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Near the saddle in a failed attempt at the Broads Fork Twin Peaks (too much snow).
Cassie, Steve & Stanley.

~ Photo by Steve Duncan

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING!!!
 Tuesday, December 1st @ 7:30 pm
 See page 10 for more info!!!

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From the President by John Veranth

2010 Board Nominations

The nominations committee is responsible for recruiting a slate of qualified and willing candidates for the Wasatch Mountain Club Governing Board. This year's Nominating Committee consists of:

Mark Bloomenthal	801-842-1242
Patti O'Keefe	801 424-9215
Knick Knickebocker	801-272-2485

Most of the current directors are willing to stay on, and the continuity is much appreciated.



Open positions for next year are:

Treasurer - Codirector to cover when Tricia is traveling.
 Social Director
 Public Relations Director
 Publication Director
 Mountaineering Director
 Trustee (candidate must be a former board member)

The elections for the 2010 year will be at the February General Membership Meeting, and the new officers and directors will take over in March. Contact the nominating committee if you are interested in volunteering to serve on the board. It is a great way to get more involved with the club.

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 on behalf of science, literature and art; to explore and picture the scenic wonders of this and surrounding states; to foster awareness of scenic beauties; and to encourage preservation of our natural areas including their plant, animal and bird life.

The WMC Lodge

The WMC lodge is tucked away in a grove of evergreens at the top of Big Cottonwood Canyon. It is used for a variety of WMC social functions but can also be rented out for personal use on a full- or half-day basis. Renovation to the lodge included the installation of flushing toilets and a shower. Running water! The two dormitory-style rooms on the second floor provide sleeping accommodations for about 20 people. Go to www.wasatchmountainclub.org/lodge/Lodge_pictures.htm to view pictures of the infamous lodge. The kitchen contains a stove and refrigerator, but—you guessed it—it is not stocked with food, utensils or other culinary items. **All** users of the lodge are expected to clean up the lodge after use. Contact Dave & Susan Rabiger at (801) 964-8190 for reservations.

The Lodge needs constant tender loving care, and WMC members have come to the rescue since 1929. Come donate your carpentry skills or just help clean. Call Bob Myers at (801) 485-9209 or send an e-mail to caretakerwmc@yahoo.com to volunteer. Ask for a list of very specific items that need your attention and the hand tools and equipment needed to get the job done. You need not be a member to volunteer. (Warning: Associating with WMC members and participating in WMC activities can become addicting. Improved health, positive attitudes, and long-lasting friendships are also possible side effects.) We look forward to seeing you at the Lodge!

Please give back and keep your eyes open for upcoming WMC Service Days. The most up-to-date activities are posted on the website (see inside front cover).

Please give back and come help the lodge on the following WMC Service Days. Seeing how there is still a lot of snow in the mountains, at least one of these dates will be filled with shoveling snow off the lodge roof and its surrounding area. Other minor interior and exterior repairs may also occur. If you are physically unable to help out, feel free to bring drinks or treats up to the laborers! Thanks so much in advance for your help!

Single sturdy lodge seeking multiple hard-working hands for great company. Enjoys long days filled with sunshine, sweat, and an occasional deep cleaning.
If interested, contact either Lodge co-director.

Lodge Service Day:

None listed in December

Contact Lodge Director to schedule a service day or see if you can help out!

Contact: Robert Myers, Lodge Director
801-466-3292 (H) 801-381-0575 (C)

Directions to the Lodge

Drive up Big Cottonwood Canyon (7200 S) to Brighton Ski Resort. Drive to back of the BIG parking lot (near the Brighton Manor Motel). Walk up the hill directly behind the motel past the boulders, bearing left across the stream and up the trail through the trees (100 yards). Wear walking shoes and carry a flashlight for the hike down.

WMC Lodge Rental Rates (Day: a 24-hour period)

WMC Members

October 1 - May 31: \$250/day

June 1 - September 30: \$300/day

Weddings and/or Receptions: \$400/day

Non WMC Members

October 1 - May 31: \$350/day

June 1 - September 30: \$400/day

Weddings and/or Receptions: \$550/day





**Above: Michael Moody, Mark Borges, & Cicely Zhu
with Pilot Peak in background 8/11/2009**

Below Right: Mountain Goats on Wildcat Ridge 10/2009

~ Photos by Bradley Yates

MARKETPLACE

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San Rafael Pasture Track Trip - 10/10/2009
Chris, Gretchen, Cindy, Will, Tricia, & Dave
Chimney Wash ~ Photo by Leslie Woods



Dawn & Chris Dalby sport "scrambling smiles" during Jerry Hatch's 10/24/09 Notch Peak Hike
 ~ Photo submitted by Chris Dalby





10/23/09 Bike Weekend in Zion

Left to Right: Mary Settle, Chris Winter, Robert Turner, Barb Hanson, Marcia Hansen, and Trish Lee.

~ Photo by Zion's park bus driver with Chris' camera.



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FAINT TRAILS IN THE WASATCH

38. U. S. Mineral Monuments

Now that the snowy season has put the hiking trails out of sight it is time to suspend these articles for several months. But first there is one other thing that should be addressed. United States Mineral Monuments (USMM) have been mentioned several times in recent Faint Trails articles; perhaps this is a good time to expand on that subject.

Mineral Monuments were used to fill an urgent need at the time. Before miners could apply for patent on their claim they had to have it surveyed by a representative of the U. S. Surveyor General's office. However, it was necessary to reference the survey to a known point so it could be placed in context with other nearby surveyed claims. Usually this would be a section or quarter section corner. But in the 1870s most claims were in unsurveyed territory, which included all of the Wasatch mountains, and there were no section corners that could be used. Hence the Mineral Monument. When making the first survey in an area, the surveyor would establish a Mineral Monument and locate the claim relative to it. Then all other surveys in that area would use the same Mineral Monument as a reference. In that way they would know how the claim related to the other nearby surveyed claims.

At this time claims being surveyed would be assigned a Lot Number. Lot Numbers were unique to a mining district, as were the Mineral Monuments. Hence, the Big Cottonwood Mining District had Lot Numbers and Mineral Monuments with the same numbers as Little Cottonwood Mining District, as well as every other mining district in the state. The number assigned to the first survey in each district was always 37, the first 36 numbers having been used for the sections within a township. What a claim had to do with township sections is open to question, but that is the way it was done. At the beginning of 1893 the numbering system was changed so that all surveys in Utah were numbered sequentially, regardless of where they were located. At that time the sum of all surveys in all mining districts in the state presumably totaled 2939, because the first survey number in the new system was assigned M.S.2940. By this time land surveys had extended to most or all mining districts so the surveys could reference a section corner instead of a Mineral Monument and the monuments fell out of use.

