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November 6, 2010

L-R: Barb, Diane, Cindy, Chris, Marcia, Mark, Anna and Robert

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.



Lodge Service Days

None Scheduled

Check for updates online in Activities Listings

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT JOHN VERANTH

On Thursday, November 11th, the General Membership Meeting was held and the results of the voting on the transfer of the lodge were announced by the Trustees. The final count was 408 in favor of giving the lodge to the Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation, with 18 opposed.



Having 40% of the total WMC members vote shows the importance of this issue. Having 95% of the votes in favor is a wonderful endorsement of the concept. Also, many thanks to all those who made the effort to vote--either by mail, or in person. Thanks also to everyone who has attended meetings, done committee work, or just provided informal input toward the evolution of the idea of putting the lodge on a firmer financial foundation. Special thanks to WMCF President Robert Myers who has put in countless hours on both construction and administration of the lodge. And also thanks to those who have agreed to serve on the foundation board.

Regardless of who legally owns the building, the WMC members will continue to play an important role in providing money and volunteer time to care for this historical building that carries so many good memories for all of us.



THE WMC LODGE

The WMC lodge sets at the top of Big Cottonwood canyon, a short distance above the Brighton Ski Resort parking lot, above the Mt. Majestic Hotel. The building is tucked away in a grove of evergreens approximately 100 yards above the hotel. The building is accessible in the summer by automobile, but since the lodge is within the groomed slopes of the Mt. Majestic ski area, one must be able to travel over snow in the winter to get the lodge, which is uphill from the parking lot. It was built in 1930 by the early founding members of the club and was used as an overnight and weekend destination when travel in and out of the canyon was in a much more difficult period. In fact, the early members also built the first rope tow at Brighton for their weekend adventures, which later became the chairs lifts of the resort. The lodge is one of the only remaining original log buildings in the Brighton area and because of its history and importance, has been placed on the National Historic Register for buildings.

The lodge is currently used by the charitable organizations, the general public who may want to use the facility for a special social function, and an occasional use by the club for educational and charitable events. All of the Club's social and educational events are also open to the general public. Those wishing to use the lodge are asked to help support and fund the maintenance and upkeep of the building by paying a standard users' fee.

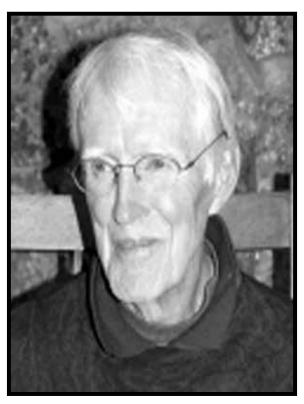
Through the years there have been a number of improvements in the lodge, with the most significant being the construction of an addition with modern bathrooms. The building now has a sanitary water supply, flushing toilets, showers and hydronic heating for the addition. We also have a live-in caretaker who resides in the upstairs of the addition. The main floor can handle parties up to 70-80 people comfortably. There are also outdoor porches and a barbeque area with picnic tables and additional seating during the summer. Sleeping accommodations are on the second floor of the main lodge, where there are two dormitory-style rooms capable of sleeping up to 20 people. You can find a link to our website which will further show pictures of the building and many of the unique characteristics of the building. The link to our website is http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/Lodge. The website offers an online reservation system which will accept any major credit card

Currently the lodge is owned and managed by the Wasatch Mountain Club. The club is in the process of forming a separate charitable tax-exempt organization called the Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation. This organization will be a separate entity, with one of its purposes being owning and managing the building. The mission of the WMC Foundation is to preserve and maintain the building and allow it to be used for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, and to further its use by the general public.

To learn more about the lodge, visit our website or become involved as one of our maintenance volunteers. Maintenance is a year-round requirement with roof snow removal in the winter, to painting, repairs and remodeling in the short summer months. We encourage you to call and get involved in one or many of our work parties. Our activities for your involvement are listed in the calendar of events on our website, or by calling the Lodge Director, Robert Myers.

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REMEMBRANCES OF "BAD" BOB WRIGHT Who Passed Away on October 7, 2010 By Phyllis Anderson



NOTE: The following are my personal recollections, the details of which are shaky to say the least. I apologize in advance for any misrepresentation of the facts.

Bob was one of the first club members that I knew when I joined the WMC in 1966. It was spring, and I promptly enrolled in the Beginner Hiking Class (yes, the club used to teach this class and it was very good), and the Beginner Climbing Class. Bob and T.Q. Stevenson conducted the hiking class at Upper Pete's Rock on Wasatch Blvd. and I remember Bob's teaching us the rest step, among other things. He was soft spoken, patient and always helpful.

Bob was an avid mountaineer and spelunker, and he was head of the ski patrol at Snow Park (where Deer Valley is now) for 40 years. He was an integral part of the club's climbing contingent,

which met to practice every Thursday night at Storm Mountain Picnic Area. When the weather forced us indoors, Bob was a stalwart at the La Hacienda on 21st South where the climbers congregated to drink beer. I was given to understand at the time that this establishment (long since gone) was the nearest bar to the University of Utah where beer could be purchased! Bob was always at the center of the fun with his quick wit, sparkling eyes and mischievous smile. He lived up to his reputation as "Bad" Bob as he delighted in teasing the girls. However, there was never any question that he was devoted to his wife, Kathy, and their boys. They were living in a trailer out toward Univac where Bob worked, and dreaming of the day they could build their dream house in Snyderville.

Unfortunately for the WMC, once Bob started the house construction he was drawn away from the club. I believe he did much of the work himself, and he and Kathy took pride in the fact that they owned enough land so that no one would be able to build close to them. There was a stream running through the plot, and Bob harnessed the power in order to be totally self-sufficient. Their home was truly wonderful and although it and the boys were their focus, Bob and Kathy remained club members and they often attended the Old Timers Party through the years.

Bob was one of the nicest men it has been my pleasure to know. I never saw him angry, he never raised his voice, and he never had anything negative to say about any thing or any one. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year!

And thanks for your business and the referrals.

When it's time to buy or sell give me a call.

Knick Knickerbocker, GRI



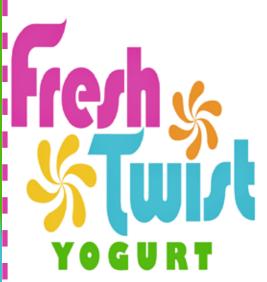
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SING-A-LONG POT LUCK DINNER

DECEMBER 12, 2010

Come and join the holiday spirit at a potluck dinner and Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long. We'll meet at 5 PM at Cynthia Crass' home for appetizers with potluck dinner to follow. Turkey and ham have

already been offered, so please bring

a nice appetizer and a dinner side dish/salad/dessert to share. BYOB. For those who wish to sing Christmas carols, we'll have words and guitar chords for some popular songs. Acoustic musicians are always welcome to join in - an electric piano is also available. DIRECTIONS: Take Wasatch Blvd south and about 12000 south it starts running east and west rather than north and south. At the bottom of the hill watch for 2220 East - turn right and go north two blocks, turn right on 11620 South and go to 2244 on the right. Coming south on 1-15 take the 10600 South exit. Go east on 10600 South past 1300 East to 1700 East. Turn right (south) to a traffic light at Wasatch Blvd. Go left on Wasatch (east) to 2220 East and turn left and go north 2 blocks to 11620 South. Turn right (east) to 2244, which is the second house on the right. Coming north on I-15 take the 12300 South exit and go right (east) to the traffic light at Wasatch Blvd. Turn right to 2220 East and turn left (north) and follow directions above. Questions or would like more information call Cindy Crass at 801-530-7331 or email Frank Bernard at frankbernard55@earthlink.net.

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A LITTLE ABOUT US . . .

The Wasatch Mountain Club was incorporated in 1920 by an informally organized group that had been hiking together for several years. The original Club charter listed the purpose as:

- 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;
- to foster awareness of scenic beauties; and

The Wasatch Mountain Club is an outdoor recreation club for adults. Club activities include:

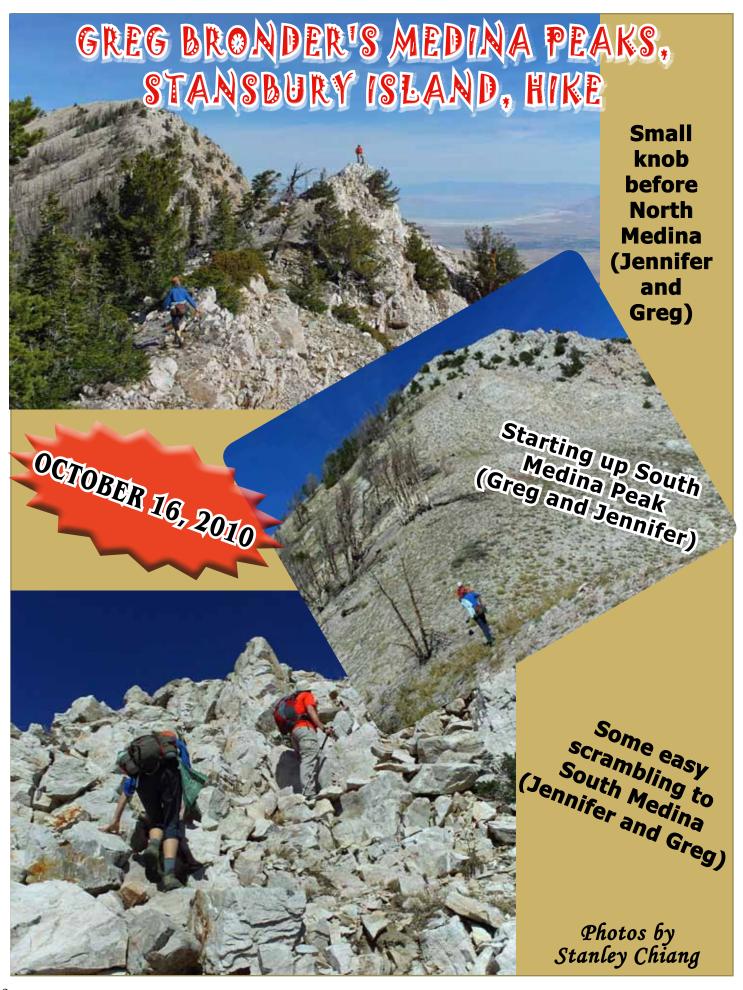
- hiking, backpacking and camping,
- flat and whitewater kayaking, canoeing and rafting,
- mountain and road biking,
- rock and ice climbing, canyoneering and mountaineering,
- snowshoeing,
- Nordic & Alpine backcountry skiing,
- Social/entertainment activities/programs and
- Conservation pursuits.

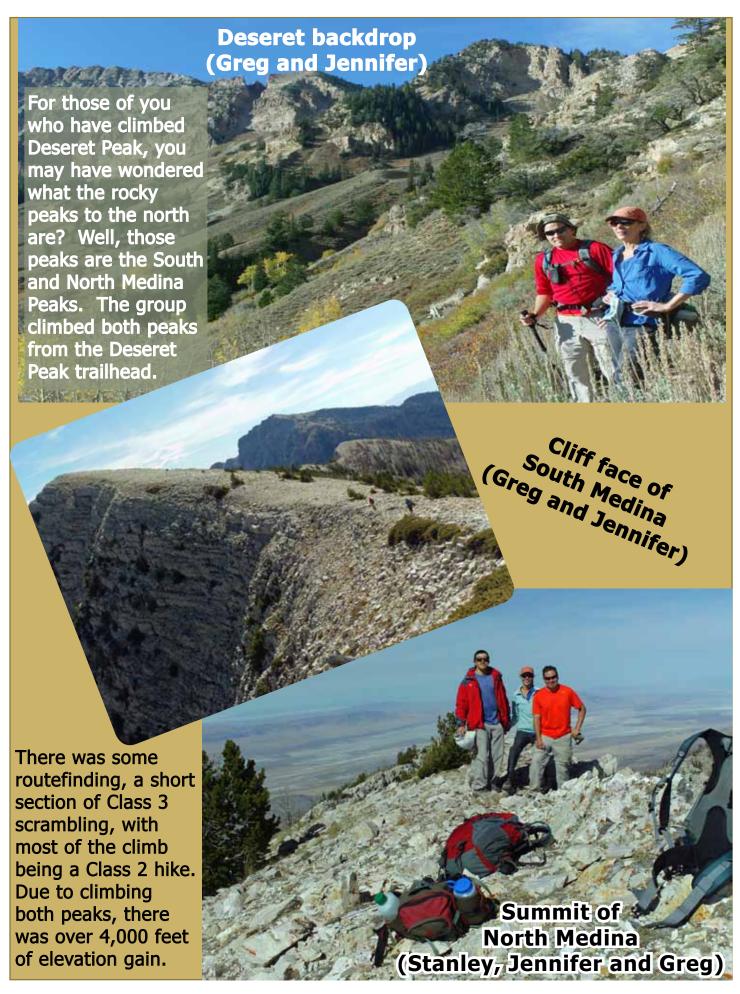
While most activities are aimed at adult participation several activities for families are organized each season. Activities are not limited to the above list, but are dependent on volunteer organizers to form the activities and programs.

The club organizes scores of activities each month. Activities are open to all members. Some activities require advanced sign-up while others just state a date, time and meeting place. Trips may range in length from a few hours to several days. Most trips are centered in or around the Wasatch Front. Occasionally there are trips to other regions of Utah or to neighboring states. The sailing trip destinations have had varied locations such as the Greek Islands, Caribbean locations and the South Pacific.

The Wasatch Mountain Club provides a social vehicle to the outdoor enthusiast who seeks others of similar interests while providing an opportunity to develop organization skills and knowledge of the various outdoor sports. Whether you are a novice or an expert, there are trips and activities designed for you. If there is some question about the difficulty of the activity, a call or email to the trip organizer will fill you in on more information.

The Wasatch Mountain Club is run entirely by volunteers. Participants are expected to help with the organization and formulation of the trip. A great experience can be had in the outdoors. Your experience with the Wasatch Mountain Club will be as great as you make it.





OCTOBER 29, 2010 SING-A-LONG BARTHOLOMA'S HOME

By Fred Tripp

LaRae and Bart Bartholoma graciously opened their home to host the October Sing-A-Long. Participants were greeted by lighted pumpkins beyond count located both outside and inside the house. Truly, the pumpkins were everywhere and they definitely started the evening with a very festive mood. There was a great assortment of food for the potluck dinner, including the extremes of salads and a vegetable platter to a "to-



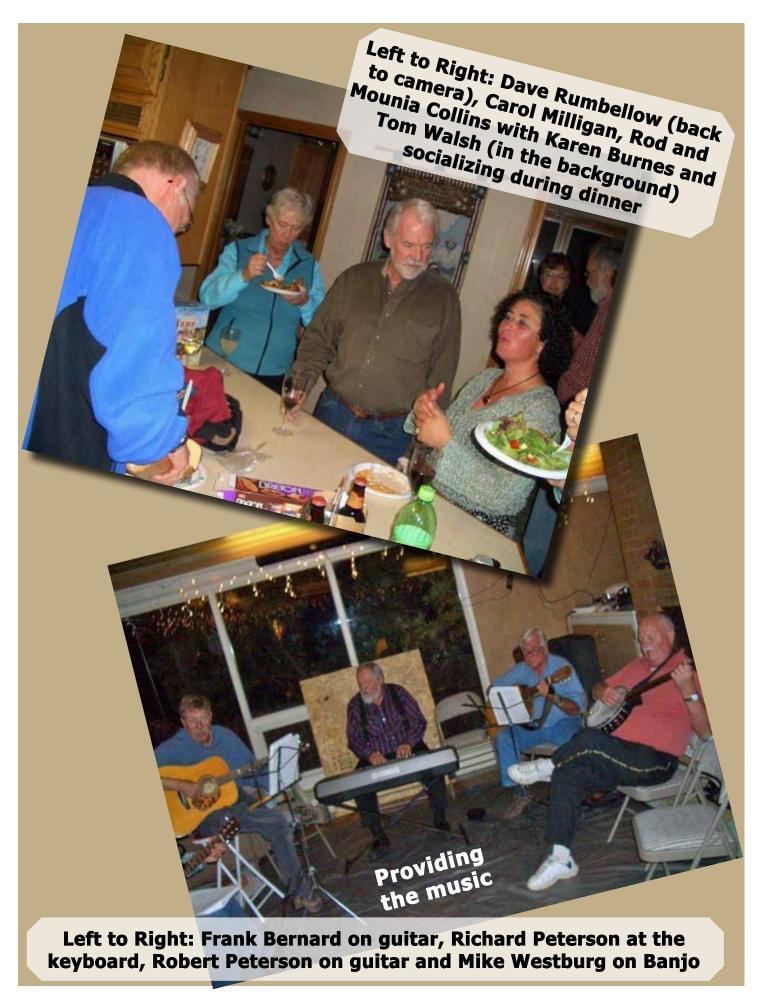
Left to Right: Kerry Kelly, Lori Major, LaRae Bartholoma, and Barbara Green sample the potluck buffet

die-for" chocolate cake. After enjoying dinner, the group gradually drifted toward the sound of music and the evening of singing got underway.

There were seven instrumentalists, led by Frank Bernard on the guitar. Others providing accompaniment for the singers included Richard Peterson on the keyboard, Robert Peterson, Mike Westburg, Laura Wakeman, Margo Huddleston and the host, Bart Bartholoma, on guitar. The group of 23 participants was rounded out with singers including LaRae

Bartholoma (host), Loran Huddleston, Lori Major, Dave Rumbellow, Tom Walsh, Karen Burnes, Rod Colllins, Mounia Collins, Carol Milligan, Barbara Green, Earl Cook, Eva Adolphi, Randy Long, Silvana Pulca, Kerry Kelly and Fred Tripp.

The music included many traditional folk songs but also other favorites, including some from Broadway musicals. The evening concluded about 10 pm with the singing of "Happy Trails", which has become the traditional closing song for the Sing-A-Longs. The final Sing-A-Long of the year will be held on December 12 and will be a holiday session with traditional songs of the season. See page 8 above, or the activities calendar for details.





