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- > Hike and Ski Listings and Ratings
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- > Online Activities Listing
- > Liability Release Forms
- > Membership Applications
- > How to join email lists

From the President by Michael Budig

I want to encourage Mountain Club members to attend the annual Nominations/Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 21 at the Jewish Community Center. The event introduces the club to prospective new members of the Board and honors those who have provided great service to the club. And the Jewish Community Center (by the University Medical Center) is an eloquent facility which makes the event more remarkable- and last year, the food was very good too.

I want to acknowledge and thank the members of the Nominating Committee. They are: Elizabeth Cordova, Michael Berry and Mary Ann Losee- and they are doing an outstanding job.

I also want to acknowledge the efforts of Heidi Schubert on behalf of the new website. Jim and Bonnie Zinanti and Walt Haas have made great contributions to keeping up the website and now this has been taken over by Rambler Co-editor Heidi Schubert. Heidi has put in a tremendous effort into a major upgrade of the website. The results of this will be a quantum leap for the appearance and useful functions of the site. It will be possible to sign up as a trip organizer online- by selecting the trip you wish to do and just inserting your name,

the time and the date- the trip description will be pre-formatted, although you should be able to add a line or two if you wish.

The website will also feature an online calendar with all the events and a chance to quickly scroll to any item of interests- with the different club activities (such as hiking, skiing, rafting) differentiated on the calendar by different colors. In addition, after going on an outing, members may go back to the activity on the calendar and post pictures taken of the event which will then be accessible to all club members. And all the information in the Rambler, including trip reports, will be available online.

This will not make the Rambler obsolete- in fact, the Rambler will still be sent out each month- although members will probably be given the option of saving \$5-6/year if they decide to not receive the Rambler and use only the website. And we are also moving towards online applications for both new members and renewals. We are truly moving to a new territory- and Heidi deserves the thanks and appreciation of all club members for her great efforts and accomplishment.

WMC Purpose:

(Article II of the WMC Constitution)

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

FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE



The WMC Governing Board consists of a set of directors and four trustees; all are volunteers who serve for a specified period of time. This is a working board, not just a policy setting body, and they have a GOOD time! The board has the following positions for the term of March 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007 (Trustees serve a four-year term).

Position **Incumbents, nominees, and challengers for 2006- 2007**

President	Michael Budig
Secretary	Patti O'Keefe
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Boating	Larry Gwin
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Entertainment	Beverly Emrick Vicky McDaniel
Lodge	Dave Rabiger*
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Winter Sports	Greg Libecchi
Biking	Audrey Rindfleisch
Information	Open
Trustee	<u>Nominee</u> : Donn Seeley
Historian	Mike Treshow

*Looking for a co-director

**Several members are considering running at press time

If a WMC member would like to run for an open position, or challenge an incumbent, 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. As you can see, so far there is no challenge to the incumbents from the general membership. This can be taken as a ringing endorsement of the great work being done by the current board.

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BOATING DIRECTOR'S MESSAGES

We'll be having the Permit Party on Tuesday January 10. Please be sure to send in and get your permit applications. Stay tuned to the Rambler and the Boating Email for any additional information. We need a big turn out so we have a number of people applying for permits. No permits No Boating. We will also be setting an agenda for the Scheduling party. Below is a list of where to apply for permits.

Colorado River, West Water Canyon & Delores River – Westwater River Permits; Bureau of Land Management, (BLM); Grand Resource Area; 82 E Dogwood #G, Moab, UT. 84532-2968, 435-259-2196

Colorado River, Cataract Canyon, Canyonlands National Park; Cataract Canyon Permits; 2282 S West Resource Blvd, Moab, UT 84532-8000, 435-259-4351

San Juan River, San Juan River Permits, BLM, San Juan Resources Area; PO Box 7; Monticello, UT. 84535, 435-587-2144

Colorado River, Grand Canyon River Permits, Grand Canyon National Park; Box 129; Grand Canyon, AZ. 86023; 520-638-7843

Green River, Canyon of Lodore River Permits; Dinosaur National Monument; 4545 Hwy 40, Dinosaur, CO. 81610, 970-374-2468

Yampa River, River Permits, Dinosaur National Monument; 4545 Hwy 40, Dinosaur, Co. 81610; 970-374-2468

Green River, Desolation/Gray Canyons Wilderness River Permits; BLM, Price River Resource Area; 125 South 600 West, Price, UT 84501; 435-636-3622

Middle Fork of the Salmon River Permits and Info; Middle Fork Ranger District, PO 750, Challis, ID. 83226, 208-879-4112

Main Salmon River Permits and Info, North Fork Ranger District, PO Box 180, North Fork, ID. 83466; 208-865-2725

Salmon River :Lower River Permits, BLM Route 3, Box 181, Cottonwood, ID. 83522,

Rogue River Tioga Resources Inc. PO Box 5149, Roseburg, OR. 97470, 541-672-4168, tioga@gears.efn.org

Salt River, Upper Permits, Tonto National Forest, 2324 E McDowell Rd. Phoenix, AZ. 85006, 602-225-5200

Verde River, River Permits, Verde Ranger Station, Prescott National Forest, Star Route 1, Box 1100, Camp Verde, AZ. 86322, 520-567-4121

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THIS YEARS BOATING ACTIVITIES:

DATES RIVER CL (#DAYS)

NOV DEC JAN

10 / 1 day

Permit Party I

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CONSERVATION

Adopt-a highway Cleanup.

October 12th



I wanted to extend a huge thanks to everyone who came to help with the last highway cleanup of the season. We had a great group that worked hard, and we were done in no time. Margy and Vicki proved that you can wear a goofy deer-hunters vest, and still look chic. Also helping but not as stylish were Steve T., Dave R and The Knickster. Thanks everybody. We'll let the snow cover the litter for a few months, then carry on next spring. See ya then, Kyle



From the Winter Sports Director and Ski Coordinator

It's time to "Break into the Backcountry!"

The Wasatch Mountain Club Winter Sports Program will be trying something new this year as a replacement for the "Audrey Kelley Learn to Ski Program". We will still honor the tradition of encouraging those interested in getting out and trying a new sport. There will also continue to be post ski treats and constructive discussion with at least one tenured backcountry ski member. The difference is you do need to know how to ski.

The idea is to provide a TRUE NTD+ backcountry experience for those who are ready to practice with their transceivers, climbing skins, telemark gear (or split boards or randonee gear), and back packs filled with extra layers of synthetic clothing, food, 2 liters of water, hand warmers, map (Wasatch Hiking Trails map will do) and whatever else you think you need. You should have some familiarity with your equipment and know how to use your transceiver. This is your chance to break away from the resort and discover the peacefulness of the backcountry.

You will get a chance to practice transitioning from climbing to skiing and skiing to climbing. We call that "yo-yoing". Maybe there will be some fresh powder and you'll get a chance to break trail. We'll practice and talk about good etiquette and check out the quality of the snow pack and measure the angle of the slope. We'll play with gadgets and talk about safety.

Now here's the trick... People really need to call in BEFORE DECEMBER 10th to express their interest so we can gather organizers accordingly and list additional "Break into the Backcountry" trips for January. The first one will be held on January 8th. Please look at the activities listings under that date for details. Registration is required and there will be a limit set so call NOW and assure your spot. Advanced backcountry members are asked to accompany organizers on these trips in a support and mentor role. Please validate this commitment by pre-registering for these activities.