With that background, let's consider the USMMs in the Big Cottonwood Mining District. A total of nine were established, some of them being little used after they were created. The first one was to support the survey of the Prince of Wales claim which was surveyed by Charles L. Stephenson on 19 June 1871. He wrote: *"The Prince of Wales mine being on unsurveyed Mineral Lands I first establish a monument of stones with stake marked U. S. Mineral Monument No.1. This monument is built on one of the most conspicuous places on the divide between Little Cottonwood Cañon and Silver Fork Cañon of Big Cottonwood Cañon. It consists of small boulders erected around a cedar post and is on a bluff of rock ... From this monument a very large number of the mines both in Big Cottonwood and Silver Fork Cañon can be seen and therewith connected by a single bearing. The bluff of rock is one well known and of the most prominent character and is in fact the most prominent natural object in the vicinity."*



USMM No.1 is this post set in a mound of rock in the pass between Grizzly Gulch and Silver Fork. It served both Big and Little Cottonwood Mining Districts. Mount Baldy is in the center background, directly above the post.

His "bluff of rock" is in the pass between Grizzly Gulch and Silver Fork. The cedar post has long since been replaced by a more permanent mushroom marker marked "MM No.1" and "1938." Due to its location, it served both Big and Little Cottonwood Mining Districts, one of the few monuments to serve more than one district.

Mineral Monument No.2 was established on 4-6 June 1872 by G.V.M. Boutelle before he surveyed the Sailor Jack claim. It was a red pine (Douglas Fir) tree located in or very close to Carbonate Pass, south of Kessler Peak. The tree has not survived, nor can a replacement monument be found.

There were two Mineral Monuments No.3, probably due to a delay in recording the first one. One of them was created on 18 Sept.1873 by James H. Freeman when he was surveying the Sacramento Lode, high in the Days Fork bowl. The monument was a lone fir tree located on the Reed and Benson ridge about 1100 feet north of Flagstaff Mountain. The tree does not survive.

The other Mineral Monument No.3 was on Vina Flat, north of Montreal Hill in Mill D South Fork. It was originally set by Ferdinand Dickert on 20 Sept.1876 when he surveyed the Bright Point claim on the ridge between Mineral Fork and Mill D South Fork. However, the Bright Point was under protest for being a trespass and relocation of

the Venus lode, so the survey was rejected and the surveyor's notes were not filed for record. As a result we have no details as to the creation of this monument. Two months later, on 21-22 Nov.1876, Edward B. Wilder

surveyed the Venus lode and in his surveyor's notes described how the monument came into being. Since that time the original monument has been replaced with a metal mushroom marker inscribed "MM 3" and "1938."

Mineral Monument No.4 was established on 26-27 Feb.1874 by Julian Bausman when he surveyed the Dolly Varden claim. He wrote, *"Finding it impossible to connect with any established monument in the district I am therefore compelled to establish a monument to fix the location of this claim. I select for that purpose a Pine tree 10 inches in diameter near the town of Argenta as being the most convenient point to connect a large number of mines in the vicinity."* The town of Argenta was on the south side of Big Cottonwood stream east of Mill A Gulch. This marker cannot be found today. It could not be expected the pine tree survived all these years, but it does seem unusual that the monument was not replaced with a more permanent marker, especially since the nearby Maxfield mine was active well into the twentieth century.



Mineral Monument No.3 on Vina Flat, north of Montreal Hill in Mill D South Fork.

Mineral Monument No.5 was set by Obed A. Palmer on 3-4 Sept.1875 when he surveyed the Hayes claim on the crest of the ridge between Big Cottonwood and Mill Creek Canyons, not far east from the head of Neffs Canyon. He wrote, *"In working this survey I found there was no mineral monument within two miles of the claim. I therefore establish a new mineral monument and select for that purpose a Red Pine tree 18 inches in diameter blazed on the SW side facing the claim and the SE side facing the USMM No.2 on Kesler Peak. On this blaze I put the letters 'USMM No 5.'"* He also noted that the USMM No.2 was 22,864 feet (4.33 miles) distant and that the two monuments are in plain sight of each other. There is no evidence that this monument was used in any other surveys or that it or its replacement survived.



The rock with the inscription "USMM No 6 WP", barely visible in this photo even though it has been digitally enhanced. Lake Mary reservoir is visible through the trees, right of center.

Mineral Monument No.6 was established on 21 Oct.1880 by Lewis J. Holmes when he surveyed the Legget claim above Brighton, near Lake Martha. He wrote, *"Finding the [mine] too far from any ... established mineral monument ... I established Mineral Monument No.6 by blazing a White Pine tree 12 inches in diameter and 24 feet high situated on the point of a spur from the mountain ridge dividing Big Cottonwood and Snake Creek mining districts ... and marking same USMM No 6 and to further establish and perpetuate said monument I cut in a black rock on said point a cross + also the letters USMM No 6 WP."* WP was for Witness Post, usually used when a survey line went over the edge of a cliff and it was impractical to go any farther. A Witness Post would be set and the claim map would indicate the rest of the claim although it had no markers on the ground. In this case the Witness Post was a rock used to locate the monument. It was about 23 feet nearly due east of the monument and can be seen today even though the white pine (Engleman Spruce) tree has not survived. The surveyor scraped the black oxide off the rock

before making the inscription, most of which is still clearly visible today.

Mineral Monument No.7 was set on 20 June 1881 by Joseph Garlinski when he surveyed the Augusta claim on Scott Hill. He wrote, *"I selected a conspicuous place on the divide or summit between the Big Cottonwood and Uinta mining districts on the south side of the main road leading from Big Cottonwood to Park City, where I put a pine post 6' long, 6"x6" square in mound of stone and earth, marked 'USMM No.7 BCMD'."* His monument was at Scott Pass, but has not survived.

Mineral Monument No.8 was established by Charles P. Brooks on 25-26 Aug.1881 when he surveyed the Carrie lode. He wrote, *"USMM No.1 being a very long distance from this claim, I set a new monument which is a hewed pine post 5" in diameter 6' long set in a mound of stone 4' in diameter at the base and 3' high, marked USMM No.8, on the top of a high ridge dividing Silver Fork of Big Cottonwood and the main cañon."* It was located on the present Solitude ski area, along the ridge west of the top of the Eagle Express ski lift.

The final monument, No.9, was in Mill Creek Canyon. It was set for the initial survey of the Rattle Snake lode, at the lower end of Rattlesnake Gulch. While it was referenced in an 1895 survey of the lode, it must have been set in an earlier, unrecorded survey. The marker was on the south side of the claim and likely never served any other claim surveys.