Left to Right:
Bart Bartholoma,
Laura Wakeman,
Frank and Margo
Huddleston
complete the group
accompanying
the singers

Left to right:
Dave Rumbellow,
Loran Huddleston,
LaRae Bartholoma,
Carol Milligan,
Barbara Green,
Earl Cook and
Lori Major

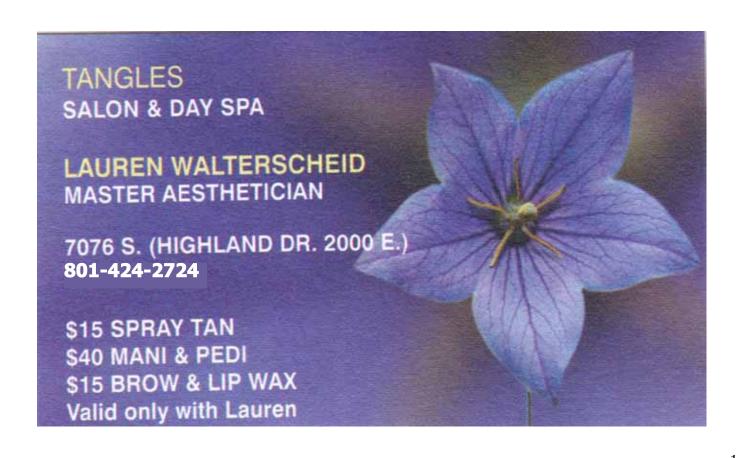
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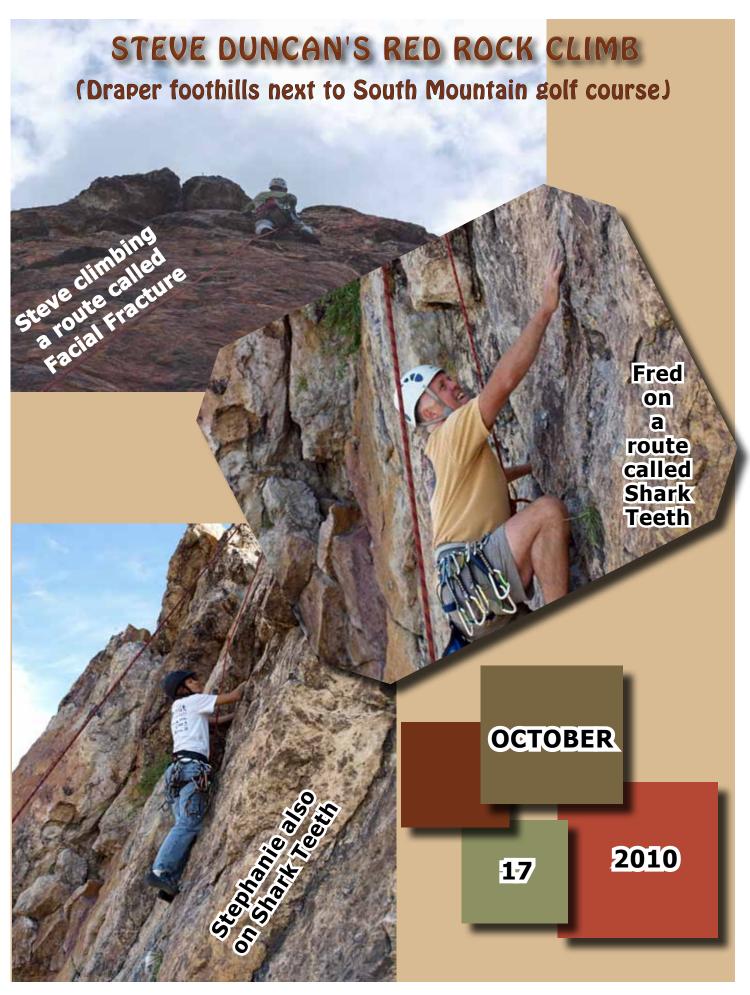


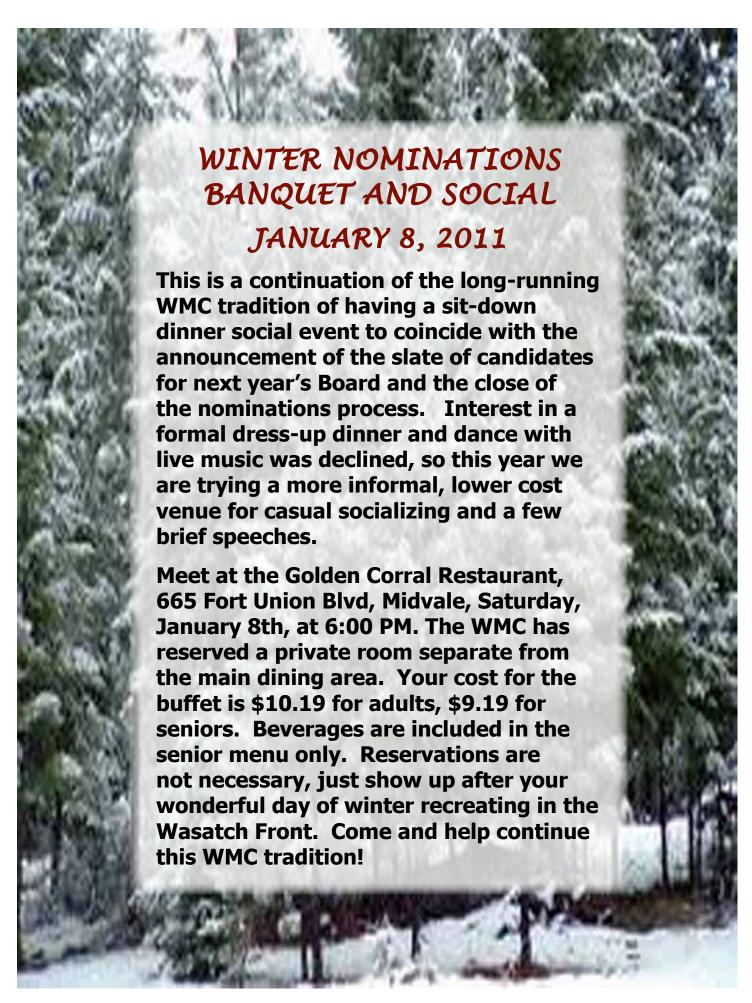
Additional singers include, left to right: Silvana Pulca, Karen Burnes, Tom Walsh, Mounia Collins, Kerry Kelly and Eva Adolphi

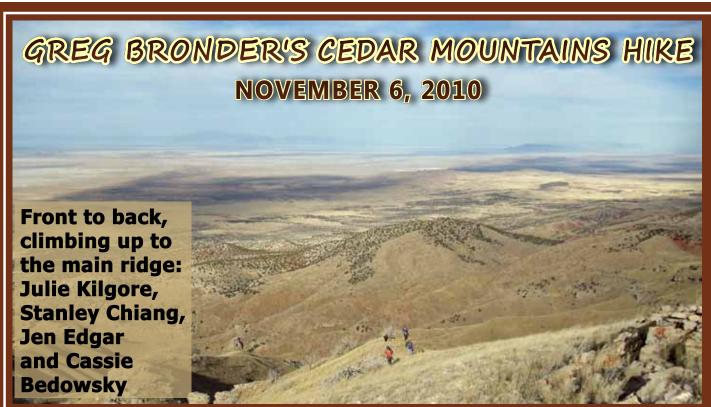
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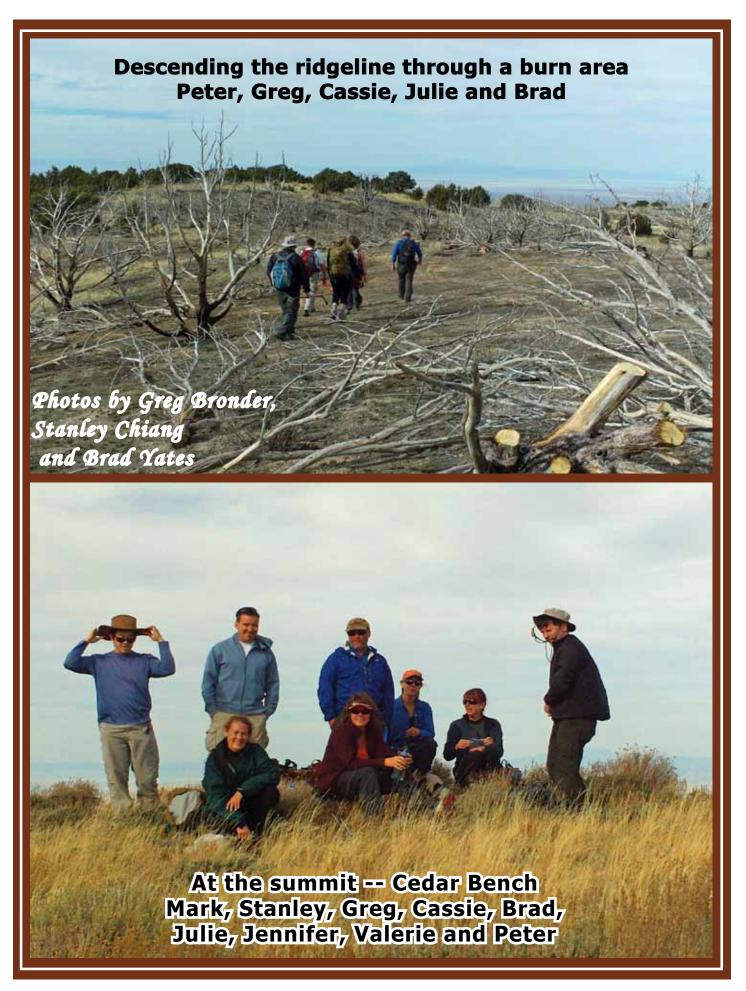


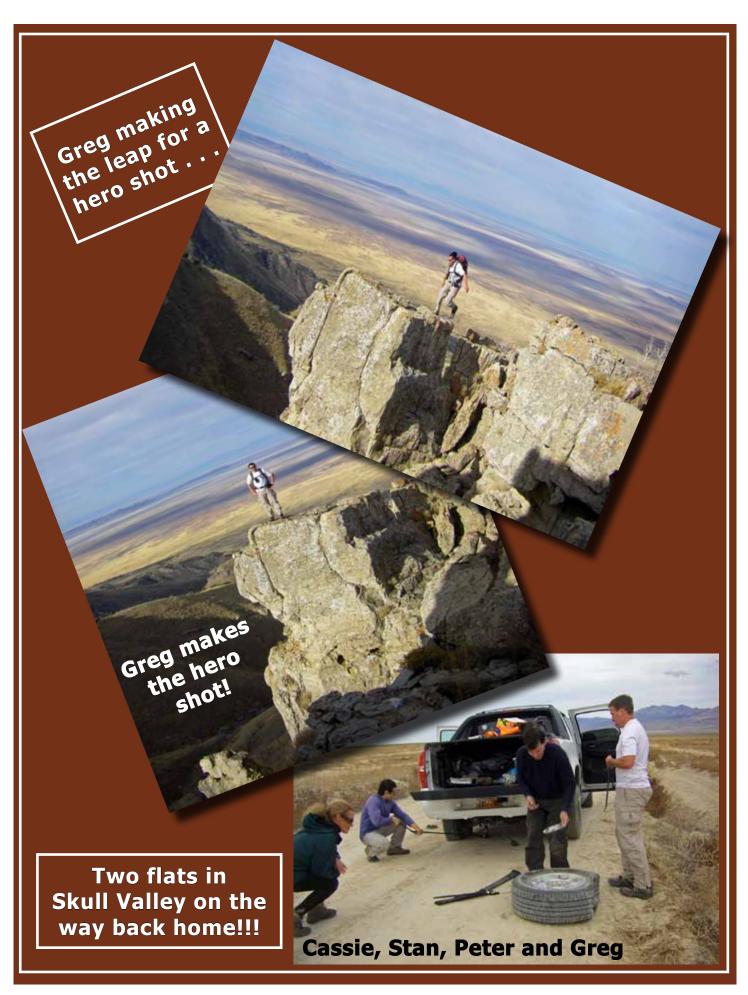




For the hike, we climbed Cedar Benchmark, the highpoint of the Cedar Mountains. Per my GPS, the hike ended up being 6.5 miles round trip, with over 2.000 feet of elevation change. Participants: Brad Yates, Stanley Chiang, Cassie Badowski, Peter Hartely, Jen Edgar and Julie Kilgore.





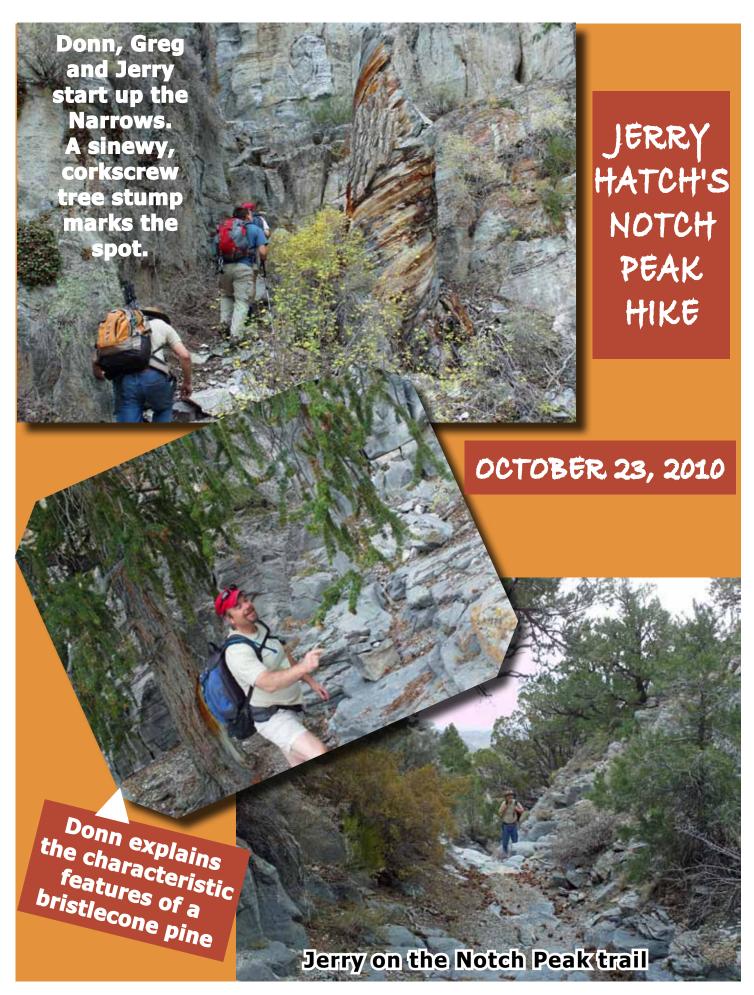


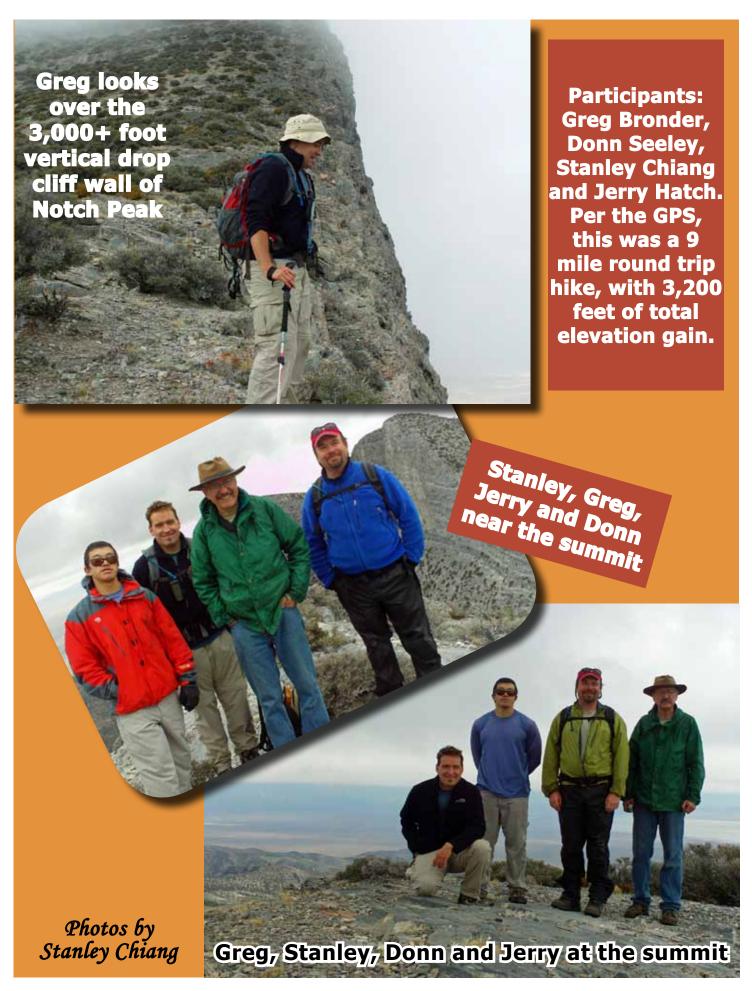
THE GEDAR MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS

The Cedar Mountain Wilderness was officially designated by Congress and the President in January 2006 and is the newest wilderness area to be designated in Utah in over 20 years. It encompasses approximately 100,000 acres of public land 50 miles due west of Salt Lake City, just south of Interstate 80. With the mountainous topography and large size of the new Wilderness Area, there are many opportunities to enjoy solitude, wild landscapes and primitive recreation. Because of its location in the Utah West Desert, the Cedar Mountain Wilderness is often accessible even when other wilderness areas east of Salt Lake City are buried in winter snow. Visitors can see spectacular views of the Great Salt Lake Desert, Skull Valley and the Stansbury Mountains. The more distant Deep Creek Mountains, Bonneville Salt Flats, Pilot Mountains and the remote Newfoundland Mountains can also be viewed from higher elevations.

The Cedar Mountain Wilderness provides visitors with an excellent example of the Great Basin ecosystem that stretches from the Wasatch Front in Utah to the Sierra Nevada Mountains in California. This arid desert mountain range forms the western boundary of Skull Valley and got its name from the area's juniper trees, which are sometimes referred to as cedars. Vegetation on the Cedar Mountains transitions rapidly from Great Basin salt desert shrub covered plains at 4,600 feet to sagebrush/juniper woodlands and native bunch grasses at elevations over 6,000 feet. Topography generally consists of flat plains and benches that rise rapidly to higher elevations characterized by rounded slopes and shallow canyons. Maximum elevation is 7700 feet. The wilderness area is long and narrow, running north to south for 32 miles along the length of the Cedar Mountains with a maximum width of only 7 miles. There are natural springs that support native wildlife, livestock, and wild horses.

The Native Americans lived in and used the Cedar Mountains for hunting and gathering food for centuries. The first white European visitors were most likely trappers exploring the area around the Great Salt Lake. The first documented visit occurred with the John C. Fremont expedition sponsored by the U.S. Government in 1845. Lansford W. Hastings would later identify a portion of his shortcut route on the California emigrant trail across the northern portion of the Cedar Mountains, lending his name to Hastings Pass. This was a crucial part of the route of the ill-fated Donner–Reed party and is an important section of the California National Historic Trail. The last water available to pioneer parties before the 80-mile waterless crossing of the Great Salt Lake basin to Donner Spring is located in the Cedar Mountains. (U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management).







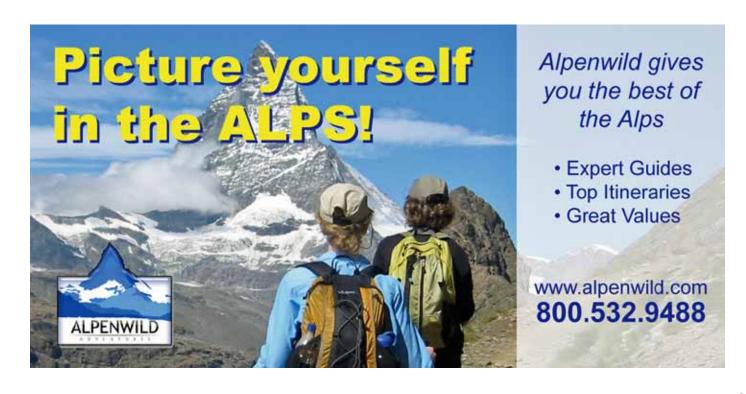
Notch Peak is a distinctive summit located on Sawtooth Mountain in the House Range, west of Delta, Utah. The peak and the surrounding area are part of the Notch Peak Wilderness Study Area. Bristlecone pines, estimated to be 3,000 to 4,000 years old, are located on the ridges surrounding Notch Peak.

