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## From the President by Heidi Schubert

Hello WMC socialites.

Yes, in addition to being an “outdoor adventure club for adults” (as I like to say) we are all here to meet other people, interact and be social. Carpooling up the canyon or hiking along the trail next to someone new initiates an acquaintance, but socializing at a pot luck or lodge party can cement a friendship. The WMC wants to support both types of interactions and hosts several activities a year.

WMC Social events range from General Membership Meetings, where we vote on a new board of directors and see slide shows, to the lodge Halloween Party – where a pot luck dinner is supplemented with music, dancing and costumes. Somewhere in between these two events are sing-a-longs, the Old Timers, New Comers party, the annual awards dinner and a thanksgiving dinner.

These events are organized by our Social Director but depend on club members for their success. I know that many of you enjoy a good party, but attendance at some events has fallen in recent years. Often club members are shocked or offended that they are asked to pay a small contribution to the lodge fund when using the lodge at a club event. The WMC policies state that a certain percentage



of the membership fees support the lodge, but every year the lodge seems to require more money than we aliquot. (This year the lodge's budget balanced, but several larger maintenance projects were delayed due to financial restraint). Fees at social events are not only for the Lodge (heat and maintenance), but are often required for the ambiance (music), basic supplies (toilet paper) and decorations. I hope club members can appreciate that the board would prefer that social events pay for themselves, since only a small fraction of the club attends such events.

I just want to say a few words on the board's recent vote on this topic. Faced with increasing prices for banquet venues, the WMC may choose to change the location for the annual awards dinner. We are forced with the decision to raise the price of the event to \$40 (not including cash bar), change the venue and loose both the band and dancing, or subsidize the event. Since it is our experience that increasing the price decreases attendance, and we didn't want to significantly subsidize an event that is only attended by 10% of the club, the board voted to consider alternate venues without music and dancing. This decision may be disappointing to long time members who consider the awards dinner a chance to pull something out of the closet other than fleece. We are sorry, but hope you can appreciate our financial constraints.

The primary focus of the annual awards dinner is the presentation of the Pa Perry award for club service and the Alexis Kelner award for conservation. In addition, outgoing members of the WMC board are heartily recognized for their service and nominations for the new WMC board are accepted. If you would like to nominate someone for either of these awards, or volunteer to participate on the board, please email me at [heidi@biochem.utah.edu](mailto:heidi@biochem.utah.edu).

See you on the Trail  
Heidi Schubert

## 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 Message

## Co-Directors: Will McCarvill & Gretchen Siegler

I have received thanks from various organizations for the participation of Wasatch Mountain Club members. It looks like our folks see the events on the web site, or in the Rambler and sign up to help weed pulling, trail maintenance and our Forest Service and BLM. Our public land organizations have seen their budget cut, or not increased, and see the existing budget spent on fighting forest fires (around 50% of the FS budget) or speeding oil and gas drilling permit processing. Here in the Wasatch, organizations have stepped in to take over the gap caused by the inability of the Forest Service to take care our mountains. These organizations raise money, hire staff and seasonal employees, and work in conjunction with the FS and other local entities.

The Cottonwood Canyons Foundation mission is to continuously improve the environment of Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons through stewardship and education programs. They can be reached at [www.cottonwoodcanyons.org](http://www.cottonwoodcanyons.org) and 801-947-8263. Activities include trail restoration, invasive weed removal, holding the Wasatch Wildflower festival, operating the Silver Lake Nature Center and hosting snowshoe fieldtrips. It is a nonpolitical nonprofit organization and accepts tax deductible donations and has a need for volunteers.

The Mountain Trails Foundation operates in the Wasatch back. It can be found at [www.mountaintrails.org](http://www.mountaintrails.org) or reached at 435-649-6839. Since most of the Park City area is private lands including ski areas, the foundation is aimed at improving recreation opportunities. It is dedicated to the promotion and preservation of trail access for non-motorized users. They have helped create a system of 300+ miles of trails built on public and private lands. Not only do they build trails, but they also promote many activities. The site provides useful information and also discusses issue like picking up after your pet and appropriate trail etiquette.

It is likely that the budget crisis afflicting public land agencies will be with us for a long time. We, as canyon users, should look into helping out those who have stepped in where our government has let us down. Please take a look at the web sites and get involved with activities that help our playground.



## Where Does All That Recycling Go?

Ever wonder what happens to your recycling after it is emptied from your container on the street? In October WMC

members toured Rocky Mountain Recycling to find out. A knowledgeable staff person showed us around and patiently answered questions.

Salt Lake County contracts with a waste management company to empty recycling containers left at the curb. The contents are taken to Rocky Mountain Recycling where they are sorted into paper, plastic, metals and 'other'. Machines and people sort the materials. All recycling materials are placed on a long conveyer with rollers. Small items, like dirt and gravel, fall through spaces between the rollers. An air system blows paper off to one side. A metal sorter takes most aluminum cans and other metals. The rest bounces down the conveyer where humans sort it further. They grab and discard items this company cannot recycle, such as clothing and clear glass. The conveyer dumps what is left, which is mostly heavier cardboard and plastics, in a pile at the end. Rocky Mountain requests that we rinse out containers—people have to touch them.

The piles of paper, metal, and plastics are sorted several times by the same process. In the end, the piles are sorted well enough to be sold. Depending on the intended use, the materials are allowed to have a small percentage of contaminants. It's close to impos-

sible to get all the plastic shopping bags out of the paper pile for example.

Rocky Mountain Recycling's business is to obtain materials to recycle and find markets for those materials. Mills in the east use most of the paper and plastic. You can see an example of loose plastic bags reduced to raw plastic for industrial use at the Rocky Mt. Website: <http://www.rockymountainrecycling.com/services.htm>. While number 1, 2 plastic are the most valuable, (some of the #1 plastic is turned into the fleece WMC members love); there is a market for mixed plastic as well. A Utah business buys mixed and 'junk' plastic to make outdoor items such as stepping-stones, doghouses and storage containers. Coors buys brown glass to make new bottles. At this time there is no market for Styrofoam so just toss those meat trays and packing materials in the trash. Packing peanuts can be reused by stores such as Mail Masters.

Taxpayers do pay to have their recycling picked up and removed, just as we pay to have garbage removed. But recycling keeps at least 45 tons a month out of the public landfills. Landfills require land and maintenance, so the more that we recycle, the more tax dollars are saved. Not to mention that recycling materials into new products is part of the solution to global warming.

You also can feel good about recycling since it provides jobs at better than minimum wage for unskilled workers and provides health insurance. Rocky Mountain used to employ prisoners on a work-release program but found that it was more cost efficient to hire workers on the open market as they got the job done more quickly and efficiently.

Marilyn Smith organized the tour, accompanied by Bob Grant, Donna Kramer, Joan Proctor, Ann Wennhold and Rose Novak

## Halloween 2008 - Spooky

This year's Halloween party was again a feast of food, fun and fantastic costumes. Music and dancing kept everyone entertained, but the costumes always steal the show. - Photos by Cheryl Soshnik



Look forward to the January Awards Banquet. Help the WMC honor and appreciate hard work and service to both the club and toward the environment. Nominations for the Pa Perry Award and the Alexis Kelner Award can be emailed to [heidi@biochem.utah.edu](mailto:heidi@biochem.utah.edu)

### Welcome New WMC members October 4th - November 11th

Lynette Brooks  
Joyce Maughan  
Christine Seaman  
Jeremy Blakespear  
Bernie Morris  
Cheryl Banks  
Craig VanZante  
William Silliman

Gary Karczewski  
Cornelia Cannon  
Michael Brown  
Joe Mikacevich  
Erin Evans  
Praveena Mohan  
Christopher Holt  
Marianne Walsh

Karen McCreary  
David Egbert  
Robert Ging  
Nicole Skidmore  
Michelle DePrizio  
John Varn  
Joel Horie  
Helen Rappaport &

Richard Rappaport  
Laura Simpson &  
Chris Matheson

## Message from the Winter Sports Director

The December schedule was put together by this year's coordinators: Mike Berry, Richard Cherian, and Ann Perry with the help of old timers like Brad Yates and Cheryl Soshnik who provided the institutional memory. The WMC always relies on volunteers, and a number of trips were submitted directly via the web site. Thanks to all who helped in filling out the schedule.