While this discourse on Mineral Monuments does not describe any trails, they are nevertheless part of the trail of Wasatch history and can offer challenging searches for the curious hiker who would view them.

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meet other members, and enjoy as the following take
place:

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Will McCarvill will talk about The Master Plan

Lodge Committee will talk about progress towards
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Halloween Day Hike to Mt Olympus via Tolcat Canyon
 Left to Right: Cory, Mike, Laurie, Garret, Fred, Carol, Al and Stanley
 ~ Photo by Mark Balboni

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Photo Hike in Bells Canyon

10/18/2009

Left to Right: Bryan, Chris Connelly, Jim Paulford, Robyn Moore, Tony Maturo, Lynette Brooks, Bruce Moore
~ Photo by Bruce Moore



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Halloween Canyoneering???

Robert Ging

Here I was lucky enough to go on another one of Rick Thompson's great canyoneering trips. But at the end of October? In a canyon known for long swims? A cold front came in a few days before the trip and I thought, maybe this isn't a good idea. Our group was six strong, each armed with neoprene from head to toe to survive the chilly waters. But how cold would it be? We arrived in the dark and when I woke up the next morning my gear had frost on it, there were patches of snow on the ground, and puddles were frozen over. That's how cold it was going to be. The first canyon named Cheesebox had wading and a few swims but we were always able to find sun when we needed to warm up. We made it through the first day, no frostbite, no hypothermia. The next day we would wake up to frozen wet gear. We prepared ourselves for the Black Hole, the most technical non technical canyon you will encounter in Utah. It lived up to it's name and was dark, cold, and extremely wet with many swims. Despite the cool weather we all had a great time as enjoyed the beauty, challenge, and solitude of the canyons. Thanks to our canyoneering director for once again putting together a great trip.



Left: Bret trying to stay high and dry.
Below: Dan & Bret - This log should do for a
water crossing.

~ Photos by Robert Ging



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 & 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: Once logging into the website, click on “Email Lists” on the left-hand side. Then follow the online instructions. (Boaters: E-mail the Boat Director—inside front cover—for more information.)

Group size limits in wilderness: Some National Forest ranger districts limit the size of group 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 being understanding if you cannot 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 miles
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	

Be kind. When you carpool up local canyons, please give the driver \$1.50 or \$2.00 to help with gas and the wear and tear on the vehicle.

Directions to Meeting Places

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 S. To get to the Mill Creek Canyon Rd from the Park and Ride lot without making a U-turn, go west (right) on 3900 S, 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 Rd (3800 S).

Skyline High School: 3251 E Upland Drive (3760 S). From the intersection of Wasatch Blvd and the Mill Creek Canyon Rd (3800 S), go west under the I-215 freeway, then turn north (right) into the entrance opposite Birch Dr (3330 E).

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 Rd and Wasatch Blvd. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

6200 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 Rd. On the north side of the intersection of Little Cottonwood Canyon Rd and Quarry Rd at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon.

Utah Travel Council Parking Lot: About 120 E 300 N. Go east from the intersection of State St and 300 N and turn south (right) into the first parking lot.

Parleys Way K-Mart Parking Lot: 2705 Parleys Way. From Parleys Way, turn north into the parking lot; or from Foothill Drive, turn west on Stringham Ave (2295 S) and then south into the lot.

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See online Calendar for updated and additional events and trips.

Date	Activity
Dec 1 Tue	<p>Alpine Ski Tour: Tue Ski Backcountry: (mod+ To Msd) – mod+ – Fast pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 5:00 pm at Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Chris Proctor 801 485-1543 Proctorgtr@aol.com</p> <p>Weekly moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear, and snow safety and avalanche-training skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should email ahead of time to describe your acquaintance with the above requirements.</p>
Dec 1 Tue	<p>Semi-annual General Membership Meeting</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 7:30 pm at Mt Olympus Presbyterian Church. 3280 East 3900 South</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> John Veranth 801 278-5826 veranth@xmission.com</p> <p>Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trip safety discussion for organizers Conservation update on Lodge Master Plan Progress toward Lodge Foundation Nominations for next year Slide show of New Zealand
Dec 3 Thu	<p>Snowshoe: The Cottonwoods – ntd+</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:30 am at Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> 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 3 Thu	<p>Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Momentum Climbing Gym</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> 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 4 Fri	<p>Millcreek Dog Hike On Snow – ntd – Out & Back – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:30 am at Meet at that park & ride lot that just got paved on 3900 South and Wasatch. Or call me.</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Liz Cordova 801 486-0909 liz1466@live.com</p> <p>Burch Hollow, Rattlesnake Gulch or the Pipeline if conditions are okay and the sun is shining. White Fir Pass if not. Bring a dog (or two), yak trax and/or snowshoes.</p>
Dec 5 Sat	<p>Granduer Yak Tracks Hike – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 8:45 am at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801 244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>If conditions allow, Julie will lead this pleasant early winter hike to Granduer from Churchfork. The trail is usually well-packed ice and snow so bring yak tracks or some variation of lightly studded footwear.</p>

