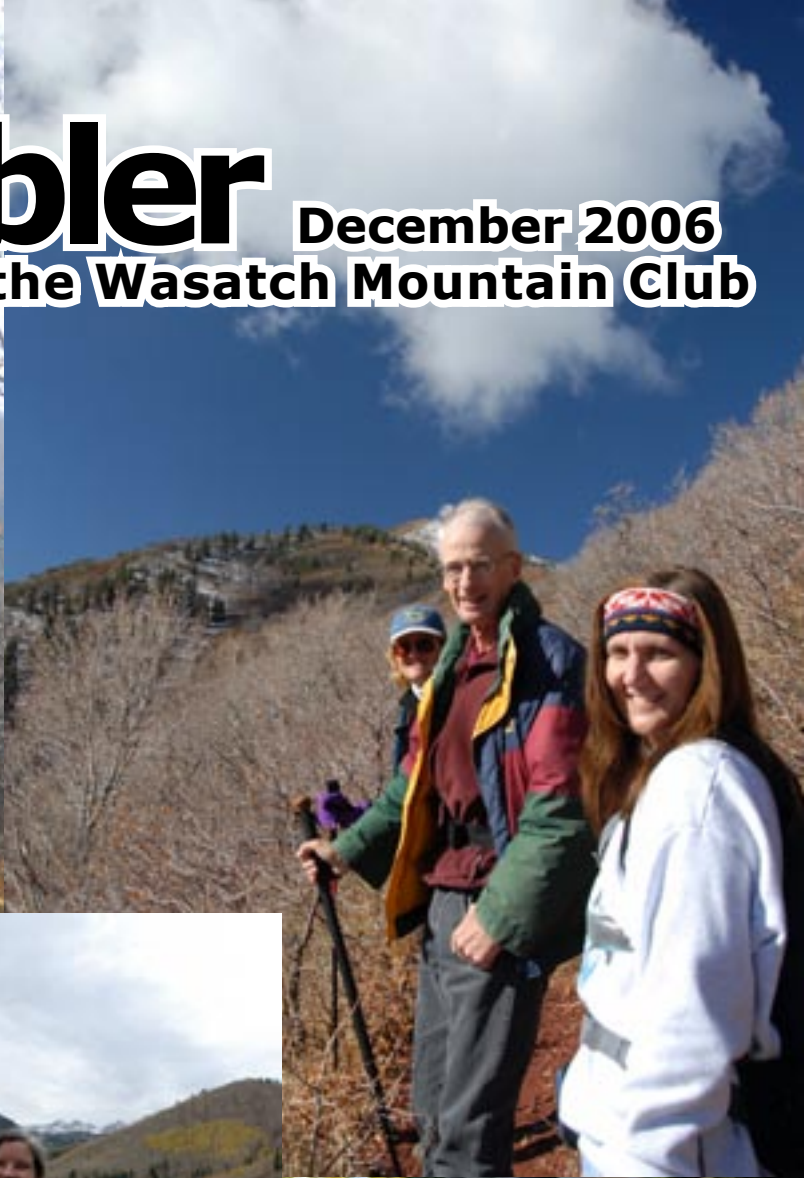


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Fall colors in the Wasatch. Butler Fork Loop (14th Oct) and Grandeur Peak (21st Oct).  
Photos by Bruce Hugo

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

**Rambler is in color on the web.**

## From the President by Michael Budig

I am pleased to announce the names of the Nominating Committee for the 2007 Board: Aaron Jones (ajonesmvp@msn.com 467-3352), Heidi DeMartis (heididemartis@excite.com 942-8088), and Tom Walsh (Twalsh.4ucro@us.usbr.gov 487-1336). These three members are long-time club members who have given a lot to the Club in the past and their willingness to step forward is greatly appreciated.

Please contact a member of the Nominations Committee if are willing to serve- the main areas where help is needed for next year are the positions of Lodge Co-Director, Publications Co-Director, Winter Sports Director, and Entertainment Co-Director. In addition, help may be needed for positions of Snowshoeing and Ski Touring coordinators. Please step forward to volunteer



if you can.

I also want to encourage members to attend the Nominations/Awards Banquet of Saturday, January 13 at the very elegant Jewish Community Center- at Ft Douglas- with a great view over the Salt Lake Valley.

I also want to report on the financial position of the Club. We had a hard year due to the loss of lodge rental income last winter after the waterline froze up (this shouldn't be a problem this winter as addition straw and blanket insulation has been put into place). Despite this problem however, the club income for the year has been sufficient to meet all of this year's expenditures. So the Club remains on solid financial footing for the immediate future.

## 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.

Conservation Notes  
December 2006  
Will McCarvill  
Gretchen Siegler

I would like to close the year on an upbeat note. It is too easy to become cynical about our elected officials and their seeming lack of concern for open spaces and wild lands.

RS 2477 is a statute passed by Congress in 1866 and repealed in 1976. "The right-of-way for the construction of highways over public lands, not reserved for other uses, is hereby granted." This statute has been used to prevent wilderness designation, interfere with responsible land management by the Forest Service and BLM, and open routes for motorized recreation. This issue has been most evident on desert lands where abandoned mining tracks, wash bottoms, waterfalls and slot canyons have been claimed by county governments. The State of Utah even offered counties \$2000 per claim to make sure that public lands that belonged to all citizens were to be claimed for the benefit for a very few.

The Salt Lake County Commission was encouraged to submit claims on BLM and Forest Service lands and it voted to approve a list of 15 (which later became 22). These included Church fork, Porter Fork and Upper Mill Creek. The additional claims expanded coverage to Cardiff and Mineral Forks among others. The Wasatch Mountain Club, the Utah Chapter of the Sierra Club, and Save Our Canyons began a program to define and details the claims. Thanks to a benefactor SOC was able to hire Parker Scrafford who conducted a thorough investigation of each claim. Go to [www.saveourcanyons.org/currentissues/](http://www.saveourcanyons.org/currentissues/) to see the result. This established that many claims were not only not essential to county transportation, but would actually cause harm to wildlife, watershed and recreation values.

The results of our investigation were shared with County Mayor Peter Carroon. Carroon's staff was able to use our documentation to establish that the County already possessed right-of ways to several claims and that local Forest Service officials would work with the County to grant rights-of-way to other legitimate segments such as Lambs Canyon and Emigration canyon.

