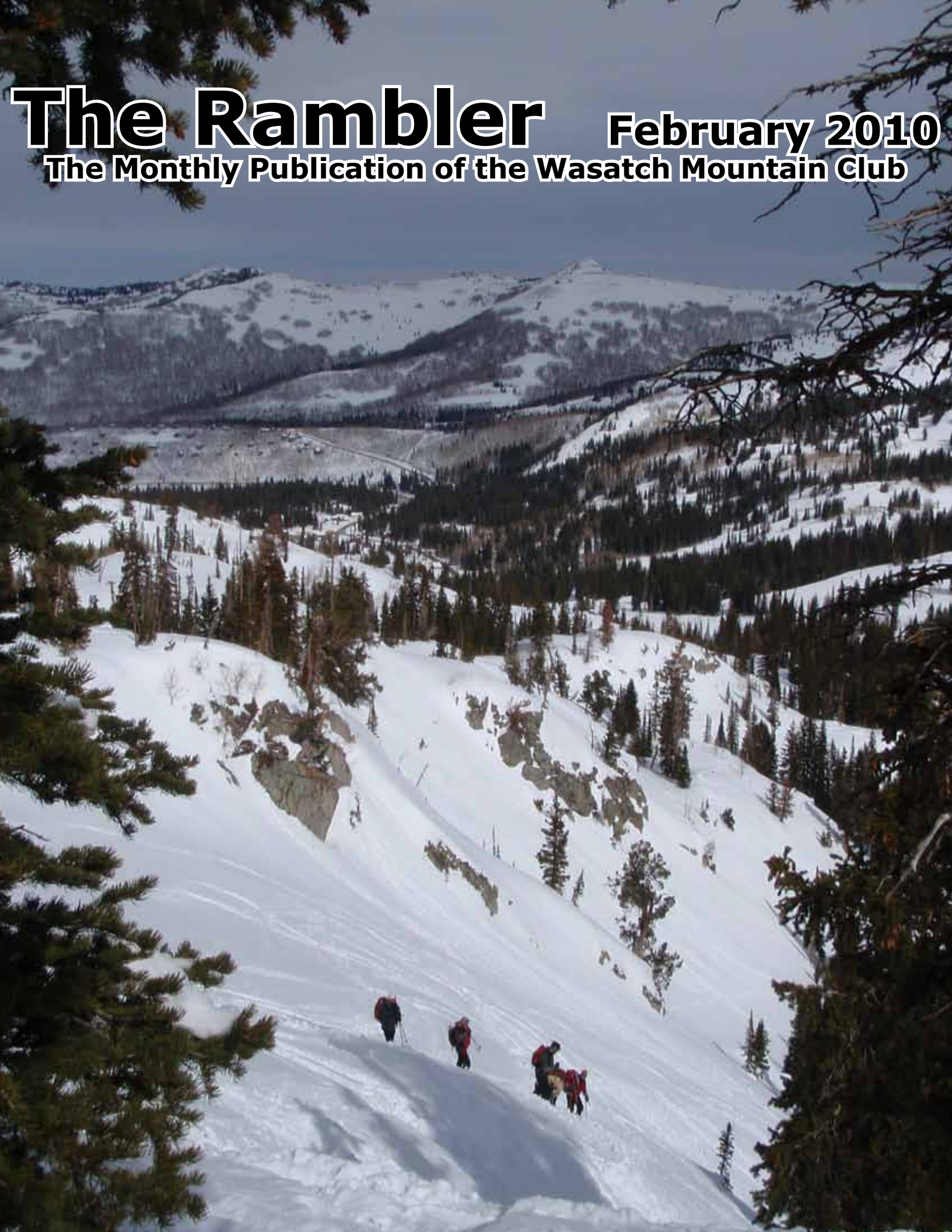


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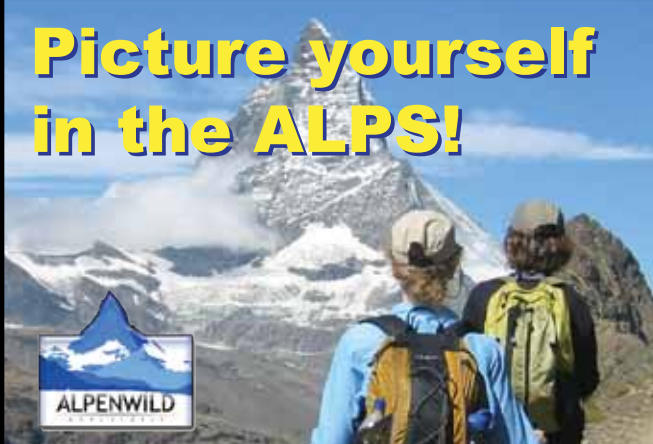


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WMC Purpose

(Article II of the WMC Constitution)

The purpose shall be to promote the physical and spiritual well-being of its members and others by outdoor activities; to unite the energy, interests and knowledge of students, explorers and lovers of the mountains, deserts and rivers of Utah; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains 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.

From the President by John Veranth

The annual WMC elections meeting will be on February 18. Please come, meet the current and incoming board members, and enjoy an entertaining talk about a local issue of current interest - the fate of the Jordan River floodplain at 2200 North.

See the slate of 2010-2011 board candidates published in this Rambler. It will be a strong board with 10 positions filled by incumbents, plus two current board members moving to new positions. This provides the continuity and institutional memory that keeps the club running smoothly year after year. Thanks to all who have decided to stay on for another year. A special welcome and thanks go to the newcomers to the board for agreeing to serve, and thanks to the Nominating Committee for their recruiting efforts. This year's nominating committee was Knick Knickerbocker, Mark Bloomenthal, and Patti O'keefe.

The WMC elections are a bit unusual, so I thought the club's traditions would be of interest to newer members. Although a contested election sometimes occurs, most years we have a single Nominating Committee select a candidate for each position. That is again the case this year. Our Constitution and Bylaws require all candidates to be published in the Rambler; write-ins at the election meeting are not allowed. A timely third-party or self-nomination would be accepted and published in the Rambler, along

with the nominating committee slate. While the actual voting is usually non-controversial, it is important. The membership vote is the ultimate accountability link between the slate of volunteers and the general membership.

The nominating committee is appointed by the president and consists of former board members who have a wide range of contacts within the club, who network until someone steps forward and agrees to serve.

Sometimes this takes some arm-twisting. The recruitment of future board members is facilitated by the efforts of the current directors, who focus on encouraging those currently active on committees and activities. Serving on the board is fun, but time-consuming. These are not "honorary" positions, as every board member has specific