If the schedule looks sparse (there are a few days open around Christmas) consider scheduling a late-breaking trip using the wmc-ski and wmc-snowshoe email lists. This is a way to adjust the schedule based on the snow conditions long after the print Rambler deadline. Also, if you want more trips then volunteer -- either on-line or by phoning the coordinators.

Repeating from last month: The indoor avalanche talk by Bruce Tremper will be on December 13 and the outdoor field session will be on December 15. See the activity listing. This course is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** for everyone going on WMC trips. Even those who only do snowshoeing or NTD skiing are at risk because many popular routes cross below known avalanche slopes and terrain traps can exist even in relatively flat areas. Experienced skiers are needed to help with the field session.

The WMC course covers the basic basics - avalanche awareness and introductory transceiver practice. Those who regularly go to the upper bowls, ridges, and summits should plan to take one of the multiday Level 1 avalanche courses. The Level 1 course takes a block of time and is moderately expensive, but there is no substitute the learning that comes from analyzing weather trends and digging snow pits with an expert. A full list can be found on the Avalanche Center website <http://www.avalanche.org/~uac/> Look under the "Education" link at the top of the page. At the time of the Rambler deadline American Avalanche Institute has scheduled SLC/Park City area Level I classes on Dec 7-10, Dec 14-16, Jan 4-6, and Jan 10-13 so there are plenty of opportunities.



## Additional Comments from Mike Berry X-country Ski Coordinator

The winter sports program has two coordinators this season for skiing. Anne Perry will be the Backcountry Ski Coordinator, and Mike Berry will be the Ski Tour Coordinator. The Backcountry (aka "telemark") vs Ski Tour (aka "cross country") split seems alien to some of us. There was no distinction when I started Nordic skiing in Colorado back in the early 1980's. We used the same skis for everything back then in Steamboat, but technology and interests have changed. Things were a lot simpler when there was only "ski touring" and cable bindings.

For the "Backcountry Ski" program, three equipment formats will be supported on these trips: telemark skis, Alpine touring skis (AT or "Randonee") and split board/ snowboards. The committee has decided that the emphasis should not be on equipment for Backcountry trips as long as it falls into those three categories. The terrain, length and pace of the trip will determine the difficulty rating. Occasional newcomer outreach or "Break into the Backcountry" trips, pioneered by Greg Libecchi and Steve Pritchett, are planned.

The designated "Ski Tour" program will combine elements of backcountry/ telemark and track/ cross country skiing, but does not fit neatly into either category. These trips may follow paved/ jeep road surfaces at times, while at other times are truly deep into the backcountry. Terrain ranges from flats to steeps. Furthermore, the equipment of choice is not promoted by the manufacturer's, and therefore difficult to find at the retail outdoor shops. Aficionados often find themselves scouring the skis swaps for increasingly rare finds. In its most classic form, this equipment includes sturdy, comfortable leather boots, 3-pin bindings, metal-edged skis with single or double camber, and standard ski poles. Various combinations can work, but the bottom line is that boots and bindings designated for ungroomed backcountry terrain are absolutely necessary. A good, concise, suggested winter equipment list can be found at: [http://www.huts.org/trip\\_plan/10th\\_winter equip\\_list.html](http://www.huts.org/trip_plan/10th_winter equip_list.html).

Despite these constraints, we encourage folks to dig out suitable gear and give Ski Tours a try to enjoy yet another variation of Club winter outings, especially on the NTD or NTD/MOD split trips. Skins, scales, or swix (gripwax) may be used for uphill climbing. Beacons are necessary on selected tours that are designated avalanche "Caution" areas. The terrain, length and pace of the trip will determine the difficulty rating. Occasional elementary (EL) newcomer outreach trips may be planned at places like Beaver Creek Trail in the Uintas. This trail is occasionally groomed by the Forest Service and is an excellent venue for beginners and we will probably offer a trip or two there later in the season. Other unique trips of the Ski Tour program may include track skiing ('classic', or free 'skate'), as well as out-of-town yurt, or winter camping excursions.

Mark Borges on Patsey Marley - Photo by Brad Yates



## Nominations for the Board of Directors

It has come to that time of year where we once again approach you – the membership – with the request to join the WMC board and help us run the organization. I know that many of the long term participants in the club have donated their time in many ways, including already participating on the board. I would love to involve new faces and current active members of the club in our leadership. Coming to board meetings is actually a lot of fun; we are a friendly and social group. This year many members of the board are staying on to serve another year, but we are in need of volunteers for the following positions:

### **Trustee:**

**Requirements:** Must have served on the board previously.

**Position description:** Attendance at monthly board meeting and guidance to the current board on the history of the club and its constitutional and policy responsibilities.

Term: Four years. March '08 – March '12

All other positions server single year term: March '08 – '09

**Biking Director:** (Leslie and Bob Masters have volunteered)

**Requirements:** Active with the WMC-bike.

**Position description:** Attendance at board meetings, recruitment of organizers and submission of the activities to the on-line calendar, coordination of non-bike activities like trail maintenance, the pre-season planning party and post-season barbeque.

### **Hiking Co-director:**

**Requirements:** Enjoy hiking with the WMC-hike

**Position description:** This large job is split between two co-directors (Steve Duncan will act as the second Co-director for the '08-'09 year). Also helpful is Randy Long who coordinates the mailings. Main responsibilities include attendance at board meetings (only one of two co-directors is necessary), coordination of hikes, backpacks, car camps, trail maintenance and social events pertaining to the wmc-hike.

### **Lodge Co-director:**

**Requirements:** An interest in preserving the WMC lodge.

**Position description:** This large job is also split between two people (Robert Meyers is staying on to assist in the '08-'09 year). In addition to attending board meetings (only one of two co-directors is necessary). responsibilities also include participation in work parties, spear-heading work projects, working with the Lodge care-

taker and coordinating snow removal in the winter.

**Conservation Co-directors:** (need one more person – John Veranth has volunteered):

**Requirements:** A love of the outdoors.

**Position description:** Coordinate with other Utah conservation non-profits to monitor the forest service and BLM, and inform the WMC membership of current activities. The WMC offers public comments on many wilderness, trails, funding and preservation proposals.

### **Social Director:**

**Requirements:** Enjoy working, smiling and parting with others.

**Position description:** Help us coordinate the locations and details of two general membership meetings, the annual Awards banquet and several lodge parties including the Halloween party and the Old Timers / New Comers Party. Other events can be arranged according to tradition, support and director energy level.

**Winter Sports Director:** (Walt Haas has volunteered)

**Requirements:** Enjoy skiing or snowshoeing

**Position description:** This position is historically supported by non-board level coordinators, ski, snowshoe and this year a ski touring coordinator. These people will assist with recruitment of organizers and submission of the activities to the on-line calendar. As director you'll attend board meetings and coordination supplemental activities like a pre-season party, the avalanche lecture and beacon training and "break-into-the-backcountry" activities.

**Thanks to the following board members who have agreed to stay on the board another year.**

Patti O'Keefe - Secretary

Treasurer - Trisha lee

Membership Director - Marilyn Smith and Bob Grant

Hiking Co-director - Steve Duncan

Information Director - Dave Rumbellow

Lodge Co-director - Robert meyers

Mountaineering/Climbing Co-Directors -

Peter Campbell & Clark Richards

Publications Director - Jennifer Heinaman

Webmaster - Hardy Sherwood

Trustee - Linda Kosky

Trustss - Donn Seeley

Trustee - Cheryl Soshnik



An early season snowshoe up Grizzle Gulch, Cheryl, John, Tim and Gina pictured, Photo by Heidi Schubert

# 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 accommodations 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 Dave & Susan Rabiger at 964-8190 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.

