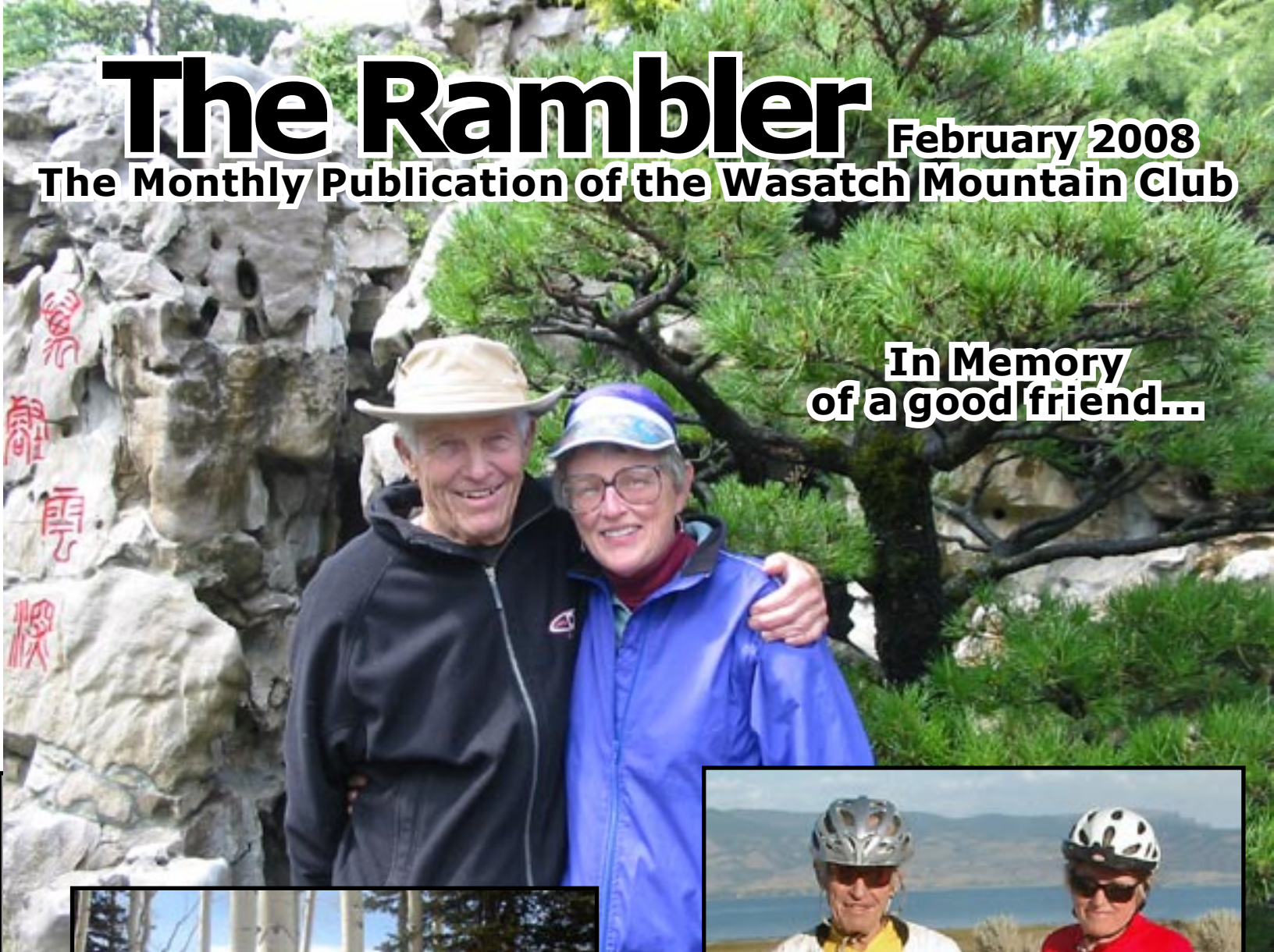


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Bob & Denna Wright - Lewis and Clark trail, Japanese Garden; Bob at end of season Snowshoe; Bob & Denna biking at Bear Lake

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From the President by Heidi Schubert

A year on the WMC board goes faster than you think. I would like to take this opportunity to thank board members who are finishing their responsibilities and those who have agreed to stay on another year.

After 50 years in the club Alexis Kelner (Trustee) is an inspiration to us all. I appreciate all his kind advice, his historic knowledge, his talks on Utah snow and club history and his friendship during our woodshop class when I would rush out to the board meeting and he would smile from behind the beard and the lathe and say "Oh, I'm not going to make it to the meeting tonight."

Audrey Rindfleisch is stepping down as Biking director after three years of devotion. She energized our small group, providing an atmosphere of collaborative effort where everyone participates to generate a full schedule of both road and mountain rides.

Beverly Emrick has been our Social director in recent years and will be devoting more of her time to a new effort in real estate. Beverly has always enjoyed a good party, and deserves our thanks and appreciation.

Mark Bloomenthal is finishing as Hiking Co-director, but



is as active as ever in our WMC community – I received his 'bring your flashlight' reminder for a night hike a few days ago. They say "lead by example" and Mark has tirelessly worked to support the hiking community while apparently enjoying himself the whole time.

Mark McKenzie is stepping down as Lodge Co-director this year. Mark helped protect and maintain our club heritage throughout the year, but notably stepped in over our recent thanksgiving holiday to manage a short water crisis prior to protective snowfall. Thanks very much for your time Mark.

Finally, thanks to all the directors who are staying on for another year on the board, and to all the coordinators who help us in the background, in particular those that I don't see regularly: Kyle Williams, Bret Mathews, Margie Gelner, Rick Thompson, Mike Treshow, Chris Venizelos, Chris Biltorf, Anne Perry, Rich Cherian, Hardy Sherwood, Todd Nerney and Dave and Susan Rabiger.

Together we make it work.
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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.

Voting for the Board of Directors

The 2008 WMC board elections will take place this year at the Feb 9th Awards banquet. Members wishing to attend without partaking in the dinner are invited to join us for free at 8:00pm (see awards banquet information on last page). If you cannot attend, please detach the voting ballot below and mail to the club office by February 15th. It may seem trivial to vote for only one person, but these people have volunteered their time and deserve your recognition and support.