In April Mayor Carroon wrote to the attorney general and informed the County Council that Salt Lake County would not be pursuing claims to Killyons' Canyon, Church Fork, Porter Fork, Pole Canyon, Mill D North and South Forks, Silver Fork, Day's Fork and Willow Heights and that the county either already possessed rights in Burr's Fork, Emigration Canyon, Lambs Canyon and Lower Millcreek Canyon or it would work with the Forest Service to obtain appropriate rights.

The county gained rights that took care of legitimate transportation needs. The community was protected from degradation of water and recreation values. And old claims in our mountains have been put to sleep.

## **The best Highway clean-up EVER!** **(I should play hooky more often...)**

The news must have got around. I was going to be out of town; Jerry Hatch and Constance Modrow eagerly agreed to hand out the orange vests, point to the trash, and fire the starting gun. I can hear the talk now: "Sure, I'll show up, as long that Kyle guy won't be there" and we had a record 17 people show up to help. I am happy to do whatever is good for the club, and for our community. If me going climbing at Indian Creek will help share the joy of litter cleanup with more of our WMC friends, I will suffer for the cause. (And suffer I did. Excessive hand jamming in those sandstone cracks has left me with a numb-thumb from the third knuckle down. I may never hitch-hike again.)

I want to throw out a huge thanks to Jerry and Constance for covering for me, and big thanks to all those who helped pick up litter and make our weekly trips to the Wasatch canyons a more enjoyable experience: Zig Sondelski, Steve Carr, Taraka Dale, Mark McKenzie, Norm Pobanz, Craig Ringgenburg, Hiedi DeMartis, Steve Duncan, Stan Rosenberg (sic), Ronna Cohen, Dudley McIlhenny, Cassie Badowski, Alex Rudd, Leslie Woods, Eric Nelson. (Whew, I was running out of breath there.)

I hope you all have a great winter, and we will look forward to seeing you all next spring, where we will find a huge treasure trove of ski gloves (one each of many pairs) and orange winter golf balls. Love,  
Kyle Williams

# BOATING DIRECTOR'S MESSAGES

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We'll be having the Permit Party on Thursday January 11 **at the Mt Olympus Church, (3280 East 3900 South) at 6:30 pm.** 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. 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, Cateract 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 Ladore 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, Prive 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

## THIS YEARS BOATING ACTIVITIES:

DATES (#DAYS)	RIVER	CL	ORGANIZER	TELEPHONE	EMAIL
DEC					
JAN					
11 / 1 day	Permit Party	I	Larry Gwin	435-647-3642	ljgpenuel@yahoo.com

# Message from the Winter Sports Director

Hello Winter Sports Fans. Well December is finally here and hopefully so is the SNOW.

I would like to once again thank all those who VOLUNTEERED and organized ski and snowshoe trips last year. The club is nothing without volunteers and we are fortunate to have such a great and giving group. Honorable mention goes to the activity coordinators Steve Pritchett (SKI) and Cheryl Soshnik (SNOWSHOE). They were helped out by the regular participation of a FEW like Knick Knickerbocker, Chris Proctor, Norm Pobanz, Walt Haas, Jen Heineman, Mike Berry, Brian Barkey, Vince DeSimone, Mohamed Abdallah, Constance Modrow, Tim Bardsley, Brad Yates and last but not least the Wizard of the Wasatch, Bob Athey. There were others who stepped up to organize but WE NEED MORE PARTICIPATION. Contact your coordinators and sign up to organize a trip. We ALL need to step up and organize trips to make the club work. The folks listed set a fine example!

As I shake the cobwebs out and review our activities from last year I realize it's once again time to log on to [www.avalanche.org](http://www.avalanche.org). We are blessed here in the Wasatch to have such an organization as the Utah Avalanche Center along with the help they receive from the Friends of the Utah Avalanche Center. With awesome people like Bruce Tremper (director), Evelyn Lees, Drew Hardesty, Craig Gordan, Brett Kobernick and Bob Athey (with Friends of...) who are out there every day, checking conditions and keeping us informed, we'd be CRAZY not to soak up all the information they have. Their website truly should be a DAILY visit for anyone serious about venturing into the backcountry. Wasatch mountain weather is always best reported right there. They also offer a couple excellent 3 day avalanche safety classes and anyone who has not taken one should sign up. Details are listed on their website under EDUCATION >>> AVALANCHE CLASSES.

All new members should DEFINITELY plan on attending the Bruce Tremper gig on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> when he will present his "Know Before You Go" avalanche safety slide show. This will be at 7 PM at the South Valley Unitarian Church. This will be an ideal time to pick up a transceiver and probe at a great discount. Then plan on joining us for the annual transceiver practice day scheduled for Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:45. See Rambler listing for details regarding both these events.

Start thinking about your gear and check out the ski swaps coming to a town near you. The REI/Friends of Utah Avalanche Center equipment swap will be held this first weekend in November. Create an emergency kit with some back up parts. Freshen up on your wilderness first aid knowledge. Organizers as well as all members should review the Winter Sports Policies and Procedures found on our website [www.wasatchmountainclub.org](http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org)

Last year we introduced "Break into the Backcountry" and it was a great success. Many WMC members had a chance to get out and learn techniques and participate in a sport in some cases for the very first time. We would like to continue this offering but will only do so if we hear from you and there is interest. Experienced backcountry skiers are willing to spend a day with you but there has to be communication. Please send an e-mail to Steve Pritchett letting him know of your desire to participate.

We are looking for a new Ski Coordinator for NEXT season, as Steve Pritchett has carried the post for the last 4 years. I believe he deserves a break. You can reach Steve at 801-859-8670. And yes, even Cheryl Soshnik, our dear snowshoe coordinator, is planning on moving on, call her at 435-649-9008.

Think SNOW and know before you GO!

Greg Libeccì  
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## Adventuring in the Trinity Alps By Aaron Jones

Trinity Alps. Northern California. Spectacular mountain scenery. The write up for this trip was all very intriguing but, I had refused to consider it. There was too much work to be done and as always never enough vacation. But, as the summer wore on the siren call of wilderness became more intense until I was absolutely compelled to respond. Rugged mountains, crystal blue lakes, great friends and seasoned backpackers, and an enormous wilderness area that inspired so much awe and mystery that a neighboring town has a whole economy based on Bigfoot. This would definitely be a trip to redline the funmeter.