Notch Peak is one of the highest peaks in the House Range, reaching 9,654 feet (2,943 meters) above sea level. The northwest face of the mountain is a massive carbonate rock (limestone and dolomite) cliff with 2,200 feet (670 meters) of vertical rise, making it among the highest cliff faces in North America. Overall, the summit rises about 4,450 feet (1,356 meters) above Tule Valley.

The significance of this cliff is debatable, mainly because of the variation in the definition of the term "cliff". It is the highest carbonate rock cliff in North America and/or the second highest pure vertical drop in the United States after El Capitan. There is not a reliable source for cliff ranking or pure-vertical-drop ranking.

The north face of Notch Peak is divided by a large shelf into an upper and lower wall. There are several rock climbing routes on the limestone cliffs. "The Swiss Route" (never repeated), "Direct North West Ridge" (AKA Pillars of Faith), and "Book of Saturdays" ascend the upper wall. On the lower wall "Appetite for Destruction" and "Western Hardman" reach 900 feet (275 meters) of vertical. Climbing on all of these routes is adventurous with rock fall hazard and loose flakes of widely varying size. In addition to the face of Notch Peak, the granite found in the canyon below the notch is also used for climbing.







NEW MEMBERS

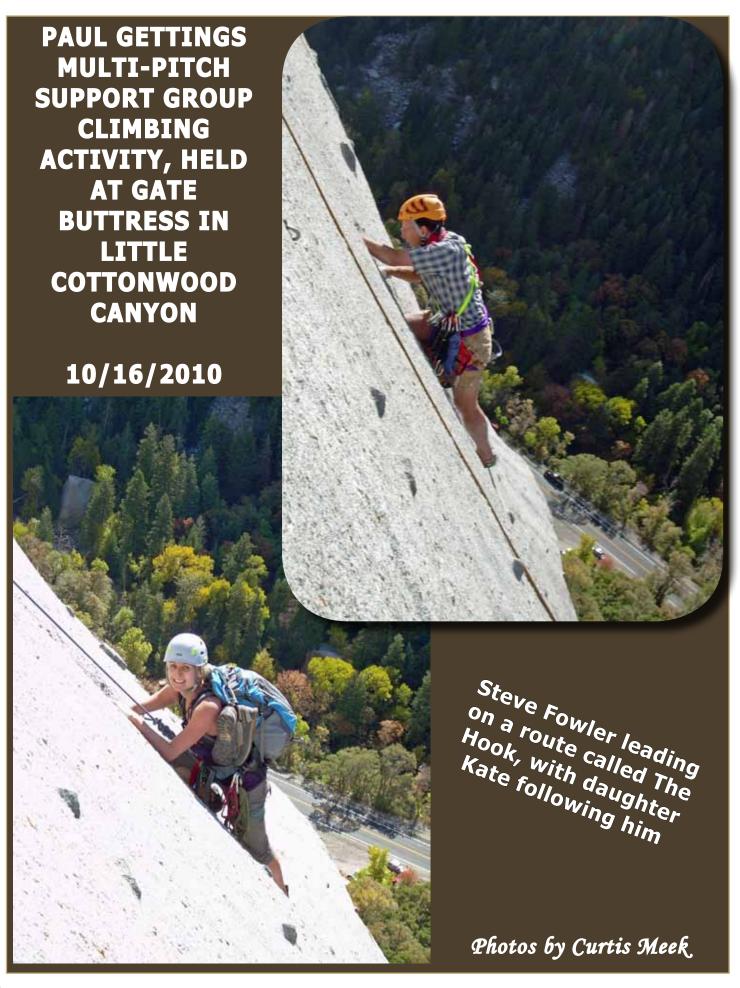
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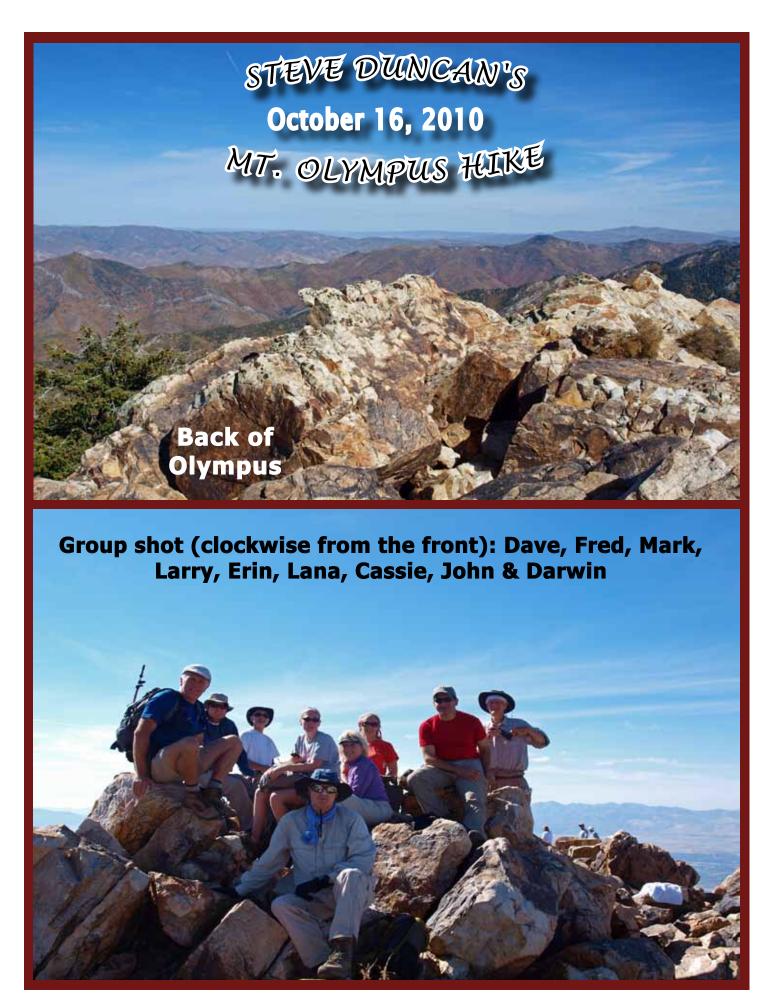
IF YOU'RE A NEW MEMBER . . . depending on your age and background . . . you might have a few questions:

- 1. How do I get involved in activities?
- 2. What kinds of activities can be organized?
- 3. What is the average age of WMC members?
- 4. How many people participate in the activities?
- 5. How aggressive are the various activity groups?

The answers ... ask away! Ask someone in the club! Send an e-mail to wasatchmountainclub@gmail.com or call someone from the governing board (inside front cover). The average age is... honestly, we don't know. Why don't we know? 1. We haven't yet started tracking that information. 2. It doesn't matter. There are older folks who can out-hike/-bike/-paddle any younger person. There are also younger people who like to do light activities. Sometimes tons of people show up for activities; sometimes only a couple. This is the nice thing.

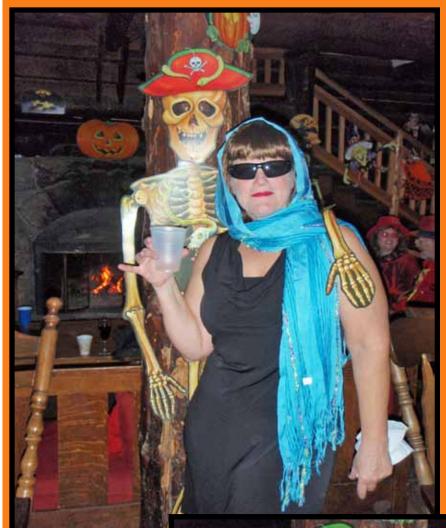
The WMC activities allow for flexibility; if you can show up, do--if you can't, don't. As for how vigorous and aggressive the various activities and groups are (hikers, bikers, etc), contact the director or co-ordinator. Please don't feel like you can't organize an activity if you don't know your way around. There are so many people who can help you, and you can even decide on a destination at the time of meeting! You might have one or two awkward activities, but just get together with people who share the same interests as you, and you'll be on your way to tons of fun and excitement--things you never thought were possible!













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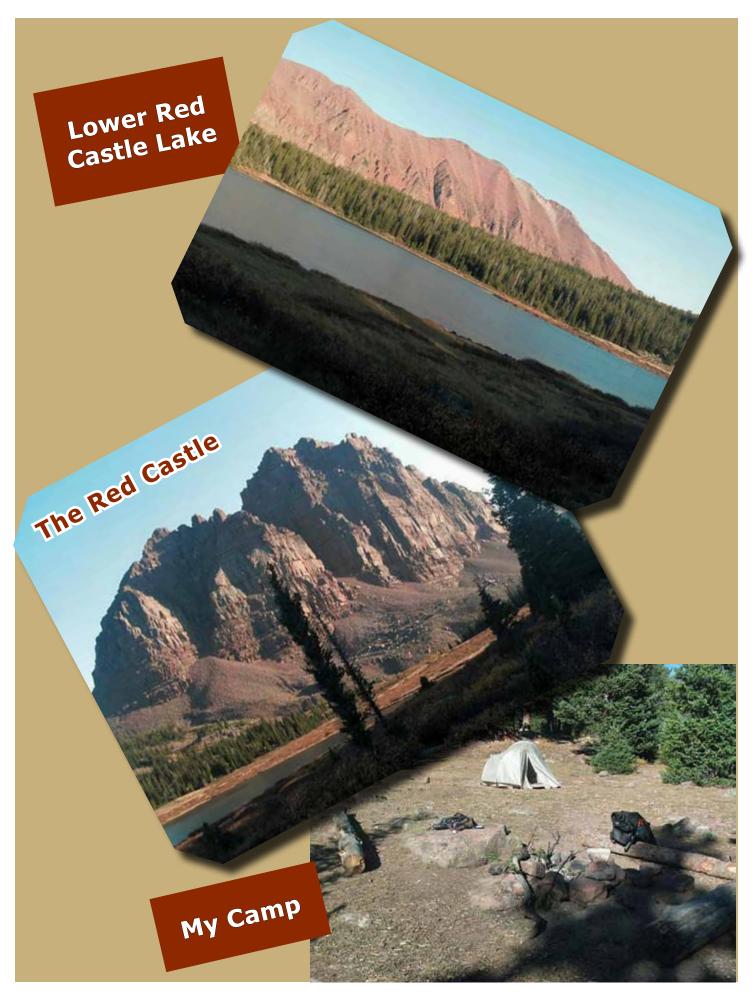


High Uintas Wilderness Area

Hikers planning a trip to the scenic Red Castle Lakes on the north slope of the High Uintas generally have two different trails to choose from: the East Fork Smiths Fork Trail or the Bald Mountain Trail. The first route, beginning at China Meadows and following the East Fork Smiths Fork all the way to its source, is the most popular route. The East Fork Smiths Fork Trail is very well maintained and has a total elevation gain (to Lower Red Castle Lake) of only about 1,280 feet. The Bald Mountain Route, on the other hand, is much more strenuous. It begins at East Fork Blacks Fork and climbs over Bald Mountain Ridge before reaching the lower lake, achieving an elevation gain of 2,190 feet. Both trails are within a quarter mile of the same length.

The Bald Mountain route to the Red Castle Lakes is the most scenic of the two. The additional 900 feet of elevation gain is compensated for by the fine views that can be had from Bald Mountain Ridge. The trail follows the grassy, treeless ridge at an elevation of 11,500 feet for almost two miles before dropping down to the East Fork Smiths Fork drainage, and Red Castle Peak occupies a prominent place on the skyline for almost the entire distance.

The most interesting way to see the Red Castle Lakes is to hike in on the Bald Mountain Trail and hike out on the East Fork Smiths Fork Trail to China Meadows. Not many people do this, however, because the two trailheads are 50 miles apart.



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REMEMBER: There is also a "Gear Swap" area online where you can post what you are looking for, or place something that you want to sell or get rid of. It seems to be more up-to-date most of the time, due to the hard copy of the Rambler only being produced once a month.



SNOWSHOEING 101

So what if the newscasters are (again) frantically fretting about the latest "blizzard of the century". If you've got snowshoes, strap 'em on and head outside. Snowshoeing is great exercise. Whether you're going out for a short day-hike or a full-fledged backpacking trip, you'll find this traditional mode of travel easy to learn — and effective at getting you where you want to go. Here are some tips to get you started:

► Choose the right snowshoe for the conditions. Snowshoes come in a variety of shapes and sizes. The most important consideration: How much "float" do you need? Float refers to how effective the snowshoe is at keeping you on top of the snow — in other words, float is what keeps you from sinking and post holing. The heavier you are, the more float you'll need. If you're planning a backpacking trip, the weight of a winter pack will almost undoubtedly put you into the high-float category. The kind of snow matters too: On powdory fluffy dry snow you need more float than



matters, too: On powdery fluffy dry snow, you need more float than in wetter, gloppier stuff.

- ► **More on float:** Rounder snowshoes tend to float better than the tapered kind. Narrower or tapered snowshoes are a little easier to walk in, because they track better through the snow, and because you can walk with your legs in a more natural stance. Asymmetrical shapes are also easier to walk in because they let you keep your feet closer together but they sacrifice float.
- ▶ Don't expect to find the old webbing and wood snowshoes of yesteryear: Today's models have gone high-tech, with components made of plastic, rubber, and aluminum.
- ▶Shoes. Used to be there were only two choices: Shoe-paks (like those felt-lined Maine-style hunting boots) and backpacking boots. But wouldn't you know it, snowshoeing has undergone a recent renaissance, and the manufacturers, bless their inventive little hearts, have followed suit. So now, snowshoers, too, can sprinkle their conversation with words like polypropylene, Gore-tex and Thinsulate. And before you go sniffing that "The Indians used snowshoes for centuries before Gore-Tex," consider the advantages of having support, insulation, and waterproofing all in the same boot. Plus, they can be used without snowshoes for regular winter walking.
- ► Gaiters keep snow out of your boots -- A big advantage.
- ► A pair of ski poles is a must: They'll help you keep your balance and get up when you fall.
- ▶ **Technique.** If you can walk, you can snowshoe. Don't worry about how awkward it looks: Despite the width of the snowshoe, the design actually lets you walk in a pretty normal gait. The only thing you can't do is go backwards because the heel will stick in the snow and flip you over like a well-tossed pancake. Instead, to reverse direction, pivot by moving the fronts of the snowshoes around in a circle.
- **Hills.** Snowshoes have little spiky crampons attached that help grip the icy spots. The best way to tackle a hill is straight up (or straight down). It's easier to keep your balance. (By GORP Hiking Expert Karen Berg).



RICK THOMPSON'S NORTH WASH CANYONEERING 101 TRIP REPORT By Hilary Melander



The Canyoneering 101 trip to the San Rafael Swell's Irish canyons was a genuine adventure for some of us first timers. Four days of rain and hail resulted in well-saturated canyon floors creating mud pots, icy pools of water, and piles of hail six to eight inches deep. I think we had enough mud tacked onto our shoes and pants to keep spas on Rodeo Drive supplied for a year.

The festivities began on Friday night with new and old friends sitting around the campfire while swapping backpacking, climbing and canyoneering stories - stories that at some point may have stemmed from some sort of real experience ... maybe. The same scene was repeated the second night with the addition of an awesome Dutch-oven dinner, hula-hoop dancing and more drinks.

By morning there were 18 lovers of the outdoors ready and geared to hit the canyons. The plan for the weekend was to conquer Right Leprechaun and Lucky Charms Canyons on Saturday, and Blarney Left Fork and Blarney Right Fork Canyons on Sunday. However, given the extra obstacles caused by high levels of water and one broken ankle, only six managed to stay in the game long enough to squeeze their way through three canyons. Needless to say, we all learned the importance of packing extra pants and dry bags in the event that there is extra water in the canyons.

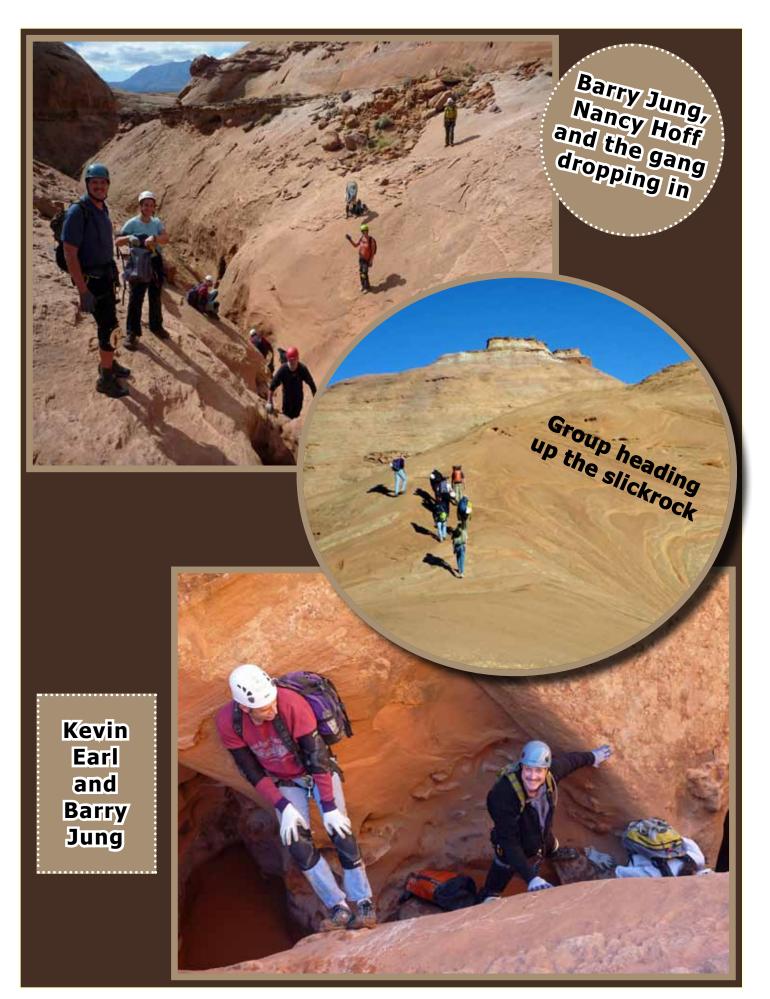
The gang was split into two groups. Greg Cornelius, a connoisseur of energy jelly beans, led the first group. The second group was led by Rick, a well-seasoned outdoorsman who may actually be able to remember the original Bonneville Lake.