Please vote: Trustee (2008-2012) _____ Jerry Hatch Winter Sports Director: _____ Walt Haas Biking Co-Director: _____ Leslie Masters Biking Co-Director: _____ Bob Masters Hiking Co-directors: _____ Lodge Co-director: _____ Conservation Co-director: _____ John Veranth Conservation Co-director: _____ Kyle Williams Social Director: _____	Many thanks to returning board members: Secretary - Patti O'Keefe Treasurer - Trisha Lee Membership Director - Marilyn Smith and Bob Grant Hiking Co-director - Steve Duncan Information Director - Dave Rumbellow Lodge Co-director - Robert Meyers Boating Director: Donna Kramer Mountaineering/Climbing Co-Directors - Peter Campbell & Clark Richards Publications Director - Jennifer Heineman Webmaster - Hardy Sherwood Trustee - Linda Kosky Trustee - Donn Seeley Trustee - Cheryl Soshnik
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Boating Message

Director: Donna Kramer

Spending time by water is magical. Spending time with people who love rivers is pretty darn fun. We had a wonderful turn-out for the January permit planning meeting. After stuffing themselves with pizza, river people completed applications for four river lotteries. After the lottery, we can call to request an open launch date. Did you know there are more than 50 river sections within a day's drive that either have no permit, or a permit is very easy to get?

Boaters meet again in early March to decide what trips to organize this year. The meeting starts with another Pizza Party, because boaters love to eat well. Please join us, meet this interesting WMC group and learn more about how trips are organized. Then participate in an activity that is appropriate for you. Everyone is welcome!

Like all other WMC activities, boating activities range from easy and relaxing to exhilarating and challenging. We introduce new boaters to the sport constantly, develop skills, train on safety, and participate in river service projects. You will not find a cheaper, safer river trip than with the WMC boaters.

You don't have to be experienced or have a lot of equipment to join WMC trips - just be willing to learn and looking for a lot of fun and some adventure. WMC boaters own – and rent – a satellite phone, rafts, inflatable kayaks, life jackets, safety equipment, portable kitchens and toilets. Longer trips include transportation and meals. Each May WMC boaters sponsor a beginner's weekend trip. Skilled and knowledgeable WMC members encourage education and safety in all trips. We share river skills and comfort tricks.

All WMC activities are organized by volunteers. When YOU get involved, YOU decide whether YOUR trip is a local trip for a few hours, a weekend trip, or a week 'vacation'. YOU decide whether the trip is family friendly, a new adventure, or a service project. No matter what you choose, you will feel the physical, mental and spiritual benefits of being on a river. Boaters have a Trip Organizer's Guide to make the job of organizing a trip easier. So please consider participating in a boating activity.

WMC Boaters have a Yahoo group with the most up-to-date information. To join the group, send a SUBSCRIBE message with your name and email address to Bret Mathews at bretmaverick999@yahoo.com. Margie Gendler will continue to coordinate canoeing activities. She can be reached at 801-712-7890 or email to gendler801@aol.com.

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.

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 :

Up coming Work Parties:
January 27, Saturday

March 8, Saturday

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,



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.



Robert H. Wright
07/21/1926 – 01/11/2008



It is my humble responsibility to tell you that our longtime friend Bob Wright has died. Bob has been awarded the 2008 Pa Perry Service Award – presented to WMC members who give more than their share of time and energy to the club. Among other things, Bob organizes a week of road riding in Death Valley. This year 25 people signed up to join him the same week as the awards dinner - so he would miss our presentation. Unfortunately, Bob was ill recently and unable to go on the bike trip. I tried to give this news a positive spin and visited him in the hospital to tell him about the award. I thanked him for his dedication to the club. He was quite excited to hear this news and looked forward to the dinner, even if he had to leave his bike at home. Bob died of a heart attack on January 11, 2008.

Heidi
Schubert



Never too young to begin new quests...that had to be Bob Wright's credo. Age is just a state of mind, and in his view Bob was indeed the 39 years old he claimed to be. Every year, he experienced new adventures with friends and family. With that infectious silly grin and pony tail, this kid-at-heart would jump headlong into all his escapades.

Just this last summer, Bob and some family members crewed on a tall sailing ship for 2 weeks off the coast of Washington state. In June 2006, he ran his first half-marathon, and in 2007 he took first place in his age category. To top it off and celebrate his accomplishment, he attended the Burning Man festival in Nevada.

For the last 40 years, Bob has been WMC bicyclist extraordinaire. He's led several multi-year WMC cross country trips as well as day rides. Bob's annual Bear Lake Century and Death Valley trip have become a club tradition. His pace has slowed down a bit in the last couple years, but he was happy to front the "cardiac pace line" on our Friday bike rides.

The Wasatch Mountain Club has lost a legend. A life member of 55 years, Bob was president for two years, trip coordinator and member of the ski committee. Only Bob could get away with calling Alexis Kelner, his friend and mere 50-year member of the club, a "newcomer". As Heidi has mentioned, we had just awarded Bob with this year's Pa Perry Award for Service to the club, as a small "thank you" for his contributions to WMC.

He was still living life large when he was taken away from us way too soon on January 11th 2008. He'd gotten his "free geezer pass" at Alta and was looking forward to skiing all that new powder. He was in the process of organizing his annual Death Valley bike trip in February. He had plans for more club and family trips in 2008. He leaves behind his wonderful wife Denna, his 5 daughters, their families, and all of us in his extended WMC family.

Bob was my hero. I'm going to miss his goofy jokes and his "can-do" attitude. I admire his perspective toward age...you are only as old as you believe you are. I am also going to start counting backwards once I reach 60, just like Bob did...it's a good tradition to pass on. We'll all miss you Bob, you are an inspiration and have made this world a better place!

Cheryl Soshnik



A Farewell to Fred Bruenger (1925 – 2007)

By Dennis and Karin Caldwell

The WMC has for many years served as a haven of the Utah Counterculture, a focal point for contemplative individuals who do not choose to celebrate their beliefs in the conventional institutions dedicated for such purposes. So it is not surprising that this immigrant and survivor of war torn Europe would find his way into the path of its orbit. Some people are destined to be moulded by their peer group, while others stamp their own imprimatur and leave a lasting impression.