- Dec 5 Sat Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Karen Perkins 801 272-2225 karenp@xmission.com
 Organizers Leslie Woods, Polly Wiessner & Karen Perkins will lead regular Saturday morning tours as soon as conditions are favorable. It is doubtful that the Yo Yo Group can ski before late December if this year is typical, but a WMC-Ski list, will receive an E-MAIL ANNOUNCEMENT, a day or so prior. Watch for it! We do laps, usually in an area on the north side of BCC, where the terrain is safer & gentler. The exact location will be decided by group consensus at the meeting place. We attempt to avoid known avalanche chutes & treacherous terrain, & generally ski a few favorite spots all season. Beacons, shovels, probes, tele or comparable gear + skins required - along with a reasonable knowledge of their use. Skiers can yo yo as many times as they are able! For changes, cancelations, etc., skiers will be alerted by e-mail. And yes, we go EVERY SATURDAY! You may contact Karen, preferably by e-mail. If questions remain unanswered, do call.
- Dec 6 Sun Nordic Ski Tour: North Of Iron Mine Mountain (uintas) – mod+ – 17.0 mi Out & Back – 2500' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: 8:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Michael Berry 801 583-4721
 MLH Winter Parking 14 miles east of Kamas. Tour follows Iron Mine Mountain Jeep Road (North Slope) on early season snowpack. The terrain opens up for good views and several options in the high country above 10,000 ft. Expect extra cold temperatures and little sun. Contact trip organizer if driving from Park City area. Carpools can be arranged for separate return times. Remember MLH parking fee (\$3) and be prepared to share the cost of transportation. Dogs OK. Lightweight backcountry touring gear with scales, skins, or swix (grip wax) and 10 E's.
- Dec 6 Sun Snowshoe: American Fork – mod**
Meet: 5:00 pm at Registration required
Organizer: Jude Elizondo and Andy Beard 801 216-4597 judelizondo@aol.com
 Jude and Andy invite you to their neck of the woods to explore American Fork canyon on snowshoes. Possibilities include Pine Creek, Tibble Fork, Grove Creek, and more! Destination will depend on the snow conditions. Bring your 10E's and the club suggests an avalanche beacon, shovel and probe. Call to register so they can give you directions to the meeting place.
- Dec 6 Sun Snowshoe: Dog Lake – ntd – 6.0 mi – 1400' ascent**
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Chris Winter 801 532-1646 cdw_mmn@yahoo.com
 Old (not really) man Winter is back in action. Chris is going to Dog Lake today. Join him for good conversation and a lot of fun.
- Dec 8 Tue Alpine Ski Tour: Tue Ski Backcountry: (mod+ To Msd) – mod+ – Fast pace**
Meet: 5:00 pm at Registration required
Organizer: Chris Proctor 801 485-1543 Proctorgtr@aol.com
 Weekly moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear, and snow safety and avalanche-training skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should email ahead of time to describe your acquaintance with the above requirements.
- Dec 8 Tue Snowshoe Park City Environs Mod/msd**
Meet: 10:00 am at Disseminated via snowshoe email list
Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Vince DeSimone (435) 649-6805 vinedesimone@yahoo.com
 Vince will organize a Tuesday Group this year. Meet 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 friendly 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. Carpool from SLC from the Parley's Way Kmart parking lot at 915 am.

Dec 10 Avalanche Education: Avalanche Awareness Clinic: Robert Frohboese Annual

Thu *Meet:* 7:00 pm at Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church, 3280 East 3900 South

Organizer: Walter Haas 801 534-1262 haas@xmission.com

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. 12. 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 Center will give a talk and present his famous slide show. This will take place at 6:45 PM in the meeting room of Mount Olympus Presbyterian Church, 3280 East 3900 South. For more information or to volunteer to help with the clinic please contact the Winter Sports Director.

Dec 10 Ski Meeting/social: Avalanche Awareness Clinic: Robert Frohboese Annual

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Dec 10 Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-

Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Momentum Climbing Gym

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.

Dec 10 Snowshoe: The Cottonwoods – ntd+

Thu *Meet:* 9:30 am at Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)

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.

Dec 12 Ski Meeting/social: Avalanche Awareness Clinic Part 2 - Transceiver Practice

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at Butler Elementary - 2700 E 7000 S

Organizer: Walter Haas 801 534-1262 haas@xmission.com

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.

Dec 12 Avalanche Transceiver Practice: Avalanche Awareness Clinic Part 2

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at Butler Elementary - 2700 E 7000 S

Organizer: Walter Haas 801 534-1262 haas@xmission.com

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.

Dec 12 West Grandeur Snowshoe Hike – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Organizer: Liz Cordova 801 486-0909 liz1466@live.com

We'll go up West Grandeur unless air quality is poor and we have to start higher. We'll move to Millcreek in that case. Snowshoes are probably not needed, but yak trax would help. Bring snowshoes in case there's a change in destination. Dogs are welcome!

Dec 13 Break Into The Backcountry, – ntd – 1000' ascent – Moderate pace

Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Mark Borges 801 363-4504 mborges@xmission.com

This will be an introduction for those just starting to do backcountry tours. We will find a nice glade in BCC to ski/board ~4 hrs. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel. Email or call Mark.

Dec 13 Snowshoe: Scott's Pass – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Carrie Clark and Rick Gamble 801 519-9257 dr_carolyn@yahoo.com

We'll start from the Upper Solitude parking lot and 'shoe up the 4WD road to the pass. If weather looks questionable, check the website for cancellation. We will leave PROMPTLY at 9. Co-leader: Rick Gamble

Dec 13 Alpine Ski Tour, – mod – Moderate pace

Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Will Mc Carvill 801-942-2921 lizandwill@msn.com

Show and go. Destination pending snow conditions and group composition. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness is required.

Dec 13 Snowshoe: Big Cottonwood Canyon – ntd

Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Mark McKenzie 801 913-8439 mark.mckenzie@slcc.edu

Join Mark for the snowshoe of his choice in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Destination will depend on conditions.

Dec 13 Beginner Snowshoe Big Cottonwood – ntd – Out & Back

Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Knick Knickerbocker 801 272-2485 Knick.Sold@comcast.net

Come join Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or Knick.Sold@comcast.net) 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.

“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.

- Dec 13 Nordic Ski Tour: Norway Flat (uintas) – mod – 13.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace**
 Sun *Meet:* 8:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Michael Berry 801 583-4721 mberryxc@earthlink.net
 This XC ski tour begins at the Pine Valley pull-out on the Mirror Lake Highway and switchbacks up the Norway Flat Road. Overlook of the TUNA yurt along Boulder Creek at the 3.5 mile mark. The 'Flat' is reached at the 5.0 mile mark (1,800 ft. elevation gain), where several options exist. All day tour, but carpools can be arranged for separate return times. Generally, lighter weight backcountry touring gear (with swix, scales, or skins) is used, however skiers must choose their gear weight based on suitability for efficient downhill technique and full control. Beacons and winter safety gear advised. Contact trip organizer if driving from the Park City area. Meet at 8:15 am for an 8:30 am departure.
- Dec 15 Alpine Ski Tour: Tue Ski Backcountry: (mod+ To Msd) – mod+ – Fast pace**
 Tue *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required
Organizer: Chris Proctor 801 485-1543 Proctorgtr@aol.com
 Weekly moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear, and snow safety and avalanche-training skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should email ahead of time to describe your acquaintance with the above requirements.
- Dec 15 Snowshoe Park City Environs Mod/msd**
 Tue *Meet:* 10:00 am at Disseminated via snowshoe email list
Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Vince DeSimone (435) 649-6805 vincedesimone@yahoo.com
 Vince will organize a Tuesday Group this year. Meet 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 friendly 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. Carpool from SLC from the Parley's Way Kmart parking lot at 9:15 am.
- Dec 17 Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-**
 Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Momentum Climbing Gym
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.
- Dec 17 Snowshoe: The Cottonwoods – ntd+**
 Thu *Meet:* 9:30 am at Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)
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.
- Dec 18 Millcreek Dog Hike On Snow – ntd – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
 Fri *Meet:* 9:30 am at 3900 South & Wasatch Park & Ride--the one that finally got paved
Organizer: Liz Cordova 801 486-0909 liz1466@live.com
 Same deal as Dec 4th. Kiana welcomes you and your furry friend.