Think snow

Go ahead and GOOGLE 'Backcountry Skiing', check out the Utah Avalanche Center web site at www.avalanche.org and get ready to have some fun! Consider showing up for one of the Thursdays in December and join Jennifer Heineman for a climb up Millcreek Canyon (see Rambler listings).

Another MUST DO is attending the upcoming Robert Frohboese Memorial Avalanche Clinic (Wednesday Dec. 14th), presented by Bruce Tremper from the Utah Avalanche Center, (along with special guest speaker Andrew McClean) and Transceiver Recovery Field Practice (December 17th). These are free activities however a \$5 donation is suggested at the clinic. See Rambler listings for details. Consider signing up for one of the many avalanche classes offered by some of the local experts, (see the extensive listing elsewhere in this publication).

Please feel free to call or email me with any ideas or concerns about this new program or anything else that might be on your mind (related to the winter sports program of course;~)

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WMC Winter Sports Policy

October 6, 2005

Overview

The following policies define the activities and responsibilities within the winter sports program of the Wasatch Mountain Club. The core program includes snowshoe tours, backcountry tours, cross-country skiing, alpine skiing, and out-of-town trips (e.g. yurt and winter camping trips). The Robert Frohboese Avalanche Class is held in December 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.

General Guidelines for Winter Sports Organizers

The winter sports program adopts the guidelines for hiking organizers, published in the Wasatch Mountain Club Policies handout. Please take the time to review these before organizing backcountry trips. If you do not have these please make sure to get them. In addition to the hiking guidelines special considerations are necessary for winter activities. Planning your destination and route is the key to a successful trip. You should always try to carpool or utilize UTA transit options in the Wasatch Canyons. Help people understand what the outing involves so that they can decide whether they should be on the trip. The organizer may use his/her discretion as to the equipment and skills necessary for a safe and successful tour. The organizer may evaluate the equipment and capabilities of skiers/snowshoers and turn away people who aren't prepared for the outing. You can check their clothing and gear by eye, and ask questions about their experience and fitness. Make sure that everyone going on the trip signs the release form and therefore acknowledges the risk involved and that it's their responsibility to be prepared.

Talk to the group and reach an understanding of when to turn back. The group is only as strong as the weakest link. Pay attention to the health and fitness of the group. 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.

Equipment Guidelines for Winter Sports Organizers and Participants

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

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

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

If possible, carefully review and then bookmark the Utah Avalanche Center web site. Also register to receive daily avalanche forecasts. These reports are helpful in determining current conditions and worth checking daily to keep up on the "history" of the snow pack..

Utah Avalanche Forecast Center: 801-364-1581
<http://www.avalanche.org/~uac/>

1. Carry an avalanche transceiver that will transmit your location. The transceiver can also be set to receive signals. Learn how to use the transceiver.
2. Carry a shovel and collapsible poles to probe the snow for victims in case you need help with a rescue. Some collapsible ski poles can double as poles.
3. Be alert following periods of steady snowfall—that's when most avalanches occur.
4. Slopes with 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 ava-

lanches. When traveling along ridges, avoid the edges.

6. When traveling through potentially unstable terrain, spread out and cross slopes one at a time, keeping close watch for sliding or settling of the snow.

7. Most avalanches start above timberline, on slopes opposite the prevailing wind. Heavily forested slopes are less likely to slide.

8. Dig snow pits and learn to read the weather history of the snowpack.

9. Check with local forecasters and outdoor travelers for conditions and hazards.

10. Only one in three avalanche victims buried without a beacon survives. But if you're caught in an avalanche, try to escape by grabbing a tree or rock. If you fall, get rid of your skis, poles and pack and "swim" on the slide to stay toward the surface. When the avalanche stops, try to stay near the surface and make an air pocket.

Winter Touring Etiquette

1. Parties should try to stay away from one another as best they can.

2. People need to be encouraged to keep their tracks close together in crowded areas.

3. Break trails that will be useful to everyone who follows.

4. Pay attention to inter-party safety considerations (e.g. do not tour above others).

5. Share observations about potentially dangerous snow and avalanche conditions.

6. During the ascent you should keep an eye out for the person behind you.

Useful phone numbers:

Utah Highway Patrol,
road conditions – 801-964-6000

Avalanche Forecast Center – 801-364-1581

Suggested Backcountry Gear

Equipment for backcountry skiing or snowboarding that you should have and be familiar with

- **Randonee skis, telemark skis or split snowboard and appropriate boots (or snowshoes)**
- **Skins** (*also available for rental at above stores*)
- **Poles** (*also available for rental at above stores*)
- **Transceiver (avalanche beacon)**
- **Collapsible Shovel**
- **Probe**
- **Fleece or liner glove for skinning**
- **2 Pairs of waterproof snow gloves or mittens**
- **Wool (and liner) socks**
- **Waterproof/windproof top and bottom outer shell**
- **Fleece insulation layer**
- **Get cold easy? layer over light/medium weight with expedition weight layer**
- **Day backpack** (sternum and waist strap recommended)
- **Non-cotton top & bottom layers (capilene or polypro)**
- **Fleece or wool hat and headband** (baseball cap for climbing)
- **2 liters of water**
- **Lunch, snacks and extra food**
- **Sunglasses & goggles**
- **Sunscreen**
- **Ibuprofen and additional items for emergency kit**
 - **Emergency Bag, hand warmers, whistle, etc.**
- **Scraper for snow removal from bottom of skis or skins**
- **Ski wax (+ glop for warm weather conditions)**
- **Replacement parts for your gear and repair tools**
 - **Binding, buckle, duct tape, pole kit, leatherman, etc.**
- **Helmet to protect the goods!**
- **Map and Compass/Clinometer combo** (measure slope angle)

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 of 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	RATING- *	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Daniels	Telephone Hollow	EL-NTDM	3.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Albion Basin Road	EL-NTD M	3.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road Elbow Fork	EL-NTDM	3.0	680	Tour
Wasatch	Willow Lake	NTD M	3.0	800	
Wasatch	Lake Mary	NTD A	3.0	910	
Daniels	Doe Knoll	EL-NTDM	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 Hobble 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-NTDM	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	RATING- *	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
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
Wastach	Catherine's Pass from Brighton	MOD A!	5.0	1500	

MOD RATINGS cont:

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING- *	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
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	RATING- *	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
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

WINTER SPORTS RATINGS

MSD RATINGS Cont

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING- *	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Wasatch	Lake Blanche to Big 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	RATING- *	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
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) + (3 K). 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).



Steve Pritchett and Makame are ready for the white stuff! Photo by Hoku.