A select brotherhood who play an active role in the affairs of any organization are those ready to take on the hard decisions. While the Club abounds in self-disciplined individuals, this virtue has not always been a dominant force in its group behaviour. One cannot help but feel that Fred's firm guiding hand during his tenure as *Hiking Director* has been instrumental in shielding us from the depredations of this litigious society. As a key player in the boating contingent he imposed continual reality checks on the fiscal vagaries of the bus, the yeoman work of those who drove and serviced it notwithstanding. Such persistence eventually led to the dawn of a new era in the club's river running activities where at last we could subscribe without reservation to one of a bygone era's common carrier slogans: "Getting there is half the fun!"

One of the most memorable and challenging events in our minds was a marathon hike in the Wind River Mountains. All told this added up to 35-40 miles in one day. Despite a chronic back problem from an old injury, Fred maintained the necessary pace of this spectacular loop trek so that we were always on schedule and not subjected to the indignity of a bivouac. When we reached the surging Green River, there was no bridge; again Fred's resourcefulness devised an effective human chain, whereby everyone could draw on each other's strength for stability as we waded across. As a measure of how exhausting this trip was for some of us, soon after this critical moment the first of our four German Shepherds slipped and fell into a small but fast flowing tributary of the Green and had to be fished out. Without wishing to deprecate the stoic efforts of all involved, I have the distinct impression that Fred was the less worse off for wear.

No account of the Utah chapter in Fred Bruenger's life would be complete without mention of his unflagging efforts on behalf of the *Lone Peak Wilderness* campaign. As a charter member of the steering committee, despite a gruelling academic schedule of research and teaching, he never failed to pitch in at critical moments in this odyssey. It was clear to him that, unlike the *vested interests*, in such grass roots movements there is no standing army. For this dedication he was subsequently given the coveted Pa Perry award.

It has occurred to us that the world is divided into *observers* and *projectors*; as members of the first class we remember following in awe the progress of building their dream house in Castle Valley. This seems to have taken the better part of a decade. It is one thing to build a cabin or two on an adjacent lot in evenings and weekends; it is quite another to select a site that is many hours drive from one's home and livelihood. Starting with a luxurious garage that could have suited the needs of the less discriminating, Fred and Eveline spent untold weekends hauling supplies down to southern Utah where they not only did building but landscaping as well. During this intensive period they still had time to invite us on some picturesque ski tours in their beloved *Red Rock* country.

On a final note, while Fred made many new friends and pursued a successful career in America, he could never have made a total break with the past. This was driven home to us on the intimate New Years Eve celebrations the four of us spent at their home drinking Glühwein and listening to Die Fledermaus – a micro-Germany in the foothills of the Wasatch.



Trip Report

Bhutan: The Last Trekking Season in the Isolated Himalayan Kingdom

For years I have been fascinated by the pictures of Bhutan in travel brochures-- Bhutanese in traditional dress, Himalayan scenery, Buddhist monks, and unique architecture. When I learned that the King of Bhutan had announced a transition to democracy, I knew I had to see Bhutan in its pristine glory, before the "global economy" and other Western influences drive the traditional culture to fade away.

Bhutan is located between Tibet and India. Tucked within the Himalayas, Bhutan was long kept secret from the rest of the world. At 17,954 square miles, Bhutan is the size of Switzerland. Although Bhutan is 1/5 the size of Utah, it may take two weeks of driving to traverse the country. Of course, that depends if the one vulnerable cross-country road is blocked by snow (in winter) or landslides (in summer).



Tiger's Nest, Paro Bhutan



Laya Woman and Child

In the village of Gasa, curious young monks wearing traditional red robes overcame their shyness to try on my sunglasses. "Dangerous!" one of them shouted in English as he flaunted the shades to his fellow monks. It was astonishing to observe how something as simple as sunglasses could amuse the austere holy boys for hours.

My trekking route led to increasingly higher elevations. Bhutan is covered by all climatic zones, starting from sub-tropical jungles in southern Bhutan (bordering with India) to high alpine plateaus. On the trail, I would occasionally pass a local resident walking the opposite direction. I was bundled up in Gore-tex® to protect from the occasional shower, but the Bhutanese wore traditional dress – a "gho" for men and a "kira" for women. Their clothing did not appear to be rain resistant, but I was always met with smiles and "Kuzuzangbo" or "Hello"! Dzongkha, the national language, uses the same script as Tibetan. Although their histories are intertwined, the spoken words of Dzongkha and Tibetan are different. English is the official working language, and both English and Dzongkha are taught to children in Bhutanese schools.

On trekking day six I watched a woman washing clothing in the stream outside the village of Laya. I attempted to communicate with her through gestures, but only succeeded in exchanging smiles and giggles. I wondered if this happy

woman was aware of the upcoming changes in her country's government, and if the rumors I had heard are true. I had been told that people in Bhutan love their King, and are very sad to be pushed into Democracy. But wouldn't this woman aspire for the simple improvements electricity could bring (such as a washing machine)? If a politician promised modernization for rural villages, would they win the local election? Or would people vote to prolong their primitive but peaceful lifestyle?

After one week of trekking, I was amazed to see such little human impact on such a vast area of pristine countryside. The natural environment is seen as the living place of gods and spirits and is revered by the people of Bhutan. Seventy-three percent of Bhutan is forested because the country has allowed only sustainable development. A permit is required to cut down any tree. Rivers and lakes are pure and endangered species are protected. Bhutan is reported to have 165 species of mammal including the endangered takin, langur, and very elusive snow leopard. Six hundred and seventy five different species of birds have been identified; the most popular being the black-necked cranes that winter in Bhutan.

Culturally Bhutan has no parallel. For many centuries, the Himalayan Mountains isolated Bhutan so that its language, society and social customs developed with little external influence. Mahayana Buddhism permeates and inspires all of Bhutanese life. Hunting, fishing and the sale of tobacco is prohibited. Prayer flags and religious structures dot the landscape. A major attraction for tourists is attending one of the Tsechu ceremonies. In contrast with many other countries, Bhutan's ceremonies are not relics of the past - they are still important aspects of everyday life.

All new construction in Bhutan must conform to the old style of architecture. The country's magnificent architecture forms a significant part of the Bhutanese identity; you will not see any modern buildings when visiting. The structural design is striking especially when you learn that neither blueprints nor nails are used in construction. All homes have distinctive pressed earth (mud) walls supported by heavy timber frames. The building's exterior is then painted white; while exposed wooden beams are meticulously decorated with elaborate symbols and designs.