A meeting at Michaels-zooming to the Rye Patch campground in Nevada- a visit to the Sierra Trading Post in Reno-and dinner and camaraderie in Weaverville , California all blended together like a beautiful overture to a powerful performance. We almost missed a beat as wildfires encroached upon the area but, our route was just east of the conflagration. So the next morning we hit the trail to Caribou Lake all caffinewired and carboloated. There is no doubt as to why these mountains are called Alps. They are splendid, rugged, and sometimes a very difficult haul. An excursion to Mirror Lake, a very modest trip in terms of distance, found the group turning back one by one until only Dave and Bob had the fortitude to continue. After five hours of bushwhacking and scrambling they also returned to camp without success.

Crossing over into another canyon in this wilderness can take some doing. We followed Sawtooth Ridge to Sapphire and Emerald lakes hiking down some ninety switchbacks that are aptly referred to as the Suicide Ridge Trail. We were like targets in a carnival game charging off in one direction then turning around and doing the same again and again. The routefinding skill of Donn and Bob proved handy as we stormed over one side of a mountain and slipped and

slid down the other side before reaching the trail to our campsite at Ell Lake. Laterally, we were probably never as much as seven miles away from one of the cars we had spotted but, that figure really belies the unforgiving landscape that came in between. Our final night of camping was outside of Weaverville where our hosts at the local Mexican restaurant were gracious enough to stay open later in order to accommodate our crew of clearly famished hikers. Teresa, Mike, and myself spent the following evening in Davis, California as Don took off to complete some business matters.

The next morning we headed for home arriving in Elko just at dinnertime. We enjoyed a magnificent Basque dinner at the Star Bar and Dining Room consisting of soup, salad, bread, French fries and a whole array of other items. Such a repast takes on an ethereal quality after a week of freeze dries. Then we dashed across the darkened desert jazzjuiced by the radio and talking of past adventures and adventures to come. Bliss.

Tripsters included Susan Allen, Mark Bloomenthal, leader Mike Budig, Bob Myers, David Rumbellow, Don Seeley, Teresa Welch, and your faithful scrivener Aaron Jones.



Photo by Donn Seeley (see Oct 06 Rambler)

### 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 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 to 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

**Notice:** Non-member rates will rise by \$50/day for reservations after June 1st.

## 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 Director Needed for 2007-2008.

A lodge director, or co-director, is needed to assist the WMC board in organizing lodge maintenance and upkeep. Responsibilities may be shared with additional lodge co-director and include organization of monthly work parties (snow removal in the winter, interior and exterior repairs in the summer), management of and communication with the lodge caretaker, financial oversight of individual work projects, coordination with the Lodge Use Coordinator to maximize rental use and WMC board meeting attendance. Skills in volunteer motivation, contractor negotiation, project organization, building maintenance and restoration are all helpful. While this position is considered relatively time consuming, a committee of non-board members may be formed to distribute responsibilities. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the current Lodge Co-directors, President Mike Budig or any member of the current nominations committee.

Lodge Co-directors Bryan Taylor (583-1481), Dave Rabiger (964-8190), President Mike Budig (328-4512), Nominations Committee: Heidi DeMartis (942-8088), Tom Walsh (487-1336) or Aaron Jones (467-3532).



## 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](mailto:wmc@xmission.com) by the 10th of the month before publication. Non WMC members \$5.00 up to 20 words, \$.20 per additional word.

**SNOWSHOES FOR SALE:** Lightly used MSR Denali Classics \$80. Contact [vincedesimone@yahoo.com](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) or 435.649.6805.

Holiday shopping can be a thoughtful, generous, and reflective time.

Lutheran Social Service of Utah has some enjoyable, peaceful ways to shop for your consideration!

November 11, 2006 (Saturday), 11 am to 8 pm

Spend an enjoyable afternoon or evening (11 am-8 pm) at Barnes and Nobles in Sugarhouse (1104 East 2100 South). Sip a Latte, read, and purchase with 20% of your book purchases supporting LSS of Utah social ministries with seniors, refugees/asylees, children and adoptive parents. Vouchers needed with purchase are available at the LSS of Utah display table. Call in your list ahead so that the books you want to

purchase are waiting for you with no stress! Browse! Enjoy storytime with Sister Maryam, "Everybody's Sister," from Noon to 1 pm for children. Area choirs perform from 5-8 p.m. with world music from Royal Heritage Ensemble celebrating "God's Harvest." Monies matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

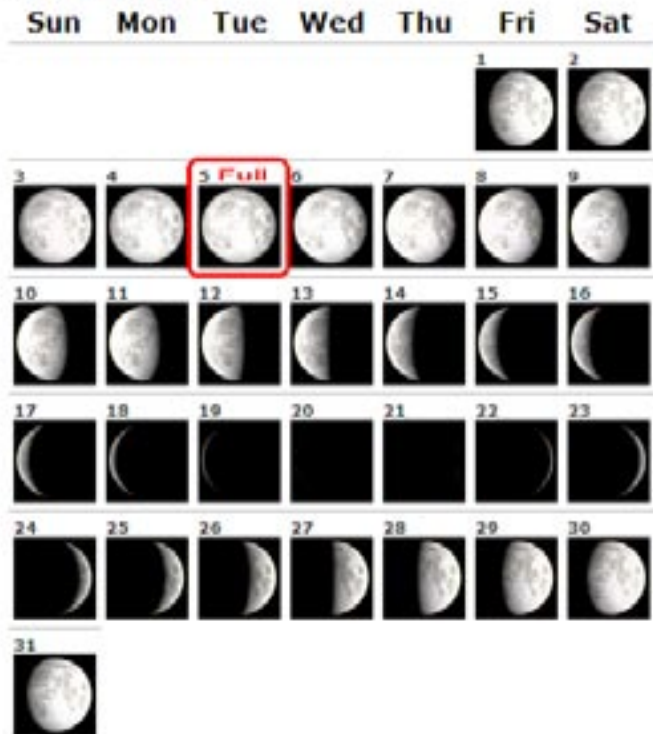
December 1, 2006 (Friday), 5-8 pm, 10,000 Villages Ten Thousand Villages holiday event at 2186 South Highland Drive (1100 East) from 5-8 pm come buy fair trade items from all over the world. Distinctive art, nativity scenes, musical instruments, jewelry. Enjoy the music of Royal Heritage Ensemble. Browse, take time, breathe, and enjoy fair trade tea, coffee and refreshments. Your purchases support LSS of Utah social ministries with seniors, refugees/asylees, children and adoptive parents. Music by Royal Heritage Ensemble from their new cd "For Days Gone By!" Monies matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

