program will also 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 trails 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 consideration is 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, 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 it's their responsibility to be prepared.

Talk to 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 usually carried on winter sports trips: climbing skins, transceivers (dual-frequency or 457 MHz), shovel, probe, repair kit, headlamp, rope.

The organizer has the discretion to require any of these additional equipment items for group safety considerations. The general guideline is to require transceivers and shovel 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: US 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 when most avalanches occur.
4. Slopes with angles 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 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 trails that will be useful to everyone who follows.
4. Pay attention to inter-party safety considerations (e.g. do not tour above others). 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.

♦ ENTERTAINMENT

A liability release form is to be signed when traveling to an out of town Club sponsored event. (6/94)

For social events held at the lodge, a (determined yearly) per person lodge use fee is to be charged in addition to any admission that the entertainment director deems appropriate. This applies to Club functions. (11/80) (8/81) The fee has been set at \$2 daily. (5/94) 7/00) The overnight fee is \$3. (8/81)

Fee structure for social functions held at the lodge:

A \$2 per person lodge user fee, except for those people admitted free for participating in a same day lodge work party. The lodge operating and maintenance fund pays the entertainment portion of the admission fee to the entertainment committee. (4/97)

If admission fees for Club functions include a lodge fee, the entertainment director needs to account for this separately, by noting the lodge fee times the number of people present at the function.

When planning a party, check with the lodge director first to avoid two parties the same day.

Private parties serving alcohol will not be listed in the activities section of the *Rambler* and will not be reimbursed for any expenses. (12/89)

Entertainment is responsible for arrangements for the following:

- General Membership Meeting refreshments

- Awards/Nominations Banquet reservations at the designated restaurant

It is up to the individual directors and coordinators to plan and arrange their own parties, but the entertainment director needs to be informed of any planned parties to avoid scheduling conflicts. (10/89)

If there are no sponsors for a party, then the party will not be held. (8/89)

Activity organizers' party was revised to one party per year in the fall. (6/90)

Name tags should be used at all socials. (11/88)

Live bands for parties should not cost over \$600. (8/88) (7/94)

Socials are for members and guests only. (8/88)

All parties should be self-sustaining, with participants paying the costs of food and beverages. (10/85)

A balance should be maintained from year to year in the entertainment fund to cover inadvertent losses. (10/90)

♦ INFORMATION

The duties and purposes of the information director shall be:

- To oversee the Club's website and webmaster. (98)
- To regularly monitor and respond to the Club's general voicemail mailbox. (1/01)
- To distribute copies of the *Rambler* to key outdoor recreational stores such as REI and Kirkhams's and to prepare stacks of *Ramblers* for distribution to local universities (U of U, Weber State, SL Community College). (1/01)
- To update and oversee publication of the WMC brochure and any other printed collateral material as needed. (1/01)
- To act as a clearinghouse to the media for all activities of the Club. Any individual, director, or committee wishing media coverage on any Club activities shall clear them through the information director.
- To provide access and obtain coverage in the news, TV, and radio media for Club activities.
- To contact other groups and organizations about pertinent Club activities.
- To provide environmental education for the general public and to develop programs for this purpose.
- To promote awareness of the WMC purpose as stated in the Constitution.
- To publicize positive aspects of the Club. (1/86)
- To oversee the Adopt-A-Highway Program. (5/92) (5/95)

♦ PUBLICATIONS

To submit an article or photograph: Articles/photographs may be submitted in any of the following ways:

- Email submissions to the current WMC email address.
- Mail submissions to the publications editor at the office address.
- Hand deliver them to the WMC office between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm weekdays. (The building is generally closed and locked evenings and weekends.) Leave hand deliveries in the blue box outside the office door.

If on diskette, please use 3.5" diskettes, MS/DOS format, and in Microsoft Word or WordPerfect format. Use Arial font, 10 point for all submissions. Label the diskette with your name and identify what file(s) are submissions. Enclose a hard copy in case your diskette cannot be read. The deadline is 6 pm on the 10th of the month. (Changed from 15th 11/00.)

Photos, B&W and color prints, will be accepted. Make sure that each photo is labeled with the photographer, date, and names of people. Unless a stamped, self-addressed envelope is provided, returned submissions will be available in the red bucket outside the WMC office.

The editorial policy for the *Rambler* was adopted as follows:

- It is ok to hold some articles over to a following month, if the *Rambler* is getting too big.
- Editors shall make changes in grammar, and punctuation, etc. If major changes are needed, the article will be returned to the author for a rewrite.
- If the publishing cost per issue goes over \$1,200, the editorial policy may need to be reconsidered.

Ramblers remaining after the membership mailing are available to the public and are located outside the office and at REI.

Placement of ads in the *Rambler* is at the editor's discretion. (10/91) Any commercial entity advertising in the *Rambler* is automatically given a complimentary copy without Board approval. (4/95)

The *Rambler* is to be printed on recycled paper. (11/91)

Local outdoor recreation shops will receive complimentary copies of the *Rambler* by direct mailing.

Each member must be given the choice of whether or not to receive the *Rambler*.

Scheduled events should be submitted 6 to 8 weeks in advance of the time they are to occur in order to allow time for printing and mailing of the *Rambler*.

Only events or trips approved by the appropriate director will be published in the *Rambler* and all events and trips should be sent to the director for their submission to the *Rambler*.

Commercial advertising rates are set by the publications director.

Only volunteer-led, director-approved trips will be listed in the Club Activities section of the *Rambler*. Commercial trips will be noted in a

separate section.

Out of area trips which are organized by individuals and are not a WMC-sponsored activity and are sponsored for a profit, must be listed and paid for as a Classified Ad. (3/94)

Club members may use the *Rambler* to advertise for sale personal items which correspond to Club activities without charge.

Private parties serving alcohol will not be listed in the activities section of the *Rambler*. (12/89)

Names of people who contributed to the Conservation Fund will be published in the *Rambler*. (4/88)

The *Rambler* editor is authorized to reject advertisements in the *Rambler* that are inconsistent with the purpose of the Club or that otherwise are likely to offend the sensitivities of Club members. (8/87)

Political ads may be accepted for the *Rambler* if they address environmental or recreational issues. (10/86)

Reimbursement of mileage at \$.35/mile up to 100 miles/month is allowed for the person soliciting ads for the *Rambler*. (2/90) (Increased 5/00)

Only the days of a trip should be listed in the *Rambler*, not the departure day (if the departure is in the evening) to avoid confusion about days needed to take off work. (6/90)

Both the publication director and president have to approve any special mailings before they are sent out. (5/00)

◆ BOATING

The following policies define the activities and responsibilities of the boating director as well as the rafting, kayaking, canoeing, boating instruction, and equipment coordinators.

The boating program of the Wasatch Mountain Club in no way expresses or intends to provide a service to the general public. Club members and prospective members voluntarily participate as an amateur group in these activities for recreational purposes. All trip-related costs are equally divided among all trip participants. Prior to acceptance on a trip, participants must fairly represent their abilities and experience, and sign a release form acknowledging that they understand the risks and hazards of water sport activities.

The Club provides numerous water sport activities for its members throughout the year. These activities revolve around rafting, kayaking, or canoeing rivers, but also may involve sailing or Eskimo roll practice in a class for beginners, and other informative sessions. These classes are sometimes made available to the public, and any fee collected is the same for all participants. The Club offers these activities to help members gain experience and knowledge so they can participate in more advanced and difficult rivers. Members who kayak or canoe are required to provide their own equipment. The Club owns several rafts and accompanying equipment needed for daily or overnight trips. The Club collects fees to replace or repair this equipment. The Club owns a limited number of lifejackets for rental; however, participants are urged to purchase their own lifejackets.