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 Bob Myers (485-9209) or Mark McKenzie (913-8439) 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.**

## Lodge Service Days:

Please come help the lodge on the following WMC Service Days. Most of these dates will be filled with shoveling snow off the lodge roof and its surrounding area. Other minor interior repairs may also occur. Thanks for your help :

## 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,





## BOATING DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:

We appreciate those who showed up to help clean and store boating equipment for the winter. Now we are starting to plan the 2008 boating season. Watch the WMC web calendar for the announcement of the Permit Party in early January. At that meeting we socialize and discuss a potential boating schedule and other events. We also complete permit applications. For ideas on rivers to run and permits, members of the WMC Boaters Yahoo group can click on FILES in the Left column, then scroll down to "River Permit Information". Susan and Bob Marley have a nice web page with brief descriptions of the rivers and permits: <http://www.kwagunt.net/riverinfo.html>

Join the WMC Boaters Yahoo group for the most up-to-date information. To join, send a SUBSCRIBE message with your name and email address to Bret Mathews at [bretmaverick999@yahoo.com](mailto:bretmaverick999@yahoo.com).

Dave Rumbellow on rope, Steve on belay. A yet another famous Rick Thompson North Wash Trip. Bring your appetite and clothes to throw away. Photo by Heidi Schubert



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### Want to decrease your carbon footprint?

Starting in July the Wasatch Mountain Club will participate in a University of Utah program allowing anyone to buy wind power at \$3/mgh (megawatt hour). If you really want to put more wind on the electricity grid you'll want to buy more wind, not spend more money. Plus, the university program is tax deductible. To find out how to donate, go to <http://windpower.utah.edu>.

# 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 your activity to the club, login to the WMC website and click on "Volunteer to Organize An Activity". The appropriate director will approve and/or edit this event for inclusion in both the web calendar and Rambler submissions. 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](mailto: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. (Boaters: see Boat Directors Message on page 4 for subscription information)

**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)	B > Boulder fields or extensive bushwhacking
Lightly strenuous	E > Elevation change > 5,000 feet
4.1-8.0 > Moderate (MOD)	M > Round trip mileage > 15 mi.
Moderate to very strenuous	R > Ridgeline hiking or extensive route finding
8.1-11.0 > Most Difficult (MSD)	S > Scrambling
Very strenuous, difficult	X > Exposure
11.1+ > Extreme (EXT)	W= Wilderness area, limit 14
Very strong, well-seasoned hikers.	

*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 Meeting Place

**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).

**Butler Elementary:** 2700 E just south of 7000 S

**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.

**Ft. Union Lot #4:** 200 yards West of Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride, near the Porcupine Pub & Grille (which is located at 3698 Ft. Union Blvd)

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

**Utah Travel Council 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.

# ACTIVITIES LISTINGS

See online Calendar for updated and additional events and trips.

Date	TYPE	(DIFF)	Title	MeetingPlate
Dec 1 Sat ~ 9:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>NTD</b>	<b>Snowshoe or Hike - Leader's Choice</b>	<b>To be announced.</b>
Organizer: Liz Cordova Elizabeth.Cordova@granite.k12.ut.us Liz Cordova will lead a leaders choice snowshoe or hike depending on snow conditions on the first Saturday of the month. Destination will be emailed to the WMC snowshoe activity list and posted on the web calendar on Wednesday before.				
Dec 1 Sat ~ 8:30 am	<b>DAY HIKE</b>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CHERRY CANYON</b>	<b>Cherry Canyon trailhead</b>
Organizer: Juli Kilgore 801.244.3323 Yak Tracks Winter Hike Bring Yak Tracks for packed snow or icy trail conditions. The Orson Smith (Cherry Canyon) Trailhead is located at 12601 South 2000 East.				
Dec 1 Sat ~ 9:00 am	<b>BACKCOUNTRY SKI</b>	<b>MOD+</b>	<b>Leader's Choice</b>	<b>Registration Required</b>
Organizer: Brad Yates 801.278.2423 bnyslc@earthlink.net Destination will depend on snow conditions. Call leader to register.				
Dec 1 Sat ~ 9:30 am	<b>SNOWSHOE/HIKE</b>	<b>NTD</b>	<b>Cottonwood Canyon area</b>	<b>Butler Elementary school</b>
Organizer: Doug Stark 277-8538 Organizers Choice somewhere in our excellent Cottonwood Canyons. This outing will feature a leisurely pace with lots of turn-around-and-look-back action to absorb the winter beauty.				
Dec 1 Sat ~ 9:15 am	<b>SNOWSHOE/HIKE</b>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>Cottonwood Canyon area</b>	<b>Butler Elementary school</b>
Organizer: Holly Smith 272-5358 Organizers Choice in the Cottonwood Canyon Area. Holly would like it if participants brought chocolate covered truffles. But feel free to go even if you don't have truffles.				
Dec 2 Sun ~ 8:30 am	<b>SKI TOUR</b>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>NORTH OF IRON MINE MOUNTAIN (UINTAS)</b>	<b>Parleys Way Kmart lot: 2705 Parleys Way</b>
Organizer: Michael Berry 801.583.4721 mberryxc@earthlink.net 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 ft.). The terrain opens up for 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 for meeting plan if driving from Park City area. Carpools can be arranged to allow for separate return times. Remember MLH parking fee (\$3) 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 2 Sun ~ 9:00 am	<b>BACKCOUNTRY SKI</b>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>Leader's Choice</b>	<b>Bulter Elementary</b>
Organizer: Kerry Faigle 801.232-8984 kfaigle@sisna.com Destination will depend on snow conditions. Call leader Fri - Sat to register				
Dec 2 Sun ~ 9:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE/HIKE</b>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>Cottonwood Canyon area</b>	<b>Butler Elementary school</b>
Organizer: Brett Smith 994-1832 Without a doubt Brett Smith will organize a fine trip in the Cottonwood Canyon area. If hot, dry, and snowless weather occurs, Brett's Plan "B" is to hike. Be prepared for either.				

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Dec 2 Sun ~ 9:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE/HIKE</b>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>Scott's Pass</b>	<b>Rendezvous at Butler elementary School</b>
<p>Organizer: Carrie Clark and Rick Gamble 519-9257 skithebird@yahoo.com</p> <p>Carrie Clark and Rick Gamble are organizing this classic snowshoe trip. The outing is subject to change of destination or cancellation if weather conditions are deemed unsafe. Beacons are strongly advised.</p>				
Dec 4 Tue ~ 10:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE/HIKE</b>	<b>MOD+</b>	<b>Park City Environs</b>	
<p>Organizer: Vince DeSimone (435) 649-6805 vincedesimone@yahoo.com</p> <p>This is the first organized adventure of the season for Vince's "Tuesday Group". They leave at 10:00 AM every Tue 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/updates for all Tuesday snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions/info. The club recommends that you wear a transceiver and know how to use it.</p>				
Dec 4 Tue ~ 8:00 am	<b>BACKCOUNTRY SKIMSD</b>		<b>Tuesday Breakfast Club Ski Tours</b>	<b>Call or mail by Monday 5 pm before each tour</b>
<p>Organizer: Chris Proctor 801.485.1543 proctorgtr@aol.com</p> <p>TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD). 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. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor for meeting place.</p>				
Dec 5 Wed ~ 7:00 pm		<b>ALL</b>	<b>WMC Board Meeting</b>	<b>1390 S, 1100 E. #103</b>
<p>Organizer: Heidi Schubert 801.792.7765 heidi@biochem.utah.edu</p> <p>Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the boards attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting.</p>				
Dec 6 Thu ~ 6:00 pm	<b>CLIMB</b>	<b>NTD+</b>	<b>Gym Climbing Night</b>	<b>Momentum Climbing Gym, by REI at SouthTown Mall</b>
<p>Organizer: Peter Campbell 801.733.0313 wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com</p> <p>Come join us for our Thursday evening gym climb. This is a great way to improve your skills, gain confidence, and keep in great climbing shape. Climbers of all ability levels are welcome. Momentum is offering discounts for club members. There is an annual \$15 climbing fee to cover the cost of rope and anchor gear replacement.</p>				
Dec 6 Thu ~ 9:15 am	<b>SNOWSHOE/HIKE</b>	<b>NTD - MOD</b>	<b>THE COTTONWOODS</b>	<b>Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)</b>
<p>Organizer: Norm Pobanz 266-3703</p> <p>Norm will organize a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 AM. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where hiking and 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.</p>				
Dec 7 Fri ~ 6:00 pm		<b>NTD</b>	<b>MOVIE NIGHT</b>	<b>Pier 49 Pizza (1230 E. 2250 S.) or Highland Dr. &amp; Simpson Av.</b>
<p>Organizer: Craig Anderson 801-487-2352</p> <p>Meet Craig for dinner and a movie at Sargarhouse Movies 10</p>				