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Trekking at the higher altitudes was like changing to a panoramic camera lens. The expansive clear sky opened up, and the views became colossal Himalayan vistas. Each new bend in the trail would reveal different aspects of gigantic mountains, with immense white glaciers clinging to the jagged slopes. Every day of trekking now would involve climbing over at least one windy pass; each high point crowned with differing arrays of fraying prayer flags.

Chomolhari (23,997')

Despite its tradition of self-imposed isolation, Bhutan will transition from a monarchy to democracy in 2008. The county without fast-food chains, traffic lights, and more monks than soldiers will submit to the "will of the populace" beginning next year. The undisturbed rural lifestyle which designates Bhutan as the last great Himalayan Kingdom will be exposed to unrestrained globalized exchange of cultures. Western society--long feared and historically banned—is now an unrestrained influence. The future will reveal if the people of Bhutan agree with the former King's proclamation that "gross national happiness is more important than gross national product" because "happiness takes precedence or economic prosperity". I feel fortunate that I was able to experience Bhutan while it still was "Shangri-La".

Valerie Merges
Layton, UT

For a full trip report and many more photos, visit <http://www.vmerges.name/Bhutan/Bhutan/index.html>

Welcome New WMC members December 6th - January 2nd

Steve Kennedy	Oscar Ames	Jimmie Boyd	Sonia Couillard	Katherine Geiersbach &
Kris Lander	Scott England	Bruce Hopenfeld	Connie Bain	Christopher Lobas
Todd Winzenried	Neil Andersen	David Cline	Elaine Fairless	Daniel & Frances Harrison
Nick Kalainoff	Christian Jacobsen	Scott Brown	John Lundgren	Tawny Burton & Jason Whittle
Laurie Murphy	S Surber	Shaun Greene	Scott Frost	Erich & Alena Jezowicz

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- For Sale: Black Diamond Revelation L35 Ski/Climbing pack. See details at: <http://www.bdel.com/gear/revelation.php> Used 2 years, very good condition. New at \$159, Sell for \$55 Great pack that I replaced with the Avalung version. Tim 467-8913 or timbard99@yahoo.com
- For Sale: SNOWSHOES - new MSR Denali Classics \$99. vincedesimone@yahoo.com 435-649-6805.
- Published alpinist and chiropractic physician, Dr. Michael Layton, has recently moved to Utah and will be offering peak performance evaluations at no cost to Wasatch Mountain Club members and their family. 801.487.4999

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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 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.	

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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

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Feb 1 Fri ~ 6:00 pm		NTD	MOVIE NIGHT	Sicilia Restaurant (145 E. 300 S.)
Organizer: Craig Anderson 801-487-2352 Meet Craig for dinner and a movie at the Broadway Cinemas (Film Society)				
Feb 2 Sat ~ 5:00 pm	SNOWSHOE	MOD	Mt. Van Cott loop	TBD
Organizer: Alex Rudd 971-9245 rudd94@gmail.com Alex will lead a Yak Traks winter hike on the Mt. Van Cott loop. This is a mod rated hike. Please contact Alex for details regarding meeting time/place.				
Feb 2 Sat ~ 8:00 am	BACKCOUNTRY SKIMOD+		Backcountry Ski	6200 South Park and Ride
Organizer: Mark Borges 801.363.4504 mborges@xmission.com Location depends upon conditions. Plan on ~8hr and 5000 of vertical. Some parts will be fairly steep or in the trees. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Registration is required.				
Feb 2 Sat ~ 9:00 am	BACKCOUNTRY SKIMOD		Yo Yo Tour	6200 S and Wasatch Park and Ride
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.				
Feb 2 Sat ~ 9:00 am	SNOWSHOE/HIKE	MOD+	White Pine	Cottonwood Park & Ride
Organizer: Liz Cordova 486-0909 Snowshoe trip to White Pine, if conditions permit				
Feb 3 Sun ~ 9:00 am	SNOWSHOE	NTD	Dog Lake	Cottonwood Park & Ride
Organizer: Jim Piani 733-0627 Snowshoe trip to Dog Lake. Shovels and beacons required.				
Feb 3 Sun ~ 6:00 pm	PARTY	NTD	21st Annual Spaghetti Dinner	168 Mountain Top Rd, Park City
Organizer: Vince DeSimone 435.649.6805 vinedesimone@yahoo.com Vincenzo & Linda DeSimone invite you to an evening of fellowship and Italian cuisine as we celebrate our 21st year of hosting this tradition. Time: 6 pm (no early arrivals please) Cost \$5 for food and hot drinks (bring other drinks of choice. Directions: Take Hwy 224 from I-80 toward Park City. Just past the large white barn on the right turn left on Meadows Dr. (Ridgeview sign & new traffic signal). Follow Meadows to one street past the first stop sign and turn left on Mountain Top Lane. At the top of the hill turn right on Mountain Top Rd to 168 & the sounds of pleasure. If you need to you may call 435-649-6805. No RSVP needed. The TV will be off during the Super Bowl.				

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Feb 5 Tue ~ 5:00 pm	SNOWSHOE	MOD - MSD	Park City Environs	
<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>				
Feb 5 Tue ~ 8:00 am	BACKCOUNTRY SKIMSD		Tuesday Breakfast Club Ski Tours	Call or email by Monday 5pm before each tour
<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>				
Feb 6 Wed ~ Feb 7 Thu	SLIDESHOW	NTD-	Telluride Mountain film Festival	Our Lady of the Snows
<p>Organizer: Rick Thompson 801.255.8058 gone2moab@hotmail.com</p> <p>FEBRUARY 6 & 7 TELLURIDE MOUNTAIN FILM ON TOUR \$5 OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS 6PM</p> <p>Telluride Mountain Film on Tour returns to Alta, on the big screen. This year's festival celebrated the 30th anniversary of Telluride Mountain Film. Mountain film is dedicated to educating and inspiring audiences about issues that matter, cultures worth exploring, environments worth preserving and conversations worth sustaining. ACE will host two nights of films with a different program each night. Tickets will be on sale at Alta Java and at the door. carpooling suggested</p>				