BOATING DIRECTOR

The boating director is responsible for the overall management of the boating program. He/she appoints coordinators who in turn assist trip organizers. The boating director sits on the Governing Board of Directors and represents the boating contingent in respect to policies and matters brought before the Board. The boating director is also responsible for the following:

- Plans the boating calendar. This is usually done at the trip planning meeting in March. (4/97)
- Ensures trips have an organizer and that a river guide is assigned to support that organizer. (4/97)
- Budget. The boating director deposits fees from trip organizers, spends funds in accordance with approved budgets, and sets the Club boating fees.
- Plans and conducts meetings such as the trip planning, permit party, and coordinators meetings (spring and fall).
- Spring and fall work parties: This involves organizing and coordinating the various activities, with assistance from the equipment coordinator.
- *Rambler*. Ensures that trips are published in the *Rambler*. (4/97) Announces meetings, classes, work parties, and such. Also publishes information pertinent to boating.
- Coordinates boating safety course.
- Coordinates an orientation course. This class provides information for new and beginner boaters. Topics include clothing and equipment, hazards and safety, and other pertinent items.
- Schedules family trips. These are important trips and the boating director needs to make an effort so that these trips are scheduled annually.
- Plans and coordinates parties held in the spring and fall.
- Maintains boating files with trip reports, Board minutes, and other factual and historic information.
- Handles problems. He/she shall arbitrate all matters regarding the boating program.
- The boating director will receive the trip report, liability release, financial ledger, and Club fees from the organizer after the trip is completed.

Any member who displays disregard for the safety of himself or others, or abuses Club equipment may, at the discretion of the boating director, be placed on probation. The boating director shall notify the person affected by this policy in writing and notify all coordinators and organizers accordingly. Additional incidents may result in restricted participation in Club activities and prohibited raft rentals. Any member who feels they have been unfairly placed on probation may appeal to the Governing Board.

♦ COORDINATORS

The rafting, kayaking, canoeing, and instructional coordinators' primary responsibility is assisting trip organizers in setting up and/or running their trips. They discuss with the trip organizer the itinerary, participants' experience levels, Club policies, equipment, and whatever other information is needed by the trip organizer. Each coordinator should be actively involved in Club activities and be familiar with other members. Other responsibilities include:

- Lead or participate in a training trip catered toward novice to intermediate rafters, kayakers, and canoeists. the leader after the trip, and forward to the Boating Director.



Wasatch peaks jutting out of urban schmog Photo by Andreas Boerner

- Coordinators are also welcome to submit articles discussing information on topics of interest.
- Schedule trips which are not planned at the trip planning meeting, but can be announced in the *Rambler* throughout the season.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

The equipment coordinator is responsible for the following:

- Maintenance, repair, or replacement of Club equipment
- Inventory
- Coordination of equipment between conflicting groups
- Rental coordination and collection.

TRIP ORGANIZERS

Trip organizers schedule the trip and plan Club boating events. Their efforts are greatly appreciated and make the Club a functioning active group. Trip organizers should be capable, but are not always experienced. Communication with coordinators can help the trip organizers with answers and suggestions. The trip organizer's responsibilities for arranging and coordinating trips include:

- Arranging transportation and shuttle
- Assigning tasks such as meals, drivers, PU, etc.
- Overseeing trip finances
- Protecting ecology (leaving a clean camp)
- Submitting a trip report, liability release, financial sheet, and Club fees to the boating director.

Trip organizers may delegate any or all of the items listed above, but he/she is ultimately responsible for all these items. The organizer may appoint a river guide, who takes control of the group once on the river.

Trip organizers are required to submit to the next Board meeting, a completed accident/incident report on any injury or accident on any Club function. The organizer will include comments written by the injured party and any witness to the accident.

TRIPS

A Club boating trip must be announced in the *Rambler* at least 2 weeks in advance of the launch date. Members may sign-up by submitting a deposit to the trip organizer. The trip leader will put all paddle boaters on a waiting list until sufficient captains, etc. are signed up. (1/01) The trip organizer and or supporting coordinator can deny any member from participating due to space or crew requirements. (1/01) The trip

organizer shall refund the full deposit for any such person denied. Full refunds will also be made for those paddlers on the waiting list without a captain, or those on the waiting list because the trip is full. A signed-up person that later cancels may be required to forfeit his/her deposit especially if the cancellation has a financial impact on other trip participants.

A non-Club member wishing to go on a boating trip must pay the estimated trip cost in advance of the trip departure date. The difference between actual and estimated will be addressed after trip completion. (7/94)

COMPENSATION FOR PRIVATE GEAR

Compensation for private gear used on a Club trip is at 50% of the Club rate if the gear (i.e., raft) benefits the entire group. (4/97) Compensation for transportation via private vehicles is at the current Club rate. Members are urged to consolidate into the minimum vehicles required to conserve fuel, reduce parking requirements, and to simplify shuttle.

PARTICIPANTS

Participants also have responsibilities and are not just going along for a ride. All work is to be equally divided among participants and those not willing to volunteer will be assigned tasks (such as the PTJ). All participants are required to:

- Fairly and honestly communicate their experience to the trip organizer.
- Sign a liability release form recognizing that boating has inherent risks and Club, trip organizer, and boat captains are not liable.
- Comply with the decisions of the trip organizer. The organizer will listen to participant input, but his/her decision is final.
- Bring adequate clothing, safety equipment, food, and water.
- Comply with the government regulations of the particular river section being traveled. (4/97)

Any member who fails to comply with the above items, or who displays disregard for the safety of himself or others, or abuses Club equipment may, at the discretion of the boating director, be placed on probation. The boating director shall notify the person affected by this policy in writing and notify all coordinators and organizers accordingly. Additional incidents may result in restricted participation in Club activities and prohibited raft rentals. Any member who feels they have been unfairly placed on probation may appeal to the Board of Directors.

Non-Club members will be allowed on Club river trips by joining the Club prior to leaving (application and money submitted at work party), (5/88) or by special exemption. Trip organizer and boating director approval are required prior to the trip for this special exemption. Special exemption is limited to these special cases:

- The person has special skills, knowledge, or equipment that is not available elsewhere within the Club.
- The person is a relative or non-Utah resident and attends a maximum of one trip per year.
- Other special circumstances approved in advance by the boating director. The exempt person must pay an equal share of trip costs and must comply with Club policies. (5/89)

Damage or loss of Club gear shall be repaired, reimbursed, or replaced by the responsible group. The cost of reimbursement will be the replacement cost prorated over the lost/damaged item's remaining lifetime. Costs to the group are to be equally divided among the trip participants up to a limit of \$40 per person. The boating program, if any, will absorb the remainder. (6/88) (4/97)

CLUB FEES

The current boating director and equipment coordinator set boating fees, with approval by the Board. The fees are set according to replacement costs divided by the estimated lifetime and the estimated usage. (4/97) The budget should be assessed each year to reflect the Club's changing needs and the rising cost of inflation. The budget also includes rental for the storage shed, which must come out of boating fees. Each trip is responsible for repair, replacement, or reimbursement of damaged or lost Club gear.

RENTALS (7/89)

The Club allows Club members to rent rafts for private trips provided the rental does not conflict with a Club trip. Members are encouraged to organize Club trips rather than lead private trips, and the rental rate is slightly higher than Club rates to reflect this. Renters are responsible for repair, replacement, or reimbursement of damaged or lost Club gear. The rental rates include ropes, paddles, pumps, repair kits, first aid kits - everything needed to launch.

♦ SCUBA

This activity was abolished 8/93.

♦ BICYCLING

The current bicycling policy was approved by the Board 8/00.

Bicycling is a director-led activity. Bicycling activities are to be included in the *Rambler* schedule.