**Be Prepared! Always take the 10Es and check the local weather conditions.**

**WHAT ARE 10Es? The 10 Essentials are: Map/compass, flashlight, pocketknife, matches/ fire-starter, sunscreen/bug spray, sunglasses, candle, first aid kit, extra clothes, food and water.**

Date	TYPE	(DIFF)	Title	MeetingPlate
Dec 8 Sat ~ 10:00 am	<b>SKI</b>	<b>NTD</b>	<b>WCS SOLDIER HOLLOW CLASSICAL 10K</b>	<b>Soldier Hollow Day Lodge</b>
<p>Organizer: Michael Berry 801.583.4721</p> <p>The non-WMC Wasatch Citizens Series (WCS) consists of 5 events (2 classical technique, 3 free technique) at the major cross-country ski areas on the Wasatch Front/Back. There are 17 M/F age categories and a novice division. Points are awarded to all race finishers. Members of the last three U.S. Olympic Teams began their career in WCS races. Participant's ages range from 5 to 70+. Many families attend these events. Entry fees are nominal. For more information or questions, check the TUNA website: <a href="http://www.utahnordic.com">www.utahnordic.com</a>, or call the contact name listed here.</p>				
Dec 8 Sat ~ 1:30 pm	<b>SNOWSHOE/HIKE</b>	<b>NTD - MOD</b>	<b>Catherine Pass</b>	<b>Wasatch Mtn Club Lodge, near Brighton Ski Resort</b>
<p>Organizer: Frank Bernard 556-8041 <a href="mailto:frankbernard55@earthlink.net">frankbernard55@earthlink.net</a></p> <p>Meet at the WMC Lodge at 1:30 PM (It's about 1 hour from the base of the Big Cottonwood Canyon to get to Brighton, park your car and hike to the Lodge) and we'll snowshoe up to the pass and back. Socializing after the hike is available - be there for details. This is a gorgeous snowshoe hike with little exposure. It is an out and back so beginners can turn back at any time and follow the ski tracks/runs to the parking lot. Beacons, shovels and probes are recommended. UTA transport by bus is available - check their web site for details. If the weather is iffy call</p>				
Dec 8 Sat ~ 9:00 am	<b>SKI</b>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>Backcountry ski tour</b>	<b>Big Cottonwood Canyon Park- and-Ride</b>
<p>Organizer: William McCarvill 801-942-2921 <a href="mailto:mccarvill.william@comcast.net">mccarvill.william@comcast.net</a></p> <p>Backcountry ski tour, leader's choice. Please bring transceiver, probe, and shovel.</p>				
Dec 8 Sat ~ 9:00 am	<b>BACKCOUNTRY SKIMOD</b>		<b>Yo Yo Tour</b>	<b>6200 S and Wasatch Park and Ride</b>
<p>Organizer: Karen Perkins 801-272-2225 <a href="mailto:karenp@xmission.com">karenp@xmission.com</a></p> <p>Weekly Saturday Yo Yo Tour. Leader's Choice and condition dependent. We will find skiable powder and do laps. Please confirm with leader prior to event. Required are transceiver, shovel, and probe.</p>				

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Tim Bardsley, Mark Borges, and Brian P on top of Grizzly Gulch in an early snowfall this year. Thanks to Brad Yates for the photo and the motivation to get out skiing this year.

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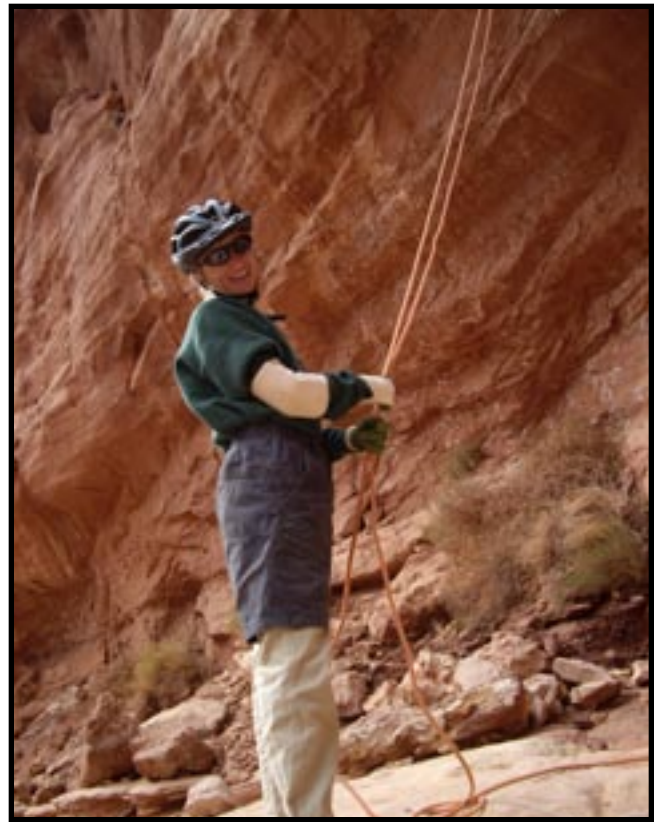
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Gina Rau on belay - North Wash. Photo By Heidi Schubert

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Dec 8 Sat ~ 9:30 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>NTD</b>	<b>Salt Lake Overlook</b>	<b>Skyline High School</b>
Organizer: Carol Anderson 485-0877 cdanderson5@yahoo.com Hike or snowshoe (depending on conditions) to Salt Lake Overlook				
Dec 9 Sun ~ 9:00 am	<b>SKI</b>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>Backcountry ski</b>	<b>Bulter Elementary</b>
Organizer: Carol Masheter 466-5729 carol_masheter@hotmail.com Leader's choice backcountry ski tour. Probably low-angle, possibly aspens, like Bear Trap, Big Water or something up Mill D. Beacon, shovel, and avalanche probe required.				
Dec 9 Sun ~ 9:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE/HIKE</b>	<b>NTD - MOD</b>	<b>Leader's Choice</b>	<b>Butler Elementary school</b>
Organizer: Gloria Watson 942-0365 Gloria Watson will conduct the Organizers Option for this outing. Depending on the conditions and the inclination of the group, Gloria will do either NTD or MOD.				
Dec 9 Sun ~ 9:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE/HIKE</b>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>Leader's Choice</b>	<b>Butler Elementary school</b>
Organizer: Mohamed Abdallah 466-9310 Organizer choice, depending on the weather conditions. 10 Essentials, Snow Shovel and Avalanche Transponder are recommended.				
Dec 9 Sun ~ 9:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>Grizzly Gulch</b>	<b>Butler Elementary school</b>
Organizer: Chris Winter 532-1646 Snowshoe to Grizzly Gulch. Carpool up Little Cottonwood Canyon to the trailhead.				