responsibilities. Some jobs, like Treasurer and Publications, are especially demanding as they have to be done every month of the year. Others, like Hiking and Winter Sports are seasonal. In any case, attendance by all members at the board meetings is important for communication and to provide a representative range of opinions on issues affecting the club. Sometimes the total workload is too much for a single volunteer, and we end up with two or even three co-directors filling an individual position (and sharing one vote on the board). If you are interested in becoming more involved in the WMC, let any officer or director know. Your willingness to help will be welcome.



The WMC Lodge

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

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

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

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

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

Lodge Service Day:

None listed in February

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

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

Directions to the Lodge

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

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

October 1 - May 31: \$250/day

June 1 - September 30: \$300/day

Weddings and/or Receptions: \$400/day

Non WMC Members

October 1 - May 31: \$350/day

June 1 - September 30: \$400/day

Weddings and/or Receptions: \$550/day



Hiking Directors' Message

PRE-SEASON HIKING/CAMPING/BACKPACKING PLANNING PIZZA PARTY

Saturday, March 6 @ Rocky Mountain Pizza

Join your hiking directors for an organizers' planning party and pizza! Whether you are a well seasoned veteran organizer or thinking about organizing your first activity, come share your thoughts and ideas as we launch the 2010 hiking/camping/backpacking season. Some of the discussion items we'd like to go over include:

- Review Policies for Organizers
- Review Policies for Participants
- Ideas for managing large and/or diverse groups
- Suggestions for clear descriptions of activities
- Post-Activity feedback to hiking directories
- Increasing backpack/car camp activities
- Establishing slow-pace low-impact hikes
- Promotion ideas for WMC activities



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*Remember to call your WMC activity director
and volunteer to organize an activity.*

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General Membership Meeting!!!!