Mountain bike and road bike coordinators may be appointed as required to assist the biking director in planning and managing the biking schedule.

Helmets are recommended on all club rides. Everyone must sign a release form prior to each activity. Bicyclists are responsible for maintaining and providing repairs for their own equipment.

The WMC advocates safe and responsible bicycling activities. As such, the WMC adheres to the rules and philosophies set forth by the

International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA), particularly IMBA's mission statement and rules of the trail as stated below:

The mission of IMBA is to promote mountain bicycling opportunities which are environmentally and socially responsible.

"Opportunities" means trails which are fun, safe and legal to ride.

"Environmental responsibility" means we stay on existing trails and roads. We do not ride cross-country off of trails. We also do not ride trails when they are wet, or closed to protect wildlife. We never spook animals.

"Social responsibility" means we control our speed, and yield the trail to hikers and equestrians.

Rules of the Trail

1. Ride on open trails only.

Respect trail and road closures (ask if not sure), avoid possible trespass on private land, and obtain permits or other authorization as may be required. Federal and state Wilderness areas are closed to cycling. The way you ride will influence trail management decisions and policies.

2. Leave no trace.

Be sensitive to the dirt beneath you. Even on open (legal) trails, you should not ride under conditions where you will leave evidence of your passing, such as on certain soils after a rain. Recognize different types of soils and trail construction; practice low-impact cycling. This also means staying on existing trails and not creating new ones. Do not cut switchbacks. Be sure to pack out at least as much as you pack in.

3. Control your bicycle.

Inattention for even a second can cause problems. Obey all bicycle speed regulations and recommendations.

4. Always yield trail.

Make known your approach well in advance. A friendly greeting or bell is considerate and works well; do not startle others. Show your respect when passing by slowing to a walking pace or even stopping. Anticipate other trail users around corners or in blind spots.

5. Never spook animals.

An unannounced approach, a sudden movement, or a loud noise startles all animals. This can be dangerous for you, others, and the animals. Give animals extra room and time to adjust to you. When passing horses use special care and follow directions from the horseback riders (ask if uncertain). Running cattle and disturbing wildlife is a serious offense. Leave gates as you found them, or as marked.

6. Plan ahead.

Know your equipment, your ability, and the area in which you are riding, and prepare accordingly. Be self-sufficient at all times, keep your equipment in good repair, and carry necessary supplies for changes in weather or other conditions. A well-executed trip is a satisfaction to you and not a burden or offense to others. Always wear a helmet and appropriate safety gear.

Organizers shall encourage appropriate safety, courtesy and environmentally sensitive behavior. This includes using discretion (with respect to group size, day of week, etc.) when planning trips to high use or environmentally sensitive areas.

The Bicycling Program sponsors in-line skating. Helmets, wrist/elbow guards and knee pads are recommended.

Everyone must sign a release form prior to each activity.

HISTORIAN

Dale Green was elected Club historian. (7/83) Replaced by Mike Treshow .

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BULLETIN BOARD

The WMC Lodge

The WMC Lodge , now with flush toilets AND Hot showers!!! ,can be rented on a full- or half-day basis.

WMC Club Member Rates

October 1-May 31---\$250/24 hour period

June 1-Sept 30-----\$300/24 hour period

Non Member Rates

October 1-May 31---\$300/24 hour period

June 1-Sept 30-----\$350/24 hour period

Weddings or Wedding Receptions

WMC members \$400 per 24 hour period

Non members \$500 per 24 hour period

Club members can earn a \$50 voucher by participating in lodge service projects. There will be a lodge work party every month so please check the activity schedule for details

Contact Julie Mason at 278-2535

Note from Kyle: Someone recently asked "where is this lodge I keep hearing about? OHMYGOSH, I thought everyone was born with built in GPS coordinates to the lodge. For those of you new in town, Go up Big Cottonwood canyon, (up 7200 S) to Brighton, drive to the back of the BIG parking lot (near the Brighton Manor Motel). Walk up the hill past the boulders, bear left across the stream and up the trail through the trees (100 yards) to the sound of happy people making merry! Wear walking shoes, carry a flashlight for the hike down, bring a jacket, and some beer for me.

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.

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

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

FEB 11SERVICE: CONSERVATION COMMITTEE. You know you've always wanted to help with conservation. Break that old habit of inaction this year and come help out. At 7PM the Conservation Committee will meet at the club office. All are welcome, we have plenty to do. We need help in tending to the Wasatch Mountains. For more information, contact Will McCarvill 942-2921.

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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.

No charge for : WMC members placing ads for used recreational gear
: Private /non-commercial /not for profit activities

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.)

SNOWBLOWER FOR SALE \$700. MDT Snowblower. 8 HP. Model #8/26. Electric start & pull start. 2-stage single hand operation control. It's BIG and POWERFUL. It can do mighty things for residential driveways and sidewalks. It is just a little too timid for the demands of the area around our Lodge at Brighton. Call Linda at 943-1871 or e-mail at lindakosky@msn.com

FOR SALE Toyota 4-Runner (87), \$1000, excellent engine, studded snowtires, some rust, back window needs fixing
Rossignol Shaped Skies/Salomen Bindings (165's), \$75, used lightly one season , T2 Scarpas (womens 7-8), \$75, excellent condition Call Gretchen at 661-5635 (03-04)

FOR SALE: Craftsman snowblower , 21" 5.0 H.P. Electric or manual start .Small easy to handle
 .Seldom used. \$250 274-7337 (03-04)

For Sale Topper for mini pickup. Keep that snow off your gear! Fits Tacoma, S-10, Nissan, maybe others. W/ canoe racks.
 Silver. Glasstite brand. Nice shape. \$100. Paul, 541-7496. (04-04)

Are you feeling stiff, sore or achey? Movement Bodywork gently loosens all the joints and muscles while you relax, clothed,
 on a comfortable table. You'll experience flexibility and ease of movment; feel both relaxed and revitalized. For more
 info/appt., call Mary Redmond, 801-596-0629 (SLC)

FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The WMC Governing Board consists of a set of directors and five trustees; all are volunteers who serve for a specified period
 of time. This is a working board, not just a policy setting body and we have a GOOD time. The board has the following
 openings for the term of March 1, 2004 to February 28, 2005.

Incumbents and new nominees for 2004- 2005

President	Mike Budig
Secretary	Adrienne Boudreaux
Treasurer	Craig Riggerberg
Membership	OPEN If willing/interested in helping, . Please contact Michael or Kyle (#s below)
Hiking	Donn Seeley
Boating	Nominee: Larry Gwin
Conservation	Will McCarvill
Entertainment	Jeanine Kuhn
	Nominee: Julie Oldroyd
Lodge	Dave Trask
Mountaineering	Craig Homer
Publications	Nominee: Cristina Amat di San Filippo
Winter Sports	Michael Berry
Bicycling	Heidi Schubert
Information	Heidi DeMartis
	Nominee: Chris Carroll
Trustee	Nominee: Alexis Kelner
	Tom Walsh
	Linda Kosky
	John Veranth
	Leslie Woods
Historian	Mike Treshow

We would like to thank all the incumbent board members for volunteering their time and energies to serve once again, and
 extend a huge thanks and welcome to the nominees who are willing to leap into the fray. When you see these folks, be sure to
 thank them for all they do. Without them, this club would grind to a screeching halt! If you would like to run for any of the
 open positions, please contact one of the nominations committee members listed below, or contact the current director (see
 inside cover of Rambler) to find out about the position.