Snowshoe Tour Ratings*

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Tour Name (location)</u>	<u>Elevation Ft. Gain</u>	<u>RT Miles</u>
NTD-	Donut Falls	280	2.0
NTD-	Albion Basin	600	4.0
NTD-	Mill Creek Road (to Elbow Fork)	680	5.0
NTD	Willow Lake	800	3.0
NTD	Lake Mary	910	3.0
NTD	Lower Neffs Canyon	800	2.6
NTD	Lower Church Fork	1000	3.0
NTD ap	Mineral Fork (to lower basin, trail split)	1400	4.8
NTD	White Fir Pass	1400	3.5
NTD	Green Basin (from Spruces)	1050	3.5
NTD	Lake Catherine (from Brighton)	1200	4.4
NTD	Lower Silver Fork (from Silver Fork Lodge)	1280	5.0
NTD	Beaver Creek Train (Uintas)	600	5.0
NTD+	Scotts Pass (park in lower Solitude lot)	1500	5.0
NTD+	Catherine Pass (from Brighton)	1500	5.0
NTD+	Lower White Pine	1400	4.0
NTD+	Dog Lake (from Spruces)	1400	4.8
MOD	Days Fork to Second Meadow	1600	6.0
MOD	Iron Canyon to White Pine (Park City)	1600	5.0
MOD ap	Twin Lakes Pass from Brighton	1300	4.0
MOD	Powder Park	1800	5.0
MOD	White Pine Lake Area (meadows)	1800	5.0
MOD	Red Pine Lake	2000	6.5
MOD	Desolation Lake (from Spruces)	2050	6.8
MOD+	Beartrap Fork to Lookout	2250	6.5
MOD+	Desolation Lake Loop via Beartrap	2250	6.5
MOD+	Little Water Peak via Dog Lake (from Spruces)	2405	6.0
MOD+	Broads Fork	2400	6.0
MOD+	Lake Blanche	2720	6.2
MOD+	Greens Basin Peak	2300	6.0
MOD+	Norway Flats Road (Uintas)	2530	6.0
MOD+	Maybird Lakes	2400	3.8
MSD	White Pine Lake	2400	4.5
MSD	Spruces to Dog Lake, Little Water & out Beartrap	2405	8.0
MSD	Shingle Creek (Uintas)	2460	7.0
MSD+	Hoyt Peak via Hoyt Canyon	3600	7.0

* **NOTE:** Snow conditions greatly affect difficulty. It's your responsibility to be prepared for and aware of avalanche danger. (ap) avalanche potential

A club hike to Lake Blanche 9/24/05--The pictures show the fog lifting and the leaves changing colors (need some imaginations, please!)
- Photos by Brett.



Introductory Avalanche Classes

Friends of the Utah Avalanche Center
(801) 365-5522

January 14-16, 2006: Level I Brighton 3-Day Avalanche Workshop. (Martin Luther King weekend)

February 18-20, 2006 (Presidents Day weekend)

Beginning on December 1st we will be taking sign-ups at the Black Diamond Store - 2092 East 3900 South, SLC, UT (call 801-278-0233 for their hours). Cost is \$200 cash or check only for payment please.

Content includes avalanche rescue, terrain management and safe travel, snow pack stability evaluation, and the human factor. The course is based out of the Wasatch Mountain Clubs Lodge at Brighton, and lodging is included in the cost. Instructors include Utah Ava□

with your own pots, pans, dishes and silverware. For further details call Colleen at 801-365-5522

Exum Utah Mountain Adventures
(801) 550-EXUM (3986)

December 9-10, 2005: Basic Avalanche Awareness. \$99.00 per person

January 13-14, 2006: Basic Avalanche Awareness as above

February 10-11, 2006: Basic Avalanche Awareness as above.

March 10-11, 2006: Basic Avalanche Awareness as above.

January 20-22, 2006: Level I Course \$180.00 per person. Friday and Saturday evening lectures, Saturday and Sunday field classes.

Please contact Exum Utah Mountain Adventures for more information at 550-EXUM (3986). Or visit our website at <http://www.exum.ofutah.com>. REI Salt Lake City <http://www.rei.com> (801) 486-2100

November 29, 2005: Introductory Avalanche Talk. Tuesday, 7:00 PM. **FREE.** Taught by the Staff of the Forest Service Utah Avalanche Center.

December 13, 2005: Introductory Avalanche Talk. Tuesday, 7:00 PM. Same as above.

January 10, 2006: Science of Avalanches Tuesday, 7:00 PM. **FREE.** By Bruce Tremper, Director of the Forest Service Utah Avalanche Center.



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

Weddings and/or Wedding Receptions

WMC members \$400/24 hour period
Non-WMC members \$500/24 hour period



It's winter again - Look for emails asking for help shoveling snow off the lodge roof.



**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!

Club members can earn a \$50 voucher by participating in lodge service projects.

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,

Lodge Email list.

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.

Memory Lane

This is an email I received from Ned.
Thank you so much for sharing your
grandfather's pictures with us.
Vivien

WMC,

I was going through some of my grandfathers pictures and came across these two and saw they were marked as the Wasatch Mountain Club and so I thought I would send them to you.

This was his letterhead.

My grandfather had made these buses from trucks and did tours throughout Utah during the 1920's and 1930's. His name was Francis Miller and he lived in Bingham Canyon and Salt Lake during the weekends

I have others of the buses, but these were the only ones marked with the title of Wasatch Mountain club.

Cordially;
Ned Nerdin

Notice the sign on the top of the bus



MARKETPLACE

This area is free for members placing ads for used, recreational gear or for private and non-commercial and not-for-profit activities. To submit an add to the Marketplace email ads to wmc@xmission.com by the 10th of the month before publication. Non WMC members \$5.00 up to 20 words, \$.20 per additional word.

New MSR snowshoes \$95. vincedesimone@yahoo.com or call 435 649 6805.

ALPINE SKIS FOR SALE: Atomic C:9. Length 180cm. (106/64/96) Atomic Device:412 bindings. Mint Condition. Used less than 10 days. Price: \$290. No need to remount bindings. Skis can be seen at <http://www.freewebs.com/slip->



Trip Talk

Gooseberry Mesa, by Greg Libecci



Once again Vince DeSimone organized a trip down to “The Goose”. This has become a favorite for those of us who love to ride the rock and avoid the big crowds of Moab! Zions National Park landscape provides a stunning backdrop and the weather added drama, as clouds were steadily building. Many of us camped on Gooseberry Mesa and Saturday night we experienced quite the light show as not one but THREE lightning storms passed directly over us. We have since learned, thanks to Audrey, that the safest place to be is in the car and NOT THE TENT. Somehow we survived and woke to the distinctive

smell of the desert after the rain. Sunday we rode the Mesa in perfectly clear weather and enjoyed skirting the many puddles, which filled the pitted holes in the sandstone. We also noticed the smoldering pinions, which added eeriness to the reality of how close the lightning strikes were to our camp. I am happy to report there were no injuries to speak of, breaking the 2 year trend of emergency room visits. The cover photo was taken at The Notch, a distinctive divot in the mesa ridgeline easily seen from highway 59 below. This was a great trip, enjoyed by all. Thanks Vince!



WMC Halloween Party by Hoku



Editor's Note

Since this issue is done in HK, so here are something wild and something not so wild from here.....Vivien



Two wild monkeys.

Popeye, "love going out" cat...



Ginger, the home cat, probably the **fattest** cat in HK..

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.

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

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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.

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

Rating Difficulty Range:

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

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.