Officer and Director elections and updates on conservation issue and club business.

**Thursday, February 18, 7:30 PM
Mt Olympus Presbyterian Church
3280 East 3900 South**

Guest Speaker: Jeff Salt - Jordan River Watershed Protection

2010-2011 WMC BOARD CANDIDATES

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Conservation Co-directors: Will McCarville and Kyle Williams (incumbents)

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Winter Sports: Walt Haas (incumbent)

Trustee 2010-2014: Dave Rumbellow

Conservation Notes

Will McCarvill & Kyle Williams

No news yet from the Forest Service on the proposal from Solitude to take over Silver Fork. Hopefully it will be rejected outright; otherwise we will have a fight on our hands.

The 2009 Pfeifferhorn award went to the first person to spell it correctly in 2009. Not really, it was presented to Peter Metcalf CEO of Black Diamond Equipment Ltd. It was awarded by six leading Utah conservation and environmental organizations including Save Our Canyons, Sierra Club, The Nature Conservancy, Wild Utah Project, Great Salt Lake Audubon Society and us, the Wasatch Mountain Club. Peter accepted the award at a ceremony on behalf of Black Diamond which supports more than 25 organizations across the United States. We awarded Peter the Alexis Kelner award several years ago in recognition of his efforts and leadership on behalf of access to and preservation of mountain, canyon and crag.

Now that the results of the surveys are in, times are getting interesting at Envision Utah and the Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow process. The high degree of participation by the public has established a benchmark that will be hard to ignore as recommendations and policy are worked out. The next step is for the steering and technical committees to work out a synergy of public input to arrive at a proposal that will go through another round of public input for polishing. Since all aspects of the canyons: public lands, private lands, transportation and recreation both dispersed and ski areas are interconnected interactions become apparent. The ski areas want better mass transportation because the number of skiers is currently limited by the number of parking places. So the ideas of a cog railway up Little Cottonwood Canyon and aerial trams connecting all the resorts are perceived as needed for ski area expansion. So maybe dispersed recreation is better off leaving transportation as it is to control ski area expansion plans by the economics of a limited clientele. Why should we support something that will result in the loss of more of the backcountry winter terrain? What would the ski areas want in order to abandon their expansion plans and what would the dispersed recreation community be willing to trade for that? Maybe we don't want trails to be improved or maintained. Rough trails discourage mountain bike use on trails such as White Pine minimizing conflict with hikers. Rough trails also discourage people from venturing very far from parking lots so stronger hikers will see fewer people on the upper trail segments. It can be hard not to take a stand that maximizes the benefits for your user base and minimizes losses. It can be hard to support an opportunity that is fundamentally the right thing to do, but will result in others taking advantage of it at your expense. Actions like the land grab by Solitude seem to show that in some camps there is no concern for what is right and fair for the citizens of Salt Lake County: but only for the greatest self benefit. It is hard not to dig and apply this strategy to what we want.

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Rules and Regulations:

1. **Dogs & Children** are not allowed on WMC activities, except when specifically stated in the activity description.
2. **Car pool rates:** Gas plus \$0.15/mile, shared by everyone in the vehicle (including driver) on 2WD roads, OR gas plus \$0.25/mile on 4WD roads.

Notice to Non-Members: Most WMC activities are open to prospective members except when specifically stated in the activity description.

Find out about unofficial activities on our email lists. Activities formed with these lists are for members only. Lists are to be used only for the scheduling of outdoor activities. Any use of this service for any other purpose, such as advertising, SPAM, jokes, etc, will result in the loss of privilege. To subscribe: Once logging into the website, click on “Email Lists” on the left-hand side. Then follow the online instructions. (Boaters: E-mail the Boat Director—inside front cover—for more information.)