Nominations committee: Mike Berry 583-4721 Kyle Williams 486-2261

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THE ULTIMATE "TRIP TALK":



From Rick Gamble and Carrie Clark to the many friends who have touched our lives:

It all started with Bob Wright's Wasatch Mountain Club trip to Death Valley last February 20. We had such a fine time camping, cycling, swimming, hiking, and laughing together that we followed that event with plenty of Club snowshoe tips during the rest of the winter. Then came summer with hiking, cycling the MS 150, and backpacking in Dark Canyon, the West Desert, San Rafael Swell, and to Hidden Lakes and Mammoth Glacier in the Wind Rivers. Then summer turned to winter again, and we were back full circle to snowshoeing and tele skiing. Life has been taking us from one grand adventure

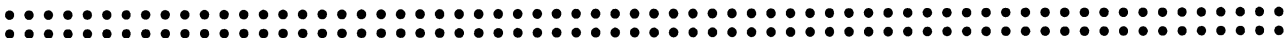
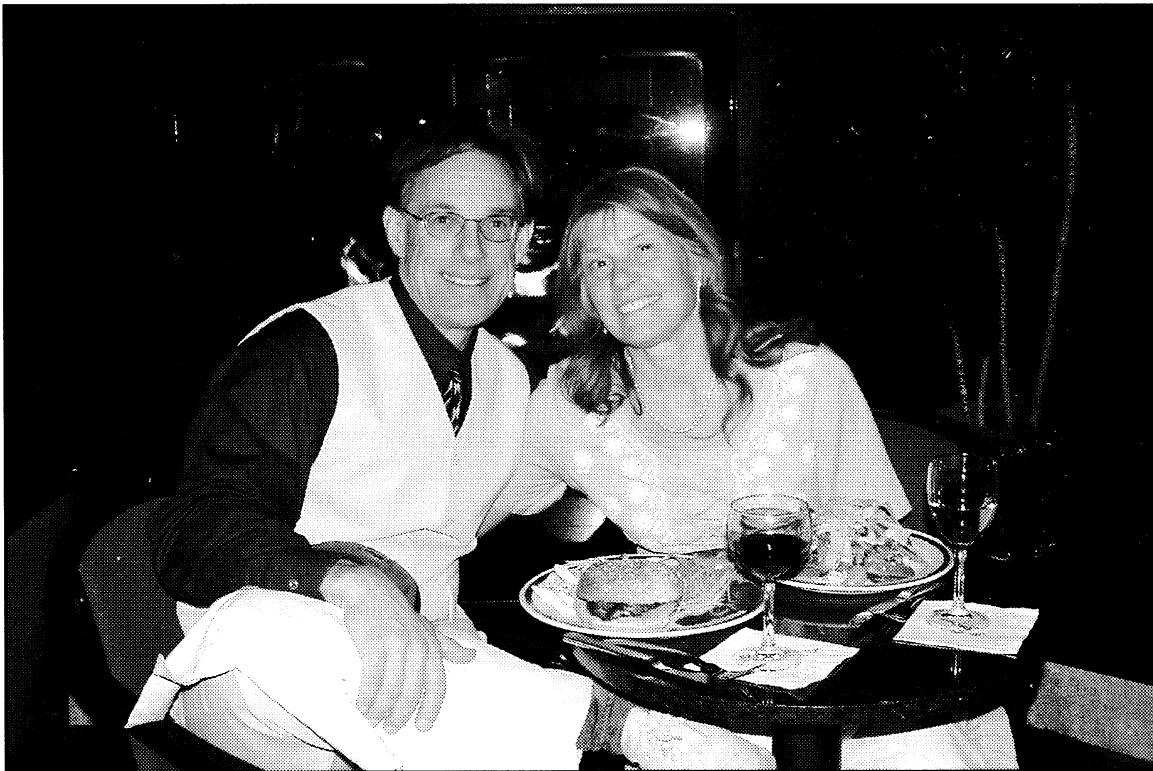
to the next.

Early on the morning of January 8, we began our grandest adventure of all as we shared our vows in an elegantly simple ceremony and promised to spend the rest of our lives adventuring together. We look forward to sharing more adventures with all of you, too!

No gifts please: we just want to share our happy news with you.

Your friends,

Rick and Carrie



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 unofficial 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 outdoor 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):

Subscribe wmc-bike

Subscribe wmc-hike

Subscribe wmc-climb

Subscribe wmc-ski

Subscribe wmc-snowshoe

Subscribe wmc-lodge

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

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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.

DIRECTIONS TO COMMON MEETING PLACES FOR WINTER SPORTS ACTIVITIES

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 I-215 freeway, then turn north (right) into the entrance opposite Birch Drive (3330 East).

Mill Creek Canyon Park and Ride lot: between 3800 S. and 3900 S. on Wasatch Blvd. (3555 E.), between the I-215 freeway and Wasatch Blvd. It is on the northwest corner of the intersection. You can ONLY enter it from the west-bound lanes of 3900 South.

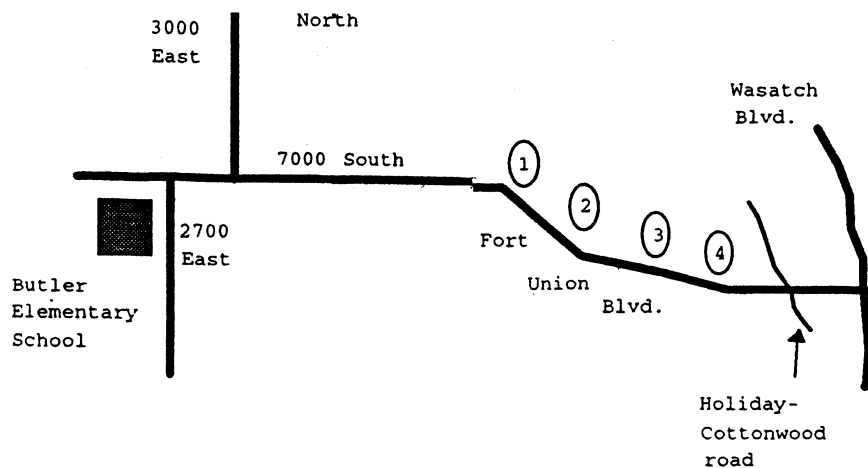
Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride lot: at the northeast corner of the Big Cottonwood Canyon Road and Wasatch Blvd. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Cottonwood Park and Ride lot: 6450 S. Wasatch Blvd. -- go two lights east and south on 6200 S. from the I-215 overpass and turn east (left) onto Wasatch Blvd.; the lot is immediately on your left. Sometimes used as an overflow lot for Big Cottonwood.

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.



CAR POOL PARKING LOTS FOR SKIING AND SNOW-SHOEING

Butler Elementary School

Access the parking lot from 2700 East just south of 7000 South. (Fort Union Blvd.)
We do not have a guarantee that cars won't be towed from here in the event of snow.

Fort Union County Parking lots

The numbers are for the WMC. Don't expect to see any numbered signs, these are basically wide pullouts on the north side of Fort Union Blvd. County time restrictions are to be followed. **NO PARKING FROM 10 PM TO 8 AM.**

Lot #1
3220 East Fort Union Blvd. (7000 South)
This lot will hold an estimated 5 cars.

Lot #2
3360 East Fort Union Blvd. (7090 South)
This lot will hold an estimated 10-15 cars.

Lot #3
3420 East Fort Union Blvd. (7140 South)
This lot will hold an estimated 7 cars.

Lot #4
3600 East Fort Union Blvd. (7225 South)
This lot will hold an estimated 10-15 cars.

WMC Lodge at Brighton

Someone recently asked "where is this lodge I keep hearing about? OHMYGOSH, I thought everyone was born with built in GPS coordinates to the lodge. For those of you new in town, Go up Big Cottonwood canyon, (up 7200 S) to Brighton, drive to the back of the BIG parking lot (near the Brighton Manor Motel). Walk up the hill past the boulders, bear left across the stream and up the trail through the trees (100 yards) to the sound of happy people making merry! Wear walking shoes, carry a flashlight for the hike down, bring a jacket, and some beer for me.