Activities Listings :

Explore the world with WMC:



March 2006 - Kilimanjaro Climb/Safari

If you have never climbed the highest mountain in Africa - 19,340 ft-,now is the time to do it.
We will take the Machame/Western Breach Route in 8 days.
Then we will do a 5 day Safari in Tanzania.
Price for the 2006 climb \$1830.00 incl.parkfees.
Price for the 2006 safari \$1345.00 incl.parkfees.
Plus airfare of approx.\$1767.00 and airport transfers.
Dates: 2/27/06-3/14/06.

Be part of this great trip and then contact Christel Sysak at 801-943-0316 or email Christel@vacation.com

DEC 1 THUR SKI TOUR: MILLCREEK CANYON ROAD NIGHT SKI (NTD to MOD). Meet Jen Heineman for a 6 PM start at the winter closure gate with turn-around at or before the Big Water summer parking. Jen says "Since it's the beginning of the season we'll see how close we get to the top!" Almost any cross country or backcountry ski can be used. And don't forget your headlamps, skins or wax and dry change of clothes. Join Jennifer for an NTD pace or ski ahead if you are after a faster (MOD) pace. Dogs are welcome with owners that adhere to the Millcreek leash laws and clean-up requirements. Email Jen @ JHeineman28@yahoo.com with any questions.

DEC 3 SAT - SNOWSHOE, POTLUCK, SINGALONG AT THE LODGE. Meet at the WMC Lodge at Brighton at 1 PM for a NTD/MOD snowshoe to Catherine Pass. Your hosts will put turkeys in the ovens to bake while we snowshoe. Back at the Lodge we'll socialize over appetizers and play board games while putting the finishing touches on the 6PM potluck and hanging some seasonal decorations. Somebody else is bringing the meat so do your best with yummy salads, side dishes and desserts. Following dinner we'll sing Christmas Carols accompanied by whatever kind of acoustic instruments that show up - as always, a piano player is appreciated. Mark, Dudley, Christine, Bart, LaRae and Frank have hosted for the past ten years and most likely will do it again this year. Bring a flashlight to get yourself back to your car after dark. UTA bus service is available to Brighton. As always, BYOB. Cost is \$3 members/\$5 guests. CHILDREN ARE WELCOME. Call Frank at 533-9219 with questions or e-mail FRANKBERNARD55@EARTHLINK.NET. The Lodge is located about 500 feet directly up the hill behind the Brighton Lodge, which is at the far end of the large Brighton Ski Area parking lot.

DEC 3 SAT SNOWSHOE: WASATCH FRONT (MOD). Judy Elizondo and Andy Beard (824-9440) will do an 'organizer's choice' somewhere along the Wasatch front today, depending on the snow conditions and weather. Come find out what adventure our newlyweds have in store for us today! We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

DEC 3 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD). Tentative tour based on early season conditions, call or e-mail Brad Yates to verify conditions and for details (521-4185) bnyslc@earthlink.net. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins, etc.

DEC 4 SUN BEGINNER SNOWSHOE: BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON (EL-NTD). Knick Knickerbocker (272-2485) plans to take a beginner group up Big Cottonwood Canyon to an easy location so you can learn how easy it is to snowshoe. This will be an easy, slow paced for enjoyment. Suggested items to bring besides snowshoes: ski poles, warm layers, snack, water, etc. Meet Knick at Butler Elementary at 9 AM to car pool. Please only beginners or slower paced snowshoers.

DEC 4 SUN SNOWSHOE/HIKE: GRIZZLY GULCH (MOD+). Carrie Clark and Rick Gamble (519-9257) are heading up Grizzly Gulch. Be prepared for windy conditions. Due to possible avalanche risk, be sure to bring your beacon and shovel. Energy food, water, and the 10 E's are also needed. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

DEC 4 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD). Tentative tour based on early

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season conditions, call or e-mail Walt Haas to register (534-1262) (haas@xmission.com). You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's.

DEC 4 SUN SKI TOUR: NORTH OF IRON MINE MOUNTAIN (UINTAS)(MOD+). This tour starts at the Soapstone Basin turn-off and offers the right combination of trail (jeep road) conditions, slope aspect, and elevation for early season success. After 7.5 miles and 2,000 feet of climbing the terrain opens up in the high country and a likely turn-around point. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parley's Way by 8:30 am. Contact trip organizer Mike Berry (mberryxc@earthlink.net, 583-4721) for meeting plan if driving from Park City area. The club recommends you wear a transceiver. Remember recreational parking pass and \$5- \$10 per person in vehicle based on occupancy, mileage and gas prices.

DEC 6 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD). This is the first organized adventure of the season for Vince DeSimone's "Tuesday Group". They leave at 10:00 AM every Tuesday, and go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal (healthy) pace with great conversation. For meeting location and last minute details, join the WMC Snowshoe email list for automatic notices and updates for all Tuesday Snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. The club recommends you wear a transceiver. Vince prefers cyberspace at vinedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at (435) 649-6805.

DEC 6 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD). Call or e-mail Chris Proctor to verify conditions and for details (485-1543) (Proctorgtr@aol.com). Moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually but not always in the tri-canyons, with 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear, snow safety and avalanche search training, and safe winter travel skills are essential. Transceivers are required for this trip.

DEC 8 THU SOCIAL HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR 6PM. Come on out and join your fellow WMC'ers and we'll all share in some holiday cheer. **STONEGROUND RESTAURANT** – 247 East 400 South. Across the street from the new library. If you want to avoid traffic and parking issues TRAX goes right by the door.

Hope to see you there. For further questions please call: Beverly Emrick – 599-8744 or (bemrick@networld.com) or Vicky McDaniel - 576-0160 or (mcdaniel@xmission.com)

DEC 8 THU SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD-MOD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will organize 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 of bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Norm ahead of time. 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.

DEC 8 THU SKI TOUR: MILLCREEK CANYON ROAD NIGHT SKI (NTD to MOD). Meet Jen Heineman for a 6 PM start at the winter closure gate with turn-around at or before the Big Water summer parking. See DEC 1 THU SKI TOUR for details. Email Jen @ JHeineman28@yahoo.com with any questions. Dogs welcome.

DEC 9 SAT SNOWSHOE DEADLINE FOR JANUARY RAMBLER. For January Rambler, we are scheduling

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snowshoe activities for January 16 thru February 12, 2006. All proposed snowshoe activities must be sent to Cheryl Soshnik (csoshnik@yahoo.com) (435-649-9008, 801-641-4512) by this date.

DEC 9 SKI BACKCOUNTRY DEADLINE FOR JANUARY TRIPS: ORGANIZERS NEEDED!!

Call or e-mail Steve Pritchett to register (415-9857) spritchett@motek.com Consider dates for January, February and March. All proposed trips for January must be emailed to Steve by this date in order to make the publication deadline. Thanks in advance for volunteering.

DEC 10 SAT SNOWSHOE: WASATCH FRONT (NTD).

Christine Allred (424-0096) will find an appropriate location in the Wasatch Front, possibly Silver Fork, for today's outing. The pace will be relaxed and easy, and all members and prospective members are invited to join us today on this 'nobody left behind' activity. Christine does NOT like going in blizzards – if you can't see across the street, she probably won't go. For all other conditions, we'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

DEC 10 SAT SNOWSHOE:

WASATCH FRONT (MOD-). Holly Smith (272-5358) is organizing today's moderate Snowshoe activity. She will choose a destination to match today's conditions and weather. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

DEC 10 SAT SNOWSHOE: WASATCH FRONT (MOD+).

Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) will lead this energetic and brisk-paced activity today, choosing a destination appropriate for the conditions and weather. The club recommends you wear a transceiver. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

DEC 10 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD).

Call or e-mail Walt Haas to register (534-1262) (haas@xmission.com) for an organizers choice tour. Register early and put in your request with Walt. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's.

DEC 10 SAT SKI TOUR: ORGANIZERS CHOICE

XC SKI (NTD to MOD). Leslie Woods is putting on the cross-country skis today. She is expecting to meet at Butler Elementary and depart at 9:00 AM. Show-up and see who else will cross the line! If questions, call Leslie

at 266-3317 or email @ woods1k@aol.com .

DEC 11 SUN BEGINNER SNOWSHOE: BIG COTTONWOOD

CANYON (EL-NTD). Knick Knickerbocker (272-2485) plans to take a beginner group up Big Cottonwood Canyon to an easy location so you can learn how easy it is to snowshoe. This will be an easy, slow paced for enjoyment. Suggested items to bring besides snowshoes: ski poles, warm layers, snack, water, etc. Meet Knick at Butler Elementary at 9 AM to car pool. Please only beginners or slower paced snowshoers.

DEC 11 SUN SNOWSHOE: MAYBIRD GULCH (MOD+).

Carrie Clark and Rick Gamble (519-9257) will co-organize today's activity in Little Cottonwood Canyon. Beacons are strongly suggested. Carrie and Rick invite you out on the trail for a day of exertion and fun. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

DEC 11 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY:

ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD). Come out and ski with Cheryl Krusco. She knows where to find good snow and watches over her group like a Hawk. Call or e-mail Cheryl to register (474-3759) (ckrusko@peoplepc.com). You must have an avalanche beacon with a

working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's.

DEC 13 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-

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DEC 13 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD).

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"KNOW BEFORE YOU GO" and make sure to bring your 10 Es! Let's add an 11th E, 'ETIQUETTE'. Also, check with the Utah Avalanche center web site for snow conditions and weather forecast <http://www.avalanche.org/~uac/> and review the WMC Winter Sports Policy, Backcountry Travel Techniques and Backcountry Ski & Snowshoe Route Ratings listed in the Rambler and also found on the Wasatch Mountain Club website under Winter Sports www.wasatchmountainclub.org

DEC 13 TUE SKI TOUR: MILL CREEK CANYON (FULL MOON)(NTD/MOD). Join Mike Berry (mberryxc@earthlink.net) for a near full moon tour (kick-wax, skate, or skin) up the road. Skiers can turn-around at any point (e.g. The Elbow, 1.5 mi; Clover Springs P.G., 2.5 mi.; Big Water 4.75 mi.). Dogs OK. Meet at the winter closure gate for a prompt 6:00 pm departure.

DEC 14 WED AVALANCHE CLINIC: ROBERT FROHBOESE ANNUAL (NTD). This is part 1 of the WMC Avalanche Clinic. In honor of the memory of Bob Frohboese, the WMC sponsors this excellent clinic on backcountry avalanche awareness. We have the great fortune of having Bruce Tremper from the Utah Avalanche Center joining us for a talk and slide show presentation. We are also expecting a special guest speaker, the author of The Chuting Gallery, Andrew McClean, a true living legend of the Wasatch! This clinic will take place at 7:00 PM at the South Valley Unitarian Church located at 6876 So. Highland Drive. Refreshments will be provided. A suggested \$5 donation will be collected at the door. Don't forget to pick up your raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize! For more information or to volunteer please contact Greg Libecci at 801-699-1999 or email glibecci@yahoo.com.

DEC 15 THU SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD-MOD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will organize 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 of bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Norm ahead of time. 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.

DEC 15 THU SKI TOUR: MILLCREEK CANYON ROAD NIGHT SKI (NTD to MOD). Meet Jen Heineman for a 6 PM start at the winter closure gate with turn-around at or before the Big Water summer parking. See DEC 1 THU SKI TOUR for details. Email Jen @ JHeineman28@yahoo.com with any questions. Dogs welcome.

DEC 17 SAT SNOWSHOE: PORTER FORK (NTD-TURTLE). Joan Proctor (474-0275) is leading today's NTD trip. "Turtle" means that the pace WILL be nice and slow, but slow doesn't mean short distance. Often turtle hikes go farther up the trail than a normal NTD trips. Meet at Skyline High Parking lot at 9:30 AM.

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DEC 17 SAT SNOWSHOE: UPPER GREENS BASIN TO 9,699' PEAK (MOD). Larry Nielssen (572-3964) writes: We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM. An additional note from our Winter Sports Director: Since today is also 'avalanche awareness and beacon practice' day, all snowshoers are encouraged to attend the transceiver practice. For folks going on this

trip, if you have a beacon and shovel, bring them along and we'll practice their use.

DEC 17 SAT AVALANCHE CLINIC: TRANSCIVER FIELD PRACTICE (NTD). This is part 2 of the WMC Avalanche Clinic. In honor of the memory of Bob Frohboese, the WMC sponsors this

excellent clinic on backcountry avalanche awareness. To have any level of skill at avalanche rescue you must practice out in the snow! Meet at Butler Elementary, 2700 E. just south of Fort Union Blvd. at 8:45 AM. Bring your snowshoes or skis for mobility on the snow. If you want to go out on a short ski outing afterwards, bring the 10 "E"s, lunch, shovel, transceiver and skins. For

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DEC 18 SUN SNOWSHOE: WASATCH FRONT (NTD). Tony Barron (272-8927) will determine an appropriate destination based on the weather and snow conditions for today's easy paced, 'nobody left behind' trip. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

DEC 18 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (TURTLE) Nancy Phillips (942-8953) is organizing a TURTLE snowshoe this morning. So, what's a TURTLE hike? Slow and steady, and we will go the distance, often times a greater distance than regular NTD trips. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:30 AM.

DEC 18 SUN SNOWSHOE: NEFFS CANYON TO THE CAVE (MOD). Peter Hartley (435-882-7439 HARTLEY660@MSN.COM) is going to do an unusual variant from the hike up to the meadow with some bush whacking. This trip will be short but steep, and we'll chance to see the oft mentioned rarely visited Neff's cave. We'll be meeting 9:00 AM at the Neff's Canyon Trailhead, but there is a limit of 8 participants. Call Peter to register for this trip.

DEC 18 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: REYNOLDS PEAK (MOD). Please help Sharon have a good experience as a first time ski organizer. Call Sharon Vinick (865-4614) or email @sharon.vinick@slc.k12.ut.us for a meeting time and location. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's. Thanks Sharon.

DEC 20 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD). Vince DeSimone will organize a "Tuesday Group" again this year, leaving 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. For meeting location and last minute details, join the WMC Snowshoe email list for automatic notices and updates for all Tuesday Snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at vincedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at (435) 649-6805.