Group size limits in wilderness: Some National Forest ranger districts limit the size of group hiking in wilderness areas. For such hikes, the hike listing will indicate the maximum number of participants (not including the organizer). Please help our organizers on hikes with group size limits by arriving promptly and being understanding if you cannot be accommodated on the hike because of a limit.

Activity Difficulty Rating

0.1-4.0 > Not Too Difficult (NTD)	B > Boulder fields or extensive bushwhacking
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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
Feb 2 Tue	Snowshoe Park City Environs Mod/msd <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Disseminated via snowshoe email list <i>Carpool:</i> 9:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way <i>Organizer:</i> Vince DeSimone (435) 649-6805 vincedesimone@yahoo.com Vince will organize a Tuesday Group this year. Meet at 10:00 AM every Tue and go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal, healthy pace with friendly conversation. For meeting location and last minute details, join the WMC snowshoe email list for automatic notices/updates for all Tuesday snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions/info. The club recommends that you wear a transceiver and know how to use it. Carpool from SLC from the Parley's Way Kmart parking lot at 915 am.
Feb 3 Wed	Alpine Ski Tour - Al's Morning Madness – mod+ – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:00 pm at Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Alex Rudd 801 971-9245 rudd94@gmail.com This semester I have wednesday mornings off, so I'm trying to get a mid - week group going. These trips will be short but intense. Generally start times of 7 am and ending by 11. Backcountry skiing is preferred, but snowshoe or yaktrax hiking are also a possibility, depending on conditions. Contact organizer as the activity / destination can change every week.
Feb 4 Thu	Snowshoe: The Cottonwoods – ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> 9:30 am at Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road) <i>Organizer:</i> 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.

Vince & Linda Desimone invite you to enjoy WMC fellowship at the 23rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Directions: Hwy 224 from I-80, direction Park City; Just past the large white barn on the R., turn L. on Meadows Dr.(Ridgeview sign & traffic signal) Follow Meadows to one street past the first stop sign and turn L. on Mountain Top Lane. At top of hill, turn R. on Mountain Top Rd. to 168 and the sounds of fun! No RSVP needed. TV OFF during Super Bowl ! Please no early arrivals. \$5 for food and hot drinks. (Bring other drinks of choice)

*Organizer:*Vince Desimone

*Phone:*435 649 6805

*Email:*vincedesimone@yahoo.com

*Date:*Sun Feb 7, 2010

*Meeting Place:*168 Mountain Top Rd, Park City

*Meeting Time:*6:00 pm

"KNOW BEFORE YOU GO" by checking snow and weather conditions at <http://www.avalanche.org/~uac/> Before you participate in any WMC winter sports activity please review the Winter Sports Policy located on the club website www.wasatchmountainclub.org Before entering avalanche terrain, the club recommends you attain backcountry 'safe travel' and 'avalanche awareness' education AND attain and learn to use a transceiver, probe and shovel. Organizers are expected to keep the group together and use proper backcountry etiquette.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Feb 4 **Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-**

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

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

Come join us for our Thursday evening gym climb. This is a great way to improve your skills, gain confidence, and keep in great climbing shape. Climbers of all ability levels are welcome. Momentum is offering discounts for club members. There is an annual \$15 climbing fee to cover the cost of rope and anchor gear replacement.