LIMITS ON GROUP SIZES IN WILDERNESS

Some National Forest ranger districts have policies limiting the sizes of groups hiking in wilderness areas. For hikes where we understand that there are wilderness group size limits, we have appended the hike listing with a 'Limit' note indicating the maximum number of participants (not including the organizer). Please help out our organizers on hikes with group size limits by arriving promptly and behaving nicely if you can't be accommodated on the hike because of a limit.

******* 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.

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Comments about Turtle hikes:

This is a letter from Joan Proctor: Turtle Hikes and Snowshoes were begun several years ago to accommodate members who wanted to participate in slower, more leisurely forays into the mountains. At first the leaders planned trips to steeper more distant destinations, giving many, who would be unable to keep up a faster pace, the opportunity to experience these adventures. Recently Turtle hikes have fallen more into the NTD or MOD category, but still attracting a sizable number and becoming a rather popular activity. It is important for members who join in any of these to understand that courtesy and common sense are important to maintain the purpose of the Turtle designation. Fast hikers, and those in a rush to return to their cars should join another group or go with their friends. Leaving participants far behind the main group is discouraging to the hikers and can be dangerous. At the very least, those at the front should not lose track of the slower hikers, but pause regularly for regrouping. Perhaps there should be more NTD hikes scheduled for the many who prefer a quick adventure into the outdoors at a brisk pace. The Turtle hikes are not organized for that reason and should not be mistaken for a regular fast NTD. Often people considering membership start with a Turtle NTD and due to the easy pace and camaraderie learn a great deal of what the club has to offer, thus bringing in new members. They are a valuable part of club offerings, and hopefully will remain so. Joan Proctor

FEB – MAR SKI TOUR: UINTA SKI NETWORK. These ski tours use lightweight skis (classic, skate, and light backcountry) and will be announced on an email list. Outings will be posted for Mountain Dell, White Pine, Solitude and Sundance Nordic Centers, and the backcountry of the Uintas, Northern Wasatch, Daniel's Summit, and SW Wyoming. To subscribe to the 'UINTA' list (Users of Intermountain Nordic Trails), send a message to: mberry@attglobal.net.

FEB – MAR SKI TOUR: SKI STARTERS (NTD+/MOD-). Have you ever wanted to try some tele skiing, but you don't feel ready to go out with the "big boys"? Then our new NTD+/MOD- tele group is just right for you. We won't be listing our trips ahead of time; due to our novice skill-level we want to hand-pick those days when the powder is terrific and avalanche danger is low. So we're creating an email contact list: we'll exchange phones and email addresses, and when conditions look good, we'll contact each other to arrange a spur-of-the-moment trip to some gentle tele practice area. If you want to be included on this list,

contact Carrie Clark at carolyn.clark@slcc.edu or 519-9257.

FEB 1 SUN SOCIAL: 17th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER Vincenzo DeSimone invites you to an evening of Italian cuisine and fellowship by the fire. Cost \$5 for food and hot drinks (bring other beverages of choice). Time: 6 PM (please no early arrivals) Directions: I-80 to Park City exit Hwy 224 toward Park City, turn left on Meadows Dr. just past the large white barn on the right. Turn left on Mountain Top Lane, go to Mountain Top Drive, the T at the top and turn right to the sounds of fun. No pets or children, please. Questions: vincedesimone@yahoo.com or 435 649 6805.

FEB 1 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD). Pete Mimmack will be leading the relaxed start mod tour today. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins, etc. Meet Pete at 9:30 AM at Butler Elementary School and call (801)-377-2330 for other details.

FEB 1 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SMITH MOREHOUSE TO HELLS KITCHEN DIVIDE (MSD). Dmitry will be doing a longer tour in the Uintas today. Plan to bring your 457 kHz beacon, skins, avalanche shovel, food, water, and 10 E's. You may want to discuss best gear with Dmitry too. Meeting time is 8:00 AM at Parleys Way K-Mart Call Dmitry Pruss at 944-7755 or email dpruss@myriad.com to register or for details.

FEB 1 SUN SKI TOUR: TELEMAR HILL (DANIEL'S)(NTD+). This tour begins at the Daniel's Summit Lodge amidst the snowmobilers. A 2.5 mile kick and glide (1,000 ft. el.) trail takes you through the woods and past the noise to the top of Telemark Hill for some token tele-turns on your light backcountry gear (double-cambered, metal-edged recommended). Bring your pieps for practice if we have additional time to burn. Before the hypnotic alpenglow settles in you will be thinking about changing clothes and getting refreshed at a Park City establishment before making Vince's Spaghetti Dinner (6:00 pm). The plan would be to meet in the valley mid-morning, but call Mike Berry (583-4721) for more info and to register.

FEB 1 SUN SNOWSHOE: LAMB'S CANYON (NTD). Barb Hansen (485-0132) will lead this tour up Parley's Canyon. Bring safety gear. Meet Barb at the Mill Creek Canyon Park and Ride lot at 9:30 am. The Park and Ride is at 3900 S. and Wasatch Boulevard (3555 E.). It is on the NW corner of the intersection. You can only enter it from the west-bound lanes of 3900 South. After your hike is over, and you're feeling relaxed, plan to head all the way up Parley's Canyon later in the afternoon for Vince's Spaghetti Dinner in Park City (6:00 PM). It's then time to enjoy some food and beverages, and exchange tales of the day's adventures with your fellow WMC 'ers.

FEB 1 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). Steve Sprowles (435-647-0270) leads a mid-winter trek to an appropriate destination depending on snow and avalanche conditions. The UAC forecast number is 364-1581. Winter equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies. Winter sports safety gear and the 10 E's recommended. Meet Steve at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

FEB 1 SUN SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (PARK CITY)(NTD/MOD). Tonight is Vince's Spaghetti dinner in Park City, so we want to offer lots of snowshoe options. Meet at 2:00 pm at the north side parking lot of the Radisson Hotel, located at the corner of Pay day Drive and Highway 224 in Park City. The destination is usually Iron Canyon Saddle (NTD) or the top of Iron Mountain (MOD). Drive west on Payday Drive, then turn east on Iron Canyon Dr., then turn on to Iron Mountain Dr, then on to Iron Canyon Ct, and look for the pullout on the right side near the top of the hill. The trail starts at the end of the paved road just up the hill (dead end). Note: Afterwards, relax in Park City and get ready for Vince's spaghetti dinner. Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only.

FEB 3 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+). These are relatively brisk half-day outings with 8:00 am starts and early finishes so you can work a bit in the afternoon if needed. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins. First timers to this group should call Chris Proctor at 466-1905 or email @ Proctorgrtr@aol.com to register. The meeting place will be the 39th South & Wasatch Blvd. Park-n-Ride.

FEB 3 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD). Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" again this year at 10:00 am. 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.

FEB 6 FRI BACKCOUNTRY SKI: FREE HEEL FRIDAYS (MSD). Location and length of tour both depend on snow conditions, weather forecast and avalanche hazard, but we'll probably be skiing in either BCC or LCC. In addition to the 10 E's, you must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins. Call Dave Moser at 580-5865 or e-mail dfmoser@hotmail.com if any questions. Meeting time will be 8:30 AM at the 39th South and Wasatch blvd Park-N-Ride

FEB 6 FRI SKI TOUR: ALBION BASIN (FULL MOON)(NTD). Weather permitting (clear skies only) we will take a turn around Albion Basin by the moonlight. Extensions are possible if the group is strong enough. Meet at the Little Cottonwood Park and Ride at 8:00 PM. Call Bob Cady (274-0250 or rcady@xmission.com) for info.

