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- Heidi Schubert skiing the backcountry.

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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.

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

How to submit trip talks or pictures:

1. Email them to: wmc@xmission.com

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WMC history book “ONWARD AND UPWARD” AVAILABLE FREE at the WMC office

The Board invites you to pick up a copy of “Onward and Upward”, by Mike Treshow and Jean Frances. 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!



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From the President Michael Budig

Membership in the Wasatch Mountain Club is now creeping back to the 1000 mark- membership actually peaked in the 1990's around 1300-1400, then dropped down to under 900 and is now slowing, but steadily moving upwards. It seems to me that the greatest membership growth the club experienced was in the 1980's when many industries- especially computer/ high tech were hiring and drawing many out of state professionals attracted to Utah's jobs and outdoor recreation opportunities. Since then, there has been no real spurt of jobs attracting professionals from out of state.



As a result of the growth in the 1980's, many of the stalwart members of the club are now nearing their 25th anniversary in the club and applying for lifetime membership. The club approved a lifetime membership for Martha Veranth at the February General Membership meeting. Martha has served as a past officer for the club and organized the Scottish Dancing lessons at the lodge for many years. Her husband, John Veranth, recently stepped down from duties as a Board Trustee due to many other time conflicts. I know we will miss John's unique insights and invaluable input at the board meetings. But we are lucky to have Brad Yates step up to fill in for the Trustee vacancy. Brad has served in the past in many capacities, including conservation chair and president- and he is providing very useful insights and input to the board.

For those interested in applying for lifetime membership. The requirement is 25 years of continuous membership in the club with some time as a board member or other exceptional service. Life membership is not guaranteed, but must be approved by a vote of both the governing board AND a vote at a general membership meeting. Application should be made by submitting a letter to the club president. The letter should request lifetime membership and explain and spell out qualifications.

At the March 2, 2005 board meeting, we were pleased to discover a \$2000 bequest from the late Bill Viavant. There was no explanation, but it is presumed this was spelled out in his will. For now, we have decided to set this money aside and will leave his name attached to it until we can determine some way to properly honor his memory. Bill Viavant had a lifetime

Conservation Notes Will McCarvill



Many thanks to Randy Long for the years he served as the Adopt-A-Highway coordinator. The Club is responsible for the section of Wasatch Boulevard that runs from I-215 to the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Also many thanks to those whose regular attendance to the clean up made it fast. Kyle Williams has stepped up to take over for Randy. The Club has to take care of the road a total of three times a year. We usually do two spring and one fall clean up.

The service Saturdays this year will be June 11, July 9, August 13, and September 10. These represent the second Saturdays of the month. We schedule formal service activities such as lodge repair and trails maintenance on these dates. Out of town activities can be planned as well as in town activities. It is required that the in town activity must have service element. For example, if a bike ride starts at a park and ride an hour can be spent cleaning it up. Hike participants can bring a plastic bag for picking up trash along a trail.

Last month the Utah Forest Network rolled out its wilderness inventory for the three southern Utah forests; the Manti-La Sal, the Dixie, and the Fishlake. An extensive on the ground inventory of Forest Service roadless areas taking years has been completed and the results used to identify those lands that still retain wilderness characteristics. The inventory will be used to influence forest plan revisions now underway through citizen alternatives that advocate maximum protection for wildlands, wildlife, and ecosystem integrity. The WMC supports this effort as these lands are the cool high country that we hike in during the hot summer months. Check them out at www.utahforests.org. The inventory roll out in northern Utah will be in a few months.

There are efforts underway to repeal the Recreational Access Tax (RAT) which allows the Forest Service, BLM, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service and Bureau of Reclamation to charge fees for use of federally managed lands. The tax means that Americans will be treated as customers and trespassers on the public land managed by these agencies rather than as owners of the land. For more information go to Arizona No Fee Coalition at www.aznofee.org.

BOATING

Middle Fork

Kimberly, Max and Lauara Snyder,
Right Boat Mike Budig. Photo by Bret
Mathews



APRIL

9(1)	Boating Shed Wk Party	Bret Mathews 801-273-0315	bretmaverick999@yahoo.com
12(6)	Salt River IV	Steve Pace 801-363-8190	stephencpace@alum.mit.edu
23(5)	Salt River IV	Steve Dowling 505-275-9096	stuntmansteve@netzero.com
25(6)	San Juan II+	Kathy Jones 801-523-2593	cooperdog1@comcast.net

MAY

7(2)	URC Gear Swap I	http://www.utahrivers.org/updates_and_events.html	
14(2)	Beginners Trip III	Larry Gwin 435-647-3642	ljgpenuel@yahoo.com
19(11)	Escalante III	Steve Pace 801-363-8190	stephencpace@alum.mit.edu
24(4)	Gates of Ladore III	Don Urizaga	urrizaga@xmission.com
25(5)	Cataract Canyon IV	Mike Budig 801-328-4512	mbudig@blazemail.com

JUNE

4(2)	URC Paddle Festival I	paddlefestival.com	
8(6)	Muddy II	Steve Pace 801-363-8190	stephencpace@alum.mit.edu,
10(5)	Yampa III	Janet Embry 801-322-4326	embry_janet@yahoo.com
14(5)	Gates of Ladore III	Carol Milliken 435-882-4108	milliken@xmission.com
17(8)	Main Salmon III	Dudley McIlhenny 801-733-7740	contextny@aol.com
??(2)	River Safety Class I	Janet Embry 801-322-4326	embry_janet@yahoo.com

JULY

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5(5)	Rogue III	Victor Miele 801-244-8569	victormiele@hotmail.com
6(5)	Hells Canyon III	Barbara Green 801-466-7702	
16(2)	Alpine Canyon III	Lori Major	arivergoddess@yahoo.com
25(8)	San Juan II	Steve Pace 801-363-8190	stephencpace@alum.mit.edu,
TBD	Sevier II+	Laura Snyder 435-529-7878	

AUGUST

6(2)	Westwater III	Gene Dennis 801-295-5252	higene27090@yahoo.com
13(1)	Pink Flamingo Party I	Gloria Watson 801-942-0365	
20(2)	Split Mountain III	Marilyn Smith 801-273-0369	

SEPTEMBER

TBA(7)	Main Salmon III	Kathy Jones 801-523-2593	cooperdog1@comcast.net
24(1)	End of season party I	Larry Gwin 314-374-6149	ljgpenuel@yahoo.com

OCTOBER

1(2)	Westwater III	Janet Embry 801-322-4326	embry_janet@yahoo.com
??(1)	End season work party I	Bret Mathews 801-273-0315	bretmaverick999@yahoo.com

Month Unknown

??(1)	Jordan River Cleanup I	Constance Modrow	cmodrow@uta.cog.ut.us
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TRIP REPORT:

SHINGLE CREEK- Smith Morehouse (Uintas) Ski Traverse

Mike Berry

Seven of us met at the K Mart Lot on Parley's Way with our backcountry gear for a Sunday, February 20th trip in the Uintas. According to the Utah Avalanche Center, six inches of fresh snow had fallen in the western Uintas in the last 24 hours. An additional 4- 8 inches of snow could be expected throughout the day on Sunday. Due to wind loading on the higher ridges, and weak layers in the snow from earlier in the season- this was a difficult day to forecast for the experts at the UAFC. The forecast was for a low avalanche danger on slopes



with less than a 35 degree angle. However, any north facing, steep slopes were suspect. Craig Gordon of the UAFC, strongly recommended "toning down the slope angles" for those parties planning to get out to safely enjoy the "white creamy powder" available this day at the mid-elevations in the Uintas. After consulting the maps for routes avoiding potential problem areas, and meeting in Kamas for some 'Uinta Cowboy Coffee', we declared the traverse a "go".



By mid-morning Sunday, at the 7,600 foot elevation trailhead, we had waxed our touring skis or skinned, strapped the beacons on, and were gliding from the Mirror Lake Highway Road up Shingle Creek. The first several miles were well tracked out, with just a few inches of new snow on top. We all warmed up quickly and hit our stride. By the time we reached the 4 mile mark, the fresh snow accumulations were deeper

and it was all strenuous trail-breaking for us from here on out.