### COSTA RICA!

Costa Rica Trip with Walking The World  
 January 22-February 1, 2007 and March & April  
 dates TBD 11 days/10 nights Trips to Costa Rica are  
 being scheduled monthly to Costa Rica.  
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[christinerose1@aol.com](mailto:christinerose1@aol.com)  
[www.walkingtheworld.com](http://www.walkingtheworld.com)



### Dec 2006



The lunar phases. Provided by Cheryl.

# 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 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.** 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:** Send an email to: majordomo@wasatchmountainclub.org with the following text in the message body: Subscribe wmc-bike; Subscribe wmc-hike; Subscribe wmc-climb; Subscribe wmc-ski; Subscribe wmc-snowshoe; Subscribe wmc-lodge; Subscribe wmc-social

**Group size limits in wilderness** Some National Forest ranger districts limit the sizes of groups hiking in wilderness areas. For such hikes, the hike listing will indicate the maximum number of participants (not including the organizer). Please help 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.

## Activity Difficulty Rating

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 > 5,000 feet  
M > Round trip mileage > 15 mi.  
R > Ridgeline hiking or extensive route finding  
S > Scrambling  
X > Exposure  
W = Wilderness area, limit 14

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

## Directions to common meeting places for activities

Mill Creek Canyon Park and Ride lot: Between 3800 S. and 3900 S. on Wasatch Blvd. (3555 E.), between the I-215 freeway and Wasatch Blvd along 3900 S. 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 Canyon road (3800 South), go west under the I-215 freeway, then turn north (right) into the entrance opposite Birch Drive (3330 East).

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

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

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Cottonwood Canyon Road and Quarry Road at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon.

Utah Travel Council parking 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 parking 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.

# Saturday January 13th - Annual WMC Awards Banquet.



**Who:** You and all your friends

**When:** 7pm January 13th

**Where:** Jewish Community Center, 2 North Medical Drive

**Why (1):** To appreciate those of us who give time and service to the club above and beyond the average. Support those who support your club.

**Why (2):** To see each other in nice clothes instead of snowsuits.

**Why (3):** To dance to the Backwash band and have fun with friends.

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## ACTIVITIES LISTINGS

### NEPAL 2007

#### THE ULTIMATE MT. EVEREST TREK.

Date: 3/24-4/19/07

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Including in the package: 4 nights accommodations in Kathmandu. Half day city tour, roundtrip airfare Kathmandu to Lukla, all transfers, overnight in tents, private cook, sherpa, porters.

Trek & park permit.

I just have a few openings for this private trek and if interested, call me ASAP at 801-943-0316 or e-mail me to: [christelsysak@hotmail.com](mailto:christelsysak@hotmail.com)

DEC 1 FRI SKI BACKCOUNTRY: FREE-HEEL FRIDAYS (MOD+ to MSD). Call or e-mail Michael Kligman to verify conditions and for details (578-0534) [kligman@xmission.com](mailto:kligman@xmission.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 1 FRI SNOWSHOE: BIG COTTONWOOD BY MOONLIGHT (NTD). Knick Knickerbocker (272-2485) invites you to join him on an almost full moon adventure somewhere up Big Cottonwood canyon. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 6:30 PM. Bring a thermos of warm tasty beverages and a flashlight, just in case the clouds cover the moon.

DEC 2 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE

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(MOD). Tentative Yo-yo tour based on early season conditions. We won't be pushing it hard unless the powder is stupendous. 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 2 SAT SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD). Heidi Jo Demartis (942-8088) is organizing today's NTD trip. Meet at Skyline High School at 9:00 AM.

DEC 2 SAT SNOWSHOE: PORTER FORK (NTD TURTLE). Joan Proctor (474-0275) is leading a slow, easy, companionable hike in Millcreek Canyon today. Meet at the Park and Ride at 3900 South and Wasatch Blvd at 9:30 AM.

DEC 2 SAT SNOWSHOE: BROADS FORK TO THE MEADOW (MOD). Cassie Badowski (278-5153) is organizing the more rigorous adventure this morning. Laughs are guaranteed whenever Cassie's around. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 10:00 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver.

DEC 3 SUN SKI TOUR: NORTH OF IRON MINE MOUNTAIN (UINTAS)(MOD). This tour starts at the MLH Winter Parking 14 miles east of Kamas and offers the right combination of terrain features to allow for skiing on the early season snowpack. Expect approximately 15 miles RT and 2,300 ft. elevation gain (7,700- 10,000). The terrain opens up several options in the high country. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parley's Way by 8:30 am. Expect cold temperatures. Contact trip organizer Mike Berry (mberryxc@earthlink.net, 583-4721) for meeting plan if driving from Park City area. Carpools can be arranged to allow for separate return times. Remember MLH parking pass and be prepared to share the cost of transportation. Dogs OK. You should bring lightweight backcountry touring gear with scales, skins, or swix (grip wax).

DEC 3 SUN SNOWSHOE: BIG COTTONWOOD DOG LAKE (NTD). Join Christel Sysak (943-0316) on today's easier paced snowshoe adventure. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S), at 10:00 AM.

DEC 3 SUN SNOWSHOE: MILL D SOUTH FORK (MOD). John Veranth (278-5826) is organizing the more adventurous trip today. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S), at 9:00 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver.

DEC 3 SUN SNOWSHOE: AFTERNOON ORGANIZER'S CHOICE SNOWSTROLL (NTD). Robert Turner (355-9617) says to go ahead and sleep in, read the newspaper, and then come to Butler Elementary at 1:00 PM for a "decent afternoon start time". He will choose an appropriate destination in the Cottonwood Canyons based on snow and weather conditions.

DEC 5 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 5 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. Vince prefers cyberspace at vinedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at (435) 649-6805.