- Feb 6 Sat Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Karen Perkins 801 272-2225 karenp@xmission.com
 Organizers Leslie Woods, Polly Wiessner & Karen Perkins lead the tour. We do laps, usually in an area on the north side of BCC, where the terrain is safer & gentler. The exact location will be decided by group consensus at the meeting place. We attempt to avoid known avalanche chutes & treacherous terrain, & generally ski a few favorite spots all season. Beacons, shovels, probes, tele or comparable gear + skins required - along with a reasonable knowledge of their use. Skiers can yo yo as many times as they are able! For changes, cancelations, etc., skiers will be alerted by e-mail. And yes, we go EVERY SATURDAY! You may contact Karen, preferably by e-mail. If questions remain unanswered, do call.
- Feb 6 Sat Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – mod**
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Brett Smith 801 994-1832 brettsmith459@yahoo.com
 Join Brett for a wonderful day in the snow. He will select a destination based on the conditions. Come prepared with your 10E's, beacon, shovel, probe, and some lunch for the organizer wouldn't hurt.
- Feb 6 Sat Snowshoe: Dog Lake – ntd – 6.0 mi – 1400' ascent**
Meet: 9:30 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Chrystel Syzak 801 943-0316
 Chrystel is leading a snowshoe to Dog Lake at 9:30am. Meet at the 6200 S Wasatch park and ride.
- Feb 6 Sat Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – ntd**
Meet: 10:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Lynette Brooks 801 523-6225 lerkbrooks@yahoo.com
 Lynette will be choosing an NTD destination today. Join her for a relaxed pace outing with good conversation!
- Feb 7 Sun Silver Forksnowshoe**
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Michael Budig 801 328-4512 mbudig@blazemail.com
 Snowshoe up the beautiful (and threatened by Solitude for expansion) Silver Fork Canyon. Meet at the Park and Ride at 6200 South and Wasatch Blvd at 9:00AM. Organizer: Michael Budig
- Feb 7 Sun Nordic Ski Tour: Norway Flat – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
Meet: 9:00 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Bob Cady 801 274-0250 rcady@xmission.com
 An up and back along the Mirror Lake Highway. Not too difficult type terrain, but we may go a long distance (carpools can be arranged for option to stop in at Vince's Annual Spagetti Dinner in Park City on the way home).
- Feb 7 Sun Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice – mod**
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Knick Knickerbocker 801 891-2669 Knick.Sold@comcast.net
 Organizer's Choice Snowshoe. Meet Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or Knick.Sold@comcast.net) for today's snowshoe tour to a fun destination in Big Cottonwood Cyn. Depending on weather and avalanche conditions. Meet Knick at 6200 South & Wasatch Park-n-Ride at 9:00 am to car pool up Big Cottonwood Canyon.
- Feb 7 Sun Snowshoe: Lambs Or Neffs Canyon – ntd**
Meet: 10:00 am at 3900 S Wasatch Park and Ride
Organizer: Eric Johnson 801 671-3153
 Depending on the group and the conditions that day, Eric will head to either Lambs or Neffs Canyon for an easy snowshoe. Meet at the now paved park and ride at 3900S Wasatch.

- Feb 9 Snowshoe Park City Environs Mod/msd**
 Tue *Meet:* 10:00 am at Disseminated via snowshoe email list
Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Vince DeSimone (435) 649-6805 vincedesimone@yahoo.com
 Vince will organize a Tuesday Group this year. Meet at 10:00 AM every Tue and go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal, healthy pace with friendly conversation. For meeting location and last minute details, join the WMC snowshoe email list for automatic notices/updates for all Tuesday snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions/info. The club recommends that you wear a transceiver and know how to use it. Carpool from SLC from the Parley's Way Kmart parking lot at 915 am.
- Feb 10 Alpine Ski Tour - Al's Morning Madness – mod+ – Fast pace**
 Wed *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required
Organizer: Alex Rudd 801 971-9245 rudd94@gmail.com
 This semester I have wednesday mornings off, so I'm trying to get a mid - week group going. These trips will be short but intense. Generally start times of 7 am and ending by 11. Backcountry skiing is preferred, but snowshoe or yaktrax hiking are also a possibility, depending on conditions. Contact organizer as the activity / destination can change every week.
- Feb 11 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 801 266-3703
 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.
- Feb 11 Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-**
 Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Momentum Climbing Gym
Organizer: Peter Campbell 801 733-0313 wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com
 Come join us for our Thursday evening gym climb. This is a great way to improve your skills, gain confidence, and keep in great climbing shape. Climbers of all ability levels are welcome. Momentum is offering discounts for club members. There is an annual \$15 climbing fee to cover the cost of rope and anchor gear replacement.
- Feb 13 Alpine Ski Tour, – mod – Moderate pace**
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Will Mc Carvill 801-942-2921 lizandwill@msn.com
 Show and go. Destination pending snow conditions and group composition. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness is required.
- Feb 13 Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace**
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Karen Perkins 801 272-2225 karenp@xmission.com
 Organizers Leslie Woods, Polly Wiessner & Karen Perkins lead the tour. We do laps, usually in an area on the north side of BCC, where the terrain is safer & gentler. The exact location will be decided by group consensus at the meeting place. We attempt to avoid known avalanche chutes & treacherous terrain, & generally ski a few favorite spots all season. Beacons, shovels, probes, tele or comparable gear + skins required - along with a reasonable knowledge of their use. Skiers can yo yo as many times as they are able! For changes, cancelations, etc., skiers will be alerted by e-mail. And yes, we go EVERY SATURDAY! You may contact Karen, preferably by e-mail. If questions remain unanswered, do call.