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Feb 7 Thu ~ 6:00 pm	CLIMB	NTD+	Gym Climbing Night	Momentum Climbing Gym, by REI at SouthTown Mall
<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 7 Thu ~ Feb 11 Mon	BIKE	MOD	DEATH VALLEY ANNUAL BIKE TRIP	
<p>Organizer: Marilyn Bickley 801-446-0544 jmbickley@qwest.net</p> <p>Jan 14 update...please note! Unfortunately, our dear trip organizer Bob Wright has died unexpectedly. We are scrambling to keep this trip going! If you were on the list to go, please contact Marilyn Bickley and we will be rescheduling the planning meeting. Here is what Bob wrote: 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 by January 18.</p>				
Feb 7 Thu ~ 9:15 am	SNOWSHOE	NTD - MOD	The Cottonwoods	Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)
<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>				
Feb 8 Fri ~ 6:00 pm		NTD	MOVIE NIGHT	Pier 49 Pizza (1230 E. 2250 S.) or Highland Dr. & Simpson Av.
<p>Organizer: Craig Anderson 801-487-2352</p> <p>Meet Craig for dinner and a movie at Sugarhouse Movies 10</p>				
Feb 9 Sat ~ 6:30 pm	SOCIAL	NTD	Awards Banquet	The Silvercrest Banquet Center
<p>Organizer: Beverly Emrick 801.599.8744 bemrick@networld.com</p> <p>ANNUAL WMC AWARDS BANQUET. Please mark your calendar and save the date for this fantastic evening of awards, dining and dancing with your WMC friends. To be held at The Silvercrest Banquet Center – 1350 East 9150 South in Sandy. Social hour at 6:30PM. A bar with regular accouterments and bartender (no alcohol) will be provided. If you wish to bring in wine or alcoholic beverage it must be labeled with your name and dropped off with the bartender upon your arrival. Dinner will be at 7PM. We'll have a delightful meal, and the awards presentation, followed by an evening of music and dancing to tunes provided by the popular "Rob Snow". Dinner will be at a cost of \$25.00 per person. Please send your check for your reservation to Beverly Emrick at the WMC Office, 1390 South 1100 East, #103, SLC, UT 84105 before January 31st. For further questions please contact: Beverly Emrick – 801-599-8744 or (bemrick@networld.com)</p>				

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Yo Yo Mod ski tour 12-22
Oscar in the aspens

by Ron Barron

Date	TYPE	(DIFF)	Title	Meetingplace
Feb 9 Sat ~ 8:30 pm	GENERAL MEETING	NTD	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTIONS	1350 East 9150 South
Organizer: Heidi Schubert 801.792.7765 heidi@biochem.utah.edu join us for WMC board elections after the Annual WMC Awards Dinner at the Silvercrest Banquet Center. Stay for dancing afterwards.				
Feb 9 Sat ~ 9:00 am	BACKCOUNTRY SKI	MOD	Yo Yo Tour	6200 S and Wasatch Park and Ride
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.				
Feb 9 Sat ~ 9:00 am	BACKCOUNTRY SKI	MOD	Backcountry ski tour	Butler Elementary
Organizer: William McCarvill 801-942-2921 mccarvill.william@comcast.net Meet at Butler elementary at 9AM and we will figure out where to go from there. Pre-register with Will.				
Feb 9 Sat ~ 9:00 am	SNOWSHOE	NTD	Leader's Choice	Cottonwood Park & Ride
Organizer: Christine Allred 424-0096 Location to be determined based on conditions. Trip will not take place if inclement weather is present. Call leader if in doubt.				
Feb 9 Sat ~ 9:00 am	SNOWSHOE	NTD	Mill Creek Canyon	Skyline High School
Organizer: Holly Smith 272-5358 White Fir pass up Mill Creek canyon				

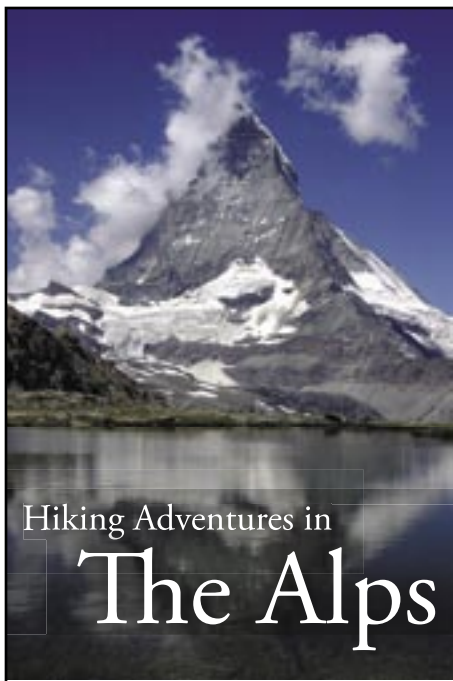
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Feb 10 Sun ~ 8:30 am	BACKCOUNTRY SKIMOD		Upper BCC	6200 South & Wasatch PnR
Organizer: Heidi Schubert 801.792.7765 heidi@biochem.utah.edu Final location to be determined but I'm thinking Big Cottonwood Canyon, North or South from spruces or maybe Grizzly Gulch. Or how about the out of bounds at Brighton starting with a \$10 lift ride to get started. Anything is possible. Call to influence and discuss.				
Feb 10 Sun ~ 1:00 pm	SNOWSHOE	NTD	Big Cottonwood Canyon	Cottonwood Park & Ride
Organizer: Barry Quinn 272-7097 Cardiff Fork -- loop trip. Counting on plenty of snow for easy stream crossings.				
Feb 10 Sun ~ 9:30 am	SNOWSHOE	MOD	Leader's Choice	Cottonwood Park & Ride
Organizer: Steve Duncan 474-0031 Location to be determined based on conditions. Trip will not take place if inclement weather is present. Call leader if in doubt.				
Feb 12 Tue ~ 8:00 am	BACKCOUNTRY SKIMSD		Tuesday Breakfast Club SKi Tours	Call or email by Monday 5pm before each tour
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Feb 15 Fri ~ 6:00 pm		NTD	MOVIE NIGHT	Brewvies Cinema Pub (677 S. 200 W.)
Organizer: Craig Anderson 801-487-2352 Meet Craig for dinner and a movie at Brewvies				
Feb 16 Sat ~ 9:00 am	BACKCOUNTRY SKIMOD		Yo Yo Tour	6200 S and Wasatch Park and Ride
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.				
Feb 16 Sat ~ 9:00 am	SNOWSHOE	MOD	Leader's Choice	Cottonwood Park & Ride
Organizer: Gene Dennis 295-5252 MOD snowshoe : destination determined by conditions and desires				
Feb 16 Sat ~ 9:30 am	SNOWSHOE	NTD	Leader's Choice	Cottonwood Park & Ride
Organizer: Chrystel Syzak 943-0316 Organizer's choice, depending on conditions				
Feb 17 Sun ~	SKI	MSD	Little Cottonwood to Big Cottonwood tour	Registration Required
Organizer: Bradley Yates 801.278.2423 bnyslc@earthlink.net The route will depend upon snow quality and avalanche safety, this will be a full day tour covering steep terrain. Strong avalanche safety skills required along with standard equipment.				
Feb 17 Sun ~ 9:00 am	SNOWSHOE	MOD	Ridge Run	Cottonwood Park & Ride
Organizer: Rick Kirkland 486-0909 Rick will organize a ridge snowshoe trip suitable for conditions				
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Organizer: Chris Proctor 801-485-1543 proctorgtr@aol.com 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.				