Dec 19 Snowshoe: Willow Area Ntd+/ Mod

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Cindy Crass 801 530-7331 cjcrass@cnmlaw.com

Starting across the road from Solitude, Cindy will lead the group through the mysterious Black Forest to Upper Willow. Depending on the conditions and the willingness of the group the destination may be the bowl, the ridge or even a loop descending via Willow Lake.

Dec 19 Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 1000' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Karen Perkins 801 272-2225 karenp@xmission.com

Please read detailed description of this tour the first Saturday of the month, i.e., Dec.5th

Dec 20 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – mod – 2500' ascent – Moderate pace

Sun *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required

Organizer: Mark Borges 801 363-4504 mborges@xmission.com

Open glade skiing/boarding. ~2500' vertical ~5 hrs. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness is required. Email or call Mark

Dec 20 Snowshoe: Afternoon Cardiff Fork – ntd

Sun *Meet:* 12:00 pm at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride

Organizer: Barry Quinn 801 272-7097 bquinn@westminstercollege.edu

Join Barry for an afternoon hike in Cardiff. Depending on the snow conditions, Barry will do a loop by crossing the stream. If there's not enough snow, he will do an out and back.

Dec 20 Snowshoe: Cottonwoods – mod

Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Brett Smith 801 994-1832 brettsmith459@yahoo.com

Brett will choose the destination today. Come prepared with your 10E's and a sense of adventure. A beacon, shovel and probe are recommended.

Dec 22 Alpine Ski Tour: Tue Ski Backcountry: (mod+ To Msd) – mod+ – Fast pace

Tue *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required

Organizer: Chris Proctor 801 485-1543 Proctorgtr@aol.com

Weekly moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear, and snow safety and avalanche-training skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should email ahead of time to describe your acquaintance with the above requirements.

Dec 22 Snowshoe Park City Environs Mod/msd

Tue *Meet:* 10:00 am at Disseminated via snowshoe email list

Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way

Organizer: Vince DeSimone (435) 649-6805 vincedesimone@yahoo.com

Vince will organize a Tuesday Group this year. Meet 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 friendly 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. Carpool from SLC from the Parley's Way Kmart parking lot at 915 am.

BE PREPARED! ALWAYS TAKE THE 10 E'S AND CHECK THE LOCAL WEATHER CONDITIONS! WHAT ARE THE 10 E'S? MAP/COMPASS, FLASHLIGHT, POCKETKNIFE, MATCHES/FIRE-STARTER, SUNSCREEN/BUG SPRAY, SUNGLASSES, CANDLE, FIRST AID KIT, EXTRA CLOTHES, & FOOD AND WATER

Dec 24 Snowshoe: The Cottonwoods – ntd+

Thu *Meet:* 9:30 am at Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)

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.

Dec 25 Snowshoe: Christmas Day In The Wasatch – ntd

Fri *Meet:* 9:30 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Ray Duda and Lorraine Lovelle 801 255-0085 loraine4travel@yahoo.com

Whether you're a jolly old elf or the grinch, everyone is welcome! Come share some Christmas cheer with Lorraine Lovelle and Ray Duda while touring the beautiful Wasatch mountains on snowshoes. Destination will depend on current conditions. If the weather is terrible stay home and toast chestnuts on the fire. But if the weather is good, come and join the fun.

Dec 26 Alpine Ski Tour, – mod – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Will Mc Carvill 801-942-2921 lizandwill@msn.com

Show and go. Destination pending snow conditions and group composition. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness is required.

Dec 26 Snowshoe: Cottonwoods – mod

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Heidi DeMartis 801 942-8088 heididemartis@excite.com

This one is Heidi's choice! Whatever she feels like doing during her all too brief break from school. Let's all go join her for a great day in the snow.

Dec 26 Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 1000' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Karen Perkins 801 272-2225 karenp@xmission.com

Please read detailed description of this regular Saturday morning tour on first Saturday of the month, i.e., Dec.5th

Dec 27 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – mod – Moderate pace

Sun *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required

Organizer: Mark Borges 801 363-4504 mborges@xmission.com

Open glade skiing/boarding. ~2500' vertical ~5 hrs. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness is required. Email or call Mark

Dec 27 Snowshoe: Greens Basin – ntd – 4.0 mi – 1000' ascent

Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Mark Jones 801 486-5354

Mark is leading a club favorite this morning to Greens Basin.

Dec 27 Nordic Ski Tour: North Fork Of The Provo (uintas) – mod – 15.0 mi Out & Back – 1000' ascent – Moderate pace
Sun

Meet: 8:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way

Organizer: Michael Berry 801 583-4721 mberryxc@earthlink.net

This XC ski tour follows rolling terrain through the forest and past meadows and beaver ponds to the 2.5 mile mark. The 'kick & glide' gives way to moderately difficult terrain leading up to the old yurt (site) ruins at the 3.0 mile mark. The long valley beyond and scenery is a just reward. Generally, lighter weight backcountry touring gear (with swix, scales, or skins) is used. Overall, the elevation gain is not substantial on this trip, unless one continues past the 7.5 mi. mark towards Duck Lake, which would be a very long day, indeed (a near-full moon will be rising). In that case, carpools can be arranged for separate return times. Contact trip organizer if driving from the Park City area. Beacons are not required on this trip. Winter safety gear and headlamps advised. Meet at 8:15 am for an 8:30 am departure.

Dec 29 Alpine Ski Tour: Tue Ski Backcountry: (mod+ To Msd) – mod+ – Fast pace
Tue

Meet: 5:00 pm at Registration required

Organizer: Chris Proctor 801 485-1543 Proctorgtr@aol.com

Weekly moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear, and snow safety and avalanche-training skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should email ahead of time to describe your acquaintance with the above requirements.

Dec 31 Snowshoe: The Cottonwoods – ntd+
Thu

Meet: 9:30 am at Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)

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.

Jan 1 Snowshoe New Year's Day – mod
Fri

Meet: 10:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Rick Kirkland 801 486-0909 rkirklan@utah.gov

Start the New Year right! Sleep in a little and then join Rick for an invigorating snowshoe. The club recommends you bring the 10E's, shovel, probe, and beacon.

Jan 1 Snowshoe: New Years Day – ntd
Fri

Meet: 10:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Heidi DeMartis 801 942-8088 heididemartis@excite.com

Heidi will be leading the more mellow group today. She's starting a little later to let you recover from the night before. If you resolved to exercise more this year - here's your chance!