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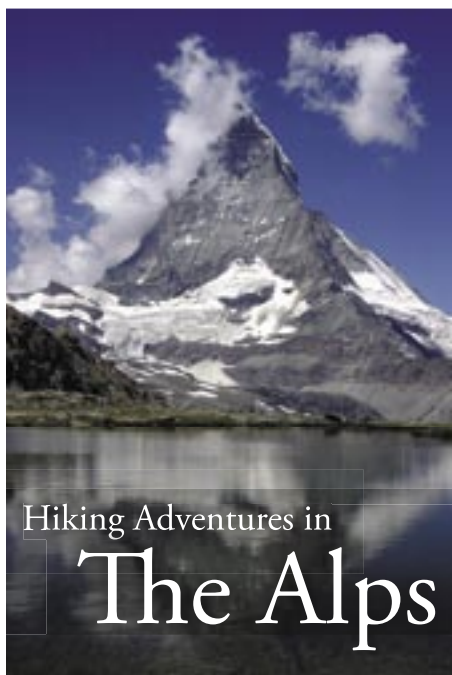
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Dec 13 Thu ~ 9:15 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>NTD - MOD</b>	<b>The Cottonwoods</b>	<b>Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)</b>
Organizer: Norm Pobanz 266-3703 Norm will organize a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 AM. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where hiking and 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.				
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Organizer: Peter Campbell 801.733.0313 <a href="mailto:wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com">wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com</a> Come join us for our Thursday evening gym climb. This is a great way to improve your skills, gain confidence, and keep in great climbing shape. Climbers of all ability levels are welcome. Momentum is offering discounts for club members. There is an annual \$15 climbing fee to cover the cost of rope and anchor gear replacement.				
Dec 13 Thu ~ 7:00 pm	<b>SKI</b>	<b>NTD</b>	<b>AVALANCHE CLINIC: ROBERT FROHBOESE ANNUAL</b>	<b>South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 6876 So. Highland Drive</b>
Organizer: John Veranth 801.278.5826 <a href="mailto:john.veranth@m.cc.utah.edu">john.veranth@m.cc.utah.edu</a> This is indoor Part 1 of the annual Bob Frohboese Memorial Avalanche Clinic. Part 2 is transceiver use field practice to be held Saturday Dec. 16. The WMC avalanche clinic focuses on basic backcountry avalanche awareness and is essential for anyone going on MOD and MSD club trips and is highly recommended for everyone. 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 in the social hall downstairs of the South Valley Unitarian Society church located at 6876 So. Highland Drive. Refreshments will be provided. A suggested \$5 donation covers costs and a portion goes to the Friends of the Avalanche Forecast Center. For more information or to volunteer to help with the clinic please contact the Winter Sports director.				

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Dec 13 Thu ~ 7:00 pm	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>NTD</b>	<b>Avalanche Clinic</b>	<b>South Valley Unitarian, 6876 So. Highland Drive</b>
<p>Organizer: John Veranth 801.278.5826 john.veranth@m.cc.utah.edu</p> <p>The annual avalanche clinic is highly recommended for all snowshoers since many popular routes cross avalanche paths. Part 1 on Thursday and Part 2 field session on Saturday. See details under the ski listings.</p>				
Dec 14 Fri ~ 6:00 pm		<b>NTD</b>	<b>MOVIE NIGHT</b>	<b>Sicilia Restaurent (145 E. 300 S.)</b>
<p>Organizer: Craig Anderson 801-487-2352</p> <p>Meet Craig for dinner and a movie at the Broadway Cinemas (Film Society)</p>				
Dec 15 Sat ~ 9:00 am	<b>SKI</b>	<b>NTD</b>	<b>Avalance Clinic Part 2 - Transceiver Practice</b>	<b>Bulter Elementary</b>
<p>Organizer: John Veranth 801.278.5826 john.veranth@m.cc.utah.edu</p> <p>This is Part 2 of the WMC clinic on basic backcountry avalanche awareness and is highly recommended for anyone doing WMC winter trips. See Thursday listing for the indoor session. This will be a hands-on field session to learn how to use the transceiver in a backcountry search. To have any level of skill at avalanche rescue you must practice out in the snow! After a morning of practice we traditionally break off into groups of like mind for a short outing. Meet at Butler Elementary parking lot, 2700 East just south of Fort Union Blvd. 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 the Winter Sports Director</p>				
Dec 15 Sat ~ 12:00 pm	<b>SKI</b>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>Post beacon practice ski tour</b>	<b>Registration Required</b>
<p>Organizer: Bradley Yates 801.278.2423 bnyslc@earthlink.net</p> <p>Following the Beacon practice Brad Yates will organize a tour to get in a few turns and discuss and practice more avalanche safety issues. Either contact Brad in advance or contact at the beacon practice. Beacon and shovel required.</p>				
Dec 15 Sat ~ 9:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>Leader's Choice</b>	<b>Butler Elementary school</b>
<p>Organizer: Jude Elizondo and Andy Beard 571-4090</p> <p>Organizer choice, depending on conditions</p>				

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Dec 15 Sat ~ 8:30 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>MSD</b>	<b>Mt. Olympus</b>	<b>Butler Elementary school</b>
Organizer: Alex Rudd 971-9245 rudd94@gmail.com Yak trax hike up Mt. Olympus. Usually only yak trax are necessary for this due to packed snow/icy conditions. Bring your snowshoes to the meeting place just in case.				
Dec 15 Sat ~ 9:00 am	<b>BACKCOUNTRY SKIMOD</b>		<b>Yo Yo Tours</b>	<b>6200 S and Wasatch Park and Ride</b>
Organizer: Karen Perkins 801-272-2225 karenp@xmission.com Weekly Saturday Yo Yo Tour. Leader's Choice and condition dependent. We will find skiable powder and do laps. Please confirm with leader prior to event. Required are transceiver, shovel, and probe.				
Dec 16 Sun ~ 9:30 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>NTD</b>	<b>BEGINNER SNOWSHOE BIG COTTONWOOD</b>	<b>Bulter Elementary</b>
Organizer: Knick Knickerbocker 801.272.2485 knikni@wfrmls.com Come join Knick Knickerbocker (272-2485) for this beginner snowshoe. Dress in layers, bring water and a snack and come prepared for a fun outing weather permitting. You can rent snowshoes from different retail stores. Poles are also recommended.				
Dec 16 Sun ~ 8:00 am	<b>SKI</b>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>Bear Trap</b>	<b>6200 South Park and Ride</b>
Organizer: Mark Borges 801.363.4504 mborges@aros.net SUN SKI/BOARD BACKCOUNTRY: Let's go skiing!!! Bear Trap. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Registration is required. Email or call Mark at mborges@xmission.com 801-363-4504.				
Dec 16 Sun ~ 9:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>Leader's Choice</b>	<b>Butler Elementary school</b>
Organizer: Mohamed Abdallah 466-9310 agm1144@yahoo.com Destination depends on weather and snow conditions				
Dec 16 Sun ~ 9:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>NTD</b>	<b>Leader's Choice</b>	<b>Butler Elementary school</b>
Organizer: Heidi Jo DeMartis 942-8088 heididemartis@excite.com Organizer's choice, depending on conditions				

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Date	TYPE	(DIFF)	Title	MeetingPlate
Dec 18 Tue ~ 8:00 am	<b>BACKCOUNTRY SKIMSD</b>		<b>Tuesday Breakfast Club Ski Tours</b>	<b>Call or mail by Monday 5 pm before each tour</b>
<p>Organizer: Chris Proctor 801.485.1543 proctorgtr@aol.com</p> <p>TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD). 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. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor for meeting place.</p>				
Dec 18 Tue ~ 10:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>MOD+</b>	<b>Park City Environs</b>	
<p>Organizer: Vince DeSimone (435) 649-6805 vincedesimone@yahoo.com</p> <p>Vince will organize a "Tuesday Group" this year. They leave at 10:00 AM every Tue 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/updates for all Tuesday snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions/info. The club recommends that you wear a transceiver and know how to use it.</p>				
Dec 20 Thu ~ 6:00 pm	<b>CLIMB</b>	<b>NTD+</b>	<b>Gym Climbing Night</b>	<b>Momentum Climbing Gym, by REI at SouthTown Mall</b>
<p>Organizer: Peter Campbell 801.733.0313 wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com</p> <p>Come join us for our Thursday evening gym climb. This is a great way to improve your skills, gain confidence, and keep in great climbing shape. Climbers of all ability levels are welcome. Momentum is offering discounts for club members. There is an annual \$15 climbing fee to cover the cost of rope and anchor gear replacement.</p>				
Dec 20 Thu ~ 9:15 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>NTD - MOD</b>	<b>The Cottonwoods</b>	<b>Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)</b>
<p>Organizer: Norm Pobanz 266-3703</p> <p>Norm will organize a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 AM. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where hiking and 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.</p>				
Dec 21 Fri ~ 6:00 pm		<b>NTD</b>	<b>MOVIE NIGHT</b>	<b>Brewvies Cinema Pub (677 S. 200 W.)</b>
<p>Organizer: Craig Anderson 801-487-2352</p> <p>Meet Craig for dinner and a movie at Brewvies</p>				

\*\*\*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!!!!