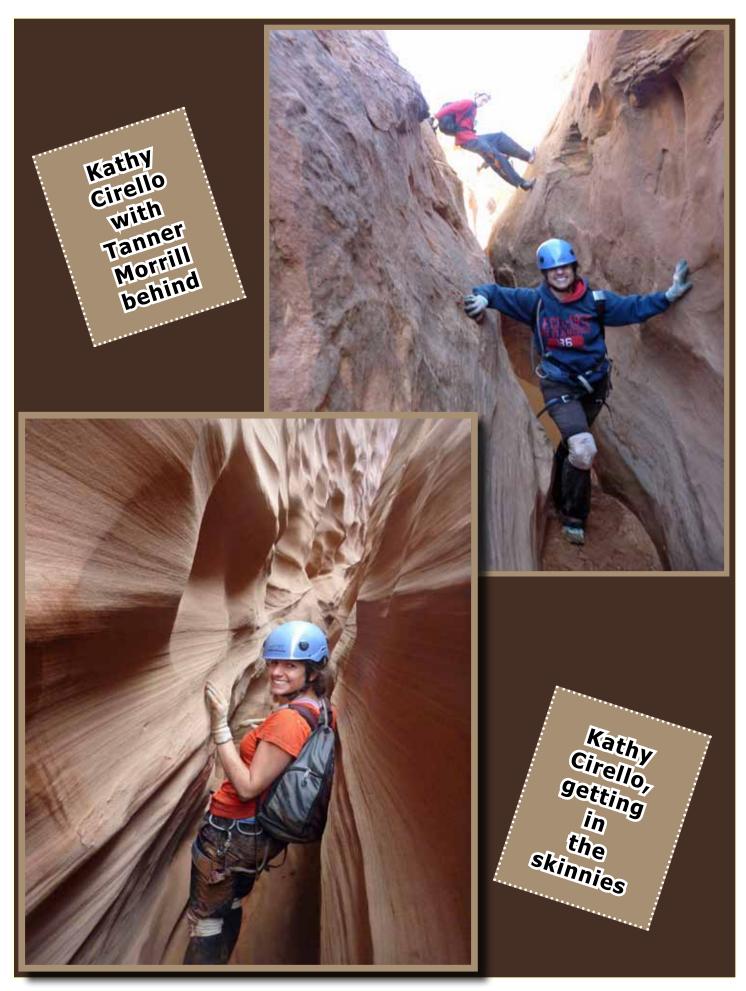
Saturday morning we hiked up the slick rock to the drop in point for Leprechaun Canyon. Streaks of gold and red in the surrounding landscape were accentuated by the morning sun. Before we could rappel the 20 feet into the canyon, we each had to chimney or stem down a ten-foot down climb. This was just the beginning of a day full of stemming, dropping, leaping, balancing - and let's not forget - wading, plunging and falling. Despite being a group of "naturals", the extra water, especially the 50-foot swim in icy water, slowed things down. This last pool was so deep that one 6'6" man from a different canyoneering party could not touch the bottom. After these delays we cancelled the trip to Lucky Charms.

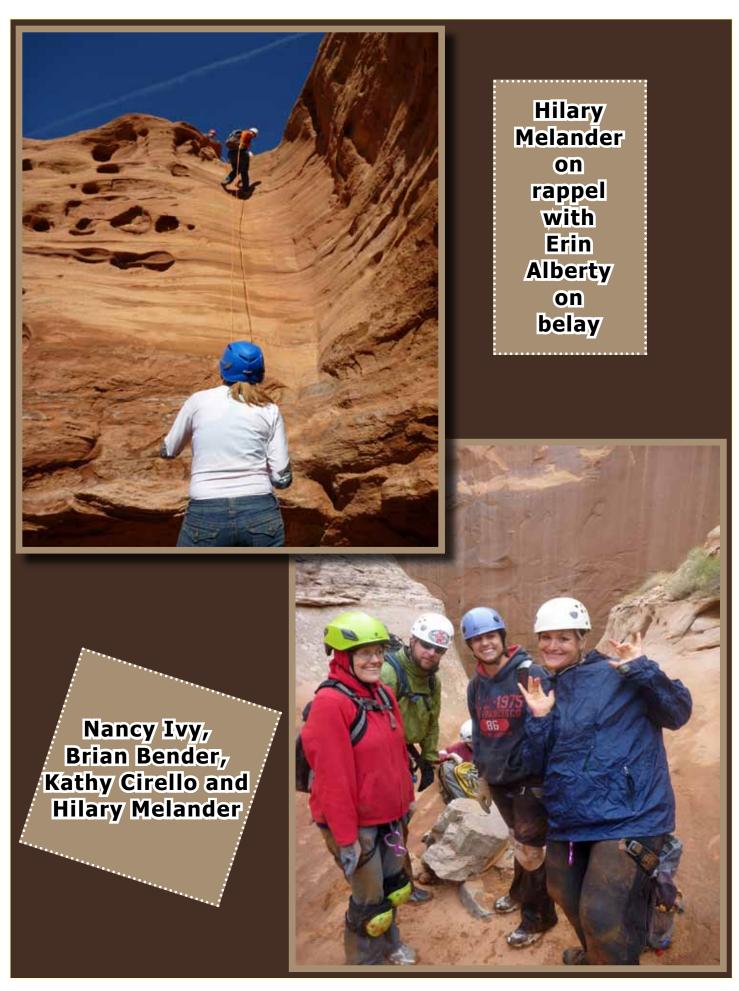
The next morning, after we all paid homage to the Hog Springs Toilette with our morning "gifts" and a couple of spritzes of pina colada air freshener, 14 of us were ready to conquer the Blarney Right Fork Canyon. The drop down into the canyon was about 40 feet and led to a wash that curved into a section of about three or four pots holding water. One of the group members jumped and broke her ankle in two places. However after a wrap job she was a trooper and hiked on out, taking on each obstacle with little more than a wince. One of the many highlights of this canyon includes a section where we had to lean forward and stem 15 feet across a pool of water 12 feet below. For many of us, this was the first time we had to stem by placing our feet on the angled canyon wall, lean forward and catch the opposite canyon wall with our hands and then side step the 15 feet to the other side of the pool of water. Right Blarney Canyon was relatively short and ended with another swim for those who wanted to cool off. Those who did not want to swim climbed around it.

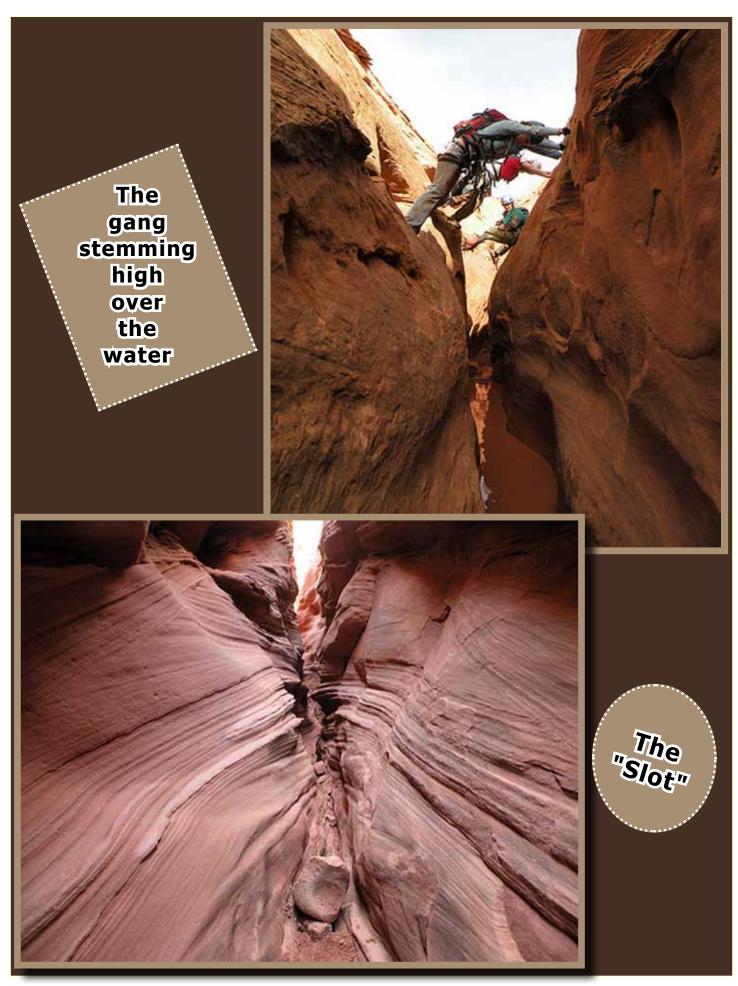
The last canyon of the trip included a 45-foot rappel into the Left Fork of Blarney and a 25-foot blind slide into a cavern-l-like area. The six troopers who explored this small section of Earth's playground had by then become familiar enough with learning how to use friction and balance to speed through the slots. The complexities of the canyon, combined with the increase in speed, made this last canyon even more exciting and exhilarating than the previous two canyons.

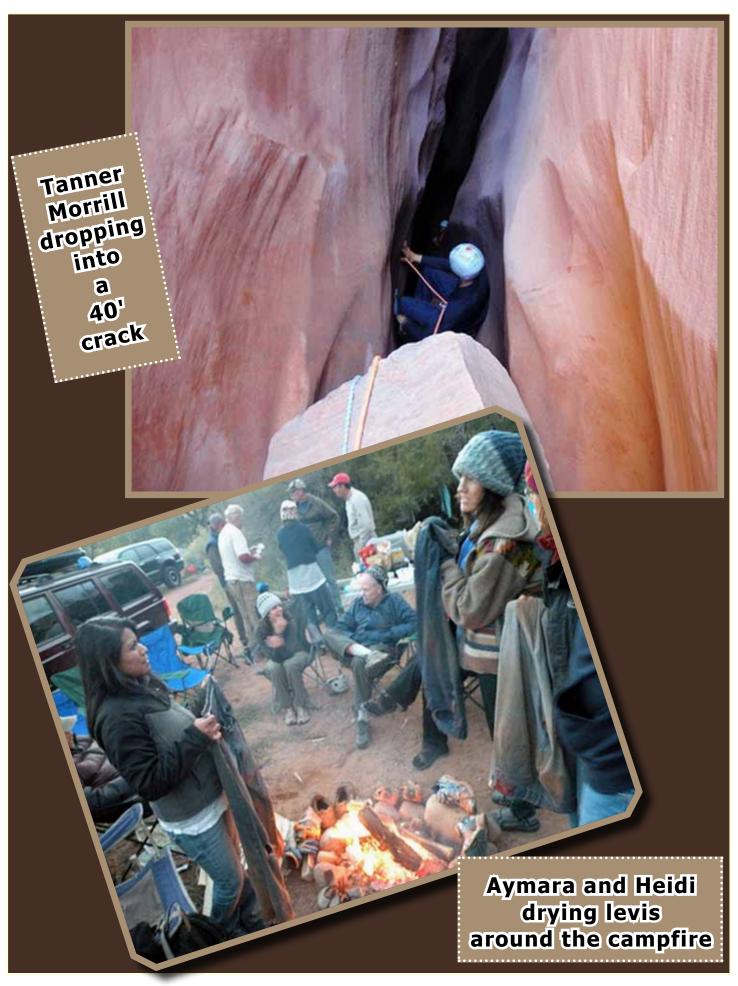
Overall, I think everyone on this trip had a great experience and appreciated the opportunity to participate in such an epic and exciting weekend adventure! Thank you "Rick and Greg" for being great leaders, helping us to work on our skills, and helping us avoid doing dumb things out in the canyon.

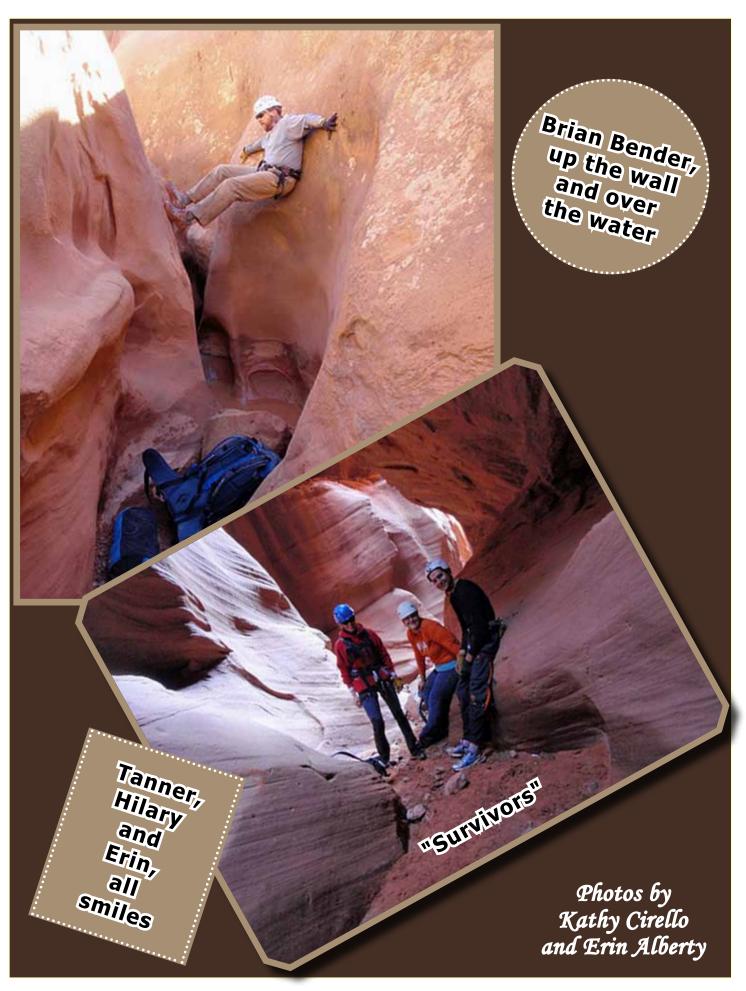




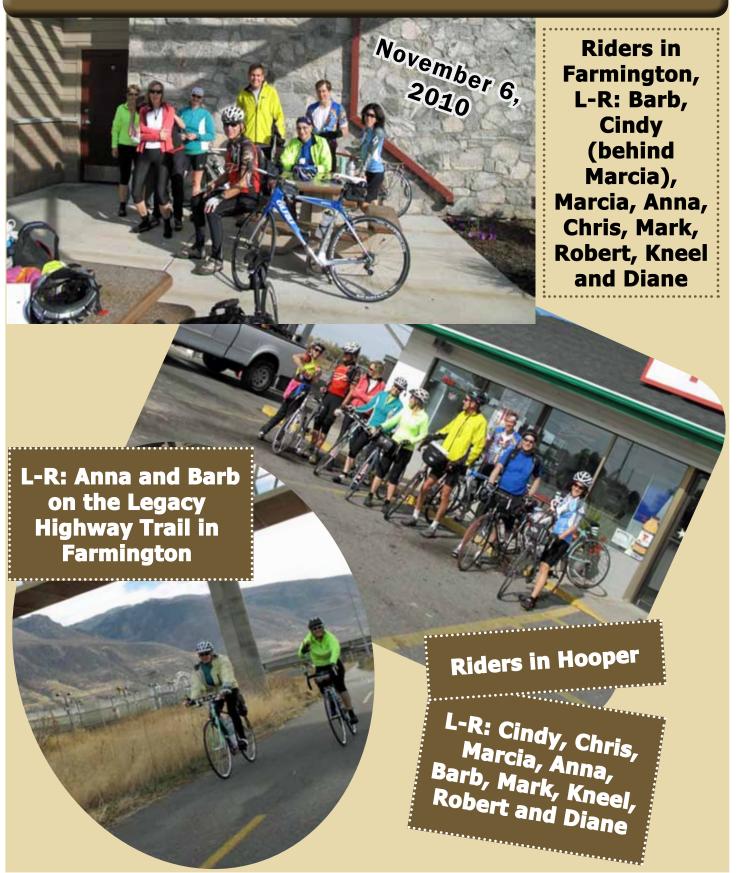








ELLIOTT MOTT'S ANNUAL OGDEN FRONTRUNNER LOOP ROAD BIKE RIDE



STEVE CARR'S NEFF'S CANYON TO MILL B NORTH ADVENTURE

OCTOBER 17, 2010

The view from the saddle at the top of Neff's Canyon looking down Mill B has been tempting me for several years. The terrain is just so inviting. It was not something I wanted to attempt by myself, so I finally organized an exploratory trip to investigate it.

The day before, a woman called about the trip and said she had tried it several times and the cliffs caused her to turn around. So I called Dale Green, who said he remembered doing it 30-40 years ago.

Seven of us started up the Neff's trail. After the 3,600-foot climb up the trail to the pass, we ate a quick lunch. We could see virga on Twin Peaks. It started to sprinkle, the wind came up and then the temperature dropped. Yet once we started down, the weather improved.

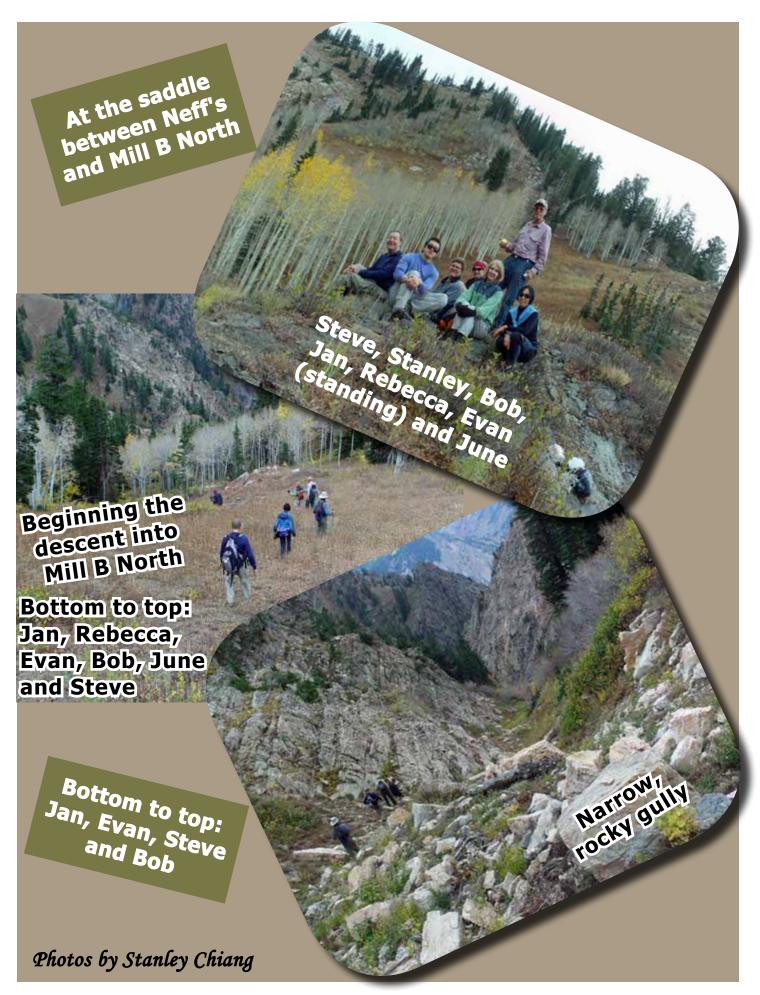
The first 1,500 to 2,000 feet of descent was easy and open. However down lower, there was more growth and after the water appeared, it became quite thick. We saw the carcasses of two dead mountain goats.

We all feared coming to an obstacle that would cause us to retrace our steps. There were many stream crossings and a couple of spots where we had to hang onto the rock or fall into the streambed, but nothing too technical.

Eventually we reached a point where I had cut a path from below several weeks before. Home free! The canyon is not only in the Mount Olympus Wilderness Area; it is truly wild. Everyone did well and the only injury was a leg gash suffered by Bob Grant.

BY STEPHEN CARR





FAINT TRAILS IN THE WASATCH

47. Smoots Dugway, Granite Power Plant Flume

Smoots Dugway is a name never heard in modern times, but for many decades it was known to all who traveled Big Cottonwood Canyon. It dated back to the first years that the pioneers in the Salt Lake Valley settled in the Cottonwoods. They had immediate need for logs to build shelters, poles for fences and wood for fuel. And where better to get that than in the mountains looming above their new home. Building a road up the canyon did not pose serious difficulties until they reached a point about one and a third miles above today's Wasatch



The upper end of Smoots Dugway is at the right side of this photo. The edge of the macadam paving can be seen above the boulder. It is located across the Big Cottonwood highway from the Ledgemere picnic area.

dugway's upper end, across the canyon highway from the Ledgemere picnic area, and at the lower end.