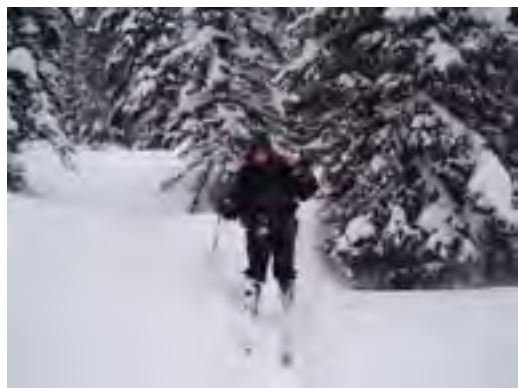
The views opened up east across the Shingle Creek drainage towards the cliffs marking the beginnings of the extensive Norway Flat uplift. 1st lunch happened near a group of conifers chosen for their protection from the falling snow. At this point, Grizz asked how long the break would last. When Dmitry said we would be here about 20 minutes, he pulled out his cook stove and announced it was time to brew his first cup of coffee- a requisite for him on these sort of trips. Time to move again- a lead skier was in front for 5- 10 minutes at a time. A system was soon in place to change trailbreakers when someone shouted "time", or critiqued the lead skier too much on route selection (a good natured "group shout down"), we took turns pushing up the rolling drainage that formed upper Shingle Creek.



After an aerobic ascent, we found ourselves looking down into the wild Erickson Basin area (7.0 miles in). The elevation at this point was 10,100 ft. and it was time to celebrate by removing our climbing skins. When we reached the saddle, the weather was warm and sunny. However, the temperature was dropping to below 32 degrees and it was time to cut some fresh tracks, and a fast and wild ride ensued down onto the north slopes of Erickson Basin.

By the time we were deep into the Basin, we were floating through

the powder past some wonderful scenes. At one point, the route took us down between two vertical rock stacks towering above the skiers and topped with pillows of deep snow- our track left behind attesting to the virtual ski tunnel we had just came through. At unexpected places in the basin, we skied past deep 'holes' which opened up where the pure mountain stream could be seen trickling below the winter's accumulation of snow- potential hazards?- yes!



After a slight upclimb detour due to a 'cliff-out', and re-descent below the Smith Morehouse Creek- Erickson

Basin junction, it was time to stop and break out the

Goodies we had carried all over the mountains and we enjoyed the treat in the fading late afternoon light. Reflecting on the Erickson Basin descent behind us, it was apparent that this area has probably seen very few snowmobile tracks indeed, due to its remoteness and steep access from the main drainage below. By the time we reached the Ledgefork Campground, we fully anticipated a broken track due to the snowmobile

activity typically seen in this area. To our surprise, we did not see any fresh tracks- and this continued all the way around the reservoir and to the trailhead at the Thousand Peaks Ranch. This was a first for this author to see in 15 years- the Smith Morehouse Road totally untracked!

Truly, a day to remember. All too soon we would be back at the trails end with mid-winter conditions at 7,400 feet. Participants: John Marks, Rob Rogalski, Sharon Vinick, Dmitry Pruss (organizer), Richard Randall, Gene Dennis,

DIRECTIONS TO COMMON MEETING PLACES FOR HIKING ACTIVITIES

Mill Creek Canyon Park and Ride: 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. To get to the Mill Creek Canyon Road from the Park and Ride lot without making a U turn, go west (right) on 3900 South, proceed under the freeway, then turn north (right) at the next available street, which is Birch Dr.; proceed north to Upland Dr. (across from Skyline High School); go east (right) under the freeway and across Wasatch Blvd. to the Mill Creek Canyon Road (3800 South).

Skyline High School east parking lot: 3251 E. 3760 South (Upland Dr.). From the intersection of Wasatch Boulevard and the Mill Creek road (3800 South), go west under the I-215 freeway, then turn north (right) into the entrance opposite Birch Drive (3330 East).

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

Cottonwood Park and Ride: 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: 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 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.

Other Trips you missed ... (BUT PLAN TO DO NEXT YEAR, RIGHT?):

BCC to MCC via UTA

January 15th- A 7:30 am meeting time at the bagel shop in Olympus Hills led to a plan. Drop a vehicle at the Mill Creek gate, and get back to the Mill Creek Park 'N Ride (mudhole) lot to catch the UTA but to Brighton. A special request was made to the bus driver and he had us dropped off at the Spruces trailhead. The Mill D North trail was busy due to avalanche conditions elsewhere in the Wasatch. (The north bowl of Reynold's Peak was still untracked). Our day was topped off with a climb up near Little Water Peak, and a descent or two through the aspens on the north side into Mill Creek Canyon. Participants: Chris Magerl, Walt Haas, Mohamed Abdallah, Leslie Woods, Rob Rogalski, Stephani Day, and Mike Berry (winter sports director, organizer, and author).

Liberty to Avon Road Ski Tour

On January 17th, a Monday holiday for some, four of us drove north out of the valley to take in new scenery and fresh air. The snow was surpassingly good at the 6,200 ft. start.

After climbing for several miles, the view opened up onto a high plateau above 7,000 ft.

The Logan Valley was fogged in to the north, while we enjoyed clear blue skies. The temperatures were warm enough for a leisurely lunch on a rock outcrop. We continued the tour with a meandering route of trailbreaking along the base of a steep uplift. On the return, Mt. Ogden and Ben Lomond Peak shined in the distance. A stop at the monastery for quiet reflection completed a great day. Participants: Leslie Woods, Sharon Vinick, Rob Rogalski, and Mike Berry (winter sports director, organizer, and author).

Mountain Clubbers Up for an Overland

January 22nd- On a clear and cold morning, approximately 80 skiers, snowboarders, snowshoers, and sledgers, started up the mountain for the Alta to Snowbird Overland race. This race is a benefit for SPLORE, a non-profit organization that provides accessible outdoor adventures to children and adults with disabilities and special needs. The very early 7:30 start was a challenge, but all were rewarded with a beautiful sunrise near Sugarloaf Pass and Mineral Basin. The presence of the ski patrollers was reassuring, and one unfortunate participant needed to be carried off of the mountain. A new location this year for this traditional event, but the party at the finish line at Snowbird was up to the old White Pine standards. WMC Snowshoers- Constance Modrow, Stefani Day, and Tammy Johnson; WMC (and TUNA) Skiers- Chris Magerl, Steve (King's Peak) Swanson, and Mike Berry (winter sports director, organizer, and author).

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Faint Trails in the Wasatch

Charles L. Keller

How many times have you been hiking in the Wasatch and found a faint trail, an old road or evidence of former construction? Did you wonder what it was all about, who created it and why? Did you ever think about all the people like yourself who tramped the trails in years past, who enjoyed the pleasures of our local mountains? Many of us have and some of us were curious enough to spend time exploring the faint trails, the old vanishing roads and pondering the artifacts. And some of us got so involved that we spent countless days, months and years searching and studying any documentation that might answer some of our questions.

In my case, that quest became an obsession and I soon acquired a great font of information that begged to be made available to other curious people like myself. At first this took the form of a description of various trails and roads with their historical background. The idea was to compile them into book form to be made available to the masses. Then an incident that received considerable media attention suggested that perhaps this was not a particularly good idea. In that case some hikers who were using a popular and readily available hiking guide written by a Utah author found themselves in a difficult situation when the described route was more obscure than expected and they found themselves lost in the wilderness. There was talk of a lawsuit. The media soon lost interest in the event and any legal action that might have resulted was not reported. But the implication was that perhaps the masses were not ready for faint trails. As a result the anticipated book format was altered to become a history in which some trails might be mentioned, but one that could not be construed as a hiking guide. The result was the publication of the book *The Lady in the Ore Bucket* (University of Utah Press, 2001).

It is surprising how many people who are in love with and spend considerable time in the Wasatch mountains have not seen and do not know about this book. Part of the reason may be the title, which almost suggests a murder mystery. The original preferred title was *Faint Trails in the Wasatch*. But book titles are usually chosen by the publisher; in this case the preferred title was rejected in favor of the present title. It was taken from an incident described in the text in which a young lady thought it would be a thrilling experience to ride in an aerial tramway. She climbed into an ore bucket on the Vallejo tramway and “soared high above Alta’s north slopes for nearly nine minutes before reaching the upper terminal.” The episode received but one paragraph in the text, but became the source of the book’s title. Although it failed to suggest the nature of the book, it was much better than the alternate choice: “Stag Dancing at the Grand Hotel.”

In its final form the book contained 426 pages, eighty-six of them containing index and extensive notations. In spite of its length it did not come close to using all the accumulated research material. That fact combined with considerable field work suggested that perhaps the original intent, descriptions of various faint trails with their historical background, could still be realized. Offering it to the Wasatch Mountain Club for use in *The Rambler* is tantamount to offering it to a select group of people, one that should have an intense interest in the subject matter and one that could never be construed as ‘the masses.’ While the readers may be inspired to hike and explore the described trails, they will have enough expertise so they will not fall off a cliff or need to be rescued while clutching a copy of an article in their hand. With this thought in mind we hereby introduce a series of articles, an extension of the book *The Lady in the Ore Bucket*, to be known as *Faint Trails in the Wasatch*. Coming soon (next month) in your favorite publication, *The Rambler*.