DEC 7 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

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all and a destination determined at the time of departure. To confirm the outing (i.e. 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 9 SKI BACKCOUNTRY DEADLINE FOR JANUARY TRIPS: ORGANIZERS NEEDED!! Call or e-mail Steve Pritchett to register (859-8670) spritchett@moxtek.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 9 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TOM'S HILL (MOD). Join Sharon for a MOD teleday at a local favorite. 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.

DEC 9 SAT SNOWSHOE DEADLINE FOR JANUARY RAMBLER. For January Rambler, we are scheduling snowshoe activities for January 15 thru February 11, 2007. All proposed snowshoe activities must be sent to Cheryl Soshnik (csoshnik@yahoo.com) (435-649-9008, 801-641-4512) by this date.

DEC 9 SAT SNOWSHOE: DAYS FORK (NTD). Dave Rabiger (964-8190) is organizing today's easier paced activity. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:00 AM.

DEC 9 SAT SNOWSHOE: COTTONWOODS ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). Judy Elizondo and Andy Beard (824-9440) will find an appropriate destination today, depending on the snow conditions and weather. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:00 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver.

DEC 10 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD+). If conditions allow we will go for a long day, if conditions are marginal we'll go grab about as many beers at the Porcupine as we did runs. 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 10 SUN SNOWSHOE: COTTONWOODS ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD TURTLE). Nancy Phillips invites you to join her on an easy paced adventure this morning. There will be plenty of time to visit and smell the snowflakes on today's slower paced adventure. We'll leave from Butler

Elementary (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:30 AM.

DEC 10 SUN SNOWSHOE: COTTONWOODS ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). Bob Myers and Susan Allen (466-3292) will take the more adventurous group this morning. But sleep in a little bit, and be ready to leave Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 10:00 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver.

DEC 10 SUN SNOWSHOE: AFTERNOON TURTLE ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD-TURTLE). Meet Jean Acheson (932-5416) for an afternoon stroll in the winter woods today. Meet at Skyline High School at 1:00 PM.



**Baker Springs Pass, September 17, 2006: Robert, Karen, Mike, Leslie, Dale, L-R. Photo by Elliott Mott**

DEC 10 SAT SNOWSHOE: AFTERNOON WORKOUT ABOVE THE LODGE BEFORE THE SOCIAL (NTD). Planning on coming to the Holiday Sing Along at the WMC Lodge tonight? Need a little exercise behind the lodge before dinner? Frank Bernard will meet you at the Lodge at 1:00 PM for a couple hours of snowshoeing up to Catherine Pass.

DEC 10 SUN SOCIAL: CHRISTMAS DINNER, SINGALONG AND SNOWSHOE TO CATHERINE PASS: NTD. We'll meet at one PM (1 o'clock) at the Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge at Brighton for an invigorating snowshoe to Catherine Pass. Turkeys will be baking at the Lodge and we'll eat them and the side dishes you bring to share at 5 PM. Christmas Carols to follow. Bring your voices and acoustic instruments. Words and guitar chords provided. Please bring both an appetizer to share and a salad or side dish to share for dinner. Hosts will provide turkey/ham. BYOB. Children are welcome. Christmas decorations are appreciated. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for guests. Questions/volunteer to help to frankbernard55@earthlink.net. 533-9219. Hosting will be Christine Allred, Frank Bernard, Dudley McIlheny, Bart and LaRae Bartholoma and Mark Jones.

DEC 12 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.

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DEC 14 AVALANCHE CLINIC: ROBERT FROHBOESE ANNUAL (NTD). This is part 1 of the WMC Avalanche Clinic. Part 2 is transceiver use practice to be held Saturday Dec. 16. In honor of the memory of Bob Frohboese, the WMC sponsors this excellent clinic on backcountry avalanche awareness. Bruce Tremper of the Utah Avalanche Forecast Center will give a talk and present his famous slide show. This will take place at 6:45 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 at the door for a chance to win a donated prize. There is a good chance we will have a limited number of discounted transceivers and probes. For more information or to volunteer for the night please contact Greg Libecci at 801-699-1999 or e-mail glibecci@yahoo.com.

DEC 14 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



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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 (i.e. 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 FRI SKI BACKCOUNTRY: FREE-HEEL FRIDAYS (MOD+ to MSD). Call or e-mail Michael Kligman to verify conditions and for details (578-0534) kligman@xmission.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 15 FRI SKI: PARK CITY MOUNTAIN RESORT BENEFIT DAY (NTD - MSD). Let's take advantage of this once-yearly day of downhill skiing for just 20 bucks! This is a benefit day, with proceeds going to the Park City Historical Society and Museum. Lift tickets must be bought in advance, and can be purchased at these Park City locations: Cole Sport, Zion's Bank and the Museum on Main St. Get your ticket early, as there is a limit of 2,500 tickets being sold for this price. WMC, let's meet in front of the ticket window at 9:30 AM for a great day of lift-served skiing. Contact Cheryl Soshnik at (435) 649-9008 or csoshnik@yahoo.com for more information.

DEC 16 SAT AVALANCHE CLINIC: TRANSCIEVER FIELD PRACTICE (NTD). This is part 2 of the WMC Avalanche Clinic. In honor of the memory of Bob Frohboese, (see article in Dec. Rambler) 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! This is ideal for both beginners who can learn from us salty dogs. After a morning of practice we traditionally break off into groups of like mind for

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a short outing. Meet at Butler Elementary parking lot, 2700 East just south of Fort Union Blvd. at 8:45am. Bring your snowshoes or skis with skins, snow shovel, 10 Es and don't forget to put fresh batteries in your transceiver. For more information or to volunteer to help with the transceiver session please contact Greg Libecchi at 801-699-1999 or e-mail [glibecchi@yahoo.com](mailto:glibecchi@yahoo.com).

DEC 16 SAT SNOWSHOE: BIG COTTONWOOD ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD). Join Heidi DeMartis (942-8088) will pick a trip destination at the meeting location, based on the snow and weather conditions. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 10:00 AM.

DEC 16 SAT SNOWSHOE: USA BOWL (NTD TURTLE). Ellen Jenkins (293-0198) is organizing today's easy paced trip, and you can even sleep in a little bit too. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 10:00 AM.