DEC 20 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD). Call or e-mail Chris Proctor for details (485-1543) (Proctorgr@aol.com). Moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually but not always in the tri-canyons, with 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear, snow safety and avalanche search training, and safe winter travel skills are essential. Transceivers are required for this trip.

DEC 22 THU SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD-MOD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will organize 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 of bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Norm ahead of time. 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.

DEC 23 FRI - DEC 26 MON SKI/SNOWSHOE TETONS WEEKEND. Constance Modrow (954-8324) is organizing a Christmas Weekend in the Tetons again. She is leaving town about 3PM Friday, and will return on Monday evening. We will stay at Victor Idaho just before the climb up the Teton Pass on the Idaho side. Determine the day's destination according to interest and avalanche conditions – Targhee, Teton Pass, Yellowstone, Teton Park, all within reasonable access. We'll do this as a combo snowshoe/ski trip again. Registration required by email cmodrow@uta.cog.ut.us or call 954-8324 (home) to register.

DEC 24 SAT SNOWSHOE: WASATCH FRONT (MOD). Liz Cordova (486-0909) will choose an appropriate location for today's snowshoe, depending on the snow conditions. She is leaning toward Catherine's Pass from Alta or Brighton and Tuscarora/Wolverine, if the stars are lined up. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

DEC 24 SAT SNOWSHOE: MILLCREEK CANYON (NTD). Steve Duncan (474-0031) hopes that you have gotten all of your Christmas shopping done, and want to come out for some exercise this morning. Steve

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will determine an appropriate destination in Millcreek Canyon, based on the weather and snow conditions for today's easy paced, 'nobody left behind' trip. Meet at the Mill Creek Park 'n Ride at W side of 38th & Wasatch Blvd, at 10:00 AM.

DEC 24 SAT AFTERNOON SNOWSHOE & EVENING SOCIAL: MILLCREEK AREA (NTD). Nancy Ivy and George Rife (278-5943) invite folks to enjoy a short snowshoe trip up Millcreek Canyon Saturday afternoon, followed by a potluck Christmas Eve dinner at their house. Meet at 2:00 PM at 3385 Crestwood Drive (just off of Wasatch Blvd and 33rd South), where you can drop off your food for the pot luck and then head out for the snowshoe trip. We'll be back for the potluck social from about 5:00 – 8:00 PM. Call Nancy and George if you need directions to their house or for ideas on what to bring for the potluck.

DEC 24 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD). Call or e-mail Walt Haas to register (534-1262) (haas@xmission.com) for an organizers choice tour. Escape the last minute rush and get out for a good ski with Walt. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's.

DEC 25 SUN CHRISTMAS DAY SNOWSHOE OUTING: WASATCH FRONT (NTD) Was Santa good to you last night, or did you get a lump of coal in your stocking? Come share your joy or sorrow on this traditional Christmas tour hosted by Ray Duda (272-4601). Ray has enjoyed organizing this Christmas annual tour for a number of years now. The destination this year will be based on the current snow conditions and group preferences. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:30 AM.

DEC 25 SUN SNOWSHOE: SHOW 'N GO (MOD). Many are interested, but few can commit to organizing today's MOD trip. If you are interested, just show up at Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:30 AM and see if there are others who share your trip desires.

DEC 25 SUN SKI (RIDE) BACKCOUNTRY: LISA'S/ LITTLE WATER PEAKS (MOD). Lisa wants to wish everyone a Merry Christmas with a ski/ride day to her namesake peak. This is her Quanza trip??, ask Lisa. For that, and other questions call Lisa Verzella at 554-4135. Otherwise meet at Butler for a 9 AM departure. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's.

DEC 27 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD).

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DEC 29 THU SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD–MOD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will organize 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 of bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Norm ahead of time. 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.

DEC 31 SAT SNOWSHOE: GREENS BASIN (NTD) Doug Stark (277-8538) is organizing our final daylight NTD snowshoe of 2005! Come exercise with Doug before your big New Years Eve party! The pace will be relaxed and easy, and all members and prospective members are invited to join us today on this 'nobody left behind' activity. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:15 AM.

DEC 31 SAT SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD). Cheryl Soshnik (435-649-9008) csoshnik@yahoo.com) is organizing a moderate paced but fairly long distance snowshoe trip in the back side of the Wasatch Front today. If the weather is good, we'll go up the Sun Peak trail from Hwy 224 to the ridge north side of the Canyons Ski Resort, possibly heading towards Murdock Peak. Bring plenty of food and water, a thermos of warm beverages, and of course your 10E's. We'll be on a ridge so avalanche danger should be at a minimum, but wear your beacons and bring shovels if you got 'em, it's always nice to have this important safety gear! We'll meet at 9:30 AM at the parking lot of the Basin Recreation Building at Kimball's Junction. To get there, take the Park City exit from I-80 (exit 145) and go Right on Hwy 224 for one block. Take a left at the first light (McDonald's will be on your left) and go down that frontage road for about 3 blocks until you run smack into the large Basin Recreation building parking lot. Bring along a suit and towel if you want to hot tub afterwards.

DEC 31 SAT NIGHT TIME SKI AND SNOWSHOE PARTY (NTD) Constance Modrow (954-8324) is organizing a joint ski and snowshoe party in the "new moon" to bring in the New Year. Carry a good light, water, 10 Es, and a thermos of good hot drink, something fun to share (story, gourmet snacks, laughter all appreciated). Destination dependant on snow and avalanche conditions, shovel, transceiver, skins may be required, so it is an "Organizer's choice", email cmodrow@uta.cog.ut.us or call 954-

8324 (home) to register, we'll meet at Parley's Way Kmart lot sometime after 8 p.m.

DEC 31 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY:

ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD). Call or e-mail Dale Woodward to register (435-615-8479) () for an organizers choice tour. Please help remind Dale he is the New Year's Eve ski organizer! Thanks Dale. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's.

JAN 1 SUN SNOWSHOE: MID-MORNING NEW YEAR 'SHOO (NTD). How about working off last night's party with a nice stroll up to Dog Lake with Louise Rausch (583-3305). The pace will be casual for this first snowshoe trip of 2006 on a 'nobody left behind' tour. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 10:00 AM.

JAN 1 SUN SNOWSHOE: LATE-MORNING NEW YEAR 'SHOO (MOD) Start the New Year right! Let your party-weary body sleep until a decent hour of the morning, then go to Butler Elementary school for a prompt 11:00 AM departure for an invigorating New Year's workout. Phone Rick Kirkland (486-0909) to get more information. Bring your winter safety gear, 10'E's. Beacons advised.

JAN 1 SUN SKI (RIDE) BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD). Lisa wants to wish everyone a Happy New Year with a ski/ride day. Call Lisa Verzella at 554-4135, if questions. Otherwise meet at Butler for a 9 AM departure. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's.

JAN 3 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD). Vince DeSimone will organize a "Tuesday Group" again this year, leaving 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. For meeting location and last minute details, join the WMC Snowshoe email list for automatic notices and updates for all Tuesday Snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. The club recommends you wear a transceiver. Vince prefers cyberspace at vincedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at (435) 649-6805.

JAN 5 THU SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD-MOD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will organize 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 of bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Norm ahead of time. 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.