The WMC Lodge

The WMC club lodge is located at the top of Big Cottonwood Canyon. The lodge is used for a variety of WMC social functions, but can also be rented out for personal use (Full or half-day basis). Recent renovation to the lodge include the installation of flush toilets and shower. The two dormitory-style rooms on the second floor provide sleeping accommodation for about 20 people. The kitchen contains a stove and refrigerator, but is not stocked with utensils or culinary items. **All** users of the lodge are expected clean up the lodge after use. Contact Julie Mason at 278-2535 for reservations.

WMC Club Member Rates

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

June 1 - September 30 = \$300/24 hour period

Non WMC Member Rates

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

June 1 - September 30 = \$350/24 hour period

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WMC members \$400/24 hour period

Non-WMC members \$500/24 hour period



The WMC Wants you!

The Lodge needs constant care and WMC members have come to the rescue since 1929. Do you share to keep this club tradition in working condition. Come use your carpentry skills, or just help clean. Call Clayton Rand at 288-0251 or David Rabiger 964-8190 or send email caretakerwmc@yahoo.com to volunteer. Ask for a list of very specific items that need your help and attention and the hand tools and equipment needed to get the job done. We look forward to seeing you at the Lodge!

Work Party Dates and Activities

April 9 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Shoveling and general maintenance.

May 14 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Shoveling and general maintenance

June 11 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Spring Cleaning and general maintenance

July 9 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Landscape & lot clean-up, painting

Aug 20 10:00 am - 4:00 pm General maintenance & painting

Sep 10 10:00 am – 4:00 pm General maintenance & cleaning

Oct 1 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Winter preparation



Directions to The Lodge

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). Wear walking shoes, carry a flashlight for the hike down,



Let Us Entertain You!

Your new Entertainment Co-Directors, Beverly Emrick & Julie Jakob, would enjoy hearing your suggestions for this year's calendar of social events. In fact, the April Social was created based on input from a WMC member. We want to provide the types of events that you'll attend and enjoy. Send your Social Event suggestions to bemrick@networld.com and julie@jakobmp.com. If you're interested in obtaining a list of future/upcoming social events, please send us your email and we'll make sure to send our current calendar and keep you updated as things change.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB ACTIVITIES

Only activities approved by the appropriate WMC director. can be listed in The Rambler Direct submissions to the Editor are NOT accepted; to submit my activity to the club: Send your proposed activity for approval to the appropriate director for inclusion in their activity schedule. The deadline is 6:00 p.m. on the 10th of the month.

Rules and regulations:

1. **Dogs and children** are not allowed on WMC activities, except when specifically stated in the activity description.
- 2 **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.

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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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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.

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.

The April Monthly Activities List

APR 1 FRI - 3 SUN BIKE MOUNTAIN: FRUITA. Join Clare Meyersburg to explore the many trails of Fruita, Colorado. Contact Clare at clare@networkd.com to register and get details.

APR 2 SAT DAY HIKE: FOOL PEAK (MOD+). For this year's observation of April Fools Day, the annual hike to Fool Peak will be done by the north side route. This 9717-foot peak northeast of Delta has an east facing cliff which somewhat resembles Notch Peak. Snowshoes will probably be necessary. Plan to have food, water, the 10 E's, money for car pool transportation, and snowshoes. Call Tom Walsh (487-1336) to register.

APR 3 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: LCC TO BCC (MSD). Contact Chris for details with general plan for an MSD ski, going From Alta to Cardiff Pass, Cardiac Pass, Mill B and Mineral Fork as travel and conditions allow. This trip will be subject to snow conditions, bus schedules, etc. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear, snow safety and avalanche search training, and safe winter travel skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor for meeting place. (485-1543) (Proctorgtr@aol.com)

APR 5 TUE BIKE MOUNTAIN: SHORELINE TRAIL (NTD/MOD). Join Audrey for spring riding on the shoreline trail. Meet at 5:30 on Colorow Drive (the road just east of Red Butte Gardens). There will be two separate rides for NTD and MOD riders.



Days Fork Snowshoe, Photo by Vivien Lee

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APR 5 TUE ROAD BIKE RIDE/PLANNING MEETING: SUGARHOUSE AREA (NTD/ALL). Great news, WMC road bike enthusiasts! A group of road bikers in the club have decided to get the road riding program rolling again. To start the year, we'll do a short après work ride from Sugarhouse Park, and then afterwards, we'll have a planning meeting at the Fiddler's Elbow to schedule May-June rides. All road bikers are

encouraged to attend the planning meeting, even if you can't make the ride beforehand. The casual paced ride will leave at 4:45 PM from the 15th East entrance of Sugarhouse Park. Helmets are required. The planning meeting is at 6:30 PM at Fiddler's Elbow, which is located at 21st South and 11th East. For questions,

or if you have road bike ideas but can't make the planning meeting, contact Cheryl Soshnik (435-649-9008 or csoshnik@yahoo.com). You may also join the WMC bike list for additional details. Send an email to majordomo@haas.dsl.xmission.com containing the text "subscribe wmc-bike".

APR 7 THU CLIMBING: PETE'S ROCK. This is where we start the outdoor climbing season and get away from the gym. This Quartzite outcrop at 5200 S Wasatch Blvd. is a great place to get back into it, with routes for all abilities. Meet

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at the rock @ 6:00 pm. Email Craig Homer at sail2mountains@earthlink.net or call 201-0813 if you have questions. If the weather is bad we can go to Rockreation. Please bring helmets for your safety. To support the acquisition and replacement of the WMC climbing gear needed to maximize climbing safety there will be a fee for all climbers (\$15/year for WMC members, \$30/year for non WMC members, or \$5/day)



Oquirrh Mountains, photo by Greg Libecchi

APR 7 THU: MTN BIKE (MOD). Join Debi Bouchard alternate Thursdays throughout the mountain biking season for intermediate/advanced rides at a moderate pace. Expect rides to be 3-4 hours actual ride time at a moderate pace. We'll be starting between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., depending on the month. To get on her ride list, send an email to Debi at dbouchard711@msn.com. Ride descriptions will be emailed out 2-3 days before the actual ride. Questions: Call Debi at 508-1912.

APR 7 THU DAY HIKE: WEST RIDGE OF GRANDEUR PEAK (MOD). It's time for something a little different: a midweek day hike! David Parry (254-6532) will tackle this steep but grand route on Thursday morning. Meet David at the Mill Creek Canyon Park and Ride lot at 9 AM.

APR 7 THU SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD-MOD). Clayton Rand (897-8911) and Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will lead a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 am. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where

snowshoeing is an adventure. Join the "Over the hill" bunch and expect a pace suitable to all and a destination determined at the time of departure. To confirm the outing (ie. in case on bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Clayton or Norm. Meet at the Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road) at 9:15 am.

APR 8 FRI - 10 SUN CAR CAMP: ORANGE CLIFFS. John Veranth (278-5826) plans to camp at the Panorama Point site above the Orange Cliffs, with day hikes on the mesa top or down into the Maze. Group size is limited. 4WDs are needed. Plan to leave Thursday for a long drive. Call John to register and get details. Limit: 9.

APR 9 SAT FAMILY DAY HIKE: STANSBURY ISLAND BACKCOUNTRY LOOP (MOD). Randy Long (943-0244) tells us that this is the second largest Great Salt Lake island, and is visible from a good share of Salt Lake Valley. The first mile of the trail is steep, but the rest is flat and very enjoyable as the trail follows the old Provo level of Lake Bonneville over a saddle into three big canyons (including Tabby's Canyon), and past two very spectacular overlooks. Meet Randy at the Utah Travel Council lot at 9:30 AM. Adolescent children (12 and older) of members may participate with the consent of the organizer.

APR 9 SAT DAY HIKE: MOUNT OLYMPUS (MSD). Look for goats on the ridge with Brent Seely (973-4807). Bring your Yaktrax for the slippery



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View of Timpanogos from the Oquirrh Mountains, mid march. Photo by Greg Libecchi.

parts. Meet Brent at the Mt Olympus trailhead at 9 AM. Limit: 9.

APR 9 SAT BOATING: BOAT SHED PARTY - 9:00 am. The annual opening of the Boat Shed to get the gear ready for the up and coming adventures. The Boating Shed is located just North of Zims at 4400 S. 300 W. Bret Mathews 801-273-0315 bretmaverick999@yahoo.com

APR 9 SAT LODGE WORK PARTY: If you have been signed off healthy by your Doctor or Chiropractor for any back problems and would like to help with shoveling, we need your help at the lodge. Please bring your shovel, work gloves and your great positive attitude. For all of that I will have lunch for you if you RSP Clayton by April 8 at 288-0251 or claytonrand@networld.com. Time is from 9AM to 2 PM. See you at the lodge.