FEB 7 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ON-LINE OUTINGS- EMAIL LIST. The WMC email lists are "for members to find partners, announce trips, etc." (trips are NOT sanctioned WMC activities). To subscribe to the wmc-ski email list, send an email to: majordomo@haas.dsl.xmission.com with the text (not in the header section): Subscribe wmc-ski.

FEB 7 SAT SNOWSHOE: WASATCH CREST 'RIDGE RUN' (MOD). In Willow Creek at 7,880 feet, the 10,006 'Silver' mountain will seem 2,126 feet above you, and it is. Ascend the Crest, take in the views, and sweep down into Beartrap Fork with Larry Nilssen (572-3964, <larrynilssen@comcast.net>). As usual, bring all the essentials, including food, water, and a beacon. Meet Larry at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

FEB 7 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. Bring the ten essentials. When appropriate, be aware of avalanche danger.

FEB 7 SAT SNOWSHOE: SALT LAKE OVERLOOK (NTD-TURTLE). Nancy Phillips (942-8953) leads this trip of approximately 4.5 miles RT and 1,250 feet elevation gain. This trip crosses into the Mt. Olympus Wilderness area, which has a limit on group size. Please arrive early to assure you won't get bumped from the hike. Meet Nancy at Skyline High at 9:30 am. Limit: 9.

FEB 8 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY/TOUR: DESO-POWDER LOOP (MOD). Ski up Mill D North to Lake Desolation, up to the ridge above it, run along the ridge to the Powder Park drainage, then take some low angle turns through the trees back to complete the loop. Bring 10E's, beacon and shovel. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 10:00 am. Call Bob Cady (274-0250 or rcady@xmission.com) for information.

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FEB 8 SUN SKI TOUR: SHINGLE CREEK (UINTAS)(MOD). This tour may go 14 miles round trip and gain 2,460 feet. John Marks prefers email (jmarks2@worldnet.att.net) and says that metal-edged skis, beacon, shovel, and skins would be advisable for this trip. John may go out-of-town on short notice, so a back-up is to contact Mike Berry (583-4721, mberry@attglobal.net) for more information on trip viability or for a Park City meeting place. Meet John at the K Mart on Parley's Way at 8:30 am. Carpool rate is .15 per mile per vehicle plus gas. F.S. fee is \$3.00.

FEB 8 SUN SNOWSHOE: LOWER SILVER FORK (NTD). Michael Budig (328-4512) leads to Lower Silver Fork. Bring the 10 E's. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

FEB 8 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.

FEB 10 TUE BACKCOUNTRY SKI: DEADLINE FOR MARCH RAMBLER. For March Rambler, scheduling ski activities for March 6- March 28, 2004. All proposed ski activities must be sent to Steve Pritchett, ski coordinator spritc1041@aol.com, 523-9243) BY THIS DATE. *No late entries- No exceptions.*

FEB 10 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+). These are relatively brisk half-day outings with 8:00 am starts and early finishes so you can work a bit in the afternoon if needed. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins. First timers to this group should call Chris Proctor at 466-1905 or email @ Proctorgtr@aol.com to register. The meeting place will be the 39th South & Wasatch Blvd. Park-n-Ride.

FEB 10 TUE: SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOONLIGHT)(MOD). Beano Solomon has graciously agreed for our normal day snowshoe to meet at her home at 630 PM for a MOONLIGHT snowshoe in Round Valley. Following the snowshoe we will return to Beano's home for a bowl of chili. Bring your own libations. Directions: From I-80 take Hwy 224 toward Park City. Just past the white barn turn left on Meadows Drive. Proceed to 3268 Meadows Dr. Phone (435) 940-0699 day of or contact prior to vincedesimone@yahoo.com and discuss this event. We follow WMC Winter Sports Guidelines so come prepared for your own safety and enjoyment. This is in a non-avalanche area.

FEB 10 TUE SNOWSHOE: DEADLINE FOR MARCH RAMBLER. For March Rambler, scheduling snowshoe activities for March 6- March 28, 2004. All proposed snowshoe activities must be sent to Liz Cořdova, snowshoe coordinator (emcord25@hotmail.com, 486-0909) BY THIS DATE. *No late entries- No exceptions.*

FEB 11 WED: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7 pm at the MOUNT OLYMPUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 3280 East 3900 South. General Club business will be conducted including the election of the 2004 WMC Board Members. See February

Rambler for details or call Jeanine at 364-1873 or Vicki at 599-0281.

FEB 13 FRI BACKCOUNTRY SKI: FREE HEEL FRIDAYS (MSD). Location and length of tour both depend on snow conditions, weather forecast and avalanche hazard, but we'll probably be skiing in either BCC or LCC. In addition to the 10 E's, you must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins. Call Dave Moser at 580-5865 or e-mail dfmoser@hotmail.com if any questions. Meeting time will be 8:30 AM at the 39th South and Wasatch blvd Park-N-Ride.

FEB 13 FRI – 17 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TETON RANGE YURT (MSD). Spend the long weekend at Plummer Canyon Yurt on the west side of the Tetons and trim turns on the mountain. Drive up Friday evening, spend Friday night in a motel, ski in Saturday morning and spend three nights at the yurt, then return on Tuesday. A non-refundable \$92.50 deposit will be necessary to reserve your place. If you are interested in this trip, email Carol Masheter: carol_masheter@hotmail.com or call her at 466-5729.

FEB 14 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SCOTTS PASS AREA (NTD). Martin will be leading an NTD touring group to Scott's pass area today. Skis W/climbing skins are recommended. Meeting location is the Cottonwood Park-N-Ride lot just east of Wasatch blvd (between the gravel pit and golf course) at 9:00 AM. Call Martin McGregor if any questions at 967-9860.

FEB 14 SAT SNOWSHOE: PORTER'S FORK (NTD-TURTLE). Joan Proctor (474-0275) leads it slow and easy and invites all of you who like a "kinder, gentler hike" to join her. As always, be sure to bring snacks, water, and your 10 E's. Meet Joan at Skyline High at 9:00 am. Mt. Olympus Wilderness Area limit: 9.

FEB 14 SAT SNOWSHOE: DESO TO BEARTRAP (MOD). Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) plans to set up car shuttles for this snowshoe with between Beartrap Fork and Mill D North Fork via Desolation Lake. This one promises to be a "calorie-burner". Call Mohamed if you have any questions. Be sure to bring the essentials, including plenty of food and fluid. Also, a shovel and beacon recommended. UAC forecast number: 364-1581. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

FEB 14 SAT SNOWSHOE: MAYBIRD GULCH AND BEYOND (MOD+). Cassie Badowsky (278-5153) leads this hike up Maybird Gulch towards the top of the drainage, conditions permitting. Bring the 10 E's, energy foods, water, and a beacon/shovel. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am. Lone Peak Wilderness Area limit: 9.

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FEB 15 SUN SNOWSHOE: WHITE PINE LAKE (MSD-). The indomitable Tom Walsh (487-1336) is setting aside his skis (last time spotted on skis was New Year's day ascending Mill Creek Road with entourage), and strapping on his snowshoes for this challenging trek at a steady pace. The group will need to stay together. (9.0 mile RT and 2,400 feet elevation gain). Bring your beacon, shovel, 10E's, high-energy food and drink (FDA approved only!), and your avalanche awareness. (Note: beacon and shovel needed due to proximity to slide paths near the dam). Meet at Butler Elementary at the earlier (adjusted) time of 8 am to ensure a timely conclusion.

FEB 15 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.