JAN 7 SAT SNOWSHOE SILVER FORK (NTD). Robert Turner (547-0420...this is a new phone number, change your black books) is organizing today's kinder gentler paced snowshoe in Big Cottonwood Canyon. He says we'll plan on Silver Fork, but if there is avalanche danger that day, we'll go somewhere else. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 10:00 AM.

JAN 7 SAT SNOWSHOE: WHITE PINE LAKE (MOD).

Tom Walsh (487-1336) is going into Little Cottonwood Canyon today, final destination White Pine Lake. This may be a fairly long day, as snow conditions may make for slow travel on the 10-mile route. Make sure to bring lunch and a thermos of tea or other winter-warming beverage. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

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JAN 7 SAT SNOWSHOE: MAYBIRD GULCH (MOD). Larry Nielssen (572-3964) is organizing today's MOD snowshoe trip, guided by the spirits of the ancient maybird. Larry warns us now, there are no whiners allowed ("This is hard" "I'm cold" "Are we lost again?" "My nose is running"). We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

JAN 7 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: BEAR TRAP (MOD+). Join Greg Libecchi for a fun long day in the Wasatch. Remember to bring your 10Es, transceiver, climbing skins and a team spirit. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and prior snow safety and avalanche search training suggested. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel and skins. Email or call Greg to register. glibecchi@yahoo.com or 435-645-9699

JAN 8 SUN SNOWSHOE: DAYS FORK LOWER MEADOW (NTD). Carol Anderson (485-0877) is organizing this trip in Big Cottonwood Canyon. The pace will be casual

and all members and prospective members are invited to join us today on this 'nobody left behind' activity. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:30 AM.

JAN 8 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). Leslie Woods (274 – 2670) will check out the weather and snow conditions today, for her moderate snowshoe. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

JAN 8 SUN SNOWSHOE: BEARTRAP LOOP (MOD+). Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) is organizing today's brisk paced snowshoe trip in Big Cottonwood Canyon. The club recommends you wear a transceiver. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

JAN 8 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: BREAK INTO THE BACKCOUNTRY - MILL F (NTD+). Try out this beginner ski program with a beginner organizer Hokulani Pritchett. See the introduction letter near the front of the Rambler.

Plan to have standard backcountry gear - skins, shovel, beacon, probe (optional) along with you typical skis/splitboard, food, water, clothing etc. Please call Hoku to pre-register ASAP @ 415-9857. Spots will go fast!

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JAN 9 TUE SNOWSHOE DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY RAMBLER. For February Rambler, we are scheduling snowshoe activities for February 13 thru March 12, 2006. All proposed snowshoe activities must be sent to Cheryl Soshnik (csoshnik@yahoo.com) (435-649-9008, 801-641-4512) by this date.

JAN 10 TUE BOATING: PERMIT PARTY. The Permit Party will be held at the Mt Olympus Church at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006. We need your attendance. No permits, no trips. Hope to see you there.

JAN 10 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD – MSD). Vince DeSimone will organize a "Tuesday Group" again this year, leaving 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. For meeting location and last minute details, join the WMC Snowshoe email list for automatic notices and updates for all Tuesday Snowshoe trips throughout the

winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. The club recommends you wear transceiver. Vince prefers cyberspace at vincedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at (435) 649-6805.

JAN 12 THU SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD – MOD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will organize 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 of bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Norm ahead of time. 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.

JAN 13 FRI SNOWSHOE: BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON FULL MOON SNOWSHOE (NTD) Knick Knickerbocker (272-2485) invites you to join him on a full moon adventure somewhere up Big Cottonwood canyon by moonlight. Since the moon has to make it's way above the Wasatch Crest, let's meet at Butler Elementary at 7:30 PM. Bring a thermos of warm tasty beverages and a flashlight, just in case the clouds cover the moon.

JAN 14 SAT SNOWSHOE: SHINGLE CREEK OR CO-OP CREEK; UINTAS (MOD) Cheryl Soshnik (435-649-9008) invites you to join her in the Uinta Mountains today, for a fairly long but not terribly steep moderate paced adventure. Make sure to bring plenty of lunch, water, and a thermos of hot beverage, as well as your 10E's.

SLC folks, meet at the Parleys Way K-Mart to carpool at 8:00 AM. The organizer will meet you at the Kamas High School at 9:00 AM. Plan for a long day of fun and exercise.

JAN 14 SAT SNOWSHOE: GRIZZLEY GULCH TO CATHERINE'S PASS (MOD). Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) is organizing today's fast-paced snowshoe tour in Little Cottonwood Canyon. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

JAN 14 SAT SKI TOUR: ORGANIZERS CHOICE XC SKI (NTD to MOD). Leslie Woods is putting on the cross-country skis once again. She is expecting to meet at Butler Elementary and depart at 9:00 AM. Show-up and see who else will cross the line! If questions, call Leslie at 266-3317 or email @ woods1k@aol.com.

JAN 15 SUN SNOWSHOE: WHITE FIR PASS (NTD). Tony Barron (272-8927) is going up Mill Creek Canyon today, final destination White Fir Pass. The pace will be relaxed and easy, and all members and prospective members are invited to join us today on this 'nobody left behind' activity. We'll leave from Skyline High School parking lot at 10:00 AM.

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JAN 15 SUN SNOWSHOE: NEFF'S CANYON TO THE MEADOW (MOD). Barb Hanson (485-0132) is repeating the new tour she began last year that gains almost 2,500' in 3 miles. This is one of her favorite trips, to a bowl of jagged limestone cliffs with a great view of the Salt Lake Valley below. This trip begins at lower elevations, so hopefully there will be enough snow. Bring a beacon and shovel if you have 'em. This tour is in the Mt. Olympus Wilderness Area, so there is a limit of 10 in a group. Above 10, we would need to split out a second group and ask for a volunteer to be an organizer on another trip. Arrive early to assure you don't get bumped from the tour. Meet Barb at the Skyline High School parking lot at 9:30 AM.

JAN 15 SUN AFTERNOON SNOWSHOE STROLL: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD) 1:00 PM. Robert Turner (547-0420) says to go ahead and sleep in, read the newspaper, whatever, and still get a nice snowshoe in. Meet at Butler Elementary at 1:00 PM for a "decent afternoon start time." Robert will choose an appropriate destination in the Cottonwood Canyons based on snow and weather conditions.

JAN 16 MON DAY HIKE (MLK DAY): ANTELOPE ISLAND (NTD+/MOD-). Robert Turner plans to do a 9-mile loop hike without much elevation gain. He could be talked into doing Frary Peak if the group insists. Either way, we'll see buffalo roam. Maybe even deer and antelope play. No need to worry about the weather messing up our plans. Rain, or shine, snow, sleet, earthquake, tornado, it doesn't matter: the hike will go. Just look at the weather when you get up and prepare for the conditions. Meet at 10:30 AM in the parking lot by the entrance booth at the Antelope Island causeway. To get there, take I-15 exit #335 and go west about 7 miles. We'll car pool from there to the island since there is an entrance fee of \$8 or \$9 per car (which we'll share).