APR 10 SUN ROAD BIKE RIDE: ANTELOPE ISLAND (MOD). Robert Turner (801-355-9617 or r46turner@uofu.net) has a pleasant 40-mile Antelope Island road ride planned for today. Meet in the parking lot at the entrance to Antelope Island State Park, ready to ride by 10:30am. Take exit 335 off I-15 and drive west about 7 miles. There is an entrance fee of \$4 per bike or \$8 per car. We'll ride across the causeway, around the north end of the island and down the east side to Fielding Garr ranch and back. Bring a snack or lunch. Those of us who are still hungry after the ride can stop at the Layton Crown Burger on the way home. Co-listed with the Bonneville Bicycle Touring Club.

Call or check your email if the weather looks questionable.

APR 10 SUN BIKE MOUNTAIN: STANSBURY TRAIL (MOD). Join Colin for a great spring ride on Stansbury Island. Meet at 9:00 am at the 1300S TRAX park and ride for carpool arrangements or 10am at the trailhead.

APR 10 SUN DAY HIKE: BIG BEACON (NTD). Look for early flowers with Holly Smith (272-5358). Meet Holly at the corner of Tabby Lane and Colorow Drive in University Research Park at 9 AM. (Exit Foothill Blvd. at Wakara Way; go northeast to the stop at Chipeta Way; go straight, then turn southeast (right) on Colorow Drive and park near Tabby Lane.)

APR 10 SUN FAMILY AFTERNOON HIKE: SALT LAKE TWIN PEAKS (NTD). Stroll above City Creek with Rebecca Sears (474-3718). Meet Rebecca at the upper end of Terrace Hills Dr. at 1 PM. Children of members may participate with the consent of the organizer. (From 11th Ave. about 5 blocks east of I St., go north on Terrace Hills Dr. (900 East) to the cul-de-sac.)

APR 12 TUE BIKE MOUNTAIN: SHORELINE TRAIL (NTD/MOD). Join Audrey for spring riding on the shoreline trail. Meet at 5:30 on Colorow Drive (the road just east of Red Butte Gardens). There will be two separate rides for NTD and MOD riders.

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APR 12 TUE EVENING HIKE: RED BUTTE VIA GEORGES HOLLOW (NTD). Meet Roger Young (943-6673) at the corner of Tabby Lane and Colorow Drive in University Research Park at 6 PM for a prompt 6:15 PM departure. (Exit Foothill Blvd. at Wakara Way; go northeast to the stop at Chipeta Way; go straight, then turn southeast (right) on Colorow Drive and park near Tabby Lane.)

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**Think Spring. Green River bike ride last fall.
Photo by Nick Calas.**

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APR 12 TUE – 17 SUN BOATING: SALT RIVER IV

- Steve Pace 801-363-8190 stephencpace@alum.mit.edu.

APR 13 WED EVENING HIKE: SALT LAKE TWIN PEAKS (NTD). Meet Robert Turner (355-9617) at the trailhead on Terrace Hills Dr. in the Avenues at 6 PM for a prompt 6:15 PM departure. (From 11th Ave. about 5 blocks east of I St., go north on Terrace Hills Dr. (900 East) to the cul-de-sac.)

APR 14 THU CLIMBING: PARLEYS CANYON. Meet at the northern terminus of Wasatch Blvd (about 2900 S) by 6:00 PM to walk into this fun area. Call Craig Homer (201-0813) or Email (sail2mountains@earthlink.net) if you have questions. **HELMETS ARE RECOMMENDED.** Rating: Routes from 5.8 to 5.11, moderate to advanced climbing. To support the acquisition and replacement of the WMC climbing gear needed to maximize climbing safety there will be a fee for all climbers (\$15/year for WMC members, \$30/year for non WMC members, or \$5/day)

APR 14 THU BIKE MOUNTAIN: SALT LAKE CITY (MOD). Evening ride in Salt Lake Area (most likely starting at 5:30 pm). Ride description, time and meeting place will be emailed to members of the WMC biking list or contact Hardy at hs@networld.com.

APR 14 THU EVENING HIKE: MILL CREEK CANYON (NTD). Meet Tony Barron (272-8927) at the Mill Creek Canyon Park and Ride lot at 6 PM for a prompt 6:15 PM departure.

APR 15 FRI ROAD BIKE RIDE: TAX DAY EMIGRATION CANYON BACKWARDS (MOD). Donna Fisher (435-649-0183 or donnafisher@worldnet.att.net) wants to make sure you'd gotten your taxes done early. Let's celebrate freedom from paperwork by biking an out-and-back route from Mountain Dell to Little Mountain Summit, then down Emigration Canyon to the Hogle Zoo. Meet at 10:00 AM at the northeast parking area from the Emigration Canyon exit of I-80, near the turnoff to the Mountain Dell Golf Course. Helmets are required. Join the WMC bike list for last minute trip details or changes due to weather.

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APR 16 SAT - 17 SUN CAR CAMP: NEEDLES. Margaret Fahey (292-7602) is reserving a group campsite in the Needles District of Canyonlands National Park for Friday and Saturday nights. There will be some fine day hikes on Saturday and Sunday. Camping will run about \$3 per person per night; space is very limited. Call Margaret to register and get more details.

APR 16 SAT - 17 SUN BACKPACK: HACKBERRY CANYON. Don and Melinda Wickham (777-1608 or 985-9269 or tetondad@msn.com) plan to do an 18 mile backpack with a side trip to Sam Pollock Arch. There is no trail but the canyon is easy to follow. We'll need to do a car shuttle before we start hiking on Saturday. Leave Friday after work and camp at Kodachrome. Call Don or Melinda to register and get more details.

APR 16 SAT DAY HIKE: MOUNT OLYMPUS SOUTHWEST RIDGE (MOD). Mike Nordstrom (943-6610) has an interesting new destination on Mount Olympus. He will hike almost to the Tolcat Canyon stream crossing, then go off trail up to the level flat spot just below the north peak. There is a rock slide to hike down on the loop back to the stream. It's about 2450 feet of elevation gain total with some bushwhacking, route finding and scrambling. Gloves and sturdy boots would be advantageous. Meet Mike at the Mount Olympus trailhead at 9 AM. Limit: 9.

APR 16 SAT SOCIAL: SING-A-LONG 7:00. Bring your voice and/or an acoustic instrument, along with something to munch, to 2187 E. Carriage Lane (4560 So). Head east from Holladay Boulevard (2175 E.) onto Carriage Lane. Parking is on the north side of the street. We'll have playin', singin', and socializin' until the wee hours . . . well, at least until 10:00. Questions? Call Mary Ann (278-2423). marlos@xmission.com.

APR 17 SUN DOG HIKE: MOUNT OLYMPUS TO THE STREAM (NTD). Gloria Leonard (274-8810) will hike to the stream or a little further, depending on the interests of human and canine participants.

Members' well-behaved dogs are welcome. Meet Gloria at the Mount Olympus trailhead at 9:30 AM. Limit: 9.

APR 17 SUN DAY HIKE: NORTH STANSBURY RANGE (MOD). The route will depend on weather and road conditions. Contact Brad Yates (521-4185 or bnyslc@earthlink.net) to register and get details.



**Catherines Pass Snowshoe 3-10-05
. Photo by Frank Truppe**

APR 17 SUN ROAD BIKE RIDE: SALT LAKE M A R I N A (NTD). Carrie Clark (519-9257 or dr_carolyn@yahoo.com) will organize this flat, 32 mile out-and-back ride that follows the airport perimeter, then goes along the Great Salt Lake to Saltaire and the Salt Lake Marina. Meet at 9:30 AM on the West side of the Radisson on North Temple (veer north on N Temple as the exit to I-80 veers southward). Helmets are required. Join the WMC bike list for last minute trip details or changes due to weather.

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APR 21 THU EVENING HIKE: HEUGHS CANYON (NTD). Meet Dave Rabiger (964-8190) at the Cottonwood Park and Ride lot at 6 PM for a prompt 6:15 PM departure. (The Cottonwood Park and Ride lot is at 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.)

APR 21 THU CLIMBING: STORM MOUNTAIN. 6:00 PM Routes from 5.4 to 5.12 will have something for everyone. Will this be the year you flash Goodro's Wall? And for the new leader there is always Six Appeal. Meet at the parking turnout just south of the entrance to Storm Mountain picnic ground – we'll walk into the climb from there. Call Craig Homer (201-0813) or Email (sail2mountains@earthlink.net) if you have questions. **HELMETS ARE RECOMMENDED** (post climb Garlic Burgers at the Cotton Bottom are also recommended) Rating: Routes from 5.4 to 5.12, beginner to advanced climbing. To support the acquisition and replacement of the WMC climbing gear needed to maximize climbing safety there will be a fee for all climbers (\$15/year for WMC members, \$30/year for non WMC members, or \$5/day)

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APR 22 FRI - 25 MON BACKPACK: THE MAZE. John Veranth (278-5826) will do a short backpack from the Maze Overlook to a base camp in the spectacular canyon below, followed by two full days for hiking. Group size is 5 with priority to a second 4WD vehicle driver. Plan to leave SLC Thursday night and return Monday. Call John to register and get more details.