Feb 13 Snowshoe: Corner Canyon Area – ntd+

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at Draper Park

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

Jude and Andy have a great destination in mind in the Corner Canyon area. Please meet them at Draper Park at 9:00am for a 9:15 departure. If you need directions, please call.

Feb 13 Snowshoe, Lake Blanche – mod+ – 5.7 mi Out & Back – 2720' ascent – Moderate pace

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

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

The view of Sundial peak is just as pretty in winter. Wilderness limit of 9. Destination may change depending on conditions.

Feb 14 Nordic Ski Tour, Mill D Creek Basin Loop – mod+ – Shuttle – Moderate pace

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

Organizer: Bob Cady 801 274-0250 rcady@xmission.com

We will take Mill D North Fork to Lake Desolation, climb up to the ridge, then run north along the ridge to the NE corner of Mill Creek Basin, then descend Mill Creek back to the road.

Feb 14 Snowshoe Or Hike: Organizer's Choice – ntd

Sun *Meet:* 9:30 am at Call for meeting place

Organizer: Clayton Rand and Conley Adams 801 897-8911 and 801 967-2846 conley63.1@juno.com

Clayton and Conley will lead a snowshoe or hike depending on conditions today. Please call for meeting place and details.

Feb 14 Snowshoe: Catherine's Pass – mod

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

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

Dave is heading to Catherine's Pass at 9am. Bring your 10E's. The club recommends a beacon, shovel and probe.

Feb 17 Alpine Ski Tour - Al's Morning Madness – mod+ – Fast pace

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

Organizer: Alex Rudd 801 971-9245 rudd94@gmail.com

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Feb 18 Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-

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

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

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Feb 18 Membership Meeting - Elections & Business

Thu *Meet:* 7:30 pm at Mt Olympus Presbyterian Church 3280 East 3900 South

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

General membership meeting for officer and director elections and updates on club business and conservation issues. The nominating committee slate of candidates is printed in this Rambler. The speaker will be Jeff Salt who will join former club president Mike Budig in an interesting presentation on Jordan River protection.

Feb 18 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 801 266-3703
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.

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

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Karen Perkins 801 272-2225 karenp@xmission.com
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Feb 20 Alpine Ski Tour - Camping - Stansbury – msd- – 7.0 mi Out & Back – 5000' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat – *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required
Feb 21 *Organizer:* Michael Moody 801 949-8032 mike.h.moody@hotmail.com
Sun Stansbury Mountains are home to some wonderful backcountry skiing. With 3 large Coulaurs, tree skiing, and chutes, it is truly a BC skiers paradise. The only problem being the long approach into them, that is why we are winter camping. We will meet early on Saturday in SLC, carpool to the trailhead, make the long approach, set up camp and then get some turns in. Sunday we will ski into the afternoon, and then head home.

Feb 20 Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – ntd – Slow pace

Sat *Meet:* 9:15 am at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)
Organizer: Doug Stark 801 277-8538 dostark@yahoo.com
Join Doug for a leisurely paced snowshoe. The destination will depend on the snow conditions. Meet at Skyline at 9:15 to carpool.