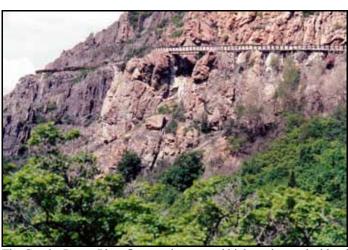
The Granite Power Plant's flume hovered over Smoots Dugway for a full century before it was relocated underground in 1998. It was built by the Utah Power Company in 1896 to supply water to drive its hydroelectric power plant at the mouth of the canyon. The company was formed by a group of mining and business men from Salt Lake City in the spring of 1895, with the intent of providing electrical power for the city's street railways. But they were doing exploratory work nearly a year earlier when the Salt Lake Tribune reported a surveyor's camp at the mouth of the canyon, freshly driven stakes along the roadside and engineer's pennants dotting prominent crags and peaks going up the canyon. All that was an indication that providing water to the power plant site a mile and a half down canyon was not an inconsequential task. It was determined that a metal pipe running that far would have been prohibitively expensive, although from this distance in time, it is not apparent that building a water channel along the side of the cliffs would have been any less costly. The flume was built,

four feet wide and three feet deep, with two-inch planks, and followed a gently descending contour line from the tail race of the Stairs power plant, where it received its water, for a mile and a half to arrive at the head of a penstock that dropped some four hundred feet to the Pelton water wheels that drove the generators. In that distance it rested on ledges blasted into the cliffs, crossed gulches on trestles and at some places clung to the face of the cliffs with no apparent means of support.

The original flume only lasted ten years. By that time the power plant had been sold to the Consolidated Railway and Power company, which subsequently merged into the Utah Light and Railway company, and had received the name Granite Power Plant. The new company replaced the flume with one of greater capacity. This one lasted nearly twenty-five years before it was partially rebuilt again in 1931. Concrete foundation

Boulevard, where the stream made a sharp turn to the right and the canyon walls pinched together, barely leaving enough room for the flow of water. The easiest way to get around this barrier was to climb onto the north slope and continue up canyon about two-tenths of a mile, then drop back to the level of the stream. That's what they did, and that short stretch of road became known as Smoots Dugway. While no documentary evidence has been found to link any individual to this road, circumstantial evidence says the name came from Abraham O. Smoot and his stepson, William C. A. Smoot, who arrived in 1847, settled in Cottonwood and were the only early pioneers with that name.

Smoots Dugway continued to be used for the better part of a century before a huge excavation allowed the highway to be moved down to its present location. It is not certain when that happened, but it had to be in the 1930s or later. The canyon road was not paved until 1928 and the roadway over Smoots Dugway was paved before it was abandoned. In fact it was possible to walk on pavement for much of the length of the dugway until a dozen years ago when it was disturbed by the reconstruction of the flume for the Granite Power Plant. However, some pavement still remains at the



The Granite Power Plant flume as it appeared high on the north side of Big Cottonwood Canyon.



The path of Smoots Dugway can be seen in this aerial photograph, climbing above the Big Cottonwood road from the big bend at the left, then descending back down to the road near the center of the picture. The route of the Granite Power Plant Flume is also seen running above the road and toward the upper left corner of the photo. The heavy diagonal line running down from the flume to the west end of Smoots Dugway is the route of the new steel pipe flume mentioned in the text.

blocks were installed along eastern part of the route and new abutments were provided for the trestles. It has had major repairs since then, occasionally evidenced by the bright color of new planks as seen from below. Also there is evidence that the western end of the flume was replaced at a later, unknown date.

Over the years visitors and travelers have looked up and marveled at this feat of construction. Often one could see an inspector walking along the top of the structure. In the wintertime water leaking from the flume would run down to the low cliffs above the highway and freeze, creating great icefalls. And there were pranksters who made great sport of throwing vegetable dyes against the vertical sheets of ice, giving them a display of many colors. On more than one occasion the flume ruptured, sending thousands of gallons of water down the slope, carrying mud and rocks onto the highway below.

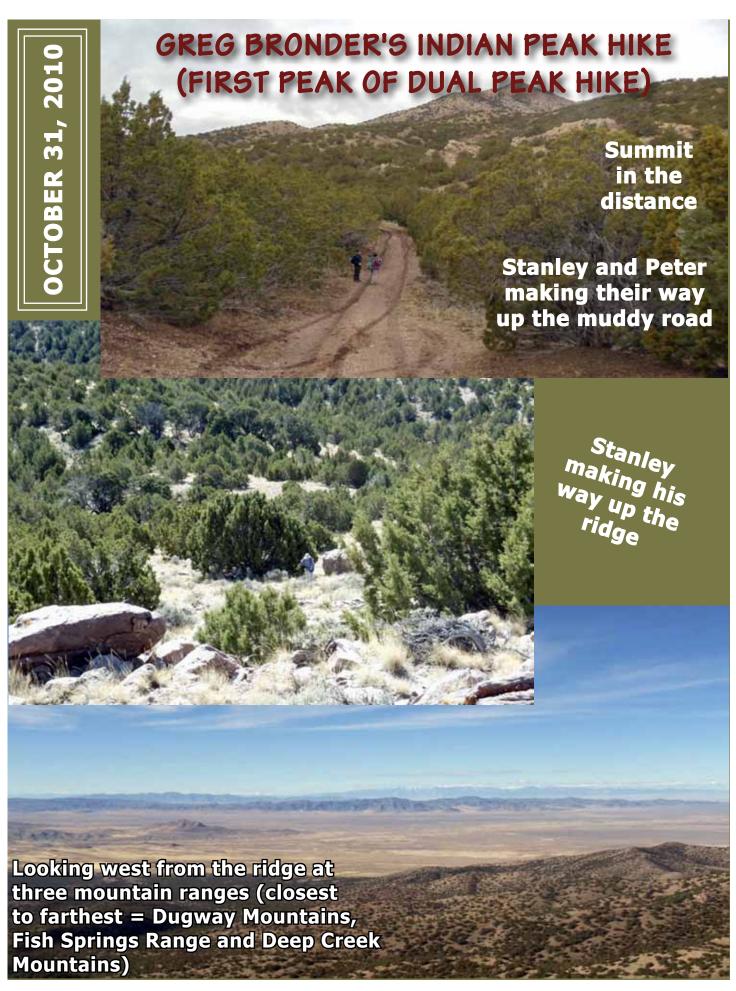
In 1998 all this came to an end when the Utah Power and Light Company chose to replace the aging flume with a buried steel pipe, the alternative that was considered too expensive a century before. The new pipe was buried under the flume route for about a quarter mile where, almost directly above the upper end of Smoots Dugway, it dropped down the slope on a descending traverse to the lower end of the dugway. From that point it followed the canyon highway down to the power plant. The flume was dismantled, leaving nothing more than a few scars along the cliffs to mark its passing.

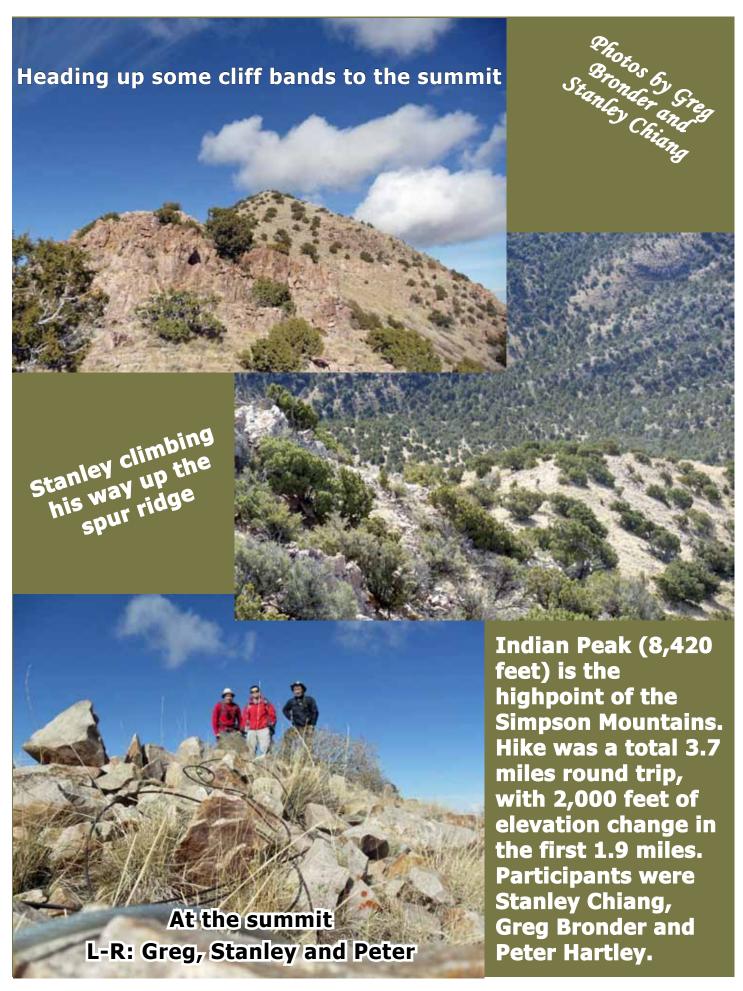
The accessible part of the flume trail, the eastern end, is an easy walk of just under one mile. It can be reached by going onto Smoots Dugway at its upper end and at its highest point follow one of the several pathways up to the trail. Alternatively one can go up the short but steep, gated access ramp located across the Big Concrete foundation blocks from the 1931 reconstruction can be seen on each side of the foot path. picnic ground. For much of the length of the trail the concrete

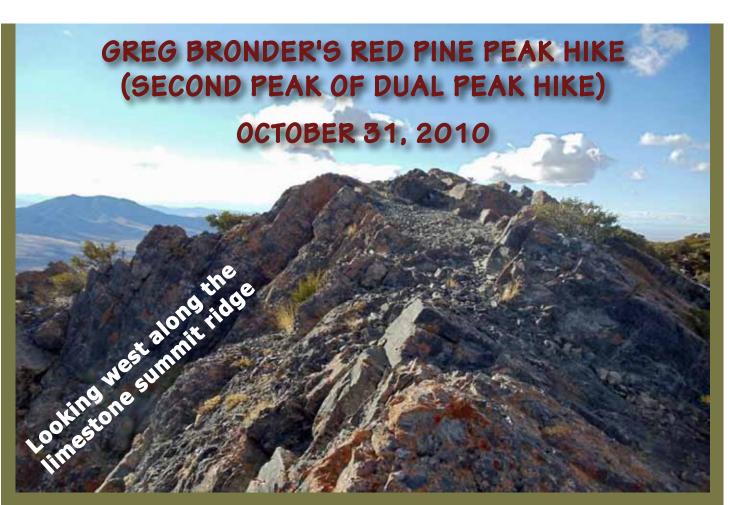


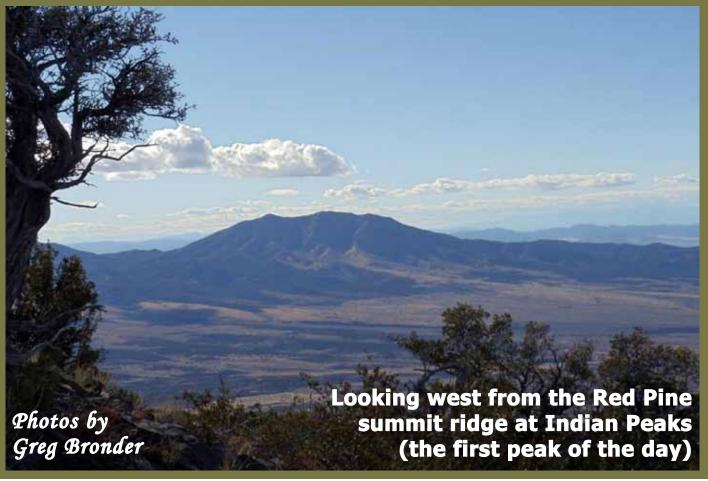
foundation blocks installed in 1931 can be seen, some with inscriptions left by the workers. And timbers from the dismantled flume and trestles are scattered about on the slope below the trail. If that offends you, raise your sights and enjoy the view. At a distance of about 0.9 mile there is a gully that is easily crossed and on the other side is a wall that can be surmounted by anyone comfortable on rock. For the less adventurous souls there usually are bits of timbers from the dismantled flume that people have propped against the wall to aid the ascent. Once across this minor obstacle, the trail continues only a short way, perhaps 150 feet, on a ledge until it reaches a yawning chasm similar to the one seen in the picture of the flume accompanying this narrative. At that point some considerate person has built a bench. What a great place to sit and enjoy the unique view of the lower part of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

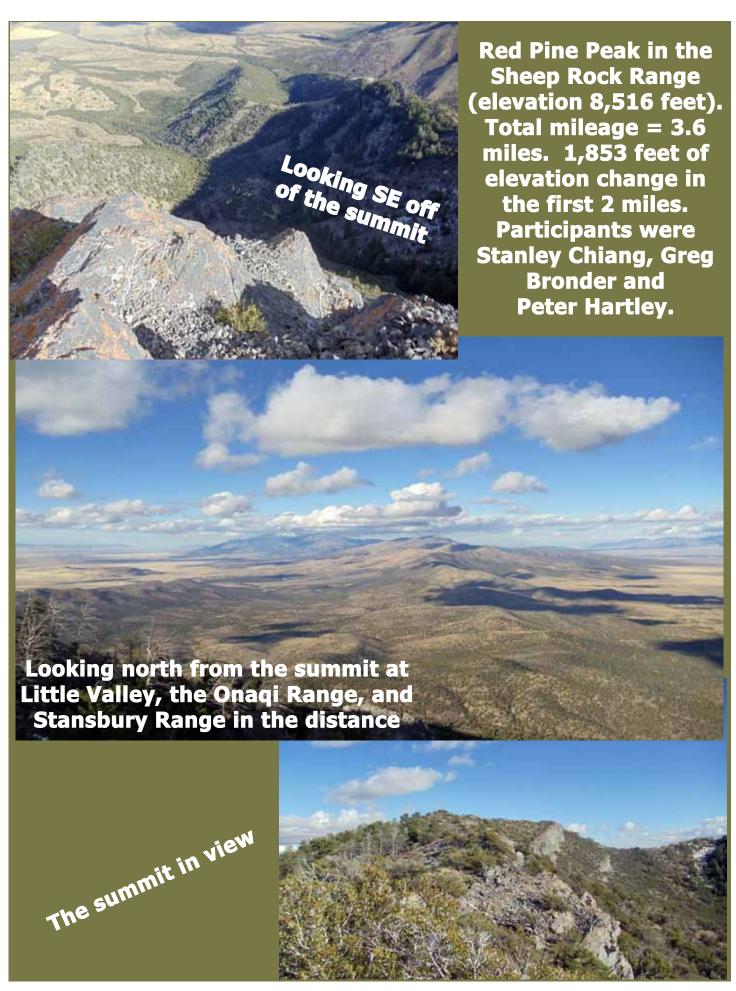
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WMC WINTER SPORTS POLICY

The following policies define the activities and responsibilities within the winter sports program of the Wasatch Mountain Club. (10/00) The core program includes snowshoe tours, backcountry tours, cross-country skiing, alpine skiing, and out-of-town trips (e.g. yurt and winter camping trips). The Robert Frohboese Avalanche Class is held in December or January each year. The Audrey Kelly Learn-to-Ski Clinic is held in January of each year. At least one telemark clinic is held each year.

The winter sports director is responsible for the overall management of the winter sports program. He/she appoints a skiing and snowshoe coordinator who in turn schedule trips, which are not planned at the committee meetings, but can be announced in the Rambler throughout the season. The coordinators also assist trip organizers with information as needed. Other responsibilities include organizing or participating in training trips catered to novices and beginners. They are also welcome to submit articles discussing information on topics of interest.

The winter sports program will also promote conservation issues such as curtailment of ski resort expansion to prevent further loss of backcountry terrain, rigid control (or elimination) of helicopter skiing, continuation of involvement in land management decision-making (e.g. snowmobile vs. ski trails on Daniel's Summit), and use of UTA routes.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR WINTER SPORTS ORGANIZERS

The winter sports program adopts the guidelines for hiking organizers, published elsewhere in these policies. However, special consideration is necessary for winter activities. Planning your destination and route is the key to a successful trip. You should always try to carpool or utilize UTA transit options in the Wasatch Canyons. Help people understand what the outing involves so that they can decide whether they should be on the trip. The organizer may use his/her discretion as to the equipment and skills necessary for a safe and successful tour. The organizer may evaluate the equipment and capabilities of skiers/snowshoers and turn away people who aren't prepared for the outing. You can check their clothing and gear by eye, ask questions about their experience and fitness. Make sure that everyone going on the trip signs the release form and therefore acknowledges the risk involved and that it's their responsibility to be prepared.

Talk to the group and reach an understanding of when to turn back. You could run out of time to return before dark, or the conditions might turn ominous. Participants disagreeing with the organizer can choose to withdraw from a trip after clearly notifying the organizer, and preferably, at least one other witness. Skiers/snowshoers should return to the trailhead with a buddy, and be sure that the organizer understands your route. Large groups should be subdivided with appointment of a second organizer and separation of the parties into a "fast group" and "slow group." Have fun. Enjoy the fresh air and snow.

EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES FOR WINTER SPORTS ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS

All trip participants are responsible for their own equipment and preparedness. Be self-sufficient at all times, and be prepared to assist others when necessary. Carry necessary supplies for changes in conditions. A well-executed trip is a satisfaction to you and not a burden to others. In addition to the "Ten Essentials" (re: Seattle Mountaineers), which are emergency items

you should have in your pack at all times, the following items are usually carried on winter sports trips: climbing skins, transceivers (dual-frequency or 457 mHz), shovel, probe, repair kit, headlamp, rope.

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

BASIC AVALANCHE AWARENESS GUIDELINES (SOURCE: US FOREST SERVICE)

- 1. Carry an avalanche transceiver that will transmit your location. The transceiver can also be set to receive signals. Learn how to use the transceiver.
- 2. Carry a shovel and collapsible poles to probe the snow for victims in case you need help with a rescue. Some collapsible ski poles can double as poles.
- 3. Be alert following periods of steady snowfall when most avalanches occur.
- 4. Slopes with angles of 25 to 50 degrees are most likely to slide.
- 5. Cornices, or overhanging shelves of snow, can build up along ridges and can fall, triggering avalanches. When traveling along ridges, avoid the edges.
- 6. When traveling through potentially unstable terrain, spread out and cross slopes one at a time, keeping close watch for sliding or settling of the snow.
- 7. Most avalanches start above timberline, on slopes opposite the prevailing wind. Heavily forested slopes are less likely to slide.
- 8. Dig snow pits and learn to read the weather history of the snow pack.
- 9. Check with local forecasters and outdoor travelers for conditions and hazards.
- 10. Only one in three avalanche victims buried without a beacon survives. But if you're caught in an avalanche, try to escape by grabbing a tree or rock. If you fall, get rid of skis, poles and pack and "swim" on the slide to stay toward the surface. When the avalanche stops, try to stay near the surface and make an air pocket.

WINTER TOURING ETIQUETTE

- 1. Parties should try to stay away from one another as best they can.
- 2. People need to be encouraged to keep their tracks close together in crowded areas.
- 3. Break trails that will be useful to everyone who follows.
- 4. Pay attention to inter-party safety considerations (e.g. do not tour above others). Share observations about potentially dangerous snow and avalanche conditions.