APR 23 SAT - 24 SUN FAMILY CAR CAMP: NATURAL BRIDGES. Cal Osburn (944-4574) points out that the National Monument boasts many Anasazi ruins in addition to the magnificent bridges. Call Cal to register and get more details. Children of members may participate with the consent of the organizer.

APR 23 SAT FAMILY DAY HIKE: WHITE ROCKS LOOP ON ANTELOPE ISLAND (MOD). Randy Long (943-0244) notes that we did a very enjoyable hike on the second largest Great Salt Lake island two weeks ago -- now let's do a similar one on the largest island. The White Rocks Loop has a really spectacular view area (Beacon Knob), a saddle, and a very lovely hike along the west side lake shore. Meet Randy at the Utah Travel Council lot at 9:30 AM. Adolescent children (12 and older) of members may participate with the consent of the organizer.

APR 23 SAT DAY HIKE: MOUNT OLYMPUS (MSD). George Ramjoue (943-6386) says there might still be a little snow, so bring good hiking boots. Meet George at the Mt Olympus trailhead at 9 AM. Limit: 9.

APR 23 SAT - 24 SUN SERVICE/ FUN: Muddy Creek-Slaughter Slopes This trip completes the circle. After four years all of the Wilderness Study Areas in the San Rafael Swell have been evaluated for signs and vehicular incursions. We will be inventorying the signs and boundaries on the south west side of the Muddy Creek WSA on Saturday. Sunday we will enjoy a day hike down Willow Springs Wash until it reaches the Muddy Creek. This is a remote area so high clearance and 4X4 are strongly recommended. You will need to bring water for a dry camp. This time of year

is fabulous in the desert. Call Will McCarvill 942-2921 for details. As usual, there will be exploration and cross country travel.

APR 23 SAT - 27 WED BOATING: SALT RIVER III – Steve Dowling will organize a trip down this Arizona River. Launch on Sat 23 and take out on the 27th. \$25 deposit to Steve Dowling ph 505-275-9096 stuntmansteve@netzero.com

APR 23 SAT SOCIAL: TRAVELOGUE 6:30. Enjoy a "Trip to Tunisia" courtesy of Marc Bodson at the home of Karl & Julie Jakob (3867 E. Thousand Oaks Circle, SLC). Bring your favorite potluck dish to share, and we'll enjoy wine tasting as we visit Tunisia through the slides and sounds of Marc (so BYOW also!). For directions or other information, please call Julie at (801) 712-0665 or email her at julie@jakobmp.com. Cost is \$3/person.

APR 24 SUN TURTLE HIKE: RATTLESNAKE GULCH (NTD). This hike along an old logging flume ends with a wonderful view over the city. You can expect a relaxed and gentle pace. Meet Nancy Phillips (942-8953) at the Skyline High School east lot at 9 AM.

APR 24 SUN FAMILY AFTERNOON HIKE: MOUNT OLYMPUS TO THE STREAM (NTD).



**The ascent into the Oquirhs.
Photo by Greg Libecci**

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If we're lucky, the waterfall may be running by now! Meet Rebecca Sears (474-3718) at the Mt Olympus trailhead at 1 PM. Children of members may participate with the consent of the organizer. Limit: 9.

APR 24 SUN ROAD BIKE RIDE: MOUNTAIN DELL TO BIG/LITTLE MOUNTAINS (MOD+). Cheryl Soshnik (435-649-9008 or csoshnik@yahoo.com) will lead a climbing ride from I-80 at Mountain Dell up to Big Mountain, or as far as the plowed road allows. The first 8 miles towards Big Mountain are a nice gentle climb, and the last 2 miles to the summit are pretty steep, but just keep them feet spinning and we'll all get there. While biking back down, we can optionally veer up to the summit of Little Mountain for a little extra elevation gain. We could then keep veering over the summit and down to the Sun and Moon for refreshments, if the group is up for it! Meet at 10:00 AM at the northeast parking area from the Emigration Canyon exit of I-80, near the turnoff to the Mountain Dell Golf Course. Helmets are required. Join the WMC bike list for last minute trip details or changes due to weather.

APR 25 MON – 30 SAT BOATING: SAN JUAN RIVER II+ - Kathy Jones will organize a 6 days, 5 night trip on the San Juan. Leaving SLC Sunday April 24th. Put-in Monday April 25th and take-out Saturday April 30th. Trip is currently full, but I'll take a few names for a waiting list. 801-523-2593 cooperdog1@comcast.net

APR 26 TUE BIKE MOUNTAIN: SHORELINE TRAIL (NTD/MOD). Join Audrey for spring riding on the shoreline trail. Meet at 5:30 at the parking lot just east of the Capitol. There will be two separate rides for NTD and MOD riders. Contact Audrey at audreyrin@juno.com for questions.

APR 26 TUE EVENING HIKE: GRANDEUR PEAK FROM THE WEST (NTD) at the Mill Creek Canyon Park and Ride lot at 6 PM for a prompt 6:15 PM departure. (Don't expect to get all the way up to Grandeur, but do look forward to a great view!)

APR 27 WED EVENING HIKE: VAN COTT PEAK (NTD). Meet Robert Turner (355-9617) at the parking area on E. Medical drive above the University of Utah at 6 PM for a prompt 6:15 PM departure. (Exit Foothill Blvd. at Wakara Way; go northeast to the stop at Chipeta Way; go northwest (left) to the T at Red Butte Canyon Road; go northeast (right) to the intersection at E. Medical Dr. and park where permitted by the U parking signs.)

APR 28 THU CLIMBING: S CURVE. Meet at the Upper S Curve parking lot in Big Cottonwood by 6:00. Lots of great sport routes in a nice, sunny area. Call Craig Homer (201-0813) or Email (sail2mountains@earthlink.net if you have questions. **HELMETS ARE RECOMMENDED.** (Post climb Garlic Burgers at the Cotton Bottom are also recommended) Rating: Routes from 5.8 and up, moderate to advanced climbing. To support the acquisition and replacement of the WMC climbing gear needed to maximize climbing safety there will be a fee for all climbers (\$15/year for WMC members, \$30/year for non WMC members, or \$5/day)

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APR 28 THU EVENING HIKE: BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON (NTD). Meet Tony Barron (272-8927) at the Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride lot at 6 PM for a prompt 6:15 PM departure.

APR 30 SAT DOG HIKE: PENCIL POINT (NTD). Take in a dazzling view of the city with Bonnie Walsh (485-9837). Meet Bonnie at the old Parleys Kmart lot at 9 AM. Members' well-behaved dogs are welcome.

APR 30 SAT DAY HIKE: MOUNT OLYMPUS (MSD). Get your lungs ready for the summer hiking season with Holly Smith (272-5358). Meet Holly at the Mt Olympus trailhead at 9 AM. Limit: 9.

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APR 30 SAT - MAY 1 SUN CAR CAMP: CHUTE CANYON IN THE SAN RAFAEL. Donn Seeley (706-0815 or donn@xmission.com) revisits one of his favorite slot canyon hikes. We will hike through a very deep, narrow and dark slot in the less-known interior of the San Rafael Swell. The route will be different from Kelsey's route, but there may still be some short exposed scrambles. On Saturday we'll do the (long) Chute Canyon hike, and on Sunday we'll go exploring. Call Donn to register and get more details.

MAY 1 SUN DAY HIKE: LOOKOUT PEAK (MOD). Join Carrie Clark and Rick Gamble (519-9257) for a hike to a high peak on the divide between City Creek and Emigration Canyon. There might still be some snow, so bring high-top boots and think about gaiters. Meet Carrie and Rick at the east end of This is the Place Park (across from the Hogle Zoo) at 9 AM.

MAY 1 SUN ROAD BIKE RIDE: MERCUR-OPHIR-TOOLEE (MOD). Tom Walsh (487-1336 or twalsh@uc.usbr.gov) will lead a 50-mile road ride around the old mining ghost towns to the west of SLC today. Meeting time is 9:00 AM and the meeting location, according to Tom, is "difficult to describe, so call or write for directions if you are interesting in this trip". Helmets are required. Join the WMC bike list for last minute trip details or changes due to weather.