DEC 16 SAT SNOWSHOE: UPPER GREENS BASIN TO THE RIDGELINE (MOD). Join Larry Nielssen (572-3964) on this adventure up Big Cottonwood. An additional note from our Winter Sports Director: Since today is also 'avalanche awareness and transceiver field practice' day, snowshoers going on this trip, if you have a beacon and shovel, bring them along and practice their use. . We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:00 AM.

DEC 16 SAT SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZERS CHOICE ABOVE BOUNTIFUL (MOD - MSD) Join Zig Sondelski and enjoy some new trails and scenery in the Wasatch. Ever been up North Canyon, Sessions Ridge, Mueller Canyon, Grandview Ridge, City Creek West

**"KNOW BEFORE YOU GO"** and make sure to bring your 10 Es! 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 on the Wasatch Mountain Club website under Winter Sports [www.wasatchmountainclub.org](http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org). Organizers are expected to keep their groups together and use proper backcountry etiquette.



**WMC hiking director Mark Bloomenthal, fading away into the tall grass after another wonderful hiking season. Taken on Donn Seeley's Nov 5 hike to the Cedar Mountains. Photo by Cheryl Soshnik**

Ridge, Holbrook Ridge or Parrish Creek to name a few? Expect great views of the valley and lake, all points west and frequently moose. Most trails connect with the Great Western Trail with views to the east as well. Bring the appropriate 10-E's for snowshoeing. Departure time will be at 8:00 AM and the meeting location will depend on the trail chosen so contact Zig for more details at 292-8332 or [zig.sondelski@hollycorp.com](mailto:zig.sondelski@hollycorp.com). The club recommends you wear a transceiver.

DEC 17 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: CATHRINES PASS (MOD). Plan for a 1400' climb over 2.2 miles to the pass. Then take a few easy runs/laps off the shoulder. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's. Plan to meet at 6200 S. P&R, 8:30 and please call Mark Borges or email to register. 801-363-4504, [mborges@aros.net](mailto:mborges@aros.net)

DEC 17 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: GREENS BASIN (MOD). Come and support first time ski organizer Ron Barron and ski the glades. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's. Call Ron for questions or details, phone 484 620-4347 or e-mail @ [ShiatsuRon@Yahoo.com](mailto:ShiatsuRon@Yahoo.com). Meet 9:00 AM at Butler elementary school.

DEC 17 SUN SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). We have two organizers scheduled for both your moderate and faster paced adventures today. Knick Knickerbocker (272-2485) will take one group, and Leslie Woods (352-0338) will take another, for a wonderful winter adventure. Both trips will leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:00 AM.

DEC 17 SUN SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD). Christel Sysak (943-0316) will choose the destination and set an easy going pace today. Join her for a fun morning - or a bit longer depending on the location. . We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:30 AM.

DEC 17 SUN SNOWSHOE: SCOTTS PASS (NTD TURTLE). Clayton Rand (897-8911) and Conley Adams (232-3452) say: Sleep in you turtles! We'll drive to Guardsman pass, park cars there and take shortcut to Scotts Pass. . We'll leave from Butler

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Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 10:00 AM.

**DEC 19 TUE SKI**

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**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](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) or you can call him at (435) 649-6805.

**DEC 21 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 (i.e. In case of bad weather and possible road restrictions),

**These mountain goats pictures are all taken up Alta Ridge by Bells Canyon! Dates are Oct 15 and Oct 29! Photos by Frank Truppe**



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 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: CROSS CANYON TRIP- ORG CHOICE (MOD+).** Join Tim Bardsley for a fun long day with 4 to 5k vertical and cross canyon travel, mountain and weather conditions allowing. Bring your transceiver, 10 Es, probe and avalanche skills. Registration required so call or e-mail Tim at 557-3783 or Tim. Bardsley@ut.usda.gov.

**DEC 23 SAT SNOWSHOE: GREEN’S BASIN (NTD).** Doug Stark (277-8538) is organizing this morning’s easier paced outing. Meet at Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:15 AM.

**DEC 23 SAT SNOWSHOE: TUSCARORA – WOLVERINE FROM ALTA (MOD).** Liz Cordova (486-0909) has an excellent adventure planned for today’s snowshoe activity.

We’ll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:00 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver.

**DEC 24 SUN SKI TOUR: NORTH FORK OF THE PROVO (UINTAS)(MOD-).** Mike Berry plans a solstice outing (shortest days) of 10 to 15 miles RT on this classic rolling wilderness tour (1,000 ft. elevation gain) to the old yurt site and well beyond. The variety of scenery is the highlight of this trip. You should bring lightweight backcountry touring gear with scales or swix (grip wax). Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parleys Way by 8:30 am. Contact trip organizer no later than noon on Saturday, Dec. 23 ([mberryxc@earthlink.net](mailto:mberryxc@earthlink.net), 583-4721) for meeting plan or if driving from Park City area.



Carpools can be arranged to allow for separate return times. Remember MLH parking pass and be prepared to share the cost of transportation.

DEC 24 SUN SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS ORGANIZERS CHOICE (NTD). Heidi DeMartis (942-8088) is organizing this Christmas Eve Day easier paced outing. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:00 AM.

DEC 24 SUN SNOWSHOE: POWDER PARK (MOD). Need to get that blood flowing before Santa comes down your chimney tonight? Join Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) for a brisk, energetic adventure in Big Cottonwood today. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:00 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver.

DEC 25 MON SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE SKI/RIDE (MOD). Join Lisa for a Pre-Kwanzaa Womyn's choice ski/ride. Attention backcountry split boarders, this is a great chance to get out and see how to use that board. Meet 9:00 AM at Butler elementary school. Call Lisa V for details at 583-2432 and to reserve your spot. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's.

DEC 25 SUN SNOWSHOE: CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE WASATCH (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 and Loraine Lovell (255-0085). 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. If it's cloudy or snowing lightly, it's a go. If it's a downright blizzard, stay home and smell the turkey cooking. Bring holiday goodies to share if you want. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:30 AM.

DEC 26 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD). Cheryl Soshnik (435) 649-9008 is stepping in for Vince's "Tuesday Group" today, which begins 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 will be back leading the pack next week.