Jan 2 Snowshoe: Cardiff Fork Ntd/ntd+
Sat

Meet: 10:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Ellen Jenkins 801 293-9198 ellenjenkins@yahoo.com

Join Ellen at the civilized time of 10am for a snowshoe in Cardiff Fork. The club suggests that you bring your 10E's and avalanche safety gear for any snowshoe.

Jan 2 Snowshoe: Powder Park – mod
Sat

Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Cassie Badowski 801 278-5153 cassie@hesstravel.com

Join Cassie on a trip to Powder Park today. There's sure to be lots of conversation and laughs whenever Cassie is around! Come prepared with your 10E's and a beacon, probe and shovel are recommended.

- Jan 2 **Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace**
Sat
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Karen Perkins 801 272-2225 karenp@xmission.com
Organizers Leslie Woods, Polly Wiessner & Karen Perkins lead the tour. We do laps, usually in an area on the north side of BCC, where the terrain is safer & gentler. The exact location will be decided by group consensus at the meeting place. We attempt to avoid known avalanche chutes & treacherous terrain, & generally ski a few favorite spots all season. Beacons, shovels, probes, tele or comparable gear + skins required - along with a reasonable knowledge of their use. Skiers can yo yo as many times as they are able! For changes, cancelations, etc., skiers will be alerted by e-mail. And yes, we go EVERY SATURDAY! You may contact Karen, preferably by e-mail. If questions remain unanswered, do call.
- Jan 2 **Nordic Ski Tour: Mill Creek Canyon Road (beginner) – ntd – 2.5 mi Out & Back – 750' ascent – Slow pace**
Sat
Meet: 3:15 pm at Mill Creek Winter Gate
Organizer: Michael Berry 801 583-4721 mberryxc@earthlink.net
A short tour during the Holiday weekend, suitable for beginners, or those who are new to the area. After two back-to-back off-leash dog days (31st/ 1st) on the Mill Creek calendar, the ski route beyond the winter gate should be easier to negotiate without having to dodge those often wayward canines. Back before dark. Park at one of the Mill Creek lots near the end of the road at 3:15 pm, and meet the organizer (wearing reddish-brown jacket) at the winter gate by 3:30 pm.
- Jan 3 **Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – mod+ – Moderate pace**
Sun
Meet: 5:00 pm at Registration required
Organizer: Mark Borges 801 363-4504 mborges@xmission.com
Open glade skiing/boarding. Some parts might be steeper then 38 degrees and/or in the trees. ~3500' vertical ~6 hrs. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness is required. Email or call Mark
- Jan 3 **Snowshoe: Reynolds Loop – mod – Loop**
Sun
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Deirdre Flynn and Mohamed Abdallah 801 466-9310 agm1144@yahoo.com
This is one of Mohamed's favorites: start at Mill D and head to Reynolds then loop down through Butler Fork. Final route depends on snow and avalanche conditions. The club recommends you bring your 10 E's, beacon, probe and shovel.
- Jan 5 **Alpine Ski Tour: Tue Ski Backcountry: (mod+ To Msd) – mod+ – Fast pace**
Tue
Meet: 5:00 pm at Registration required
Organizer: Chris Proctor 801 485-1543 Proctorgtr@aol.com
Weekly moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear, and snow safety and avalanche-training skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should email ahead of time to describe your acquaintance with the above requirements.
- Jan 5 **Snowshoe Park City Environs Mod/msd**
Tue
Meet: 10:00 am at Disseminated via snowshoe email list
Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Vince DeSimone (435) 649-6805 vincedesimone@yahoo.com
Vince will organize a Tuesday Group this year. Meet 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 friendly 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. Carpool from SLC from the Parley's Way Kmart parking lot at 915 am.

Jan 7 **Snowshoe: The Cottonwoods – ntd+**

Thu *Meet:* 9:30 am at Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)

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.

Jan 7 **Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-**

Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Momentum Climbing Gym

Organizer: Peter Campbell 801 733-0313 wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com

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Jan 9 **Alpine Ski Tour, – mod – Moderate pace**

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Will Mc Carvill 801-942-2921 lizandwill@msn.com

Show and go. Destination pending snow conditions and group composition. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness is required.

Jan 9 **Snowshoe: Cottonwoods – ntd+**

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Holly Smith 801 272-5358

Holly will pick a beautiful destination according to the weather and snow conditions.

Jan 9 **Snowshoe: American Fork – mod**

Sat *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required

Organizer: Jude Elizondo and Andy Beard 801 216-4597 judelizondo@aol.com

Join Jude and Andy on another snowshoe adventure in American Fork. There's sure to be good conversation and a good workout. Destination will depend on the snow conditions. Bring your 10E's and the club suggests an avalanche beacon, shovel and probe. Call to register so they can give you directions to the meeting place.

Jan 9 **Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace**

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Karen Perkins 801 272-2225 karenp@xmission.com

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Jan 10 **Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – msd- – Moderate pace**

Sun *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required

Organizer: Mark Borges 801 363-4504 mborges@xmission.com

Open glade skiing/boarding. Some parts might be steeper then 38 degrees and/or in the trees. ~4000 vertical ~7hr. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Backcountry experience and avalanche awareness is required. Email or call Mark.

Jan 10 **Snowshoe: Catherine's Pass – mod**

Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Mike Budig 801 328-4512 mbudig@blazemail.com

Mike is headed to Catherine's Pass today. It's sure to be a good workout with excellent scenery. Remember your 10E's, beacon, shovel and probe.

Jan 10 Snowshoe: Greens Basin – ntd – 4.0 mi – 1000' ascent

Sun *Meet:* 9:30 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Tricia Lee 801 274-7643 trisha2king@juno.com
Join Tricia for a beautiful day in Big Cottonwood. She is headed to Greens Basin from the Spruces.

Jan 12 Alpine Ski Tour: Tue Ski Backcountry: (mod+ To Msd) – mod+ – Fast pace

Tue *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required
Organizer: Chris Proctor 801 485-1543 Proctorgtr@aol.com
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Jan 12 Snowshoe Park City Environs Mod/msd

Tue *Meet:* 10:00 am at Disseminated via snowshoe email list
Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Vince DeSimone (435) 649-6805 vincedesimone@yahoo.com
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Jan 14 Snowshoe: The Cottonwoods – ntd+

Thu *Meet:* 9:30 am at Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)
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.