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**Be Prepared! Always take the 10Es and check the local weather conditions.**

**WHAT ARE 10Es? The 10 Essentials are: Map/compass, flashlight, pocketknife, matches/ fire-starter, sunscreen/bug spray, sunglasses, candle, first aid kit, extra clothes, food and water.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>(DIFF)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Meeting/Plate</b>
Dec 22 Sat ~ Dec 25 Tue	<b>HIKE</b>	<b>NTD+</b>	<b>Christmas in Arches NP</b>	<b>Registration Required</b>
Organizer: John and Martha Veranth 801.278.5826 john.veranth@m.cc.utah.edu It sounds crazy but we have been doing this for several years now and decided to try it as a club trip. Most years the daytime hiking is sunny and pleasant if you wear a light jacket. At Christmas the crowds are gone and you can really explore the park. Winter nights are long but campfires help, the restroom is heated, and the Arches National Park campsites are suitable for vans, trailer tents, etc. We will do group potluck dinners and maybe Santa will visit.				
Dec 22 Sat ~ 9:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>MOD+</b>	<b>Upper Green's Basin</b>	<b>Butler Elementary school</b>
Organizer: Larry Nilssen 572-3964 larrynilssen@comcast.net This trip attains Greens Basin, then continues SE to attain the ridge, to the top, 9699'. It then dives into the (hopefully) deep powder of Greens Basin Drainage. Elevation gain is ~2300', with a lot of trail breaking, ~6miles RT. Not for beginners or out of conditioners.				
Dec 22 Sat ~ 9:00 am	<b>TURTLE SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>NTD</b>	<b>Temple Quarry</b>	<b>Little Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride</b>
Organizer: Joan Proctor 474-0275 Slow paced trip to Temple Quarry				
Dec 22 Sat ~ 9:00 am	<b>BACKCOUNTRY SKIMOD</b>		<b>Yo Yo Tour</b>	<b>6200 S and Wasatch Park and Ride</b>
Organizer: Karen Perkins 801-272-2225 karenp@xmission.com Weekly Saturday Yo Yo Tour. Leader's Choice and condition dependent. We will find skiable powder and do laps. Please confirm with leader prior to event. Required are transceiver, shovel, and probe.				
Dec 23 Sun ~ 7:45 am	<b>SKI TOUR</b>	<b>MOD+</b>	<b>NORTH FORK OF THE PROVO (UINTAS)</b>	<b>Parleys Way Kmart lot: 2705 Parleys Way</b>
Organizer: Michael Berry 801.583.4721 mberryxc@earthlink.net This tour can be split for two groups if we have a NTD volunteer leader. Early start to benefit the MOD+ group. A solstice weekend outing (shortest days) of 6 or 12+ miles RT on this classic rolling wilderness tour to the old yurt site (NTD) or towards the high country of Duck Lake (MOD+). The variety of scenery is the highlight of this trip. You should bring lightweight backcountry touring skis with scales or swix (grip wax) and sturdy boots. Meet at the K Mart parking lot (SE Corner) on Parley's Way by 7:45 am. Contact trip organizer no later than noon on Saturday, Dec. 22 for meeting plan if driving from Park City area. Multiple vehicles can be taken to allow for separate return times for NTD and MOD+ groups. Remember MLH parking fee (\$3) and be prepared to share the cost of transportation.				
Dec 23 Sun ~	<b>BACKCOUNTRY SKINTD+</b>		<b>Break into the Backcountry</b>	<b>Registration Required</b>
Organizer: Hoku Pritchett 801.859-8716 This will be an introduction for those just starting to do backcountry tours. The destination will be the Meadow Chutes area.				
Dec 23 Sun ~ 1:00 pm	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>Sunday Afternoon Shoo and Soak</b>	<b>Park City Library (1255 Park Avenue)</b>
Organizer: Cheryl Soshni 435.649.9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com Do you have all your holiday shopping done? Are you ready for a little sweat and relaxation? Then come on up to Park City this afternoon for an all-levels snowshoe followed by snacks and hot tub at Chateau Cheryl. This will be an out-and-back trip so all speeds, from gazelles to turtles, are welcome. Bring snacks and delicious beverages if you want to socailize afterwards, and bring a suit and towel for the hot tub if you want to soak.				

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Dec 25 Tue ~ 9:30 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b> Organizer: Ray Duda 255-0085 Annual Xmas Day snowshoe trip, this time to Green's Basin	<b>NTD</b>	<b>Green's Basin</b>	<b>Butler Elementary school</b>
Dec 26 Wed ~	<b>BACKCOUNTRY SKIMOD</b> Organizer: Steve Pritchett 801-859-8670 Up Mill D, across the ridge into Big Water and down Millcreek canyon.		<b>Big Water Traverse</b>	<b>Registration Required</b>
Dec 27 Thu ~ 6:00 pm	<b>CLIMB</b> Organizer: Peter Campbell 801.733.0313 wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com Come join us for our Thursday evening gym climb. This is a great way to improve your skills, gain confidence, and keep in great climbing shape. Climbers of all ability levels are welcome. Momentum is offering discounts for club members. There is an annual \$15 climbing fee to cover the cost of rope and anchor gear replacement.	<b>NTD+</b>	<b>Gym Climbing Night</b>	<b>Momentum Climbing Gym, by REI at SouthTown Mall</b>
Dec 27 Thu ~ 9:15 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b> Organizer: Norm Pobanz 266-3703 Norm will organize a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 AM. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where hiking and 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.	<b>NTD - MOD</b>	<b>The Cottonwoods</b>	<b>Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)</b>
Dec 28 Fri ~ 6:00 pm	<b>NTD</b> Organizer: Craig Anderson 801-487-2352 Meet Craig for dinner and a movie at the Gateway Megaplex		<b>MOVIE NIGHT</b>	<b>Rio Grande Cafe (455 W. 300 S.)</b>
Dec 29 Sat ~ 9:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b> Organizer: Heidi Jo DeMartis 942-8088 heididemartis@excite.com Organizer's choice, depending on conditions	<b>NTD</b>	<b>Leader's Choice</b>	<b>Butler Elementary school</b>
Dec 29 Sat ~ 9:00 am	<b>BACKCOUNTRY</b> Organizer: Tim Bardsley 801-557-3783 timbard99@yahoo.com Backcountry ski tour. Leader's Choice. Please call Tim to register and to confirm meeting place and time. Expect a full day.	<b>MOD+</b>	<b>Ski tour-Tri Canyons Area</b>	<b>Registration Required</b>
Dec 29 Sat ~ 9:00 am	<b>BACKCOUNTRY SKIMOD</b> Organizer: Karen Perkins 801-272-2225 karenp@xmission.com Weekly Saturday Yo Yo Tour. Leader's Choice and condition dependent. We will find skiable powder and do laps. Please confirm with leader prior to event. Required are transceiver, shovel, and probe.		<b>Yo Yo Tour</b>	<b>6200 S and Wasatch Park and Ride</b>
Jan 1 Tue ~ 10:00 am	<b>TURTLE SNOWSHOE</b> Organizer: Ellen Jenkins 293-9198 Snowshoe trip to Dog Lake	<b>NTD</b>	<b>Dog Lake</b>	<b>Butler Elementary school</b>
Jan 3 Thu ~ 6:00 pm	<b>CLIMB</b> Organizer: Peter Campbell 801.733.0313 wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com Come join us for our Thursday evening gym climb. This is a great way to improve your skills, gain confidence, and keep in great climbing shape. Climbers of all ability levels are welcome. Momentum is offering discounts for club members. There is an annual \$15 climbing fee to cover the cost of rope and anchor gear replacement.	<b>NTD+</b>	<b>Gym Climbing Night</b>	<b>Momentum Climbing Gym, by REI at SouthTown Mall</b>