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Feb 19 Tue ~ 5:00 pm	SNOWSHOE	MOD - MSD	Park City Environs	
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Feb 21 Thu ~ 6:00 pm	TURTLE SNOWSHOE	MOD	Millcreek Canyon	Skyline High School
<p>Organizer: Cathy Mooney 971-9329</p> <p>Full moon snowshoe, led by Cathy Mooney. Meet at East parking lot of Skyline High School and carpool up Millcreek Canyon. Even though there will be moonlight, please bring headlamps and 10 essentials.</p>				
Feb 21 Thu ~ 9:15 am	SNOWSHOE	NTD - MOD	The Cottonwoods	Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)
<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>				
Feb 22 Fri ~ 6:00 pm		NTD	MOVIE NIGHT	Rio Grande Cafe (455 W. 300 S.)
<p>Organizer: Craig Anderson 801-487-2352</p> <p>Meet Craig for dinner and a movie at the Gateway Megaplex</p>				
Feb 23 Sat ~ 9:00 am	BACKCOUNTRY SKIMOD		Yo Yo Tour	6200 S and Wasatch Park and Ride
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Feb 23 Sat ~ 9:30 am	SNOWSHOE Organizer: Kerry Faigle 232-8984 Destination depends on weather and snow conditions	NTD	Leader's Choice	Cottonwood Park & Ride
Feb 23 Sat ~ 10:00 am	TURTLE SNOWSHOE Organizer: Ellen Jenkins 293-9198 Turtle snowshoe to the pass	NTD	White Fir Pass	Skyline High School
Feb 24 Sun ~ 9:00 am	SNOWSHOE Organizer: Liz Cordova 486-0909 Destination depends on weather and snow conditions. Possibly Catherine's Pass from Alta, maybe further.	NTD+	Leader's Choice	Cottonwood Park & Ride
Feb 24 Sun ~ 9:00 am	SNOWSHOE Organizer: Knick Knickerbocker 272-2485 Destination depends on weather and snow conditions	MOD	Big Cottonwood Canyon	Cottonwood Park & Ride
Feb 26 Tue ~ 8:00 am	BACKCOUNTRY SKIMSD Organizer: Chris Proctor 801-485-1543 proctorgtr@aol.com 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.		Tuesday Breakfast Club SKi Tours	Call or email by Monday 5pm before each tour
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Feb 28 Thu ~ Mar 1 Sat	SNOWSHOE	MOD	Snow caving	TBA
<p>Organizer: Rick Thompson 801.255.8058 gone2moab@hotmail.com</p> <p>Feb 28-29-M 01, Thur-Fri-Sat Snow Caving. (MOD) Plan to get off work a little early Thursday afternoon (2:00) and head up the mountain at 3:00. After digging the caves, when we are wet and tired and cold, which we will be, we come back home for a warm dinner and a hot shower. Then Friday afternoon, we will go back up and move in, the work all done: sit back, cook dinner, and after a moonlight ski or snowshoe, sit around with hot drinks, and watch the stars or perhaps, the snow fall. Saturday morning we can get in some turns or a snowshoe before coming home. We will get together one evening before we go, on Thursday Feb 21, at 7:00, at my house, to plan and talk about technique and equipment, pair up teams, and coordinate transportation. Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com or 255-8058</p>				
Feb 28 Thu ~ 9:15 am	SNOWSHOE	NTD - MOD	The Cottonwoods	Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)
<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>				
Feb 29 Fri ~ 6:00 pm		NTD	MOVIE NIGHT	Amber Cafe (200 E. 3300 S.)
<p>Organizer: Craig Anderson 801-487-2352</p> <p>Meet Craig for dinner and a movie at the Century 16 Movies</p>				
Mar 1 Sat ~ Mar 3 Mon	SKI	NTD	LEAP YEAR TOUR (EAST FORK)(UINTAS)	Registration Required
<p>Organizer: Michael Berry 801.583.4721 mberryxc@earthlink.net</p> <p>The Bear River Outdoor Alliance (BRORA) maintains 5 yurts on the Lily Lake trail system 30 miles south of Evanston, Wyoming. We will stay 2 nights at the easily accessed East Fork Yurt. The trail system is signed and groomed for cross country skiing with access to high tours on the ridge below Lamotte Peak and the backcountry of the north slope of the Uintas. An exploratory day tour to the NEW Boundary Creek Yurt in the Wilderness area is planned. TRIP IS NOW FULL, CALL/EMAIL REGARDING WAITING LIST.</p>				
Mar 1 Sat ~ 9:00 am	BACKCOUNTRY SKIMOD		Yo Yo Tour	6200 S and Wasatch Park and Ride
<p>Organizer: Karen Perkins 801-272-2225 karenp@xmission.com</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>				

Date	TYPE	(DIFF)	Title	Meetingplace
Mar 1 Sat ~ 9:00 am	SNOWSHOE	MOD	Leader's Choice	Cottonwood Park & Ride
Organizer: Gene Dennis 295-5252 MOD snowshoe : destination determined by conditions and desires				
Mar 2 Sun ~ 9:00 am	SNOWSHOE	NTD - MOD	Leader's Choice	Cottonwood Park & Ride
Organizer: Kevin Earl 568-3791 Destination depends on weather and snow conditions				
Mar 4 Tue ~ 8:00 am	BACKCOUNTRY SKIMSD		Tuesday Breakfast Club SKi Tours	Call or email by Monday 5pm before each tour
Organizer: Chris Proctor 801-485-1543 proctorgr@aol.com 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.				
Mar 6 Thu ~ 6:00 pm	CLIMB	NTD+	Gym Climbing Night	Momentum Climbing Gym, by REI at SouthTown Mall
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.				
Mar 8 Sat ~ 10:00 am	LODGE	MOD-	Lodge Work Party - Snow Removal	Club Lodge at Brighton
Organizer: Dave Rabiger 801-538-6343 drabiger@utah.gov Come join Dave Rabiger to help remove snow from the roof of the club lodge. Dave will have his group of Boy Scouts up there and would appreciate help from anyone who can come & do some shoveling. They will be starting early and you can come up whenever you are available.				