DEC 28 THU – JAN 1 MON SNOWSHOE-SKI: BRYCE CANYON (NTD+). Constance Modrow (954-8324) is heading to southern Utah for the New Year. She will be ski touring along the Rim of Bryce Canyon, and snowshoeing down into it. Come celebrate the New Year with WMC friends. The Paiute name for the area means "red rocks standing like men in a bowl-shaped canyon." Contact Constance for more details, and about making reservations for lodging at the Ruby Inn.

DEC 28 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 (i.e. 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 29 FRI SNOWSHOE: MOONLIGHT IN THE WASATCH (NTD). Join Cathy Mooney (971-9329) for a fun nighttime adventure – the moon won't be quite full but that means it should be high in the sky for us tonight. Just in case of clouds though, bring a flashlight, as well as a thermos of warm drinks. We'll meet at 6:15 PM and leave from Skyline High's East Parking lot at 6:30 PM.

DEC 30 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: BREAK INTO THE BACKCOUNTRY - MILL D (NTD+). Try out this beginner ski program with a beginner organizer Hokulani Pritchett. These trips are structured to provide a slower pace and help participants learn backcountry skills. Some knowledge of your gear and ascending/descending skill on your skis is required. Plan to have standard backcountry gear - skins, shovel, beacon, probe (optional) along with you typical skis/splitboard, food, water, clothing etc. Please email [hoku@hotmail.com](mailto:hoku@hotmail.com) or call Hoku to pre-register @ 859-8716. Spots will go fast!

DEC 30 SAT SNOWSHOE: LAMBS CANYON (NTD). Carol Ann Langford (255-4713) likes to do this as a hike in the summer and as a snowshoe in the winter. We'll sing holiday songs as we go up to the saddle that overlooks Mill Creek. We'll leave from Skyline High at 10:00 AM.

DEC 30 SAT SNOWSHOE: COTTONWOODS ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). Tom Walsh (487-1336) is sure to have a fun adventure waiting for us today, especially if you bring him licorice and macaroons. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:00 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver.

DEC 31 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: WOLVERINE (MOD+). Join Mark for ~6 hrs and 4000' of vertical on 30 to 35 degree slopes. This may include an ~8\$ lift ride up Millicent for a quick start to the skiing. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's. Plan to meet at 6200 S. P&R, 8:30 and please call Mark Borges or email to register. 801-363-4504, [mborges@aros.net](mailto:mborges@aros.net)

DEC 31 SUN SNOWSHOE: DESOLATION TRAIL TO THE OVERLOOK (NTD). Tony Barron (272-8927) is heading into Mill Creek this AM for a nice casual, social, last day of the year outing. We'll leave from Skyline High at 9:00 AM.

DEC 31 SUN SNOWSHOE: DOG LAKE (AND BEYOND?) (NTD+) Louie Rausch (583-3305) is letting you sleep in a wee bit this last day of the year, but be prepared for a fun time as she takes you to Dog Lake and maybe even beyond, if the group is up for it. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 10:00 AM.

DEC 31 SUN SNOWSHOE: UINTAS – SHINGLE CREEK WITH SOCIALIZING AFTER (MOD). This is part #1 of a two-trip day for Cheryl Soshnik (435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com). During the day, we'll head into the Uintas to snowshoe up Shingle Creek. Meet at the Parley's Way K-Mart for a generic carpool up from SLC, or meet me at the Kamas High School at 9:00 AM. There is a \$3 fee to park on the Mirror Lake Highway. Make sure to bring a lunch you're your 10E's. Afterwards, if you want, you are invited to come over to my place in Park City for BYO snacks and beverages and to warm up in the hot tub (bring a towel and a suit) from about 5 PM to 7 PM. After this, you can head home, or stick around for my part #2 trip, a moonlight snowshoe/ski. See details below.

DEC 31 SUN SNOWSHOE or X-C SKI: MOONLIGHT IN PARK CITY (NTD). Cheryl Soshnik (435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com) invites you to come play in the moonlight on this last night of 2006! We'll keep on easy terrain, suitable for both snowshoes and touring skis, in the Park City area. We'll start at 7:00 PM, but if you'd like to come up before to socialize, eat snacks, and sit in the hot tub, that will be starting about 5:00 PM when we get back from the Uintas trip. If you're coming just in time for the shoo/ski, meet at 7:00 PM at the SE corner of the PC Mtn Resort Parking Lot. Bring a thermos of warm beverages. We should be done by 10 PM, so you can avoid driving home amongst the amateurs later on in the evening. If you want to come up at 5:00 for the social hour, contact me for directions to my house.

JAN 1 MON SKI BACKCOUNTRY: REDBIRD SKI/RIDE (MOD+). With good conditions, Lisa wants to plan for a longer day – MOD+. This is a sheltered area and can be good in foul weather. Meet 9:00 AM at Butler elementary school. Call Lisa V for details at 583-2432 and to reserve your spot. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's.

JAN 01 MON 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. The club recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 2 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](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) or you can call him at (435) 649-6805.

JAN 4 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 (i.e. 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 6 SAT SNOWSHOE: SILVER FORK (NTD). Join Mike Budig (328-4512) for a fun time in Big Cottonwood Canyon today. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:00 AM

“**KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**” and make sure to bring your 10 Es! 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 on the Wasatch Mountain Club website under Winter Sports [www.wasatchmountainclub.org](http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org). Organizers are expected to keep their groups together and use proper backcountry etiquette.

JAN 6 SAT SNOWSHOE: DAYS FORK OR GREENS BASIN (NTD TURTLE). Ellen Jenkins (293-0198) is organizing today's easy paced trip, and you can even sleep in a little bit too. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 10:00 AM.

JAN 6 SAT SNOWSHOE: BIRTHDAY GIRL'S CHOICE (MOD). It's Judy's Elizondo's birthday tomorrow, so let's celebrate with her and Andy Beard (571-4090) in the great outdoors today. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:00 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 7 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: BREAK INTO THE BACKCOUNTRY - MILL D (NTD+). Try out this beginner ski program with veteran Pete Mimmack. These trips are structured to provide a slower pace and help participants learn backcountry skills. Some knowledge of your gear and ascending/descending skill on your skis is required. Plan to have standard backcountry gear - skins, shovel, beacon, probe (optional) along with you typical skis/splitboard, food, water, clothing etc. E-mail Pete to

pre-register at pmimmack@googlemail.com. Act now, spots will go fast!