FEB 16 MON SNOWSHOE: WILLOWES TO BEARTRAP (MOD). Snowshoer Cassie Badowsky (278-5153) has decided to go up Willows drainage 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. UAC Forecast number: 364-1581. Meet at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary.

FEB 17 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB gravel pi and the golf (MOD+). These are relatively brisk half-day outings with 8:00 am starts and early finishes so you can work a bit in the afternoon if needed. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins. First timers to this group should call Chris Proctor at 466-1905 or email @ Proctorgtr@aol.com to register. The meeting place will be the 39th South & Wasatch Blvd. Park-n-Ride.

FEB 17 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD). Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" again this year at 10:00 am. 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.

FEB 18SERVICE: CONSERVATION COMMITTEE. You know you've always wanted to help with conservation. Break that old habit of inaction this year and come help out. At 7PM the Conservation Committee will meet at the club office. All are welcome, we have plenty to do. We need help in tending to the Wasatch Mountains. For more information, contact Will McCarvill 942-2921.

FEB 19 THU - 23 SUN Annual Death Valley Bike Trip: If you would like to escape from the wintertime chills and have a great time too, come on the 10th annual Death Valley Days bike trip with the old ranger, Bob Wright. There will be road biking, mountain biking, swimming, hiking and relaxing. We will again stay at the Furnace Creek campground. It is usually 75-85 degrees during the day and 50 degrees at night. We will visit Scotty's Castle, Ubehebe Crater, Titus Canyon, Stovepipe Wells, Mosaic Canyon, Badwater, and Artists Loop. If you can't come the entire time, come when you can. It is a day's drive each way, 545 miles and we will carpool. We will do group cooking. Estimated cost is \$45.00 per person for food and camping, excluding transportation and park entry fees. There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 7:00 PM at Bob and Denna Wright's house, 1832 Meadow Moor Rd. (5000 South) Call Bob at 801-274-0756 or E Mail bobanddenna@msn.com to register.

FEB 20 FRI BACKCOUNTRY SKI: FREE HEEL FRIDAYS (MSD). Location and length of tour both depend on snow conditions, weather forecast and avalanche hazard, but we'll probably be skiing in either BCC or LCC. In addition to the 10 E's, you must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins. Call Dave Moser at 580-5865 or e-mail dfmoser@hotmail.com if any questions. Meeting time will be 8:30 AM at the 39th South and Wasatch blvd Park-N-Ride.

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FEB 21 SAT SNOWSHOE: CATHERINE'S PASS VIA BRIGHTON (MOD). Dudley McIlhenny (733-7740) keeps a healthy pace to the pass via Lake Mary and Catherine's Lake. Be sure to meet Dudley with all your winter essentials, snacks, and water at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary.

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FEB 22 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY/TOUR: MILL D-MILL CREEK BASIN (LOOP)(MOD). We will ski up Mill D North to Lake Desolation, climb up to the ridge from there, then run north along the ridge to the low pass at the northeast corner of Mill Creek Basin. We will then descend the basin and canyon down to the Mill Creek Canyon Road. Meet at the 39th south and Wasatch Blvd Park and Ride at 8:30 am to catch the bus up to Spruces. (Bring \$2.50 for bus fare and plan to contribute for the \$2.25 Mill Creek Canyon toll). Help at 8:00 am spotting a car or two at the top of Mill Creek Canyon road will be appreciated. Call Bob Cady (274-0250 or rcady@xmission.com) for information.

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FEB 22 SUN SNOWSHOE: DAY'S FORK TO THE 1ST MEADOW (NTD). Carol Anderson (485-0877) plans to lead at a "true" NTD pace. Winter equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies. Winter Sports safety gear and the 10 E's recommended. Meet Carol at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

FEB 22 SAT SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). Alex Rudd (971-9245) leads. Be prepared for conditions. Beacons highly recommended. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

FEB 24 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+). These are relatively brisk half-day outings with 8:00 am starts and early finishes so you can work a bit in the afternoon if needed. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins. First timers to this group should call Chris Proctor at 466-1905

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FEB 28 SAT SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). Kathy Craig (302-9155) leads. Be prepared for conditions. Beacons highly recommended. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

FEB 28 SAT SNOWSHOE: ALBION BASIN (NTD). Doug Stark (277-8538) is planning a leisurely tour on the basin road this morning. Doug says this will be an enjoyable and social snowshoe for those of you who like to see the trees from the forest. Meet him at 9:15 am at Butler Elementary and don't forget to bring your gear and snacks.

FEB 28 SAT – MAR 1 MON SKI TOUR: LEAP YEAR YURT LARK (UINTAS). Celebrate the leap year and tour on a well-groomed and signed trail system or ski the backcountry of the North Slope south of Evanston, WY. What better way to spend that 'extra' day (29th) in your life than to breath in that crisp winter air, feel the wind blowing through the pines, and watch the alpenglow on the high peaks. Stay in a deluxe BRORA yurt equipped with bunks, a stove, and plenty of firewood to ward off the cold. 'Working dogs' are welcome. THE TRIP IS FULL.

FEB 29 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY/TOUR: ALTA TO MILLCREEK (MSD). Here's a Leap Years day ski tour to fill in this extra day. Alta to Millcreek. Brad will travel from Alta to Days Fork, up Mill D North and descend Big Water to Millcreek Canyon. 457 Beacon, and shovel required. Contact Brad Yates 521-4185 bnyslc@earthlink.com for more info.

FEB 29 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). Join Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) for another high energy tour. Beacons advised. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

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FEB 29 SUN SNOWSHOE: DOG LAKE (AFTERNOON)(NTD). Meet Adrienne Boudreaux (278-9894) at Butler Elementary at 1:00 pm for a leisurely and "easy-going" snowshoe to Dog Lake. Be sure to bring a snack, plenty of fluid, your ten "E's", and a beacon and shovel is always recommended.

MAR 2 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD). Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" again this year at 10:00 am. 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.

MAR 3 WED SNOWSHOE: LAMB'S CANYON (MOONLIGHT)(NTD+). Ascend Lamb's Canyon trail by moonlight with Eric Johnson (263-3858). Nighttime touring is a memorable experience. On snow, even a strong quarter-moon can provide enough light, and sometimes the glow of the city is all it takes for you to find your way. Just be aware that terrain irregularities are harder to spot until you're practically upon them, and clouds can unexpectedly block moonlight. Flashlights and headlamps are helpful, however, they destroy your night vision for areas outside the narrow beam of light. Sometimes you'll do better hiking cautiously by whatever natural light is available. The plan is to go up the trail for approximately 1 and ½ hours, depending on weather and

trail conditions. Bring all of your winter gear, including lights. Carpooling is needed due to limited parking at the trailhead. Plan on burgers and beer afterwards. Meet at Butler Elementary around 5:30 pm for a 5:45 pm departure. If you have any doubts or questions- call Eric before the trip.

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MAR 6 SAT SKI TOUR: WILLOW HOLLOW-LITTLE SOUTH FORK LOOP (UINTAS)(MOD) Mike Berry (583-4721) will guide you on this 8 mile warm-up for the much longer Norway Flats and King's Peak tours scheduled this month. This route is mostly 'snowmobile free' Utah. Call Mike to register and meeting place/time or to discuss the best Nordic ski equipment choices.

MAR 6 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.

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MAR 7 SUN SKI TOUR: NORWAY FLATS TO FIRE LAKE (UINTAS)(MSD-) This 19 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.