Feb 20 Mount Olympus Yak Tracks Hike – msd – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 8:45 am at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S)
Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801 244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
The Mount Olympus trail gets a lot of traffic, so some or all of the route to the saddle can be well-packed ice if it has been a few days since the last snow storm. Depending on conditions, this hike could be anything from a MOD to an MSD. Some years the group makes the peak, some times it's no fun after blister hill. Yak tracks or some variation of lightly studded footwear will be necessary.

Feb 20 Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice – mod

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Knick Knickerbocker 801 891-2669 Knick.Sold@comcast.net
Organizer's Choice Snowshoe. Meet Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or Knick.Sold@comcast.net) for today's snowshoe tour to fun destination. Depending on weather and avalanche conditions we will head up Big or Little Cottonwood Canyon to a great destination. Meet Knick at 6200 South & Wasatch Blvd Park-n-Ride by 9:00 am to car pool. Come prepared!

Feb 21 Snowshoe: Dog Lake – ntd – 6.0 mi – 1400' ascent

Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Jim Piani 801 733-0627 jvpiani@burgoyne.com
Jim is headed to Dog Lake at 9am today. Bring your 10E's and meet him at the 6200 S Wasatch park and ride.

Feb 21 Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – mod

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

Organizer: Deirdre Flynn and Mohamed Abdallah 801 466-9310 deirdre.flynn@marriott.com

Mohamed and Deirdre will pick a location suitable for the conditions. Bring your 10E's, beacon, probe, and shovel.

Feb 23 Snowshoe Park City Environs Mod/msd

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

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

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

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Feb 24 Alpine Ski Tour - Al's Morning Madness – mod+ – Fast pace

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

Organizer: Alex Rudd 801 971-9245 rudd94@gmail.com

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Feb 25 Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-

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Feb 25 Snowshoe: The Cottonwoods – ntd+

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Organizer: Norm Pobanz 801 266-3703

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Feb 27 Alpine Ski Tour, – mod – Moderate pace

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

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

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

Be Prepared! Always take the 10 E's and check the local weather conditions! What are the 10 E's? Map/ Compass, Flashlight, Pocketknife, Matches/Fire-Starter, Sunscreen/Bug Spray, Sunglasses, Candle, First Aid Kit, Extra Clothes, & Food and Water

- Feb 27 **Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace**
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- Feb 27 **Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – mod**
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Heidi DeMartis and Kevin Earl 801 942-8088 heididemartis@excite.com
 Heidi DeMartis and Kevin Earl are co-leading this trip. Meet them at 9am to find out where they plan to go. The club recommends that you bring your 10E's, beacon, shovel, and probe.
- Feb 27 **Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – ntd**
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Holly Smith 801 272-5358
 Holly will select a destination based on the snow and avalanche conditions. Meet her at 9am at the 6200 S Wasatch park and ride.
- Feb 28 **Afternoon Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – ntd**
 Sun *Meet:* 1:00 pm at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Robert Turner 801 467-1129
 Wait until the day warms up and then join Robert at 1pm for an afternoon snowshoe.
- Feb 28 **Snowshoe - Red Pine Or Maybird – mod+ – 8.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace**
 Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Rick Gamble 801 519-9257 skithebrd@yahoo.com
 Join Rick and Carrie for a pristine snowshoe from the White Pine trailhead. Avalanche beacons and shovels are required. If weather looks questionable call before 8am for cancelation information or check this website. Co-leader: Carrie Clark
- Feb 28 **Snowshoe: White Pine – mod**
 Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Mark McKenzie 801 913-8439 mark.mckenzie@slcc.edu
 Mark is headed to White Pine today. This is a long and rewarding snowshoe. The club suggests that you bring your 10E's, beacon, shovel, and probe.
- Mar 3 **Alpine Ski Tour - Al's Morning Madness – mod+ – Fast pace**
 Wed *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required
Organizer: Alex Rudd 801 971-9245 rudd94@gmail.com
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Mar 4 **Kayak/canoe Las Vegas- Black Canyon Of The Colorado River – flat water – 13.0 mi**