JAN 16 MON SKI TOUR: RED PINE CANYON TO SOUTH FORK WEBER RIVER TRAVERSE (UINTAS)(MOD+). After setting up a car shuttle, this tour begins at the Thousand Peaks Ranch gate with the Smith and Morehouse road 'kick 'n glide' southbound and then turns southwest to climb along the narrow and steep Red Pine Canyon. Eventually

it loops into the South Fork of the Weber River trail. The distance is about 14 miles total with 2,200 foot elevation gain. Beacon and shovel required. Light backcountry gear (double-cambered, metal-edged) works best in the rolling Uintas. Contact Mike Berry (mberryxc@earthlink.net, 583-4721) to register and for meeting place/time. Carpool rate is .15 per mile per vehicle plus gas. The club recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 21 SAT SOCIAL ANNUAL WMC AWARDS BANQUET. The WMC encourages everyone to mark their calendars and save the date for this great evening. To be held at the Jewish Community Center, 2 North Medical Drive. Cocktails at 6:30PM. Bring your beverage of choice. Dinner will be at 7PM. We'll have the awards, followed by an evening of music and dancing. Dinner will be \$26.00 per person. Please send to Beverly Emrick at 1390 South 1100 East, #103, SLC, Ut 84105 before January 14th. For further questions please call: Beverly Emrick – 599-8744 or (bemrick@networld.com) or Vicky McDaniel - 576-0160 or (mcdaniel@xmission.com)

JAN 22 SUN SNOWSHOE: NORTH WILLOW LAKE; STANSBURY MOUNTAINS (MOD+). Peter Hartley (435-882-7439 HARTLEY660@MSN.COM) is going into the Stansbury Mountains in the Tooele valley today. He is starting from Medina flats, which is a long but not very steep outing into some very spectacular scenery. We will have to walk the forestry road up to Medina flats so be prepared for a long day. The club recommends you wear a transceiver. We'll be meeting 8:30 AM at the Maverick in Stansbury Park, but please call ahead to register and to discuss the trip details.

JAN 29 SUN SKI TOUR: LAKE CREEK (EXPLORATORY) (DANIEL'S AREA)(MOD). A new route, which follows Lake Creek, between the forest road and Timber Lakes Estates to get to the high country below Heber Mountain. We will be able to take in the scenery of the Wasatch back and Mount Timpanogos. This tour begins at the snowmobile parking area 9 miles east of Heber, but don't expect to see many (any) snowmobiles in the lower creek drainage access to the high country. We field checked this route as a fall hike, and the creek bottom (wide, but steep-sided) is very pristine. There was very little evidence of footprints or pathways through the summer underbrush along this perennial stream. At 5 miles (10 mile RT) in on the trail we will have climbed 1,750 feet to the open hills and aspen groves and the views should be great. Then we will have an ideal 350 foot per mile glide down the uptrack. Contact Mike Berry by Friday, January 27, (mberryxc@earthlink.net, 583-4721) to register and for meeting time/place & information.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

FEB 9 FRI - 13 MON BIKE ROAD/MOUNTAIN: DEATH VALLEY. If you would like to escape from the wintertime chills, smog, and have a great time too, come on the Death Valley bike

ride with the old ranger, Bob Wright. There will be biking, hiking, swimming, and just hanging with your friends. We will stay at the Furnace Creek campground as before, and do day rides from there. It is comfortably warm during the day and not too cold at night. Precipitation is usually minimal except for last year when the desert bloomed like never before. We can visit many of the local attractions such as Scotty's Castle, Ubehebe Crater, Titus Canyon, Badwater, Stovepipe Wells, and surrounding canyons. We will car pool as much as possible. It is a 545-mile drive each way via Las Vegas. We will do group cooking, estimated cost is \$45.00 per person for camping and food. Transportation and park entry is not included. We will have a planning meeting on Thursday, Jan. 26 at Bob and Denna Wright's house, 1832 Meadow Moor Rd. (5000 South) at 7:00 PM. Call Bob to register at 801-274-0756 or E-mail at bobandenna@msn.com.

MAR 2 THU – MAR 5 SUN WINTER CAMPING: SNAKE RIVER HOT SPRINGS IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK. Celebrate the spring month by skiing into a backcountry site for 2 nights near the remote Snake River Hot Springs group. The hot springs soaking will take the chill out of the crisp winter air. The plan is to drive up to Jackson on Wednesday morning, stay at a motel that night, and get a hearty breakfast and then pick up the permit the next morning, and start the ski from the Flagg Ranch Bridge to cross the Snake River. Contact Mike Berry (mberryxc@earthlink.net, 583-4721) to register and for more information.

APR 15 SAT SKI TOUR: DRY LAKE FORK (STANSBURY MOUNTAINS)(MOD). Mike Berry (mberryxc@earthlink.net) organizes this trip to the Stansbury Range. This outing will climb approximately 2,800 feet over 4.5 miles to listen and watch (from a safe distance) for the annual spring snow slides releasing from the east cliffs of Deseret Peak. This tour follows the drainage and does not stay on the summer trail to the peak. Sturdy touring or backcountry skis are suggested. Skins may be useful. Beacon and shovel required. Contact Mike Berry (mberryxc@earthlink.net, 583-4721) by Thursday, April 13 to register and for meeting time/place & information.

NON-WMC EVENTS

DEC 1 TELEMARX WORKSHOP. Work on your backcountry skills in a non-threatening environment. This

exciting three-week program helps adult three-pin skiers focus on the development of the Telemark Turn and adapt to various conditions and terrain. Suitable for beginner through advanced telemark skiers. Register by printing the lesson brochure from the previous menu and send in with payment 2 weeks prior to start date or call (801) 532-4731 ext 234. <http://www.brightonresort.com/main.html>

Sundays (9:30 to noon, 3-Day \$135)

Saturdays (9:30 to noon, 3-Day \$135)
December 4, 11, 18 OR

January 28, February 4, 11
January 8, 15, 22 OR
March 5, 12, 19

Includes:

- * Full day lift pass each lesson day.
- * The same qualified instructor each week.
- * A light brunch the first morning of the workshop
 - A social following the last class.

DEC 1 AVALANCHE SAFETY CLINICS: check out the section in this Rambler for extensive list of available dates and classes

DEC 22 THU SKI TOUR: MILLCREEK CANYON ROAD NIGHT SKI (NTD to MOD). Show and go, unless someone wants to fill-in as organizer for Jen. Watch for ski emails. Typical is 6 PM start at the winter closure gate with turn-around at or before the Big Water summer parking. Millcreek canyon is Dog friendly.

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SKI CLINICS: There are many available, try this link for a start http://www.freeridemagazine.com/uploads/6_Clinics.htm . As an example, the link for www.babesinthebackcountry.com can be followed to find a Dec 3, 2005 backcountry sampler clinic at Alta. Or you can select "ski fitness classes" to learn about conditioning classes like Wasatch Telemark Dryland Training. DEC 1 the Utah Winter Games website should be active, see <http://www.utahwintergames.org/>. Checkout the activities and clinics.

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 _____

Membership application (Page 1 of 3)

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 the outdoor ☐

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

nature, the inherent danger

of the activities. 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 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: _____

Street Address: _____

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: _____

**Check the Web at
www.wasatchmountainclub.org**

**Utah Avalanche Forecast Center
801-364-1581
<http://www.avalanche.org/~uac/>**

**Three (3!) Trip Talks inside
check it out.**

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