MAR 7 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD). Michael Budig (328-4512) leads. Bring the 10 E's. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

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MAR 7 SUN SNOWSHOE: STANSBURY MTNS (MOD) Cathy Hunn (435-882-6529) plans to go to the Stansbury Mountains (North or South Willow Canyon). Salt Lakers meet at the Home Depot (328 W. 2100 S.) SW area of parking lot at 8:30 to carpool- 4wd vehicles necessary to attain trailhead. Take 2100 South to I-80 and travel west to exit 99 (Tooele). Go south on the Tooele Rd (Highway 36) about 3 miles to the (unmissable) Maverick Station at Stansbury park. Call Cathy beforehand as ice may prevent reaching the trailhead or snow may be problematic.

MAR 13 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD+). Cheryl Krusko will be leading this longer tour today, somewhere in BCC or LCC. She'd like to get in 5-6 descent during the tour. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins, etc. Meet Cheryl at 9:00 AM at Butler Elementary School and call 474-3759 for other details.

MAR 19 FRI – 20 SAT SNOWCAVING: UTAH (NTD). Ever wonder what it would be like to dig your own snow cave and sleep in it, up on the mountain? Last year we were short of snow, and didn't go, so we are going to try it again, as there doesn't seem to be any shortage this year. Plan to get off work a little early Thursday afternoon (2:00) and head up the mountain at 3:00. After digging the caves, when we are wet and tired and cold, which we will be, we come back home for a warm dinner and a hot shower. Then Friday afternoon, we will go back up, dry and warm, and move in, cook dinner, and after a moonlight ski or snowshoe, sit around the fire with hot drinks, and watch the stars or perhaps, the snow fall, before crawling into our little cocoons. We will get together one evening before we go, on Monday March 15, at 7:00, at my house, to plan and talk about technique and equipment, pair up teams, and coordinate transportation. Rick Thompson (255-8058 or gone2moab@hotmail.com).

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MAR 20 SAT SOCIAL: BEGINNING OF SPRING FLING AT THE LODGE (Or the ST. Patrick's Day Celebration). Come join us at the lodge in celebration of the first day of spring and for those of us still celebrating St. Patrick's Day you could wear green

or your favorite kilt. Potluck will begin at 6:00 PM and will be followed with a fun evening of dancing and music. Bring a dish to share and the beverage of your choice. Invite your friends. Members \$5.00, Non-members \$7.00. Any questions call Jeanine at 364-1873 or Juliette @ 915-1394. See ya there.

MAR 20 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: LONE PEAK (SKI-MTN). Patrick McEwen is looking for a few brave souls to join him on this winter assault on Lone Peak from Willow canyon. The North chutes are the goal for skiing today. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins, etc. This will require an early start of 6 – 7AM. Call Patrick @ 571-5033 to register and for details.

MAR 20 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: KING'S PEAK (MSD/SKI-MTN). (*Tentative date*). Late March is the big event of the ski season. The King's Peak ski tour, hosted for the 29th (or so) year by Steve and Larry Swanson, will convene on Friday night at the Henry's Fork parking area and get underway very early on Saturday morning (See March Rambler for details).

MAR 27 SAT SNOWSHOE: GOURMET POTLUCK WILLOW LAKE (NTD = FUN!). The Annual Gourmet Snowshoe. 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! Wine tasting included- bring your reds and whites. Skiers welcome too!

NON-WMC TRIPS

FEB 2004 -MAR 2004 CROSS COUNTRY SKI RACES

DATE	RACE	TECHNIQUE	LOCATION/START
Tue., Feb 3	Wild Rose Fun Race	any (5)	Mountain Dell 4:30
Sat., Feb 7	Boulder Mountain Tour	free (30)	Sun Valley 10:00
Tue., Feb 10	Wild Rose Fun Race	any (5)	Mountain Dell 4:30
Wed., Feb 11/15	Under-23 World Championship		Soldier Hollow TBD
Sat., Feb 14	Pioneer XC Ski Race	free (10)	Soda Springs, ID 11:00
Sun., Feb 15	Bryce Canyon Ski Archery	free (6)	Ruby's Inn, Bryce 11:00
Sun., Feb 16	Bryce Canyon Ski Festival	free (10)	Ruby's Inn, Bryce 9:00
Sat., Feb 21	White Pine/TUNA Relay	both (3x5)	White Pine 10:00
Sat., Feb 21/22	Western States Youth Festival		Mink Creek, ID TBD
Sat., Feb 28	WCS/TUNA Championship	free (20)	White Pine Farm 10:00
Sat., Mar 6	Wooden Ski Classic	class (5)	Alta 10:30
Sat., Mar 13	Yellowstone Rendezvous	class (25)	West Yellowstone 8:45
Sat., Mar 13	Yellowstone Rendezvous	free (25/50)	West Yellowstone 9:00
Sat., Mar 13	Lasal Loppet	any (18)	Moab 10:00

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

MARCH 20 – KINGS PEAK SKI TOUR (MSD)

NOTE THE DATE! This is a change from the usual.

The historic Kings Peak ski tour, hosted by Steve and Larry Swanson, will convene on Friday night (March 19th) at the Henry's Fork Snow-Parking area and get under way very early on Saturday morning. We meet for car pooling (optional) at the K-Mart parking area on Parleys 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. 1:00pm is the usual turn around time for snowshoers.

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 of 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 turn around place for most and for all those that arrive after 1:00pm. 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. The trip to the basin is sheltered and makes a nice ski tour even in stormy weather.

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

Please read carefully and fill out completely: **Please complete liability waiver on reverse page**

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Check phone number to print in The Rambler membership list:

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email: _____

Other Options:

☐ Do not print my name in the Wasatch Mountain Club Directory

☐ Do not list my name in lists given to board-approved conservation/wilderness organizations.

I am applying for: (check one)

____ New Membership ____ Single ____ Couple Birth date(s) _____
____ Reinstatement

Remit: \$40.00 for single membership (\$35.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)

\$55.00 for couple membership (\$50.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)

\$25.00 for student membership (\$20.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee; must be full-time student, age 30 and under)

Enclosed is \$_____ for one year's dues and application fee. Checks and money orders only. Make checks payable to Wasatch Mountain Club. Do you wish to receive The Rambler (the club publication)? ____ Yes ____ No
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Receipt/Check # _____ Amount Received \$ _____

Date Received _____ By _____

Board Approval Date _____

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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: _____

Email: _____

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE?

ACTIVITY SURVEY

All of the club's activity leaders are volunteers. You can be a leader too-just check off the activities you want to lead, and we'll give you a call. Help your club and have fun too!

Hiking: ☐ easy day hike ☐ moderate day hike ☐ advanced day hike ☐ car camp
 ☐ backpack

☐ equipment **Boating:** ☐ trip leader ☐ instruction
 ☐ sailing

tour ☐ out-of-town trip **Skiing:** ☐ NTD tour ☐ MOD tour ☐ MSD

mountaineering **Climbing:** ☐ Wasatch climb ☐ out-of-town trip ☐ winter

Bicycling: ☐ road bike tour ☐ mountain bike tour ☐ camping tour

Other outings: ☐ snowshoe tour ☐ caving ☐ other

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT?

The club also depends on volunteers for all the rest of its work. Some of this work is critical to the day-to-day functioning of the club; some of it is important to our community; some of it is just fun. You can let us know how you'll help by checking off activities below.

Conservation: ☐ air & water quality issues ☐ telephone tree ☐ trail clearing ☐ trailhead access
 ☐ wilderness

☐ lodge host **Socials:** ☐ social host ☐ party assistance

☐ advertising **Rambler:** ☐ word processing ☐ mailing
 ☐ computer support

Lodge: ☐ general lodge repair ☐ skilled lodge work

☐ recruiting **Information:** ☐ public relations ☐ membership help
 ☐ instruction

Would you like to participate on an activities committee? Which one?

Is there a special trip or activity that you would like to lead?

How can we reach you? NAME _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

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