Jan 14 Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-

Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Momentum Climbing Gym
Organizer: Peter Campbell 801 733-0313 wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com
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Jan 16 Snowshoe: Millcreek – ntd

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)
Organizer: Mary Ann Yates 801 278-2423 marlos@xmission.com
Mary Ann will pick a destination that you are sure to love and that is suitable for the snow conditions.

Jan 16 Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Karen Perkins 801 272-2225 karenp@xmission.com
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Jan 16 Snowshoe: Wolverine Cirque – mod

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Cassie Badowski 801 278-5153 cassie@hesstravel.com

Cassie is headed to the Wolverine Cirque. This is a classic with some heart stopping views. Call Cassie with questions. Come prepared with your 10E's and a beacon, probe and shovel are recommended.

Jan 17 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – msd – Moderate pace

Sun *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required

Organizer: Mark Borges 801 363-4504 mborges@xmission.com

Open glade skiing/boarding. Some parts might be steeper then 38 degrees and/or in the trees. ~4500 vertical ~8hr. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Backcountry experience and avalanche awareness is required. Email or call Mark.

Jan 17 Snowshoe: White Pine – mod+ – 9.0 mi – 2400' ascent

Sun *Meet:* 9:30 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Kerry Faigle 801 232-8984 kfaigle@sisna.com

Kerry is going to beautiful White Pine lake (or as close as conditions permit). On a sunny day this is the perfect way to get some vitamin D and enjoy the snow. Bring your 10E's, beacon, probe and shovel!

Jan 19 Snowshoe Park City Environs Mod/msd

Tue *Meet:* 10:00 am at Disseminated via snowshoe email list

Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way

Organizer: Vince DeSimone (435) 649-6805 vincedesimone@yahoo.com

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Jan 21 Snowshoe: The Cottonwoods – ntd+

Thu *Meet:* 9:30 am at Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)

Organizer: Norm Pobanz 266-3703

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Jan 21 Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-

Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Momentum Climbing Gym

Organizer: Peter Campbell 801 733-0313 wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com

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Jan 23 Alpine Ski Tour, – mod – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Will Mc Carvill 801-942-2921 lizandwill@msn.com

Show and go. Destination pending snow conditions and group composition. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness is required.

Jan 23 Snowshoe: Albion Basin – ntd – Slow pace

Sat *Meet:* 9:15 am at 3900 S Wasatch Blvd - the newly paved park and ride

Organizer: Doug Stark 801 277-8538 dostark@yahoo.com

Doug will be leading this leisurely paced snowshoe through scenic Albion Basin. Doug prefers the park and ride closer to Millcreek on 3900 S and Wasatch.

Jan 23 Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Karen Perkins 801 272-2225 karenp@xmission.com

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Jan 24 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – msd – Moderate pace

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Organizer: Mark Borges 801 363-4504 mborges@xmission.com

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Jan 26 Snowshoe Park City Environs Mod/msd

Tue *Meet:* 10:00 am at Disseminated via snowshoe email list

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Organizer: Vince DeSimone (435) 649-6805 vincedesimone@yahoo.com

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Jan 28 Snowshoe: The Cottonwoods – ntd+

Thu *Meet:* 9:30 am at Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)

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.

Jan 28 Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-

Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Momentum Climbing Gym

Organizer: Peter Campbell 801 733-0313 wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com

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Jan 29 **Moonlight Snowshoe – ntd – Out & Back – Slow pace**

Fri *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Organizer: Knick Knickerbocker 801 891-2669 Knick.Sold@comcast.net

Organizer: Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or Knick.Sold@comcast.net) Meet Knick for this Organizer's Choice moonlight snowshoe tour possibly in East Canyon. Exact location dependent on weather and safety conditions. Knick plans a fun evening in the moonlit snow. Meet Knick at Skyline High east parking lot to carpool. Dress warmly in layers, headlamp may be needed and come prepared.

Jan 30 **Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace**

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Karen Perkins 801 272-2225 karenp@xmission.com

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Feb 4 **Snowshoe: The Cottonwoods – ntd+**

Thu *Meet:* 9:30 am at Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)

Organizer: Norm Pobanz 266-3703

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Now is the time to start paying attention to snowfall and weather conditions. So many people die each and every year from not using common sense as well as backup measures for emergencies. Please beware as you traverse various landscapes and ALWAYS let someone know where you are. It is wise to never travel alone. Be safe out there!

Feb 4 Alpine Yurt Ski Trip, Sawtooth Mountains – msd-

Thu – *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required

Feb 8 *Organizer:* Michael Moody 801-949-8032 mike.h.moody@hotmail.com

Mon Sawtooth Mountain Powder Days Dates: Feb 5th – 8th Cost: \$147/person The WMC is taking a group of lucky skiers to Bench Hut in the Sawtooth Mountains for 4 days/3nights of Back Country Skiing in February 2010. Nestled at 7400' on the shoulder of Mount Heyburn in the Sawtooth Mountains, the Bench Hut is a spectacular destination for the downhill shredders and intermediate skiers alike. The area around Bench Hut is off limits to motorized vehicles by the Forest Service (this means NO SNOWMOBILES!). We will meet in SLC on Thursday after work and Carpool to Ketchum where we will spend the night. On Friday, we will carpool in the morning to the trail head, where we will leave modern society behind and enter the Back Country world for 4 spectacular days. Bench is a wall tent built from local materials that reflects the age and ingenuity of the first pioneers in the Rockies. All the basic amenities are provided at the hut including two wood stoves, a two burner propane stove for cooking, pots, pans, tableware, lanterns, bunks with foam mattresses, books, cards, games and a wood fired SAUNA! The Hut can sleep up to 14 people, yet we will limit the group to 10. Hut users need only bring food, sleeping bags and avalanche safety equipment. The trail to the hut, a 1,200' gradual elevation gain over six miles, proceeds gently up a ridge from the Redfish Lake trailhead. Outstanding views of the Sawtooth and White Cloud Mountains mark this trail. Skiers will need to be able to carry their gear into the hut. LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: The strong, experienced skier will enjoy and be challenged by BC skiing in this area. An advanced level of fitness and high-intermediate to advanced downhill ski abilities are essential. This means being comfortable skiing 'black runs' with a 15-20 lb pack in backcountry snow conditions, especially deep powder! Participates should have good BC skiing/slit-boarding skills (and know what this means), and at least attend one Avalanche Class. Please no snowshoers or XC skiers. PLANNED ITENARY: Feb 4th – Meet in SLC and Carpool to Ketchum (location and time TBD) Feb 5th – 8th Bench Hut, see why everyone wants to go hut skiing! Feb 8th – Get back to the cars and Carpool back to SLC PAYMENT: BC skiers wishing to attend: need to e-mail the trip leader with a short list of experience/classes along with a contact phone number. BC skiers will need to adhere to the Hut rules; which includes leaving the hut in better shape than found. Approved BC skiers have 7 days to submit full payment to leader or the skier could lose their spot. Refunds will only be given if there are approved participates on the wait list and one of these is able to pay for said position. There are no refunds for inclement weather, nor is there any guarantee for powder. NOT INCLUDED: - Transportation to Trail head (we will carpool) - Night stay in Ketchum - Food (we will try to organize group food, yet this is not in the cost of the hut) - Guiding service (this is an option at \$300/day) - Personal Gear - Porter Service (this is an option at \$150/day for a max of 50#)