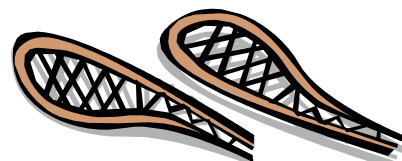
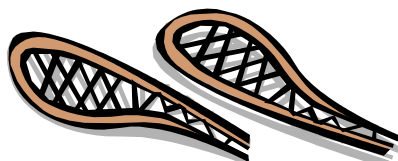
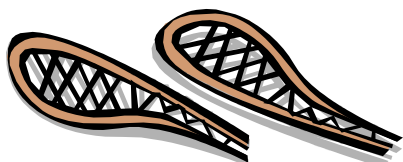


Dog Lake Snowshoe Dec 9th
by Jimmie Boyd



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Mar 8 Sat ~ 9:00 am	BACKCOUNTRY SKIMOD		Yo Yo Tour	6200 S and Wasatch Park and Ride
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.				
Mar 8 Sat ~ 10:00 am	SNOWSHOE	NTD+	USA Bowl	Cottonwood Park & Ride
Organizer: Ellen Jenkins 293-9198 Snowshoe up USA Bowl				
Mar 11 Tue ~ 8:00 am	BACKCOUNTRY SKIMSD		Tuesday Breakfast Club SKi Tours	Call or email by Monday 5pm before each tour
Organizer: Chris Proctor 801-485-1543 proctorgtr@aol.com 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.				
Mar 13 Thu ~ 6:00 pm	CLIMB	NTD+	Gym Climbing Night	Momentum Climbing Gym, by REI at SouthTown Mall
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Mar 15 Sat ~ 9:00 am	BACKCOUNTRY SKIMOD		Yo Yo Tour	6200 S and Wasatch Park and Ride
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.				
Mar 18 Tue ~ 8:00 am	BACKCOUNTRY SKIMSD		Tuesday Breakfast Club SKi Tours	Call or email by Monday 5pm before each tour
Organizer: Chris Proctor 801-485-1543 proctorgtr@aol.com 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.				
Mar 19 Wed ~ 7:00 pm	Lecture	ALL	Skills and Secrets of a Alpinist	REI (3300 South) Wasatch Rm.
Organizer: Heidi Schubert 801.792.7765 heidi@biochem.utah.edu Dr. Michael Layton reveals the secrets that allowed him to become a professional alpinist. Dr. Layton will be showing slides and telling stories from his notable first ascents that were published in Alpinist, Climbing, and Rock & Ice Magazines. Do not miss this extraordinary opportunity to listen to a top climber and doctor speak about his adventures, how to achieve peak performance, and stay injury free!!!				

See online Calendar for updated and additional events and trips. www.WasatchMountainClub.org



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.

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Mar 20 Thu ~ 6:00 pm	CLIMB	NTD+	Gym Climbing Night	Momentum Climbing Gym, by REI at SouthTown Mall
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Mar 22 Sat ~ 9:00 am	BACKCOUNTRY SKIMOD		Yo Yo Tour	6200 S and Wasatch Park and Ride
<p>Organizer: Karen Perkins 801-272-2225 karenp@xmission.com</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>				
Mar 25 Tue ~ 8:00 am	BACKCOUNTRY SKIMSD		Tuesday Breakfast Club SKI Tours	Call or email by Monday 5pm before each tour
<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>				
Mar 27 Thu ~ 6:00 pm	CLIMB	NTD+	Gym Climbing Night	Momentum Climbing Gym, by REI at SouthTown Mall
<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>				
Mar 28 Fri ~ Mar 29 Sat	SKI	MSD	KING'S PEAK	Parleys Way Kmart lot: 2705 Parleys Way
<p>Organizer: Larry Swanson 583-4043 swanson.l@worldnet.att.net</p> <p>The last Saturday in March is the big event of the ski season. The King's Peak ski tour, hosted for the 35th (or so) year by Steve and Larry Swanson, will convene on Friday night (March 28th) by nightfall at the Henry's Fork Winter Parking Area and get underway in the pre-dawn on Saturday morning with headlamps. The total distance for the summit via Swanson's cut-off is 31 miles. See March Rambler for further details.</p>				

“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 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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Future Events:

Sep 20 Sat ~ Oct 10 Fri	CLIMB	MSD	Climbing Kilimanjaro	
Organizer: Christel Sysak 801.943.0316 christel@vacation.com Kilimanjaro Climb Lemosho-Lava Tower Route 10 days climbing. Dates:9/20-10/10/08 Holly Smith is climbing Kilimanjaro this 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 very hard to get for Sept/Oct. departures. If you are interested, contact Christel, who has put this trip together for me at 943-0316 or Christel@vacation.com, Holly at 272-5358 or hollys@jhinsurance.com for more details.				