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Jan 3 Thu ~ 9:15 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>NTD - MOD</b>	<b>The Cottonwoods</b>	<b>Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)</b>
<p>Organizer: Norm Pobanz 266-3703</p> <p>Norm will organize a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 AM. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where hiking and 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.</p>				
Jan 5 Sat ~ 9:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>NTD</b>	<b>Snowshoe or Hike - Leader's Choice</b>	<b>To be announced.</b>
<p>Organizer: Liz Cordova Elizabeth.Cordova@granite.k12.ut.us</p> <p>Liz Cordova will lead a leaders choice snowshoe or hike depending on snow conditions on the first Saturday of the month. Destination will be emailed to the WMC snowshoe activity list and posted on the web calendar on Wednesday before.</p>				
Jan 5 Sat ~ 9:00 am	<b>DAY HIKE</b>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>HOUNDSTOOTH</b>	<b>Butler Elementary</b>
<p>Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801.244.3323</p> <p>Yak Tracks Winter Hike. This foothills hike is much more pleasant when the scrub oak is dormant. We'll shoot for the granite outcrop that borders Ferguson Canyon. Meet at the Butler Elementary parking lot at 9 a.m. If snow conditions are not good for the hike, we can join the snowshoers</p>				
Jan 5 Sat ~ 9:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>Leader's Choice</b>	<b>Butler Elementary school</b>
<p>Organizer: Mohamed Abdallah 466-9310 agm1144@yahoo.com</p> <p>Destination depends on weather and snow conditions</p>				
Jan 8 Tue ~ 10:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>MOD - MSD</b>	<b>Park City Environs</b>	
<p>Organizer: Vince DeSimone (435) 649-6805 vinedesimone@yahoo.com</p> <p>Vince will organize a "Tuesday Group" this year. They leave at 10:00 AM every Tue 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/updates for all Tuesday snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions/info. The club recommends that you wear a transceiver and know how to use it.</p>				
Jan 9 Wed ~ 9:15 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>NTD - MOD</b>	<b>The Cottonwoods</b>	<b>Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)</b>
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**"KNOW BEFORE YOU GO" by checking snow and weather conditions at <http://www.avalanche.org/~uac/>**  
**Before you participate in any WMC winter sports activity please review the Winter Sports Policy located on the club website [www.wasatchmountainclub.org](http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org)** Before entering avalanche terrain, the club recommends you attain backcountry 'safe travel' and 'avalanche awareness' education AND attain and learn to use a transceiver, probe and shovel. Organizers are expected to keep the group together and use proper backcountry etiquette

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Jan 10 Thu ~ 6:00 pm	<b>CLIMB</b>	<b>NTD+</b>	<b>Gym Climbing Night</b>	<b>Momentum Climbing Gym, by REI at SouthTown Mall</b>
Organizer: Peter Campbell 801.733.0313 wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com Come join us for our Thursday evening gym climb. This is a great way to improve your skills, gain confidence, and keep in great climbing shape. Climbers of all ability levels are welcome. Momentum is offering discounts for club members. There is an annual \$15 climbing fee to cover the cost of rope and anchor gear replacement.				
Jan 12 Sat ~ 9:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>MOD+</b>	<b>Maybird Lakes</b>	<b>Butler Elementary school</b>
Organizer: Larry Nilssen 572-3964 larrynilssen@comcast.net Maybird is a state of mind, usually lost. We will seek the guidance of the Ancient Maybirds, and hope to find a good ski track to poach, as there is no real trail. A delightful but fairly difficult trip. Not for beginners or out of conditioners. Elevation gain ~2,200', RT ~7+miles.				
Jan 12 Sat ~ 10:00 am	<b>TURTLE SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>NTD</b>	<b>Cardiff</b>	<b>Butler Elementary school</b>
Organizer: Ellen Jenkins 293-9198 Snowshoe trip to Cardiff				
Jan 12 Sat ~ 9:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>NTD</b>	<b>Green's Basin</b>	<b>Butler Elementary school</b>
Organizer: Mary Ann Losee 278-2423 Snowshoe trip to Green's Basin				
Jan 12 Sat ~ 8:30 am	<b>BACKCOUNTRY SKI</b>	<b>MOD+</b>	<b>Big Cottonwood to Millcreek ski tour.</b>	<b>Registration Required</b>
Organizer: Bradley Yates 801.278.2423 bnyslc@earthlink.net This tour will travel from Big Cottonwood to Millcreek canyon. The plan is to ski multiple sub drainages such as Willows, Bear Trap, Powder Park, and out Big or Little Water drainages. The nature of the tour is subject to change due to snow and or avalanche conditions, it may get more aggressive or passive dependent on those factors. Regardless expect a full day of skiing covering a wide range of terrain. We will use a bus/car shuttle system for access. Beacon, shovel and avalanches safety awareness required.				
Jan 13 Sun ~ 9:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>Organizer's Choice Big Cottonwood</b>	<b>Bulter Elementary</b>
Organizer: Knick Knickerbocker 801.272.2485 knikni@wfrmls.com Join Knick Knickerbocker (272-2485) for this organizer's choice in Big Cottonwood snowshoe. Depending on weather and safety conditions Knick plans a fun workout for today. Meet Knick and other fun loving snowshoers at 9 am at Butler Elementary to carpool. Come prepared.				
Jan 17 Thu ~ 6:00 pm	<b>CLIMB</b>	<b>NTD+</b>	<b>Gym Climbing Night</b>	<b>Momentum Climbing Gym, by REI at SouthTown Mall</b>
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Jan 24 Thu ~ 6:00 pm	<b>CLIMB</b>	<b>NTD+</b>	<b>Gym Climbing Night</b>	<b>Momentum Climbing Gym, by REI at SouthTown Mall</b>
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Jan 31 Thu ~ 6:00 pm	<b>CLIMB</b>	<b>NTD+</b>	<b>Gym Climbing Night</b>	<b>Momentum Climbing Gym, by REI at SouthTown Mall</b>
<p>Organizer: Peter Campbell 801.733.0313 wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com</p> <p>Come join us for our Thursday evening gym climb. This is a great way to improve your skills, gain confidence, and keep in great climbing shape. Climbers of all ability levels are welcome. Momentum is offering discounts for club members. There is an annual \$15 climbing fee to cover the cost of rope and anchor gear replacement.</p>				
Feb 2 Sat ~ 9:00 am	<b>SNOWSHOE</b>	<b>NTD</b>	<b>Snowshoe or Hike - Leader's Choice</b>	<b>To be announced.</b>
<p>Organizer: Liz Cordova Elizabeth.Cordova@granite.k12.ut.us</p> <p>Liz Cordova will lead a leaders choice snowshoe or hike depending on snow conditions on the first Saturday of the month. Destination will be emailed to the WMC snowshoe activity list and posted on the web calendar on Wednesday before.</p>				
Feb 7 Thu ~ 6:00 pm	<b>CLIMB</b>	<b>NTD+</b>	<b>Gym Climbing Night</b>	<b>Momentum Climbing Gym, by REI at SouthTown Mall</b>
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Feb 7 Thu ~ Feb 11 Mon	<b>BIKE</b>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>DEATH VALLEY ANNUAL BIKE TRIP</b>	
<p>Organizer: Bob Wright 801.274-0756 bobanddenna@comcast.net</p> <p>We will again escape from the snow, zero temperatures and smog to spend a few days in the vast warm beauty of Death Valley. This trip has been going on for a long time, and we always have a great time. Camping will be at the Furnace Creek campground walk in tent sites. Rides are day trips. Possibilities are Badwater, Artist's Palette, Scotty's Castle, Stovepipe Wells, and perhaps Titus Canyon (Mountain Biking). There are also many good hikes available, including Wildrose Charcoal Kilns, and for the ambitious, Telescope Peak. Showers and swimming are available at Furnace Creek. Itineraries are flexible. We will do group cooking, and stay at the Walk In Tent Sites as before. The planning meeting is on Jan. 25 at 7:00 PM at Bob and Denna Wright's house, 1832 Meadow Moor Rd. (5000 South and 1800 East). Cooking pods, pod leaders, logistics and carpooling will be the topics. Cost of the trip is \$50.00 per person due on or before the planning meeting which includes camping and food. Transportation and park entrance fees are up to the individuals. If you have a geezer pass (Golden Age Pass) bring it. Please register with Bob or Denna Wright by January 18. Phone is 801-274-0756, or email bobanddenna@comcast.net</p>				

## Upcoming Events

Kilimanjaro Climb Lemosho-Lava Tower Route

**10 days climbing.**

Dates: 9/20-10/10/08

Holly Smith is climbing Kilimanjaro next year and she wants you to join her on this exciting trip. After the climb we can do an optional 5-day safari extension. At this point Christel has a great airfare for us. Seats are already very limited for September/October. If you are interested, contact Christel, who has put this trip together for me at 943-0316 or Holly at 272-5358 for more details.