MAY 3 TUE EVENING HIKE: RED BUTTE VIA GEORGES HOLLOW (NTD). Meet at the corner of Tabby Lane and Colorow Drive in University Research Park at 6 PM. (Exit Foothill Blvd. at Wakara Way; go northeast to the stop at Chipeta Way; go straight, then turn southeast (right) on Colorow Drive and park near Tabby Lane.)

MAY 4 WED EVENING HIKE: SALT LAKE TWIN PEAKS (NTD). Meet Roger Young (943-6673) at the trailhead on Terrace Hills Dr. in the Avenues at 6 PM. (From 11th Ave. about 5 blocks east of I St., go north on Terrace Hills Dr. (900 East) to the cul-de-sac.)

MAY 5 THU EVENING HIKE: RATTLESNAKE GULCH (NTD). Meet at the Mill Creek Canyon Park and Ride lot at 6 PM.



**Ash Tree Sketch
-Jaelene Myrup
Thanks Jaelene,
for 8 years of
service to the
Rambler!**

MAY 5 THU CLIMBING: GATE BUTTRESS. 6:00 at the parking area 1.25 mile up Little Cottonwood Canyon from the neon sign. This is fine granite to get ready for the next City of Rocks

trip. Call Craig Homer (201-0813) or Email (sail 2mountains@earthlink.net if you have questions. HELMETS ARE RECOMMENDED. (Post climb Garlic Burgers at the Cotton Bottom are also recommended) Rating: 5.6 and up. To support the acquisition and replacement of the WMC climbing gear needed to maximize climbing safety there will be a fee for all climbers (\$15/year for WMC members, \$30/year for non WMC members, or \$5/day)

MAY 6 FRI - 8 SUN FAMILY CAR CAMP: ARCHES. This is our annual Family Mother's Day Car Camp and General Spring Celebration. We have the large group campground reserved for Friday and Saturday nights. Bring your kids and grandkids! Call Noel de Nevers (328-9376 or Noel.deNevers@utah.edu) to register and get more information. We are limited to 10 cars and 50 people; don't come without a reservation!

MAY 6 FRI ROAD BIKE RIDE/POT LUCK DINNER/PLANNING MEETING: PARK CITY

(MOD/ALL). Cheryl Soshnik (435-649-9008 or csoshnik@yahoo.com) invites all WMC road bikers to come up tonight for a "Post Cinco de Mayo" pot luck dinner and planning meeting for the road rides for the next few months. If you get off work early enough, join us for a HILLY bike tour of Old Town Park City first. To join the biking group, meet at the south Park City Mountain Resort parking lot at 5:00 PM. Helmets are required. For the potluck and planning meeting, come at 6:30 PM to 1007 Woodside Avenue, Park City. This is just one block west of Park Avenue, on 10th Street. Bring Cinco de Mayo themed food and drink dishes for the potluck. Also, bring suits and towels if you want to hot tub afterwards. Join the WMC bike list for last minute trip details or changes due to weather (the potluck and planning meeting will happen rain or shine!)

MAY 7 SAT MOUNTAINEERING: SNOW CLIMBING CLASS. Designed for beginners. Most of the class will be focused on practicing self-arrest, although we will spend a little time on other techniques and equipment. You will need an ice axe, helmet, and clothing suitable for rolling around in the snow all morning. Plan to spend a lot of time on your face in the snow. The club has a few ice axes and helmets to loan out if you don't own or can't borrow suitable equipment. If you have crampons you can bring them but will need to remove them for the self-arrest practice. We will meet at the ParkNRide lot at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon (opposite the electric sign) at 7AM. From there we will car pool up to Alta. The class will end around noon or a little afterwards. There will be a charge of \$10 for club members or \$20 for prospective members. (You can join at the class if you desire.) Recommended reading: Mountaineering: The Freedom of the Hills. Questions to Walt Haas, (801) 534-1262, or email haas@xmission.com.

MAY 7 SAT FAMILY DAY HIKE: TEMPLE GRANITE QUARRY (NTD). This very enjoyable hike starts at the Temple Granite Quarry and goes for about two miles to a point just beyond an old water wheel. Water wheels are something that has almost gone the way of the dinosaurs. We may also take the interpretive trail afterwards. Meet organizer Randy Long (943-0244) at the Little Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride lot at 10

AM. Children of members may participate with the consent of the organizer.

MAY 7 SAT BOATING: UTAH RIVERS COUNCIL GEAR SWAP -10 am to 1 pm Gear Registration: Friday, May 6th, 4 pm to 8 pm Where: Salt Lake Lutheran High School Gym, 4020 S 900 E. http://www.utahrivers.org/updates_and_events.html

MAY 7 SAT SOCIAL: Cinco de Mayo (7pm). Head to the lodge for this annual party/potluck. Contact Entertainment directors Beverly Emrick (Bemrick@networld.com) or Julie Jakob (Julie@jakobmp.com) for more information.

MAY 8 SUN MOUNTAINEERING: GLACIER TRAVEL CLASS. Planning on Rainier or Gannett? Come learn basic roped travel for safe movement on glaciers. Basic rock climbing belay skills are nice but not necessary, as the fundamentals will be taught. Harness, ice axe (the club has a few) and prussik loops are needed. Call Walt Haas, (801) 534-1262, or email haas@xmission.com to register. Cost: \$10/member, \$20/ prospective member. (You can join at the class if you desire.) We will meet at the ParkNRide lot at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon (opposite the electric sign) at 7AM. From there we will car pool up to Alta. The class will end around noon or a little afterwards. Recommended reading: "Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue"

MAY 8 SUN TURTLE HIKE: SALT LAKE TWIN PEAKS (NTD). Amble above the Avenues with the turtles! Meet Linda Kosky (943-1871) at the trailhead on Terrace Hills Dr. in the Avenues at 9 AM. (From 11th Ave. about 5 blocks east of I St., go north on Terrace Hills Dr. (900 East) to the cul-de-sac.)

MAY 8 SUN DAY HIKE: BELLS CANYON TO THE FALLS (MOD). David Parry (254-6532) will visit the crags and boulders of Bells. Meet David at the Little Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride lot at 9 AM.

MAY 8 SUN ROAD BIKE RIDE: LOST CREEK RESERVOIR (MOD). Barb Hanson (485-0132 or barbarahanson30@hotmail.com) is leading one of her favorite rides today. We'll ride north from Coalville to Croydon, and then east to the Lost

Creek Reservoir today. This is a 50-mile "out and back" ride, with a gentle, 675' climb the last 10 miles to the reservoir. Meet at 10:00 AM at the Coalville Courthouse. Helmets are required, and remember to bring a lunch for the stop at the reservoir. Join the WMC bike list for last minute trip details or changes due to weather.

MAY 12 THU CLIMBING: Challenge Butte. Meet at the pull outs (South side of road) across from Storm Mt. Main entrance in Big Cottonwood by 6:00. Looks like some great sport routes, with a large concentration of climbs in a small area. Call Craig Homer (201-0813) or Email (sail2mountains@earthlink.net if you have questions. **HELMETS ARE RECOMMENDED.** (Post climb Garlic Burgers at the Cotton Bottom are also recommended) Rating: Routes from 5.7 and up, moderate to advanced climbing. To support the acquisition and replacement of the WMC climbing gear needed to maximize climbing safety there will be a fee for all climbers (\$15/year for WMC members, \$30/year for non WMC members, or \$5/day)

MAY 14 SAT CLIMBING: INTRODUCTION TO ROCK CLIMBING. Come and learn how to get started in Rock Climbing. If you are brand new to rock climbing or just want to be exposed to climbers who can show you some of the basics to help prepare you for a good time and further learning on the rocks this summer plan to join us for this class. We'll be showing and practicing knots, basic climbing skills and technique, plus belaying and rappelling. Participants will need snug fitting, rubber soled shoes and either a harness or webbing to make one. Call Craig Homer @ 201-0813 or Email (sail2mountains@earthlink.net to register or get further details. There is a fee of \$10.00 for members, \$20 for prospective members. (You can join at the class if you desire.) This money will be used to support the WMC climbing equipment fund.

MAY 14 SAT - 15 SUN FAMILY AND DOG BACKPACK: DARK CANYON. Visit remote and deep Dark Canyon with Loren Greenway (250-3591). Please call Loren to register before May 1st. Children of members and/or their well-behaved dogs may participate with the consent of

the organizer.

MAY 14 SAT – 15 SUN BOATING: BEGINNERS TRIP – This year's trip will be on the Moab Daily. We'll be leaving SLC on Fri May 13 and returning Sun May 15. Larry Gwin 314-374-6149 ljgpenuel@yahoo.com.