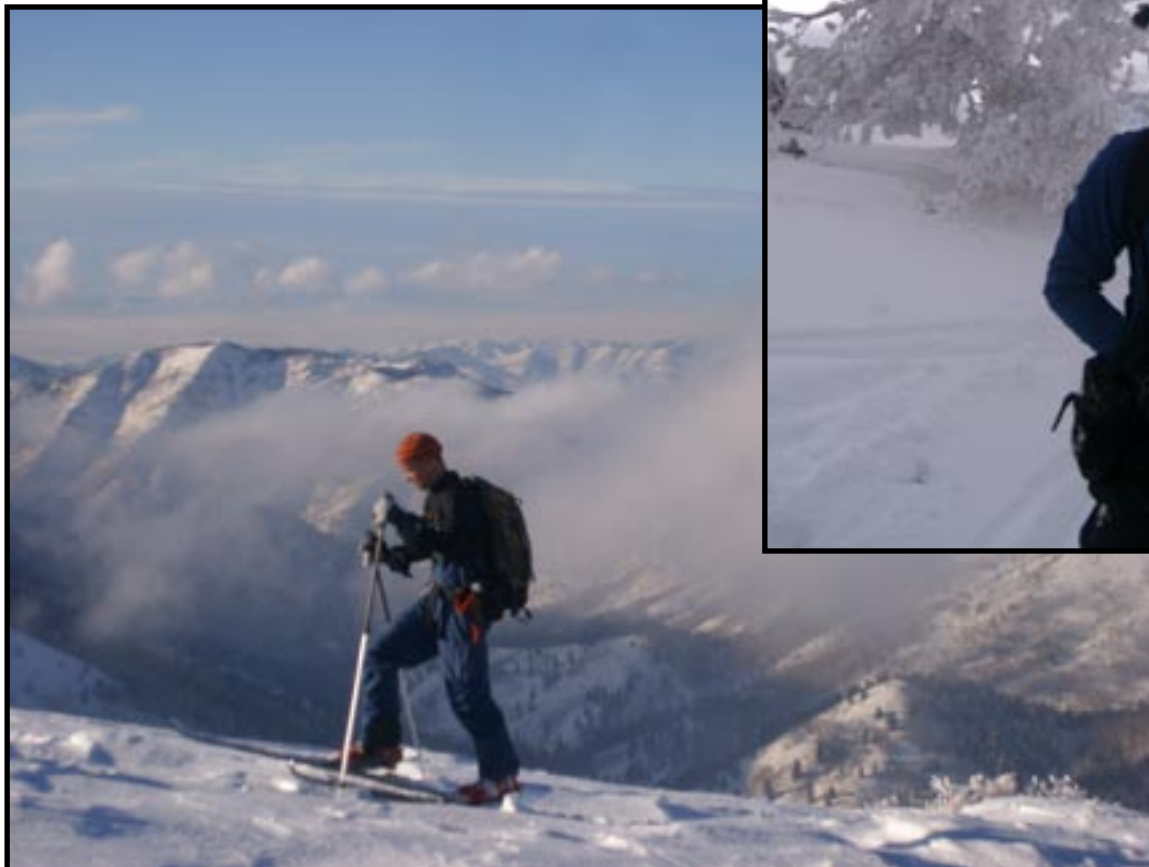
Bryan Taylor atop Wills Hill
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by Brad Yates



Mark Borges on Little Water Peak

by Brad Yates.



WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(Do not use for renewals.)

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

Membership application (Page 2 of 2)

NON-WMC Activities

REI COMMUNITY CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY

SANDY CITY - The following are free to the public at the Sandy City REI store located at 10600 South & 230,(801) 501-0850 or at www.rei.com.

ICE CLIMBING 101
Thursday, February 7th, 7pm

SNOWSHOEING 101
Thursday, February 14th, 7pm

SKI & BOARD TUNE & WAX
Thursday, February 21st, 7pm
Come join the ranks of do-it-yourselfers who are tuning their skis at home

MAP & COMPASS
Thursday, February 28th, 7pm
REI will present a clinic aimed at the newcomer to map and compass. We will cover the basics such as understanding map symbols, orienting the map and compass, triangulation, declination adjustment, and reading terrain features.

SALT LAKE CITY - The following are free of charge to the public at the Salt Lake City REI store. REI is located at 3285 East & 3300 South. 801-486-2100 or www.rei.com.

RETROSPECTIVE ON SKI RACING & THE EARLY DAYS OF SKIING AT ALTA
Tuesday, February 5th, 7pm

BACKCOUNTRY SKIING THE WASATCH
Tuesday, February 12th, 7pm
Andrew McLean His passion for this sport has led to him being voted as one of the "Greatest Skiers of Our Time" by Powder Magazine and a featured segment in the Sony Classic Pictures 2007 film entitled "Steep".

SKI & SNOWBOARD TUNE & WAX
Thursday, February 21st, 7pm
Come join the ranks of do-it-yourselfers who are tuning their skis at home

ACCESS THE WORLD
Tuesday, February 26th, 7pm
4 time Paralympic Medalist, Muffy Davis, and her husband, Jeff Burley, will present a 30 minute video from their 9 month world humanitarian trip and share about their experiences traveling and volunteering with non-profit organizations in developing countries.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT REI:

REI'S ADULT CLIMBING NIGHT
Thursday, February 7th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

WASATCH CITIZEN SERIES
Saturday, February 9th 10am at Soldier Hollow
The Wasatch Citizen Series consists of five events held each year at the major cross country ski areas along the Wasatch Front and Back. Visit the Utah Nordic Alliance at www.utahnordic.com for information.

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL
Tuesday, February 19th & Wednesday February 20th, 7pm at Kingsbury Hall
The 32nd annual Banff Mountain Film Festival will return to Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah February 19-20. Shows start at 7 p.m. each night. They are available for \$7.50 at Kingsbury Hall and REI locations in Salt Lake & Sandy. Call 581-8516 for more information.

CLASSES:
REI GPS NAVIGATION DAY
Saturday, February 2nd, 9am at REI Sandy or Salt Lake City

Spend a day in class and in the field with REI GPS experts! Sign up at REI Sandy (501-0850) or Salt Lake (486-2100). Tuition is \$25 REI members, \$35 non-members.

STAY SAFE IN THE OUTDOORS: BASIC WILDERNESS LIFE SUPPORT CLASS
Saturday, February 9th, 9:30am at REI Salt Lake City
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. 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.

TRACK ME IF YOU CAN— JORDANELLE STATE PARK
Heber City—Join the Naturalist on the 1st and 3rd Saturday each month from Dec 15, 07- March 15, 08 at Rock Cliff. From 10am-noon to learn about animal tracking and animal myths. Please RSVP, group size limited to 20 people. Snowshoes available. Day use fee applies. For more information or to RSVP call (435) 782-3030 or (435) 649-9540.
Rock Cliff is open for fishing, hiking, snowshoeing, etc... Park hours are 8am –5pm daily. Nature Center is closed. Day use fees of \$7.00 per carload up to 8 people apply year round.

**Annual WMC Awards
Banquet**

Feb 9 Sat ~ 6:30 pm

See page 14 for details

WMC Lodge Work Parties

help take care of our
wonderful Lodge!

Jan 27, Saturday
&

Mar 8, Saturday

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