JAN 7 SUN SNOWSHOE: ALEXANDER SPRING (NTD TURTLE). Carol Anderson (801) 485-0877 will organize this slower or turtle paced snowshoe, meet her at the east end of the K-Mart parking lot at 9:30 AM. Call Carol if you have questions or concerns.

JAN 7 SUN SNOWSHOE: DAYS FORK TO THE 2ND MEADOW (NTD+). Join Holly Smith (272-5358) in Big Cottonwood today, you're sure to have a great time. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:00 AM

JAN 7 SUN SNOWSHOE: SCOTTS PASS BRISKLY (MOD). With Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) organizing this brisk adventure, you know you'll get a great workout today. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:00 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 7 SUN SNOWSHOE: AFTERNOON IN THE WASATCH (NTD). Robert Turner likes a "reasonable time" to start snowshoeing on Sundays, so this one begins at 1:00 PM. He will go to "Silver Fork, Mineral Fork, Lake Blanche, or most anywhere. Avalanche danger dependent, of course. Robert says, "If there's much danger, I go somewhere with ZERO danger, like a golf course." We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 1:00 PM.

JAN 9 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](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) or you can call him at (435) 649-6805.

JAN 11 THU BOATING: PERMIT PARTY. The Permit Party will be held at the Mt Olympus Church (801-277-2674), (3280 East 3900 South) at 6:30 pm On Thursday Jan. 11, 2007. We need your attendance. No permits no trips. This will be a potluck so please bring a dish to share. Hope to see you there. Larry Gwin 435-647-3642 [ljpgenuel@yahoo.com](mailto:ljpgenuel@yahoo.com)

JAN 11 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 (i.e. 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 SAT SNOWSHOE: RATTLESNAKE GULCH IN MILLCREEK (NTD TURTLE). Joan Proctor invites you to join her for a slow, easy, companionable hike with a great view of the city. Meet her at Skyline High parking lot at 9:30 AM.

JAN 13 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 (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:00 AM. The club recommends you wear a



**Thanks Bruce for taking all those pics and let Rambler use them. Photo by Bruce**

transceiver.

JAN 13 SAT HIKE: ANTELOPE ISLAND (NTD+). Robert Turner ([r46turner@uofu.net](mailto:r46turner@uofu.net) or 801-544-0605) plans a loop hike of about 8 miles, with not much elevation gain. He says that winter is a great time to visit the island: lots of wildlife, but almost no people—a real opportunity for solitude in a spectacular setting only a few miles away from about a million people. The hike will go rain, snow, or shine; the weather is part of the adventure. Meet at 10:30 AM in the parking lot by the entrance booth at the beginning of the causeway. To get there, take I-15 exit #332 and go west 7 miles. We'll car pool from there to the island, sharing the \$9 per car entrance fee. Dogs on leashes are allowed.

JAN 13 SAT SOCIAL ANNUAL WMC AWARDS

BANQUET. The WMC encourages everyone to mark your 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 to the tunes provided by Backwash. Dinner will be \$26.00 per person. Please send your checks to Beverly Emrick at 1390 South 1100 East, #103, SLC, UT 84105 before January 5th. For further questions please call: Beverly Emrick – 599-8744 or (bemrick@networld.com) or Vicky McDaniel - 576-0160 or (mcdaniel@xmission.com)

JAN 14 SUN SNOWSHOE: CATHERINE'S PASS FROM ALBION BASIN (NTD). Clayton Rand (897-8911) and Conley Adams (232-3452) want you to know that the more energetic folks can continue on to Sunset Peak, and the rest will call Catherine's Pass the destination. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:30 AM.

JAN 14 SUN SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). The dynamic duo of Knick Knickerbocker (272-2485) and Leslie Woods (352-0338) are once again teaming up to take two different MOD trips into the Wasatch today. They will decide on the destinations and take you to two wonderful locations today. Remember, there is a limit of 9 on trips entering Wilderness Areas. Both trips will leave from Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:00 AM. The club recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 14 SUN SNOWSHOE: AFTERNOON ORGANIZER'S CHOICE SNOWSTROLL (NTD). Robert Turner (355-9617) says to go ahead and sleep in, read the newspaper, and then come to Butler Elementary at 1:00 PM for a "decent afternoon start time". He will choose an appropriate destination in the Cottonwood Canyons based on snow and weather conditions.

JAN 15 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. Once on the 10,000 ft. ridge we'll descend into the South Fork of the Weber River. The distance is about 15 miles total with 2,500-foot elevation gain. Beacon and shovel required. Lightweight backcountry touring gear with scales, skins, or swix (grip wax) and proficient downhill technique required. Contact Mike Berry (583-4721) no later than 5 PM on Saturday, January 13 to register and for meeting place/time.

JAN 21 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TOM'S HILL (NTD+). Join Steve Fischer for an "introductory" tour up Mill D to a popular destination. This is an opportunity to get familiar with your gear, at a moderate pace. Let's meet at

Butler Elementary School (2700 East 7000 South) at 9am, check out our gear, then carpool to the trailhead. Since there is a moderate avalanche risk on this trip, please come well prepared with your Winter Sports 10 Es, including an avalanche beacon, and probes. Contact Steve with any questions at (801) 870-8910.

#### COMING ATTRACTIONS

FEB 8 THU - 12 MON BIKE ROAD: DEATH VALLEY - CALIFORNIA. If you would like to escape from the wintertime chills and 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 relaxing. We will stay at the Furnace Creek campground. It is comfortably warm during the day and not too cold at night. Precipitation is usually minimal. We can visit many of the local attractions including Scotty's Castle, Ubehebe Crater, Stovepipe Wells, Badwater and many others. We will car pool as much as possible. It is 545 miles each way from Salt Lake via Las Vegas. We plan to do group cooking. Estimated cost is \$50.00 per person including food and camping. Food and camping fees are included but park entrance fee and transportation is not. We will have a planning meeting Thursday, Jan. 25th at Bob and Denna Wright's house, 1832 Meadow Moor Rd. (5000 South) at 7:00 PM. Call Bob at 801-274-07566 to register or E mail at bobanddenna@MSN.com



**A wall lined with wild flowers grow outside my front gate. A bee hovering above one (11/13 HK). Photo by Vivien**

# 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](http://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 dangers

of participating in these 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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