WINTER SPORTS RATINGS

Here is the listing of snowshoe and ski tours and the ratings according to difficulty. All mile numbers are ROUND TRIP, from beginning to end. Unless otherwise noted, all trips are in the BACKCOUNTRY. These types of trips may be rated 'Not too difficult' (NTD), but more often are rated 'Moderate' (MOD), or 'Most difficult' (MSD). They more likely encounter avalanche paths, and generally cross areas with steeper terrain. Avalanche beacons and shovels are strongly recommended for these types of trips, and may be required by the trip organizer (see trip descriptions). Typical examples are Powder Park of Catherine's Pass. A trip labeled TOUR is one which mostly follows along a groomed trail, or above an un-groomed road surface and generally has a gentler grade, and less risk of encountering avalanche paths. These types of trips are often rated NTD, but occasionally are rated MOD, or even MSD to length. Avalanche beacons are recommended on a more selected basis. Typical examples are Beaver Creek, or Norway Flats. 'Ski mountaineering' (SKI-MTN) is a rating for difficult trips which, in addition to snow gear and avalanche beacons, include boot climbing on exposed terrain and require self-arrest skills. The rating is determined by the most difficult technical requirement of the trip. For example, Pink Pine is short, but it is quite steep, so it is rated MSD.

* Avalanche knowledge is a prerequisite for winter travel. A new rating category for AVALANCHE AWARENESS has been compiled by the Winter Sports Committee to help you assess the relative risk for each trip. Legend- A! - trip crosses major avalanche path and/or multiple avalanche paths; A - trip crosses known avalanche path; M - trip involves minimal risk of avalanches.

EL and NTD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATI	NG-*	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Daniels	Telephone Hollow	EL-NT	ОМ	3.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Albion Basin Road	EL-NT	M C	3.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road to Elbow Fork	EL-NT	M C	3.0	680	Tour
Wasatch	Willow Lake	NTD	М	3.0	800	
Wasatch	Lake Mary	NTD	Α	3.0	910	
Daniels	Doe Knoll	EL-NT	O M	5.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Green's Basin from Spruces	NTD	М	4.0	1000	
Wasatch	Lower Mineral Fork	NTD	Α	4.0	1000	
Uintas	Smith & Morehouse Canyon					
	to Ledgefork Campground	NTD	М	6.0	400	Tour
Daniels	Foreman Trail	NTD	М	4.0	900	Tour
Daniels	Telemark Hill	NTD	М	5.0	1000	Tour
Uintas	Bench Creek	NTD	М	7.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Catherine's Lake	NTD	Α	4.4	1200	
Wasatch	Silver Fork from Lodge	NTD	Α	5.0	1280	Tour
Wasatch	Lower White Pine Canyon	NTD	Α	5.0	1400	
Wasatch	Catherine's Pass from Alta	NTD	Α	5.0	1500	
Wasatch	Dog Lake	NTD	Α	6.0	1400	
Daniels	R Fork Little Hobble Creek					
	to Valle	NTD	М	7.0	1150	Tour

Wasatch	Days Fork to Second Meadow	NTD	Α	6.0	1600	
Uintas	North Fork of Provo River	NTD	M	8.0	600	
Uintas	Beaver Creek Trail	EL-NTD	M	10.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Snake Creek Canyon	NTD+	Α	7.0	1800	Tour
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road to Turn Around	NTD+	M	10.0	1500	Tour

MOD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING-*		MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Uintas	Weber Canyon Road	MOD	М	16.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Butler Fork to Overlook	MOD	Α	3.0	1500	
Wasatch	Brighton to Twin Lake Pass	MOD	A!	4.0	1300	
Wasatch	Grizzly Gulch to					
	Twin Lakes Pass	MOD	A!	4.0	1320	
Wasatch	Tom's Hill	MOD	Α	4.0	1600	
Wasatch	Bill's Hill	MOD	Α	3.4	1800	
N. Wasatch	Little Dell-Affleck					
	Park-Big Mountain	MOD	М	11.0	1320	Tour
Wasatch	Catherine's Pass from Brighton	MOD	A!	5.0	1500	
Wasatch	USA Bowl	MOD	Α	4.0	1800	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Near) (South)	MOD	Α	4.0	1800	
Uintas	Yellow Pine Trail	MOD	М	7.0	2400	
Daniels	Main Canyon – Murdock Hollow	MOD	М	10.0	1400	Tour
Daniels	Strawberry Peak	MOD	Α	10.0	1700	Tour
Uintas	Little S. Fork-Willow					
	Hollow Loop	MOD	М	10.0	2000	
Daniels	Clyde Creek- Mud Creek Loop	MOD	М	14.0	1000	
Stansbury	Deseret Peak Bowl	MOD	Α	9.0	2800	
Wasatch	Big Water via Dog Lake	MOD	Α	6.4	1400	
Wasatch	Alta to Brighton via Twin					
	Lakes P	MOD	A!	8.0	1320	
Uintas	Smith Morehouse C. to					
	Erickson B.	MOD	Α	15.0	1200	
Uintas	Murdock Basin	MOD	М	15.0	1400	
Uintas	Upper Setting Road	MOD	M	12.0	2300	Tour

Uintas	Norway Flats Road	MOD	М	12.0	2530	Tour
Uintas	Red Pine Canyon to Mud					
	Lake Flat	MOD	Α	14.0	2235	
Wasatch	Lake Desolation	MOD	Α	8.0	1900	
Wasatch	Brighton to Alta via					
	Catherine's P	MOD	A!	10.0		
Wasatch	Red Pine Lake	MOD	Α	8.0	2000	
Uintas	Soapstone to North of Iron					
	Mine Mtn.	MOD	М	14.0	2240	
Uintas	Shingle Creek	MOD	М	14.0	2460	
Wasatch	Green's Basin Peak	MOD	Α	6.0	2380	
Wasatch	Meadow's Chutes	MOD	A!	6.2	2380	
Wasatch	Reynolds's Peak	MOD	Α	7.0	2100	
Wasatch	Little Water via Dog Lake	MOD	Α	7.4	2100	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Middle)	MOD	Α	7.0	2200	
Wasatch	Day's Fork to Upper Cirque	MOD+	A!	8.0	2000	
Wasatch	Bear Trap to Lookout	MOD+	Α	7.0	2400	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Far) (North)	MOD+	Α	8.0	2040	
Wasatch	Upper Red Pine Lake	MOD+	A!	7.0	2400	
Wasatch	Montreal Hill	MOD+	A!	7.0	2700	
Heber	Main Canyon (Wallsburg to					
	Strawberry)	MOD+	М	15.0	3650	
Wasatch	White Pine Lake	MOD+	A!	9.0	2400	
Uintas	Windy Ridge	MOD+	A!	7.6	3200	
Wasatch	Alta-Brighton-Alta	MOD+	A!	9.0	2800	

MSD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING- *		MILES	VERTICAL COMMENT	
Wasatch	Pink Pine	MSD	A!	2.0	1000	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Cardiff Pass	MSD	A!	2.0	1400	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Flagstaff Mountain	MSD	A!	2.8	2000	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Cardiff Pass to Big					
	Cottonwood C.	MSD	A!	5.0	Traverse	1400 u 2800 d

Wasatch	Silver Fork via Brighton					
	Twin Lakes	MSD	A!	6.0	Traverse	1460 u 2400 d
Wasatch	Day's Frk to Big Cottonwood C.	MSD	A!	5.5	Traverse	2000 u 3200 d
Wasatch	Mary Ellen	MSD	A!	9.2	1820	
Wasatch	Soldier Fork	MSD	Α	9.0	Traverse	1600 u 2800 d
Wasatch	Tuscarora- Wolverine	MSD	A!	8.0	2100	
Wasatch	Alexander Basin via Butler					
	to Log H	MSD	A!	7.0	Traverse	2600 u 3100 d
Wasatch	Silver Fork Crest	MSD	A!	8.0	Traverse	2200 u 3400 d
Wasatch	Maybird Canyon	MSD	A!	6.5	Traverse	2440 u 3000 d
Wasatch	Porter Fork	MSD	A!	7.0	Traverse	2200 u 3400 d
Wasatch	Lake Blanche to Big					
	Cottonwood C	MSD	A!	8.0	Traverse	2600 u 4600 d
Wasatch	Mineral Fork from Alta	MSD	A!	7.0	Traverse	2900 u 3500 d
Wasatch	Gobbler's Knob via Butler	MSD	A!	7.0	3140	
Wasatch	Mt. Raymond via Butler Fork	MSD	A!	7.0	3140	
Wasatch	Major Evans	MSD	A!	9.2	2700	
Wasatch	Wilson Fork	MSD	A!	11.0	Traverse	2600 u 3800 d
Wasatch	White Pine from Alta	MSD	A!	10.8	2700	
Stansbury	Victory Mountain	MSD	A!	10.0	3800	
Uintas	Hoyt Peak via Swift Canyon	MSD	Α	14.0	3530	
Uintas	Hoyt Peak via Hoyt Canyon	MSD	Α	14.0	3601	
Stansbury	Deseret Peak from Guard					
	Station	MSD	A!	12.0	4500	
Uintas	Norway Flats to Smith					
	Morehouse	MSD+	Α	18.0	2680	
Uintas	Weber River to Norway Flats	MSD+	Α	20.0	2800	
Daniels	Currant Creek Peak	MSD+	Α	21.0	2800	
Wasatch	Triple Traverse - Alta to					
	Toll Canyon	MSD+	A!	16.0	Traverse	5700 u 7600 d
Uintas	King's Peak (length!)	MSD+	Α	36.0	6800	Very long

SKI-MTN RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING- *	MILES	VERTICAL C	COMMENT
Wasatch	Mt. Superior	SKI-MTN A!	6.0	2700	
Wasatch	Pfeifferhorn via White				
	Pine Canyon	SKI-MTN A!	10.0	3700	
Wasatch	Superior and Monte Carlo				
	from Alta	SKI-MTN A!	10.0	4810	
Wasatch	Twin Peaks via Broad's Fork	SKI-MTN A!	10.0	5100	
Wasatch	Box Elder peak from Dry Fork	SKI-MTN A!	12.0	5600	
Wasatch	Pfeifferhorn from Dry Creek	SKI-MTN A!	12.0	5630	
Wasatch	Mt. Nebo from Mona	SKI-MTN A!	14.0	6700	
Wasatch	Bells Canyon Supertour				
	Traverse	SKI-MTN A!	14.0	Traverse	3500 u 5700 d
Wasatch	Lone Peak via Supertour Route	SKI-MTN A!	16.0	5854	
Wasatch	Timpanogos from Timpooneke	SKI-MTN A!	22.0	6500	

Editorial Note: Snowshoe and Ski ratings above are listed in order of difficulty, according to this algorithm:

Difficulty = (M) + (3K). M is the round trip miles including tenths, if any. K is the thousands of feet of altitude gain including tenths, if any. For example: Catherine's Lake at 4.4 miles round trip and 1200 feet of altitude gain:

If the outing is labeled as a TOUR, factor the difficulty answer by (0.6). Example: Foreman Trail at 4 miles length and an altitude gain of 900 feet calculates as follows:

$$(M) + (3 \times K) \times (0.6)$$

 $(4) + (3 \times .9) = 6.7$
 $(6.7) \times (0.6) = 4$

Localized trail conditions may vary throughout the season and affect the actual difficulty on any given day (e.g. trail breaking, icy, bare spots, wind, warm, cold).

"KNOW BEFORE YOU GO" and make sure to bring your 10 Es! Check with the Utah Avalanche center web site for snow conditions and weather forecast http://www.avalanche.org/~uac/ and review the WMC Winter Sports Policy, Backcountry Travel Techniques and Backcountry Ski & Snowshoe Route Ratings listed on the Wasatch Mountain Club website under Winter Sports www.wasatchmountainclub.org. Organizers are expected to keep their groups together and use proper backcountry etiquette.

WHAT ARE THE "TEN E'S"?

The "ten E's" are essential gear that you should **always** carry. This list of essential gear has its origin with The Mountaineers, a famous Seattle hiking and mountaineering club. As stated in their book Mountaineering, The Freedom Of The Hills: "You won't use every one of these items on every trip, but they can be lifesavers in an emergency, insurance against the unexpected." Lists vary and this list isn't perfect, but it's very good. Yes, there really are more than ten items on the list, but hey, the name's catchy.

- 1. water
- 2. extra food
- 3. extra clothing/insulation
- 4. rain & wind protection
- 5. sun protection: sun glasses, sun screen, lip balm, sun hat
- 6. compass & maps or GPS & knowledge of their use
- 7. flashlight & spare batteries
- 8. first aid kit & insect repellent
- 9. emergency kit: whistle, matches or small lighter, candle or fire starter tabs, lightweight reflective emergency bag or space blanket
- 10. pocket knife

What should you do with the 10 essentials?

Based on the observation that there is no crystal ball giving infallible weather predictions, the professional meteorologists don't have one either and that conditions in the mountains are incredibly changeable the WMC recommendation is to

- Put the 10 essentials in your pack.
- Always keep them in your pack.
- Always bring your pack.

Yes, that means you should not remove your rain jacket from your pack because you're "sure" it won't rain today. Nine times out of ten you'll be right. The 10th time you might get hypothermia.

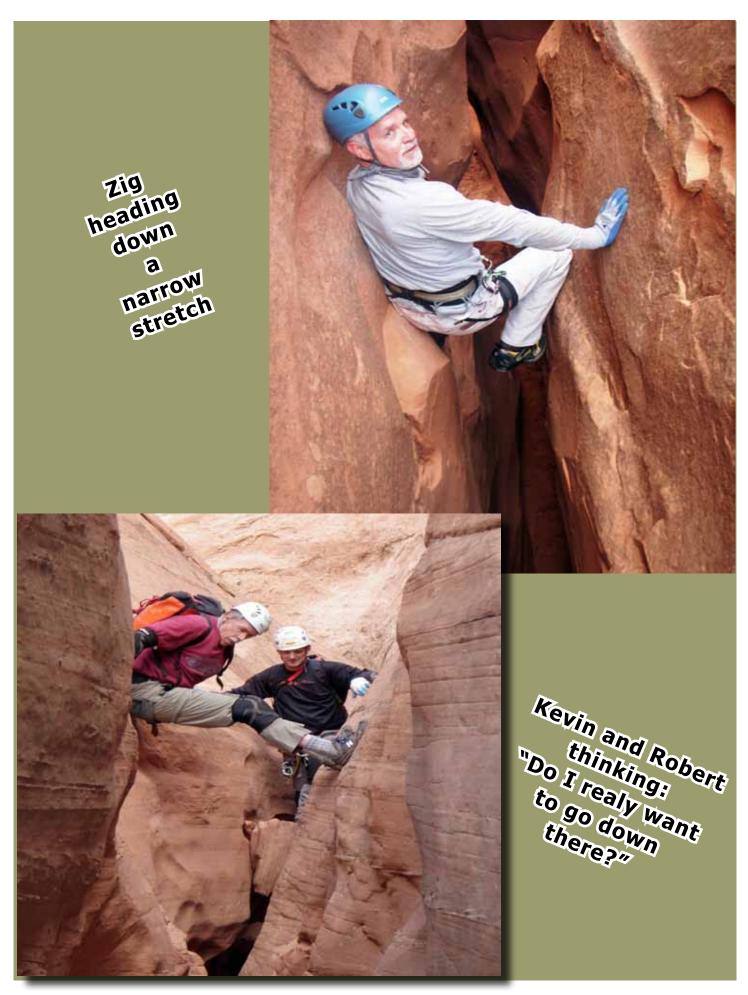
Some other gear to think about.

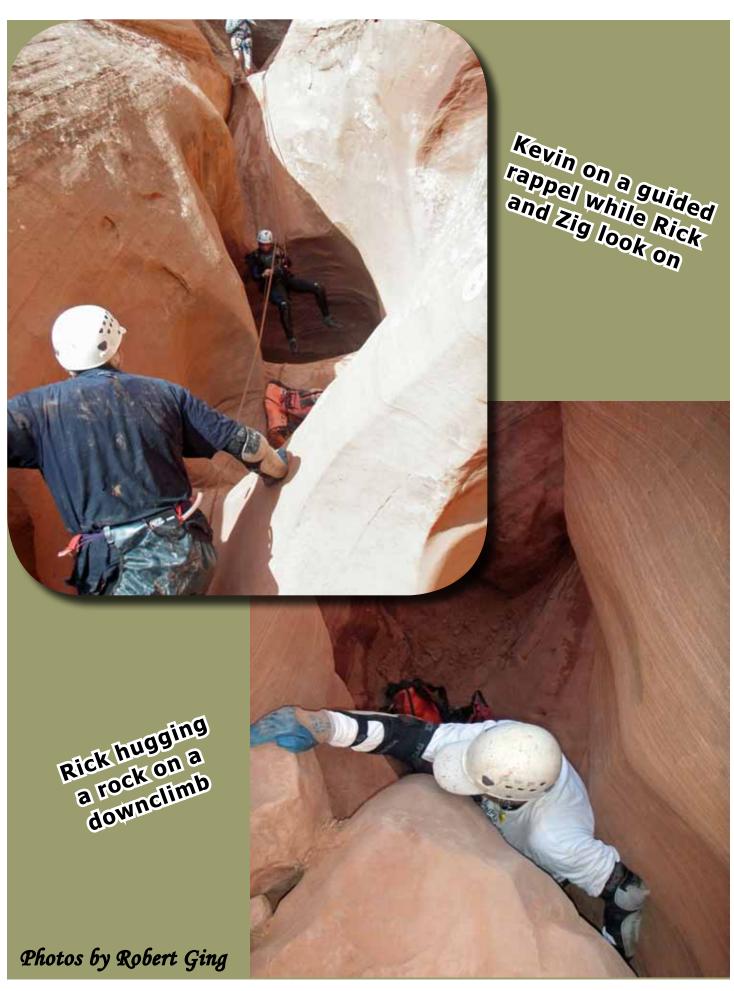
- 1. high-top boots (for rocky or off-trail hikes)
- 2. poly-fleece clothing for warmth
- 3. extra fleece cap, mittens, and neck gaiter for warmth
- 4. a cell phone for emergencies
- 5. a water filter (on long hikes)
- 6. wind jacket and wind pants
- 7. gaiters (for snow or gravel)
- 8. toilet paper, trowel or sand-stake, zip-lock bags to pack out toilet paper

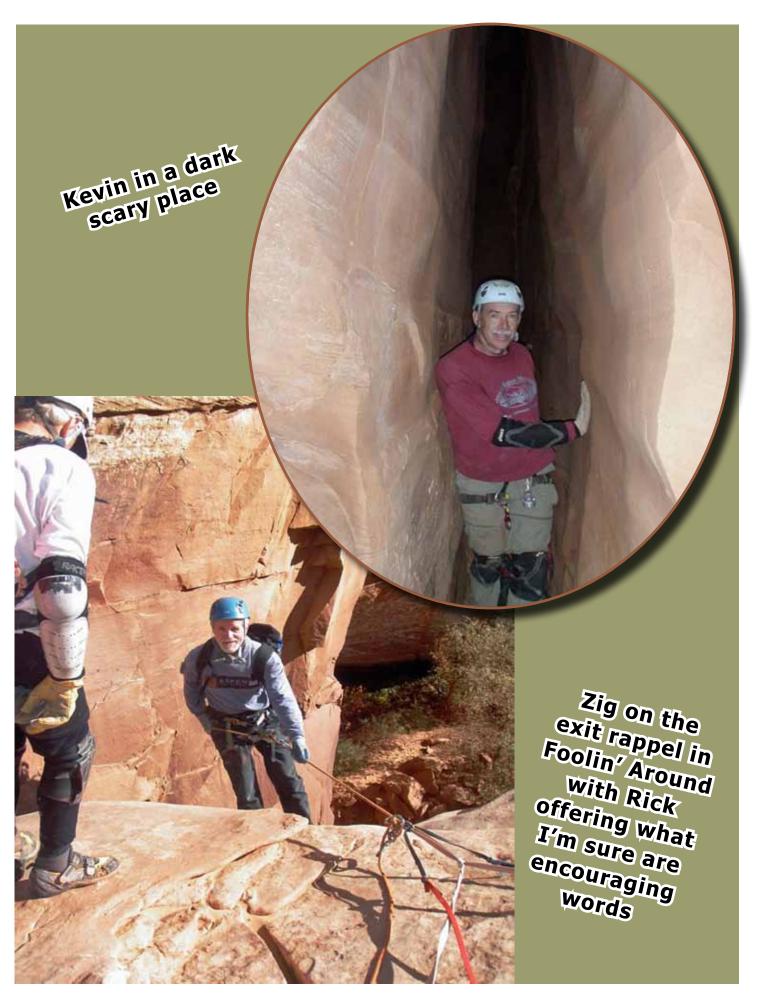


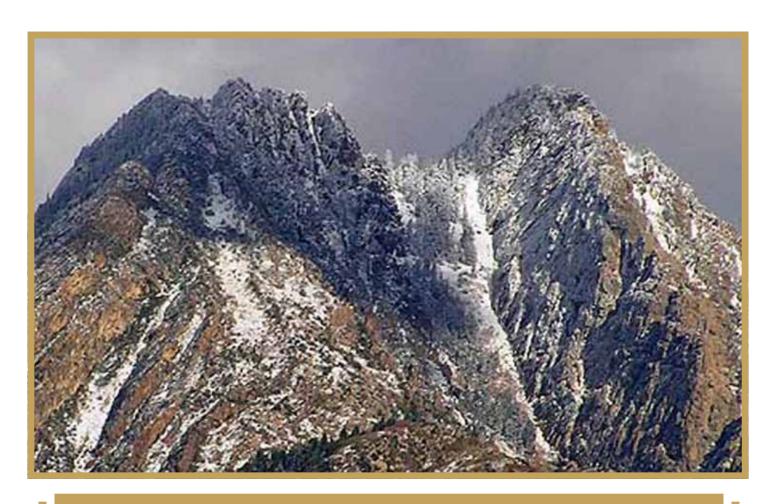
The invites went out, but who would dare accept a canyoneering trip over Halloween weekend? Besides being spooky, would it be cold? Would we see a lot of water and maybe even break some ice? After all, there is snow on the mountains.