MAY 19 THU CLIMBING: SALT SLIPS. Some great 5.6 to 5.8 routes (bolted) for beginner leaders, plus some creekside overhanging 5.10's guaranteed to pump out your arms. Meet at the first or second pull out on the left side of the road after the big curve to the left at the "Storm Mountain" on the right side of the road. If you go past Narcolepsy wall and the Storm Mountain Picnic area you have gone too far! Meet at 6:00 PM. Call Craig Homer (201-0813) or Email (sail2mountains@earthlink.net if you have questions. **HELMETS ARE RECOMMENDED** (post climb Garlic Burgers at the Cotton Bottom are also recommended). Rating: Routes from 5.8 and up, moderate to advanced climbing. To support the acquisition and replacement of the WMC climbing gear needed to maximize climbing safety there will be a fee for all climbers (\$15/year for WMC members, \$30/year for non WMC members, or \$5/day)

MAY 20 FRI - 21 SAT FAMILY CAR CAMP: TOPAZ MOUNTAIN. SUWA has asked Randy Long (943-0244) to do some photo documentation in this area about 45 miles northwest of Delta. We'll probably go up Topaz Mountain in the Thomas Range. Call Randy to register and get more details. Children of members may participate with the consent of the organizer.

MAY 21 SAT MOUNTAINEERING: THE TRIPLE TRAVERSE (EXT). Walt Haas (801-534-1262, haas@smmission.com) hopes to catch the window of stable snow for this yearly adventure that encompasses steep snow chutes, peak bagging, and long glissades. You **MUST** have crampons and an ice axe and know how to use them comfortably. This is an unusually long, demanding day with a 4 AM start. Are you person enough for this one? Call or email Walt to register and for more information. Trip is subject to cancellation or rerouting if the snow in Tanner's Gulch looks

unstable.

MAY 21 SAT - 22 SUN BACKPACK: DRUID ARCH IN CANYONLANDS. Aaron Jones (467-3532 or ajonesmvp@msn.com) will backpack into this spectacular area in the Needles District. This will be a short backpack with a hike to Druid Arch and other possible dayhike destinations. (This will be the first of a series of five backpacks into five national parks!) Contact Aaron to register and get more details.

MAY 25 WED - 30 MON BOATING: CATARACT CANYON IV – Mike Budig will organize this trip down the Colorado River. Leave SLC on Tue the 24th, put in on Wed the 25th and take out on the 30th. Only miss two work days. \$50 non refundable deposit. Mike Budig 801-328-4512 mbudig@blazemail.com
LIMIT: 15 Participants

MAY 26 THU CLIMBING: STORM MOUNTAIN. 6:00 PM Routes from 5.4 to 5.12 will have something for everyone. Will this be the year you flash Goodro's Wall? And for the new leader there is always Six Appeal. Meet at the Park and Ride at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon so we can carpool in to save on the entrance fee. Call Craig Homer (201-0813) or Email (sail2mountains@earthlink.net if you have questions. **HELMETS ARE RECOMMENDED** (post climb Garlic Burgers at the Cotton Bottom are also recommended) Rating: Routes from 5.4 to 5.12, beginner to advanced climbing. To support the acquisition and replacement of the WMC climbing gear needed to maximize climbing safety there will be a fee for all climbers (\$15/year for WMC members, \$30/year for non WMC members, or \$5/day)

MAY 28 SAT - 30 MON FAMILY CAR CAMP: ESCALANTE. John Veranth (278-5826) is doing his wonderful Escalante Memorial Day car camp again. There will be numerous and diverse hikes to choose from, plus an evening of pot luck dinner. Call John to register and get more details. Children of members may participate with the consent of the organizer.

MAY 28 SAT - 30 MON BACKPACK: ESCALANTE. Russell Patterson (973-6427) plans to start this trip at Calf Creek and back pack 17 miles up the Escalante to the town of Escalante. Along the way

we will take a day hike up Sand Creek and send all day Sunday hiking up Death Hollow and swimming in the many swim holes in this canyon. We will see alcoves, seeps, waterfalls, lush vegetation and arches. Call Russell to register and get more details.

MAY 28 SAT - 30 MON CAR CAMP: NEVADA MOUNTAINS. Donn Seeley (706-0815 or donn@xmission.com) plans to explore the bizarre pinnacles of the Fortification Range, just south of Great Basin National Park. We may make side trips to Cathedral Gorge State Park or the White Rock Range. Call Donn to register and get details.

COMING ATTRATCTIONS

JUN ?? BOATING: RIVER SAFETY CLASS I - Janet Embry 801-322-4326 embry_janet@yahoo.com

JUN 4 SAT –5 SUN BOATING: URC PADDLE Festival I - paddlefestival.com

JUN 8 WED –13 MON BOATING: MUDDY II - Steve Pace 801-363-8190 stephencpace@alum.mit.edu,

JUN 10 FRI – 15 WED BOATING: YAMPA IV - The only un-damned river on the Green/Colorado tree and quite possibly the most beautiful canyon we run. One Class IV rapid. Launching (that's boats in the water) on 10 June 2005. Janet Embry 801-322-4626 embry_janet@yahoo.com

JUN 13 MON – 18 SAT BOATING: LADORE CANYON III - Craig McCarthy and Carol Milliken will be organizing this premier trip on the Green River from 13 through 18 June. The trip will be leaving the boat shed in Salt Lake early on Monday the 13th of June and proceeding to the put in at the Gates of Ladore. We will embark on the 14th and proceed down through the beautiful canyons of vermilion cliffs and great class 3 white water. In order to sign up for this beautiful trip, a non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required. Sign up information must also include information, such as your, phone number, city, state, and first seven (7) digits of your social security number demanded by the Dinosaur Monument River Rangers. Participants are cautioned that Dinosaur Rangers only allow one trip per individual on their rivers per

season; you must sign a statement that you have not participated in any other Dinosaur River this season. (Daily trips are an exception). We would like to know if you have a large vehicle and are willing to drive if needed. We need to know what kind of boat you will be taking on the trip, along with your experience level. Beginners should take the beginner trip 13 -15 May. You may sign up for this trip if you pledge to take the beginner trip. Sign-up and deposits must be paid by April 20th. **EARLY SIGN-UP FOR THIS FABULOUS TRIP IS IMPERATIVE TO CONFIRM THE TRIP.** Carol Milliken 435-882-4108 milliken@xmission.com

JUN 17 THU – 25 SAT BOATING: MAIN SALMON III - Pre-permit season trip. Once again, we did not get any permit to run one of the most beautiful rivers in America. Once again, Dudley McIlhenny will lead this annual favorite, this year with an extension. Plan to leave SLC on Thursday afternoon, June 16, launch at North Fork on June 17th, then continue on to Riggins with a takeout planned for the 24th or 25th, depending on flow and weather. No jet boat back this year- sorry. \$100 non-refundable deposit required to reserve a spot. Dudley McIlhenny 801-733-7740 contextny@aol.com

AUG 5 FRI - AUG 13 SAT BACKPACK: WIND RIVER MOUNTAINS. Frederick Gabriel (277-7687) plans to pack the Highline Trail, part of the Continental Divide Trail. The trail parallels the range's crest along a bench for 72 miles from Green River Lakes to Big Sandy. Since this is a one-way trip, we will have to do a car shuttle. The plan is to leave on Friday 5 August in the afternoon, camp at the exit point (I have not yet decided on the direction of travel) and leave a car, then drive to the trailhead and start backpacking on Saturday morning. Plan to backpack about 10 miles a day at 10K+ altitude for much of the time with 1 or 2 days rest/exploration day, depending on progress. Please call Frederick to register and get details.

SEP 7 TUE BOATING: MAIN SALMON III - Kathy Jones is planning a late season trip for 6 - 7 days. Put-in Sept.7 or 8? Further details to follow. Kathy Jones 801-523-2593 cooperdog1@comcast.net

SEP 29 THU - OCT 2 SUN CAR CAMP: NEEDLES. John and Martha Veranth (278-5826) have the Split Top Cave group site reserved from Thursday night through the weekend. Plenty of day hiking opportunities in the front country of Canyonlands NP. Plan to leave on Thursday afternoon. Call John or Martha to register and get details.