Lake Blanche after first snow-  
fall - Photo by Bob Athey



## NON-WMC Activities

### REI COMMUNITY CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER

DATE: November 6th, 2007  
CONTACT: Eric Spreng  
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SANDY CITY - T REI is located at  
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SNOWSHOEING 101

Thursday, December 6th, 7pm

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SALT LAKE CITY - REI is located at 3285 East & 3300 South.  
INTRODUCTION TO AVALANCHE AWARENESS

Tuesday, December 11th, 7pm

In this evening’s presentation, a local avalanche professional will tell their story about close calls or accidents they have experienced in the backcountry and show a narrated video of avalanches, people triggering avalanches and the destructive power of avalanches. This presentation will then focus on instruction on the basics of how to recognize avalanche terrain & obvious signs of instability, safe travel practices, basics of avalanche rescue equipment and self-rescue procedures, and where to obtain information about current avalanche conditions. The Know Before You Go avalanche education program is an all ages and family event presented by experts from the Utah Avalanche Forecast Center.

#### CLASSES:

AMERICAN AVALANCHE INSTITUTE LEVEL 1  
AVALANCHE COURSES

November 30th through December 2nd

December 7th through 9th

December 14th through 16th

This course presents basic information about weather, snowpack, and terrain factors which contribute to avalanche hazard.

Students dig snow pits, identify weak and strong layers, and practice route finding. The Level I Course begins with either one or two evening sessions, and then two full days with emphasis on field work. Evening sessions run from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Courses are half in the classroom and half in the field. Level I and Level II courses follow course guidelines as presented by the American Association of Avalanche Professionals. Tuition is \$185. Please register by phone or in person through REI SLC’s Customer Service Department at 801-486-2100. Visit <http://www.avalanchecourse.com/index.shtml> for more information.

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### STAY SAFE IN THE OUTDOORS: BASIC WILDERNESS LIFE SUPPORT CLASS

Saturday, December 1st, 9:30am

Created for all outdoor enthusiasts, the Basic Wilderness Life Support certification is a one day course designed to help you prevent and treat injuries and illnesses common in outdoor activities. Developed at the University of Utah, School of Medicine the course will teach you to prepare for your outing, assess injuries and scene safety, decide whether to evacuate or treat a patient, and methods of evacuation. The curriculum was developed from our advanced course used to train medical professionals and will be taught by one of our certified instructors. The course includes morning lectures at REI and an afternoon outdoors (weather permitting) participating in hands on scenarios. At the end of the day you will receive your BWLS certificate. Tuition is \$95. Please contact REI’s customer service department at 801-486-2100 to register or visit [www.bwls.org](http://www.bwls.org).

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**WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
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Please read carefully and completely fill out both sides of the page. Print legibly, please.

I am applying for a:      ☐ New Membership      ☐ Reinstatement  
                                 ☐ Single                              ☐ Couple

Name: Applicant 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Applicant 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant 1: Main phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant 2: Main phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIVACY INFORMATION:** The WMC defaults to publish name, phone and email on website “Member’s list” area. This information is only available to active members on the web site. With your permission, we also occasionally release our address list to WMC-Board approved wilderness and/or conservation organizations for one-time mailings under the stipulation that they do not continue to use the list or provide it to other. You may opt to (1) have your address published on the “Members Only” area but not made available to other organizations, (2) have your address published on the “Members Only” area and provided to Board-approved organizations, or (3) not have your address on the WMC roster nor given to other organizations.

**YOU NEED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION:** Once you have been notified that your application has been accepted, log in to the WMC site and select your level of privacy from the menu under Club Preferences. If you do not have computer access or need help, please contact the Membership Director to make your preferences known.

If you would like a printed copy of the membership roster, you may download a pdf file.

If you are a member and do not have computer access and would like a membership roster, please contact the Membership Director and that list will be provided to you.

**Membership dues:**

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

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

\$25.00 for student membership (\$20.00 dues, plus \$5.00 paper application fee)

Student members must be full-time student, age 30 and under.

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for application fee and first year’s dues. Check or money order only. Please make checks payable to Wasatch Mountain Club.

Leave blank for office use:

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Received \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

Board Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check signature & initials \_\_\_\_\_

**WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)**  
**Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgement of Risk and Release from Liability**

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

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** I am aware the WMC activities may involve risks, and could result in injury, illness, death and damage or loss of property. These dangers include, but are not limited to: the hazards of traveling in remote wilderness areas without medical services or ☐

and the negligent actions of other persons or agencies. The WMC is not, nor does it provide, a professional guiding service. In order to partake in the 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: Applicant 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Signature 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application to:

Membership Director  
Wasatch Mountain Club  
1390 South 1100 East #103  
Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2443

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

- For Sale: Komperdell Ultralight Carbon Fiber Poles, with 2 adjustments. Perfect for hiking, backpacking, power walking, trekking, or cross country skiing. Member price \$95.00. Contact Gene Dennis, 801 295 5252, or email: [higene27090@yahoo.com](mailto:higene27090@yahoo.com)
  
- For Sale: SNOWSHOES - new MSR Denali Classics \$99. [vincedesimone@yahoo.com](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) 435-649-6805.

## Using the website to post Activities:

In recent months the WMC has transitioned from a system whereby all activities listed in the Rambler are also listed on the homepage of the WMC website. Volunteers are always needed to organize activities in the WMC and members can do so in two ways. You can contact the appropriate director of the activity you are interested in organizing. They can help you decide what to organize, when and where. (In practice, this also works in the opposite direction, whereby you may get a call or email asking for your time and assistance). The director may enter this activity into the website for you if you request. Alternately, you can enter your activity directly into the website using the volunteer form of the internal side of the website. The activity will be held for approval by the appropriate director and then released to the website and the Rambler as normal. Obviously, it saves the director time if you volunteer directly on the website rather than waiting for the call you know is coming. Instructions on submitting activities to the website are found below.

### There are only 3 steps to posting an activity. It's easy!

1. Log in on the WMC website <http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org>
  - a. Follow the "Login/Volunteer/Email" button
  - b. Default usernames and password are listed on the login page, but you may have trouble and need webmaster assistance – do not hesitate to email if you have problems.
  - c. Once logged in you can change your password to help you remember in the future.
2. Click on "Volunteer to Lead an Activity" tab in the left column.
3. Fill out the entry fields, Preview and submit.
  - a. Title should probably include an intending location if applicable.
  - b. TYPE is Hike, Bike, Ski etc, but SUBTYPE is a helpful way explaining more specifically what will happen on the activity. The "subtype" is what is actually listed on the website calendar heading. Please use the subtype whenever applicable.
  - c. There are fields for meeting location, and date/time. You can enter your own meeting location if a new location is needed.
  - d. Put as much information as you want in the description – remember that this is a general description to entice other members to join you on the activity. People can contact the organizer for more details if necessary.
  - e. Select a difficulty level for your activity. Yes, we restrict you to a selection and yes, this does not adequately describe any activity from start to finish. But, this is historically how we have described events within the WMC and for now you will have to place more detailed information in the description of the event (elevation gain, avalanche danger, river class, climb ratings). We are working on upgrading this section.
  - f. Make sure your contact information is correct. If it isn't you might check your "personal information" in your WMC account by using other left hand tabs.
  - g. Preview you submission and edit if necessary – then submit. A director will approve your submission within 2-5 days and it will appear on the calendar. Activities on the calendar by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month will appear in the next month's Rambler.

Thanks for trying to submit activities to the website. There are still bugs in the website, but we hope you can manage to get around these inconveniences until we can smooth out the system. The director's appreciate your assistance.

Acalanche Clinic  
Dec. 13th @ 7pm  
South Valley Unitarian  
Universalist Society  
6876 So. Highland Drive

Beacon Practice  
Dec 15th

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

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