The group was four strong with Rick Thompson leading the charge, followed by Robert Ging, Kevin Earl and Zig Sondelski. With the exception of ten minutes of rain, the weather was fantastic with highs in the 60's and plenty of sunshine. There were no frozen wet suits or ice to break this time around. The North Wash camp had around 50 people in it, with everyone trying to get in the last of the canyoneering season. Tom Jones had a crew in for his birthday celebration and we had some nice campfire time. Our group went down Thursday night so we got three days of canyoneering in, with a total of four canyons with names like Monkey Business, Foolin' Around, Miss Piggy and Hogs 3. Foolin' Around was pretty tight and Hogs 3 shredded a pair of my jeans but they were all good, albeit dirty, fun. As usual, I can't wait for next spring. Thanks again to Rick for his expertise. (By Robert Ging)









MAJESTIC MOUNT OLYMPUS

Mount Olympus is one of the most prominent and recognizable mountains viewable from practically every location in the Salt Lake Valley. Mount Olympus is not the tallest peak along the Wasatch Front, but its unusual form and location make it a popular hiking destination for locals. The mountain is situated immediately east of the center of the Salt Lake Valley (due east from Murray and Taylorsville). One distinctive feature of the mountain are its twin peaks, and other outcroppings, the highest of which is called "Summit Peak" and towers above the Valley to an elevation of 9,026 feet (2,751 m). Thus, the peak looms about 4,800 feet (1,463 m) above the valley floor.

Because of its close proximity, visibility, and accessibility to such a large metropolitan area, Mount Olympus has been a popular hiking destination for the residents of the Salt Lake Valley for many years. Most climbers reach the summit via the Mount Olympus Trail, which is a steep climb from the mountain base and stretches approximately 3.1 miles (5.0 km) to the summit. Hiding near the base of the mountain, unknown to many locals, lies Utah's second deepest, and Americas 13th deepest cave, known as Neff's Cave.

NOTE: This peak is also a popular winter mountaineering route because the terrain is not as avalanche prone as many of the surrounding peaks.

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 gropus 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)

Lightly Strenuous

4.1-8.0 > Moderate (MOD) Moderate to Very Strenuous

8.1-11.0 > Most Difficult (MSD) Very Strenuous, Difficult

11.1+ > Extreme (EXT)

Very Strong, Well-Seasoned Hikers

B > Boulder fields or extensive bushwhacking

E > Elevation change > 5,000 feet M > Round trip mileage > 15 miles

R > Ridgeline hiking or extensive route finding

S > Scrambling

X > Exposure

W > Wilderness area, limit 14

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.

ACTIVITIES LISTING

See online Calendar for updated and additional events and trips.

Date	Activity
Dec 2	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 4	Hike/yak Trax - West Granduer - mod+ - 4.0 mi Out & Back - 3200' ascent - Moderate pace
Sat	Meet: 9:00 am at 3900 South Wasatch Boulevard UTA Park and Ride
	Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
	The trail up the west side of Granduer is well traveled and makes a nice winter hike if it's been at least a few days since the last snow storm. Last year we made the summit on Thanksgiving day.
Dec 4	Snowshoe: Catherine's Pass – mod
Sat	Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
	Organizer: Mark McKenzie 801-913-8439 mark.mckenzie@slcc.edu
	It's time to go to Catherine's Pass. Mark is heading to this favorite early season destination today. Bring your 10 E's and probe, shovel, and beacon are recommended.
Dec 4	Snowshoe: Yo-yo Powder Park – mod
Sat	Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
	Organizer: Shane and Jacqueline Bode 801-272-7412 shanejaq@msn.com
	Shane and Jacqueline are going to try a yo-yo snowshoe at Powder Park. Once in the Powder Park area they will find a safe area to do laps. This means you will descend, go back up and repeat until you've had enough. The rating is probaby MOD/MOD+ depending on the number of laps. The club recommends that you bring a beacon, shovel, and probe for all MOD activities.
Dec 4	Ogden Frontrunner Loop Road Bike – mod – 60.0 mi Loop
Sat	Meet: 9:00 am at Salt Lake Station FrontRunner parking lot, 330 South 600 West
	Organizer: Elliott Mott 801-969-2846 elliott887@msn.com
	This is half bike ride and half train ride. Our itinerary is to ride our bikes north in a sweeping clockwise loop through the scenic rural agricultural lands west of Ogden, and then let UTA's FrontRunner buck the south headwind on our return to Salt Lake. Plan on a ride of about 60 miles over easy flat to rolling terrain, stops along the way to regroup, and a late lunch in Ogden. Bring lunch money and an extra \$5.00 for a train ticket back. Meet Elliott (801-969-2846) at Salt Lake Central Station parking lot, 330 South 600 West (east side of 600 West), at 9:00am. Note: This ride will go provided the roads are free of ice and snow; route will be modified to accommodate weather conditions as may be appropriate.
Dec 4	Alpine Ski Tour Mod – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace
Sat	Meet: Registration required
	Organizer: Michael Moody 801 949-8032 mike.h.moody@hotmail.com
	Those wishing to go should have: 1. Excellent skiing ability, 2. Do at least 6 hours at a Moderate pace, 3. Have shovel, probe, Peeps and know how to use them 4. Be able to do at least 3000 ft vert. We will go somewhere in the tri canyons and may be in the trees, the area will be determined by the snow conditions.

Dec 5 Snowshoe: Grizzly Gulch - mod

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

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

Join Carrie and Rick on a snowshoe (or hike) to Grizzly Gulch from Alta. Meet at 9am and bring your 10E's.

Dec 5 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons - mod - 2500' ascent - Moderate pace

Sun *Meet:* Registration required

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

Backcountry skiing/boarding. Some parts might be steeper then 38 degrees and/or in the trees. ~2500 vertical ~4hr. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness, excelent skiing skills and preregistration is required. Email or call Mark.

Dec 5 Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice - ntd

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

Organizer: Tom Mitko 801-277-7588 pro1dragon@aol.com

Tom will pick a destination according to the conditions. Meet him at 9 am at the 6200 S Wasatch park and ride to find out where he is going.

Dec 7 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons - msd

Tue *Meet:* Registration required

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

TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MSD (strenuous) ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.

Dec 7 Rock Climb - "plastic" Climb @ Momentum Gym - ntd - 50' ascent

Tue

Meet: 6:00 pm at Next to REI at South Town Mall, Sandy

Organizer: John Butler 801-718-4166 john@utahman.com

Top Rope and Lead Climbing

Dec 9 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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Dec 9 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 801-209-2545 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. 11. 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 7:00 PM in the meeting room of Mount Olympus Presbyterian Church, 3280 East 39000 South. For more information or to volunteer to help with the clinic please contact the Winter Sports Director.

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Dec 10 Snowshoe: Little Water Peak - mod - 7.4 mi - 2100' ascent

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

Organizer: Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com

Do you have Friday's off? Let's go snowshoe! Jim is going to Little Water Peak from the Mill D North trailhead today. This should be a great snowshoe. Destination is subject to conditions.

Dec 10 Death Valley Road Bike Registration Deadline

Fri Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Cheryl Soshnik 435 649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com

Today is the deadline for registration or wait listing for the Feb 4-8 Bob Wright Memorial Death Valley Winter Escape Bike trip. See trip description for details. I also have a SLC number: 801.623.2329

Dec 11 Alpine Ski Tour, - mod - 2000' ascent

Sat Meet: 8:30 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

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

Join Will McCarvill for a moderate ski tour destination TBD pending conditions. These early season tours will involve 2000 vertical and 3-5 miles. Meet at the 6200S Park and Ride at 8:30AM. You are expected to be in reasonable shape for the uphill and have good ski skills for getting down. Beacon shovel etc etc are required. Participants will stay with the group and follow group consensus decisions.

Dec 11 Snowshoe: Powder Park - mod

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

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

Let's go to Powder Park! It's as fun as the name sounds. The club recommends that you bring and know how to use a beacon, shovel, and probe for MOD activities.

Dec 11 Snowshoe: Millcreek Organizer's Choice - ntd

Sat Meet: 10:00 am at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Organizer: Mary Ann Yates 801-278-2423 marlos@xmission.com

Mary Ann is headed to Millcreek for an NTD snowshoe. If you'd like to join her, meet at 10am at Skyline High School. The destination will depend on the conditions that day.

Dec 11 Avalanche Transceiver Practice: Avalanche Awareness Clinic Part 2

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

Organizer: Walter Haas 801-209-2545 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 11 Ski Meeting/social: Avalanche Transceiver Practice: Avalanche Awareness Part 2

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

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Dec 12 Nordic Ski Tour: Norway Flat, Upper Boulder Creek, & North Of Iron Mine Mountain – mod+ – 17.0 mi Out Sun & Back – 2200' ascent – Moderate pace

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

Organizer: Michael Berry 801-583-4721

Cross-country ski tour up one the five side canyons that intercept SR-150 along the winter access route. All day tour, but carpools may be arranged for separate return times if there is enough interest. Generally, lighter weight backcountry touring gear (with swix, scales, or skins) is used, however, skiers need to make their own gear choices based on skill level and gear weight to ensure safe and efficient travel. Beacons and winter safety gear advised. Contact trip organizer if driving from the Park City area. Meet at 8:15 am for a prompt 8:30 departure. NTD+ to MOD+.

Dec 12 Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice - mod

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

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

After enjoying the sun in Fiji last month, Kerry has returned and wants to play in the snow. He will pick a suitable destination in Big Cottonwood Canyon for the conditions.

Dec 12 Social Holiday Pot Luck Dinner And Sing-a-long At Cindy Crass' Home

Sun Meet: 5:00 pm at 2244 East 11620 South - Directions are in the description above.

Organizer: Frank Bernard or Cindy Crass Cindy at 801-530-7331 frankbernard55@earthlink.net

DECEMBER 12 - SUNDAY: SING-A-LONG POT LUCK DINNER, definitely NTD. Come and join the holiday spirit at a potluck dinner and Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long. We'll meet at 5 PM at Cynthia Crass' home for appetizers with pot luck dinner to follow. Turkey and ham have already been offered, so please bring a nice appetizer and a dinner side dish/salad/dessert to share. BYOB. For those who wish to sing Christmas carols we'll have words and guitar chords for some popular songs. Acoustic musicians are always welcome to join in - an electric piano is also available. DIRECTIONS: Take Wasatch Blvd south and about 12000 south it starts running east and west rather than north and south. At the bottom the hill watch for 2220 East - turn right and go north two blocks, turn right on 11620 South and go to 2244 on the right. Coming south on 1-15 take the 10600 South exit. Go east on 10600 South past 1300 East to 1700 East. Turn right (south) to a traffic light at Wasatch Blvd. Go left on Wasatch (east) to 2220 East and turn left and go north 2 blocks to 11620 South. Turn right (east) to 2244 which is the second house on the right. Coming north on I-15 take the 12300 South exit and go right (east) to the traffic light at Wasatch Blvd. Turn right to 2220 East and turn left (north) and follow directions above. Questions or would like more information call Cindy Crass at 801-530-7331 or email Frank Bernard at frankbernard55@ earthlink.net

Dec 12 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – mod – 3000' ascent – Moderate pace

Sun *Meet:* Registration required

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

Backcountry skiing/boarding. Some parts might be steeper then 38 degrees and/or in the trees. ~3000 vertical ~5hr. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness, excelent skiing skills and preregistration is required. Email or call Mark.

Dec 12 Snowshoe: Catherine's Pass - mod - 5.0 mi - 1500' ascent

Sun

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

Organizer: Dave Rumbellow 801-581-9650 djr3@xmission.com

Join Dave on a beautiful trek to Catherine's Pass from Brighton. The club recommends that you bring a probe, shovel, and beacon.

Dec 12 Snowshoe: Greens Basin - ntd

Sun

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

Organizer: Jim Piani 801-733-0627 jvpiani@burgoyne.com

Join Jim on a snowshoe to Greens Basin today. Meet him at 9am at the 6200 S Wasatch Park and Ride.

Dec 12 Snowshoe: Afternoon Organizer's Choice - ntd - Slow pace

Sun

Meet: 1:00 pm at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Jean Acheson and Cathy Mooney 801-633-5225 jean@sco.com

Sleep in, enjoy your coffee and read the paper while the day warms up. Then join Cathy Mooney and Jean Acheson for a leisurely paced afternoon snowshoe. Meet them at 1pm at the 6200 S Wasatch park and ride.

Dec 14 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons - msd

Tue

Meet: Registration required

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

TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MSD (strenuous) ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.

Dec 14 Rock Climb - "plastic" Climb @ Momentum Gym - ntd - 50' ascent

Tue

Meet: 6:00 pm at Next to REI at South Town Mall, Sandy

Organizer: John Butler 801-718-4166 john@utahman.com

Top Rope and Lead Climbing.

Dec 16 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 Nordic Ski Tour: Wasatch Citizens Series (wcs) Race #1 - mod - 6.2 mi Loop - Fast pace

Sat

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Michael Berry 801-583-4721

Soldier Hollow 10k Classic, visit www.utahnordic.com (non-WMC event).

Dec 18 Snowshoe: Usa Bowl - mod - 4.0 mi - 1800' ascent

Sat

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

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

Join Cassie on a snowshoe to USA Bowl. This is a beautiful area with great views. The club recommends everyone bring and know how to use a beacon, shovel, and probe for MOD activities.

Dec 18 Break Into The Backcountry, Slow - ntd - Out & Back - 1000' ascent - Slow pace

Sat

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Jim Berry 801-560-5601 jamesberry 7899@comcast.net

Easy open glade skiing/boarding. The pace will be set to the slowest member of the group. All slope angles will be less then 30 degrees. ~1000' vertical ~4 hrs. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Email or call Jim for preregistration and meeting time & place.

Dec 18 Snowshoe: Big Cottonwood Leader's Choice - ntd

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

Organizer: Holly Smith 801-272-5358 smithholly9@gmail.com

Holly is going to pick a destination in Big Cottonwood Canyon that is sure to please. Meet her at 9 am to find out where she is going.

Dec 18 Silverfork Snowshoe - ntd+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace

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

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

Silverfork is one of the prettiest Canyons in the Wasatch, especially in the winter and has been proposed for expansion by Solitude Ski Resort. Though the Forest Service has turned down this proposal, the threat remains. Enjoy it while you can.

Dec 18 Ogden Frontrunner Loop Road Bike - mod - 60.0 mi Loop

Sat Meet: 9:00 am at Salt Lake FrontRunner parking lot, 330 South 600 West

Organizer: Elliott Mott 801-969-2846 elliott887@msn.com

This is half bike ride and half train ride. Our itinerary is to ride our bikes north in a sweeping clockwise loop through the scenic rural agricultural lands west of Ogden, and then let UTA's FrontRunner buck the south headwind on our return to Salt Lake. Plan on a ride of about 60 miles over easy flat to rolling terrain, stops along the way to regroup, and a late lunch in Ogden. Bring lunch money and an extra \$5.00 for a train ticket back. Meet Elliott (801-969-2846) at Salt Lake Central Station parking lot, 330 South 600 West (east side of 600 West), at 9:00am. Note: This ride will go provided the roads are free of ice and snow; route will be modified to accommodate weather conditions as may be appropriate.

Dec 18 Alpine Ski Tour Mod+ - mod+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* Registration required

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

Those wishing to go should have: 1. Excellent skiing ability, 2. Do at least 6 hours at a Moderate pace, 3. Have shovel, probe, Peeps and know how to use them 4. Be able to do more than 3000 ft vert. We will go somewhere in the tri canyons and may be in the trees, the area will be determined by the snow conditions.

Dec 18 Day Hike - Stansbury Island - mod - 9.0 mi Out & Back - 2500' ascent - Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Gregory Bronder gdbkcb03@comcast.net

Hike to the two highpoints of the island, Castle Rock and The Dome. Expect some cross country travel and scrambling with exposure. Weather permitting

Dec 19 Snowshoe: Greens Basin - ntd

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

Organizer: Jim Piani 801-733-0627 jypiani@burgoyne.com

Join Jim on a snowshoe to Greens Basin today. Meet him at 9am at the 6200 S Wasatch Park and Ride.

Dec 19 North Canyon Snowshoe (bountiful) - mod- - 6.5 mi Out & Back - 1000' ascent - Moderate pace

Sun Meet: 9:00 am at Utah Travel Council Lot - 120 E 300 N

Carpool: 9:00 am at We will carpool from the Travel Council Parking Lot, 120 E. 300 N. (across the street from the Capitol) at 9:00 a.m. If you live in Bountiful, you can meet at trailhead at 9:30 a.m. Take Orchard Dr. to North Canyon Rd. Turn right. At stop sign on 400 E

Organizer: Barbara Hanson 801-485-0132 barbhanson30@hotmail.com

The National Forest trail head begins about a mile past the canyon entrance. This is a favorite mountain bike trail in the summer and is a fairly gentle 3+ mile hike to Rudy's Flat. It is also a favorite moose hangout so you might want to bring your camera as well water, lunch and the rest of the 10 E's.