OCT 28-NOV 20 NEW ZEALAND EXPLORATION. Explore North and South Islands of New Zealand on this 23 day trip. Included is air transport, lodging, local transport by bus with a guide/facilitator to help us experience the highlights of New Zealand. Due to the weak US dollar the price is projected to be \$3500 from L.A. A detailed trip itinerary and trip description will be sent to anyone requesting one. Those wishing to be on the reservation list should send a \$300 check made out to Vince DeSimone to POBox 680111, Park City, UT 84068-0111. The check will not be cashed until you have had a chance to review trip details. Refund at no penalty until April 20, 2005. vincedesimone@yahoo.com or 435 649 6805. The trip will fill up. Ten people have sent a deposit If you are interested act quickly. Individuals can choose their preferred level of hiking difficulty at several locations during the 23 days. Extra time is scheduled for Queenstown/Te Anau area to allow for participation in the many activities in this "Adrenalin Capital" of NZ. The itinerary follows:

USA evening departure (October 28,'05)
Arrival Auckland (30th)
Auckland-Bay of Islands (Nov 1st)
Bay of Islands (2nd)
Bay of Islands-Rotorua (3rd)
Rotorua (4th)
Taupo-visit Marae (5th)
Tongariro National Park-Napier (6th)
Napier-Wellington (7th)
Wellington – Nelson (8th)
Abel Tasman National Park (9th)
Nelson – Greymouth (10th)
Greymouth-Fox Glacier (11th)
Fox Glacier-Queenstown (12th)
Queenstown (13th-14th)
Queenstown-Te Anau (15th)
Te Anau-Christchurch (17th)
Christchurch-Auckland (19th)
Depart Auckland-Arrival USA (Nov 20,'05)

Community Events

APR 16 SAT: CONTRA DANCE. On April 16th there will be a Contra Dance at the Columbus Center, 2531 South 400 East in South Salt Lake. No Dancing experience or partner needed; all dances will be taught and prompted. Wear comfy clothes and shoes. Dance to Live Traditional American Music by Jomocha. Beginner's workshop at 7:30, dance from 8-11pm. \$5 donation. More info, contact Brenda at (801) 363-7442 or brendance@yahoo.com

SAVE OUR CANYONS 2nd ANNUAL LONE PEAK CELEBRATION

Thursday, April 28th, 7pm

Set in Squatters Pub Brewery at 147 West Broadway, the evening will include a slide show of Wasatch Wilderness by Bill Gray, Special Guest Speaker Ken Sleight. Tickets are \$35.00 per person (or \$60.00 for two) and are available by calling 363-7283. Seating is limited so get your tickets early. All proceeds to benefit Save Our Canyons.

REI Community Calendar For March

SANDY CITY -10600 South & 230 West Suite 1700

SALT LAKE CITY - 3285 East & 3300 South.

CYCLING A CENTURY (Sandy)

Thursday, March 31st, 7pm

Join Cindy Nelson, REI shop tech and century cyclist for an informative and fun evening exploring how to prepare for 100 miles in the saddle.

GPS 101 (Sandy)

Thursday, April 7th, 7pm

Join REI Camping Department Specialist Adnan Bilwani as he unveils the mysteries of this fun and fascinating piece of technology.

INTRODUCTION TO YOGA (Sandy)

Thursday, April 14th, 7pm

This evening Jackie from Bikram Yoga in Sandy will deliver a presentation on the art and practice of yoga, including its fascinating history and variety of styles.

WOMEN FLY: SOLO TRAVEL AS A GLOBAL CITIZEN (Sandy)

Thursday, April 21st, 7pm

This evening's presenter, Sara Jordan, has traveled solo since the summer of 2002 in the U.S., Thailand, Bangladesh, England, Ireland, Austria, Slovenia, Slovakia, Italy, Czech Republic, Canada, Jordan and spent extensive time in India, Israel and Palestine.

BIKE TOURING NEW ZEALAND'S SOUTH ISLAND (Sandy)

Thursday, April 28th, 7pm

Join Chad Brackelsberg and Emily Mitzel for an informative slide show from their month-long cycle tour through New Zealand's South Island. You will gain valuable insight into planning a cycle touring vacation and what to expect when touring.

WORLD TRAVEL 101 (Salt Lake)

Tuesday, April 5th, 7pm

Barbara Richards, a University of Utah Photography Professor and World Traveler will give tonight's slide show presentation and workshop about how to travel the world on a budget.

WOMEN FLY: SOLO TRAVEL AS A GLOBAL CITIZEN (Salt Lake)

Tuesday, April 12th, 7pm

See above listing.

ROCK ART FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

Wednesday April 13th, 7pm (Salt Lake)

National Park Service Ranger and USAS (Utah Statewide Archeological Society) chapter president, Lisa Ann Green, will be presenting I See the Writing on the Wall- a slide extravaganza

THE WORLD'S BEST TREK? EXPLORING PERU'S HUAYHUASH (Salt Lake)

Tuesday, April 19th, 7pm

Join Bruce Tremper this evening for stunning images shot during his mountaineering and trekking adventures in Cordillera Huayhuash

BIKE TOURING NEW ZEALAND'S SOUTH ISLAND (Salt Lake)

Tuesday, April 26th, 7pm

See above listing.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please read carefully and fill out all three (3) pages completely.

I am applying for a

☐ New Membership
☐ Single ☐ Couple

☐ Reinstatement (please do not use this form for yearly membership renewal)

Name of applicant (1) _____ Birth date _____

Name of applicant (2) _____ Birth date _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Rambler Phone (1) _____ Work Phone(1) _____ Email(1): _____

Rambler Phone (2) _____ Work Phone(2) _____ Email(2): _____

How did you learn about the WMC? _____

Privacy Information: The WMC publishes member's names, address and phone numbers in the The Rambler, twice a year to facilitate membership communication. We also occasionally release our address list to WMC-board approved wilderness and/or conservation organizations for one-off mailings under the stipulation that they do not continue to use the list or provide it to others. Please select from the following:

☐ Please publish my address in The Rambler and provide to board approved organizations.

☐ Please publish my address in The Rambler but do not provide to other organizations.

☐ Please do not publish my address in The Rambler, and do not provide to other organizations.

Do you wish to receive The Rambler (club publication) ☐ yes ☐ no.

Membership dues:

\$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 application fee and first year's dues. Check and money orders only. Make checks payable to Wasatch Mountain Club.

Mail completed application to:

Membership Director

Wasatch Mountain Club

1390 South, 1100 East

Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2443

Leave blank for office use:

Receipt/Check # _____ Amount Received _____ Date _____ By _____

Board Approval Date _____

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE?

The Wasatch Mountain Club is a volunteer run organization. Events are published monthly in the Rambler, providing contact details, meeting times and places as well as a guide to the difficulties of the activity. Members can join other in a variety of activities, or lead an activity of their own by contacting the director in charge of the particular kind of event. Directors' contact information can be found in the front of the Rambler. Members can also subscribe to a series of email lists found on our web page, www.wasatchmountainclub.org. These lists provide more spontaneous communication between members heading into the backcountry.

What kinds of activities are you interested in?

Hiking: ___ easy hike, ___ moderate hike, ___ challenging hike, ___ car camp, ___ backpack, ___ family hikes

Boating: ___ rafting, ___ kayaking, ___ canoeing,
___ trip leader, ___ instruction, ___ equipment, ___ sailing

Biking: ___ mountain biking, ___ road biking, ___ camping tour

Winter Sports: Snowshoeing: ___ easy tour, ___ moderate tour, ___ challenging tour

Skiing: ___ easy, ___ moderate, or ___ challenging x-country ski

___ easy, ___ moderate or ___ challenging backcountry ski

___ yurt trips

Climbing: ___ wasatch Climb, ___ out-of-town trip, ___ winter mountaineering

Other: ___ caving, ___ rollerblading, ___ scuba, ___ canyoneering, ___ other: _____

The Wasatch Mountain Club needs you!

In addition to ☐

as well a President, V.P., secretary and four trustees are elected to the board on a yearly basis at the annual membership meeting in February. In addition, committees are often formed to share the work load. It's easy to get involved.

Conservation: ___ Air & Water Issues, ___ Telephone tree, ___ Trail clearing,
___ Trailhead access, ___ Wilderness

WMC Lodge @ Brighton: ___ General Repair, ___ Skilled Labor

Information: ___ Public relations, ___ Instruction, ___ Web site

Social: ___ Social host, ___ Party assistance, ___ Lodge host

Rambler: ___ Word processing, ___ Mailing, ___ Advertising, ___ Computer support

Membership: ___ Help, ___ Recruiting

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

Is there a special trip you would like to lead? _____

Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC)

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledge of Risk and Release from Liability

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

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I am aware the WMC activities involve risks, and could result in injury, illness, death and damage or loss of property. These dangers include but are not limited too: the hazards of traveling in remote wilderness areas without medical services or care, to negligent actions of other persons or agencies. The WMC is not, nor does it provide a professional guiding service. In order to partake in the activity. I acknowledge this risk and assume full responsibilities 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 difficulties of any activity I participate in, and decide whether I am prepared by having the experience, skill, knowledge 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 and 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 or directors, agents or representatives for any injury, illness, death or damage and loss of 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 the WMC, or someone on their behalf, to incur attorney fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to pay the WMC reasonable costs and fees thereby expended, or for which liability is incurred.

INSURANCE: I certify that I have sufficient insurance to cover and 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: _____

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City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Witness:

I certify that _____ has alleged to me that he/she has read and understands this document.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

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