Feb 4 Bob Wright Memorial Death Valley Road Bike Ride – mod

Thu – *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required

Feb 8 *Organizer:* Marilyn Bickley 801-446-0544 jmbickley@qwest.net

Mon It's time to get away from the snow, cold temperatures, and smog to enjoy some warm weather and sunshine in Death Valley! Camping will be at the Furnace Creek Campground walk-in tent sites. Bike rides are day trips and the 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 Telescope Peak. Showers and swimming are available at Furnace Creek. Itineraries are flexible. We will do group cooking. The planning meeting is on January 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Jim and Marilyn Bickley's house, 10913 So. Coralville Way (4460 West), South Jordan, Utah 84095. Cooking pods, pod leaders, logistics, and carpooling will be discussed. The cost of the trip is \$60 per person, which includes camping and food, due on or before the planning meeting. Transportation and park entrance fees are up to the individuals. If you have a geezer pass (Golden Age Pass), bring it. Please register with Jim or Marilyn Bickley by January 15. Phone is 801-446-0544 or e-mail at jmbickley@qwest.net

Feb 4 Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-

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Feb 20 Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

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Feb 27 Alpine Ski Tour, – mod – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Will Mc Carvill 801-942-2921 lizandwill@msn.com

Show and go. Destination pending snow conditions and group composition. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness is required.

Feb 27 Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Karen Perkins 801 272-2225 karenp@xmission.com

Organizers Leslie Woods, Polly Wiessner & Karen Perkins lead the tour. We do laps, usually in an area on the north side of BCC, where the terrain is safer & gentler. The exact location will be decided by group consensus at the meeting place. We attempt to avoid known avalanche chutes & treacherous terrain, & generally ski a few favorite spots all season. Beacons, shovels, probes, tele or comparable gear + skins required - along with a reasonable knowledge of their use. Skiers can yo yo as many times as they are able! For changes, cancelations, etc., skiers will be alerted by e-mail. And yes, we go EVERY SATURDAY! You may contact Karen, preferably by e-mail. If questions remain unanswered, do call.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)
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 membership as: _____ 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 (Annual dues \$35.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)

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

\$25.00 for student membership (Annual dues \$20.00 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.

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. I agree to abide by the rules of the WMC.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I am aware that WMC activities involve risks, and may result in injury, illness, death, and damage to or loss of property. These dangers include but are not limited to: the hazards of traveling in remote areas without medical services or care, the forces of nature, the inherent dangers involved in participation in sports, wilderness travel, and social activities, and the negligent actions of other persons or agencies. I understand that all activities should be considered exploratory, with the possibility of unexpected conditions and route variations. The WMC is not, nor does it provide, a professional guide 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 responsibility for any and all risks of injury, illness, death, or damage to or loss of my property.

PREPARATION: I understand that it is my responsibility to evaluate the difficulties of any WMC activity I participate in, and decide whether I am prepared by having the experience, skill, knowledge, equipment, and the physical and emotional stamina to participate safely.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE: I agree that I, my heirs, personal or legal representatives hereby do release and hold harmless from all liability, and promise not to bring any suit or claim against the WMC, its activity organizers, 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 understand that the WMC strongly recommends that I maintain insurance sufficient to cover any injury, illness or property damage that I may incur while participating in WMC activities. In the event of injury, illness or death related to any WMC activity, I recognize that I, or my estate, will bear the full cost of my evacuation or recovery, and any related medical care that I may need. I acknowledge that the WMC carries no insurance whatsoever for any participants in WMC activities.

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

REI COMMUNITY CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SANDY REI (10600 S 230 W)

Snowshoe 101 - Thurs, Dec 3 @ 7pm **(also on Thurs, Dec 17 @ 7pm in Sandy)**

Learn how to snowshoe!

Avalanche Awareness - Thurs, Dec 10 @ 7pm

The Wasatch Front is home to some of the world's finest winter backcountry terrain. However, the rise in popularity of backcountry skiing, snowboarding and snowmobiling comes with an increased risk in avalanche danger. 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. This presentation by experts from the Utah Avalanche Center always fills to capacity, so please arrive early to ensure that you get a seat.

SALT LAKE CITY REI (3285 E 3300 S)

Winter Wildlife Tracking - Mon, Dec 7 @ 7pm

Get ready to add even more wow to your winter recreation! Join naturalist, educator, author and photographer Bruce Thompson for a magical evening to learn about wildlife in the winter environment, the tracks they leave and how they have adapted to what we consider a "harsh" environment. Bringing a deep sense of wonder and intimate knowledge of our regional mammals, Bruce's photographs, graphics and insights will leave you more enthusiastic than ever to get out into wintertime!

Avalanche Awareness - Tues, Dec 8 @ 7pm

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Snowshoe 101 - Wed, Dec 9 @ 7pm

The ease of snowshoeing has led it to become one of the fastest growing sports in the country. Simply strap on a pair and go on a winter hike, backpack, or climb. Join Tim Coats of Tubbs Snowshoes for this presentation which will focus on the appropriate selection of gear and the initial skills needed to get you outside and on the trails. If you have ever thought about getting into snowshoeing, this is a great introduction to the sport!

Know Before You Go: Avalanche Awareness For Youth **Tues, Dec 15 @ 7pm**

Just like students in Hawaii learn about the dangers of rip tides and shore breaks at an early age, students in Utah need to learn about avalanches. Join the experts from the Utah Avalanche Center as they address this critical need for basic avalanche education. This evening will include a narrated video showing avalanches, people triggering avalanches and the destructive power of avalanches. Then a local avalanche professional will tell their story about close calls or accidents they have had as they learned about avalanches. This will be followed by a PowerPoint presentation about the basics of how to recognize avalanche terrain, recognize obvious signs of instability, safe travel practices, the basics of avalanche rescue equipment and self-rescue procedures, and where to obtain information about current avalanche conditions. This program is tailored for younger outdoor enthusiasts between middle school and college, though all ages & families are encouraged to attend.

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