Dec 19 Alpine Ski Tour, Backcountry Yo Yo - mod - 4.0 mi Out & Back - 2000' ascent - Moderate pace

Sun

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

Organizer: Steve Duncan 801 474-0031 duncste@comcast.net

Destination TBD pending conditions, distance and vertical gain listed are estimates. Call or e-mail in advance if conditions are questionable. Participants are expected to be in reasonable shape for the uphill and have good ski skills for getting down. Beacon, shovel, etc. are required.

Dec 19 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons - mod+ - 3500' ascent - Moderate pace

Sun

Meet: Registration required

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

Backcountry skiing/boarding. Some parts might be steeper then 38 degrees and/or in the trees. ~3500 vertical ~5.5hr. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness, excelent skiing skills and preregistration is required. Email or call Mark.

Dec 21 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons - msd

Tue

Meet: Registration required

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

TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MSD (strenuous) ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.

Dec 21 Rock Climb - "plastic" Climb @ Momentum Gym - ntd - 50' ascent

Tue

Meet: 6:00 pm at Next to REI at South Town Mall, Sandy

Organizer: John Butler 801-718-4166 john@utahman.com

Top Rope and Lead Climbing.

Dec 23 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 24 Reynolds Peak Snowshoe - mod - Loop - 2200' ascent - Moderate pace

Fri

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

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

The shortcut from Mill D North to Reynolds Peak is a splendid way to celebrate the season. This is a nifty, sunny, steep, direct route to the peak. Maybe some powder on the way down through the trees! Call in case of inclement weather.

Dec 24 Alpine Ski Tour Msd - msd - Out & Back - Moderate pace

Fri

Meet: Registration required

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

Those wishing to go should have: 1. Excellent skiing ability, 2. Do at least 8 hours at a Moderate pace, 3. Have shovel, probe, Peeps and know how to use them 4. Be able to do at least 4500 ft vert. We will go somewhere in the tri canyons and may be in the trees, the area will be determined by the snow conditions.

Dec 25 Snowshoe: Christmas Day In The Wasatch - ntd

Sat

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

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

This is an easy, fun snowshoe to get ready for an afternoon of overeating! Beginners welcome. We usually go up the road to Alta or Greens Basin, but the final destination will be decided at departure. In case of bad weather stay home and roast some chestnuts on the fire. If it is snowing hard we will not be going.

Dec 25 Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at, Yo Yo - mod - Out & Back - Moderate pace

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

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

Show and go laps on moderate open terrain (yo-yo). Exact location will be decided by the leader of the day. Beacons, shovels, probes, skins & tele or AT gear and knowledge of their use required. This is not a beginning tour. 3-5 hrs Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.

Dec 26 Nordic Ski Tour: North Fork Of The Provo (uintas) – mod – 14.0 mi Out & Back – 1400' ascent – Moderate Sun pace

Meet: 8:00 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way

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

Cross-country ski tour follows rolling terrain through forest and past meadows and beaver ponds to the 2.5 mile mark. The 'kick & glide' gives way to moderately difficult terrain leading up the 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 or scales) is used. Carpools may be arranged for separate return times if there is enough interest. Contact organizer if driving from Park City. Beacons are not reqired on this trip. Winter safety gear and head-lamps are advised. Meet at 8:00 am for a prompt 8:15 am departure. NTD to MOD.

Dec 26 Alpine Ski Tour, - mod - 2000' ascent

Sun Meet: 8:30 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

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

Join Will McCarvill for a moderate ski tour destination TBD pending conditions. These early season tours will involve 2000 vertical and 3-5 miles. Meet at the 6200S Park and Ride at 8:30AM. You are expected to be in reasonable shape for the uphill and have good ski skills for getting down. Beacon shovel etc etc are required. Participants will stay with the group and follow group consensus decisions.

Dec 26 Snowshoe: Yo-yo Maybird - mod+

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

Organizer: Shane and Jacqueline Bode 801-272-7412 shanejaq@msn.com

Shane and Jacqueline are headed to Maybird on a yo-yo snowshoe. That means they will find a fun and safe place to do laps. The club recommends a beacon, probe, and shovel for all MOD trips.

Dec 26 Snowshoe: Afternoon Organizer's Choice - ntd - Slow pace

Sun Meet: 1:00 pm at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Jean Acheson and Cathy Mooney 801-633-5225 jean@sco.com

Sleep in, enjoy your coffee and read the paper while the day warms up. Then join Cathy Mooney and Jean Acheson for a leisurely paced afternoon snowshoe. Meet them at 1pm at the 6200 S Wasatch park and ride.

Dec 28 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons - msd

Tue *Meet:* Registration required

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

TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MSD (strenuous) ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.

Dec 28 Rock Climb - "plastic" Climb @ Momentum Gym - ntd - 50' ascent

Tue Meet: 6:00 pm at Top Rope and Lead Climbing.

Organizer: John Butler 801-718-4166 john@utahman.com

Top Rope and Lead Climbing.

Dec 30 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 Nordic Ski Tour: Wasatch Citizens Series (wcs) Race #2

Sat

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Michael Berry 801-583-4721

White Pine 15k Skate, visit www.utahnordic.com (non-WMC event).

Jan 1 Snowshoe: New Years Day - mod

Sat

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

Organizer: Rick Kirkland 801-486-0909

Sleep in a little to recover from last night's decadence and then join Rick at 10am to start the New Year off on the right foot. The club recommends a beacon, shovel and probe for all MOD activities.

Jan 1 Break Into The Backcountry, Slow - ntd - Out & Back - 1000' ascent - Slow pace

Sat

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Jim Berry 801-560-5601 jamesberry 7899@comcast.net

Easy open glade skiing/boarding. The pace will be set to the slowest member of the group. All slope angles will be less then 30 degrees. ~1000' vertical ~4 hrs. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Email or call Jim for preregistration and meeting time & place.

Jan 1 Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at, Yo Yo - mod - Out & Back - Moderate pace

Sat

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

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

Show and go laps on moderate open terrain (yo-yo). Exact location will be decided by the leader of the day. Beacons, shovels, probes, skins & tele or AT gear and knowledge of their use required. This is not a beginning tour. 3-5 hrs Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.

Jan 2 Afternoon Snowshoe: Cardiff Fork - ntd

Sun

Meet: 1:00 pm at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

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

Barry is organizing an afternoon snowshoe in Cardiff Fork today. To join him, meet at the South end of the 6200 S Wasatch park and ride at 1 pm.

Jan 2 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – mod+ – 4000' ascent – Moderate pace

Sun

Meet: Registration required

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

Backcountry 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. Avalanche awareness, excelent skiing skills and preregistration is required. Email or call Mark.

Jan 4 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons - msd

Tue

Meet: Registration required

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

TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MSD (strenuous) ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.

Jan 4 Rock Climb - "plastic" Climb @ Momentum Gym - ntd - 50' ascent

Tue Meet: 6:00 pm at Next to REI at South Town Mall, Sandy

Organizer: John Butler 801-718-4166 john@utahman.com

Top Rope and Lead Climbing.

Jan 6 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 8 Snowshoe: Albion Basin - ntd - Slow pace

Sat

Meet: 9:15 am at 3900 S and Wasatch

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

This could be an NTD or NTD+ outing depending on how far the group wants to go and/or the avalanche conditions. But it will be at a leisurely pace and plenty of fun. Meet Doug at 9:15 at the 3900 S Wasatch park and ride.

Jan 8 Break Into The Backcountry, Slow - ntd - Out & Back - 1000' ascent - Slow pace

Sat *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Jim Berry 801-560-5601 jamesberry 7899@comcast.net

Easy open glade skiing/boarding. The pace will be set to the slowest member of the group. All slope angles will be less then 30 degrees. ~1000' vertical ~4 hrs. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Email or call Jim for preregistration and meeting time & place.

Jan 8 Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at, Yo Yo - mod - Out & Back - Moderate pace

Sat

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

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

Show and go laps on moderate open terrain (yo-yo). Exact location will be decided by the leader of the day. Beacons, shovels, probes, skins & tele or AT gear and knowledge of their use required. This is not a beginning tour. 3-5 hrs Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.

Jan 8 Nominations Dinner And Social

Sat

Meet: 6:00 pm at Golden Corral Restaurant in Midvale

Organizer: John Veranth 801 278-5826 veranth@xmission.com

Casual dinner in a reserved private room at Golden Corral Restaurant for socializing, the announcement of candidates for next year's board, and the close of nominations. Cost \$10-\$12 at the door. Golden Corral is located at 665 Fort Union Blvd, Midvale. See special Rambler announcement for further details.

Jan 9 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – msd- – 4500' ascent – Moderate pace

Sun

Meet: Registration required

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

Backcountry skiing/boarding. Some parts might be steeper then 38 degrees and/or in the trees. ~4500 vertical ~7hr. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness, excelent skiing skills and preregistration is required. Email or call Mark.

Jan 11 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons - msd

Tue

Meet: Registration required

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

TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MSD (strenuous) ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.

Jan 13 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

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 15 Snowshoe: Red Pine - mod - 8.0 mi - 2000' ascent

Sat

Meet: 8:30 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Peter Hartley 435-882-7439 hartley660@msn.com

Wake up a little earlier and join Peter for a trip to Red Pine Lake. This is a beautiful area and the snow is usually great. The club recommends a beacon, shovel and probe for all MOD activities.

Jan 15 Break Into The Backcountry, Slow - ntd - Out & Back - 1000' ascent - Slow pace

Sat Meet:

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Jim Berry 801-560-5601 jamesberry 7899@comcast.net

Easy open glade skiing/boarding. The pace will be set to the slowest member of the group. All slope angles will be less then 30 degrees. ~1000' vertical ~4 hrs. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Email or call Jim for preregistration and meeting time & place.

Jan 15 Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at, Yo Yo - mod - Out & Back - Moderate pace

Sat

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

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

Show and go laps on moderate open terrain (yo-yo). Exact location will be decided by the leader of the day. Beacons, shovels, probes, skins & tele or AT gear and knowledge of their use required. This is not a beginning tour. 3-5 hrs Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.

Jan 16 Snowshoe: Dog Lake - ntd - 6.0 mi - 1400' ascent

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

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

Mark is going to tried and true Dog Lake. It's a club favorite in the Winter. Meet him at 9am.

Jan 16 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons - msd- - 4500' ascent - Moderate pace

Sun

Meet: Registration required

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

Backcountry skiing/boarding. Some parts might be steeper then 38 degrees and/or in the trees. ~4500 vertical ~7hr. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness, excelent skiing skills and preregistration is required. Email or call Mark.

Jan 18 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons - msd

Tue Meet: Registration required

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

TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MSD (strenuous) ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.

Jan 18 Rock Climb - "plastic" Climb @ Momentum Gym - ntd - 50' ascent

Tue Meet: 6:00 pm at Next to REI at South Town Mall, Sandy

Organizer: John Butler 801-718-4166 john@utahman.com

Top Rope and Lead Climbing.

Jan 21 Sing-a-long Potluck "june In January" At Patti O'keefe's Home

Fri Meet: 6:30 pm at 1724 Bunkerhill Road

Organizer: Patti O'Keefe or Fred Tripp 801 424-9215 or 435-649-4507 fredgtripp@gmail.com

JAN 21 FRI SOCIAL: "MAUI-WOWIE" SING-A-LONG & POTLUCK, definitely NTD. Need a break from the wintry blahs? Dig out your Hawaiian shirt and join the gang for a rousing night of song, socializing and general silliness! (Extra credit for wearing a coconut bra!!) Please bring something to share (entree, appetizer, salad, side vegetable or a dessert) with 4 to 6 others. BYOB. The fun starts at 6:30 PM and lasts until ??? Dust off the old vocal chords (and any musical instruments tucked away in your closet) and bring them to 1724 Bunker Hill Rd. (From Murray-Holladay Rd., turn south on King's Row Drive which is 1660 E. Turn left on Bunker Hill Road, the 1st street on left, to 1724.) Hosted by Patti O'Keefe. Questions or need more encouragement?? Call Patti at 424-9215 or Fred Tripp at 435-649-4507 or email fredgtripp@gmail.com

Jan 22 Nordic Ski Tour: Wasatch Citizens Series (wcs) Race #3

Sat *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Michael Berry 801-583-4721

Mountain Dell 10k Classic, visit www.utahnordic.com (non-WMC event).

Jan 22 Break Into The Backcountry, Slow - ntd - Out & Back - 1000' ascent - Slow pace

Sat Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Jim Berry 801-560-5601 jamesberry 7899@comcast.net

Easy open glade skiing/boarding. The pace will be set to the slowest member of the group. All slope angles will be less then 30 degrees. ~1000' vertical ~4 hrs. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Email or call Jim for preregistration and meeting time & place.

Jan 22 Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at, Yo Yo – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace

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

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

Show and go laps on moderate open terrain (yo-yo). Exact location will be decided by the leader of the day. Beacons, shovels, probes, skins & tele or AT gear and knowledge of their use required. This is not a beginning tour. 3-5 hrs Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.

Jan 23 Snowshoe: Red Pine Lake - mod

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

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

Carrie and Rick are organizing a snowshoe to Red Pine Lake in Little Cottonwood Canyon. If the weather is questionable, the trip might get cancelled. The club recommends a probe, shovel, and beacon for all MOD activities.

Jan 23 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons - msd- - 4500' ascent - Moderate pace

Sun Meet: Registration required

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

Backcountry skiing/boarding. Some parts might be steeper then 38 degrees and/or in the trees. ~4500 vertical ~7hr. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness, excelent skiing skills and preregistration is required. Email or call Mark.

Jan 25 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons - msd

Tue Meet: Registration required

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

TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MSD (strenuous) ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.

Jan 25 Rock Climb - "plastic" Climb @ Momentum Gym - ntd - 50' ascent

Tue Meet: 6:00 pm at Next to REI at South Town Mall, Sandy

Organizer: John Butler 801-718-4166 john@utahman.com

Top Rope and Lead Climbing.

Jan 29 Snowshoe: Willow Canyon/stansbury Mtns - mod+

Sat *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Peter Hartley 435-882-7439 hartley660@msn.com

Want to explore a destination that the club does not typically visit in the Winter? Join Peter on a snowshoe to Willow Canyon in the Stansbury Mountains today. Please call him to register.

Jan 29 Break Into The Backcountry, Slow - ntd - Out & Back - 1000' ascent - Slow pace

Sat *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Jim Berry 801-560-5601 jamesberry 7899@comcast.net

Easy open glade skiing/boarding. The pace will be set to the slowest member of the group. All slope angles will be less then 30 degrees. ~1000' vertical ~4 hrs. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Email or call Jim for preregistration and meeting time & place.

Jan 29 Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at, Yo Yo – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace

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

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

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Jan 30 Nordic Ski Tour: Red Pine Canyon And South Fork Weber River (uintas) - mod+

Sun Meet: 7:45 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way

Organizer: Michael Berry 801-583-4721

Cross-country ski tour up Red Pine Canyon from the Smith-Morehouse road. Option to descend into the South Fork of the Weber River if a car shuttle has been set up. Generally, lighter weight backcountry touring gear (with scales or skins) is used, however, skiers need to make their own gear choices. The choice should be based on skill level and gear weight to ensure safe and efficient travel. Beacons and shovels required. Contact trip organizer if driving from Park City. Meet at 7:45 am for a prompt 8:00 am departure.

Jan 30 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons - msd - 4500' ascent - Moderate pace

Sun

Meet: Registration required

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

Backcountry skiing/boarding. Some parts might be steeper then 38 degrees and/or in the trees. ~5000 vertical ~8hr. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness, excelent skiing skills and preregistration is required. Email or call Mark.



WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Do not use for renewals.)

Please read carefully and completely fill out both signature.	des 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:
This information is only available to active member our address list to WMC-Board approved wilderness stipulation that they do not continue to use the list of the "Members Only" area but not made available to	o publish name, phone and email on website "Member's list" area. It is on the web site. With your permission, we also occasionally release as and/or conservation organizations for one-time mailings under the provide it to other. You may opt to (1) have your address published on the other organizations, (2) have your address published on the "Members exations, or (3) not have your address on the WMC roster nor given to other
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Enclosed is \$ for application fee and payable to Wasatch Mountain Club.	first year's dues. Check or money order only. Please make checks

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

CONTACT: Celeste Eppler, EMAIL: ceppler@rei.com, (801) 486-2100, ext. 207

SANDY CITY - 10600 SOUTH & 230 WEST

Avalanche- Know Before You Go, Thursday, December 2nd, 7 pm

This popular, multi-media talk includes an exciting 15-minute video on avalanche basics followed by a half-hour PowerPoint on how to stay alive in avalanche terrain. Subjects include: avalanche rescue, how avalanches work, reading avalanche terrain, obvious clues to instability, avalanche weather, safe travel practices and essential equipment. This talk is presented by the staff of the Utah Avalanche Center, who are some of the foremost avalanche experts in the country. Suitable for ages 14 and older. If you register for any of our free in-store presentations, we will hold a seat for you until the scheduled start. If you do not arrive to claim your seat before this time, we will release it to the general public. Seating may be available at the door, even if the registration is closed.

Ski and Snowboard Wax & Tune Basics, Thursday, December 9th, 7 pm

Wax on! Learning to wax your skis or board will help you increase your fun on the slopes. This class will focus on the basics of waxing, including base preparation, structure, major and minor repair, and stone grinding. Our expert technician will also go into an in-depth examination of how and why waxes work.

Snowshoe Basics, Thursday, December 16th, 7 pm

Are you looking for a fun winter sport? Join REI staff for a class on the basics of snowshoeing. We will focus on selecting appropriate gear and finding out where to go snowshoeing in your area. If you've ever thought about getting into snowshoeing, this is a great introduction to the sport!

SALT LAKE CITY - 3285 EAST & 3300 SOUTH

Ski and Snowboard Wax & Tune Basics, Thursday, December 2nd, 7 pm

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Snowshoe Basics, Thursday, December 7th, 7 pm

Join REI staff for a class on the basics of snowshoeing. We will focus on selecting appropriate gear and finding out where to go snowshoeing in your area.

Avalanche Awareness for Women, Wednesday, December 8th, 6-8 pm

Join local non-profit, SheJumps and Evelyn Lees of the Forest Service Utah Avalanche Center to get smart about snow. We know that sometimes it can be intimidating to stand up and ask questions in a group dominated by guys, so we want to give you an opportunity to learn with the ladies! 6-6:30pm Learn more about SheJumps; 6:30-8pm Avalanche Awareness presentation.

Avalanche- Know Before You Go, Thursday, December 9th, 7 pm

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CLASSES:

Hands-On Ski and Board Tune & Wax Workshop, Saturday, December 11th, 9am-1:30pm at REI Sandy

Learn basic tuning skills from our REI certified technician while working hands-on with your own skis or snowboard. \$85 member / \$105 non-member- plus tax, for four hours of instruction and your very own tune kit that will be used during class and taken home. \$40 members, \$60 non-members, education fee and \$45 plus tax for the Dakine Deluxe tune up kit. Kits will be purchased the morning of the class. Class limited to 5 students. Register online or at customer service.



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