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

Mar 7 *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com
Sun

Get away from the cold, snow, and smog, dig out your Tevas, swim suit and T shirts, and come paddle/float a piece of the Colorado River, from natural hot tub to hot tub. See how long you can last in the 130 degree temps of Sauna Cave. Putting in at the foot of Hoover Dam, just south of Vegas, we will spend three days floating, camping and hiking and kicking back, while only going 13 miles downstream. Scramble up side canyons to great natural hot springs, stop when you find a nice pool or when it starts to look like a canyoneering trip- if you decide to push for the top it can get pretty interesting. Driving down Thursday March 4, launch Friday morning, take off river at noon Sunday and drive home Sunday evening. Sea kayaks or canoes available on location, or BYO. This trip fills fast, get back to me asap, there are only 12 places. See the April 09 Rambler for pictures and a report on last years trip.

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

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

Organizer: Norm Pobanz 801 266-3703

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Mar 6 **Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace**

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

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Mar 6 **Hike - Spring Canyon Overlook – mod**

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

Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801 244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com

Join Julie Kilgore for this nice loop hike above Foothill Boulevard. Bring Yak Trax for possible icy conditions along the ridge, though this area gets little to no foot traffic.

Mar 6 **Season Planning Party**

Sat *Organizer:* Julie or Alex 801 244-3323 or 801 971-9245 jk@wasatch-environmental.com or rudd94@gmail.com

Join your hiking directors for an organizers planning party and pizza! Whether you are a well-seasoned veteran organizer or thinking about organizing your first activity, come share your thoughts and ideas as we launch the 2010 hiking/backpacking/car camping season. Please RSVP by e-mail or voice mail so the restaurant can arrange for the appropriate gathering space and quantity of pizza. Pizza on us. Beverages available for purchase.

Mar 6 **Snowshoe: Millcreek Canyon – ntd**

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

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

Mary Ann is leading a snowshoe in Millcreek today. The destination will depend on the snow conditions.

- Mar 6 **Season Planning Party**
Sat
Meet: 5:30 am at Rocky Mountain Pizza Company 3977 South Wasatch Boulevard Next to Dans 5:30 to 7:30
Organizer: Julie or Alex 801 244-3323 or 801 971-9245 jk@wasatch-environmental.com or rudd94@gmail.com
Join your hiking directors for an organizers planning party and pizza! Whether you are a well seasoned veteran organizer or thinking about organizing your first activity, come share your thoughts and ideas as we launch the 2010 hiking/camping/backpacking season. Pizza on us. Beverages available for purchase. Please RSVP to Julie or Alex by e-mail or voice mail so the restaurant can arrange the appropriate meeting space and quantity of pizza.
- Mar 6 **Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – mod**
Sat
Meet: 9:00 am at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)
Organizer: Liz Cordova 801 486-0909 liz1466@live.com
Liz will choose the destination and she likes to hike in the sun. Meet her at Skyline at 9am. Bring Yak Trax or Microspikes just in case.
- Mar 7 **Nordic Ski Tour Lily Lake Wine Tour – ntd – Loop – Moderate pace**
Sun
Meet: 8:30 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Bob Cady 801 274-0250 rcady@xmission.com
We will do a loop around the Lily Lake Ski trails (north slope of the Uintas on the Mirror Lake Highway), then stop at the warming hut for a fire, some wine, cheese, fruit, sandwiches, whatever, before returning to the cars. BYOB
- Mar 7 **Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – mod**
Sun
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Deirdre Flynn and Mohamed Abdallah 801 466-9310 deirdre.flynn@marriott.com
Mohamed and Deirdre will pick a location suitable for the conditions. Bring your 10E's, beacon, shovel, and probe.
- Mar 11 **Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-**
Thu
Meet: 6:00 pm at Momentum Climbing Gym
Organizer: Peter Campbell 801 733-0313 wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com
Come join us for our Thursday evening gym climb. This is a great way to improve your skills, gain confidence, and keep in great climbing shape. Climbers of all ability levels are welcome. Momentum is offering discounts for club members. There is an annual \$15 climbing fee to cover the cost of rope and anchor gear replacement.
- Mar 11 **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 801 266-3703
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.
- Mar 12 **Canyoneering 201- North Wash – mod**
Fri –
Mar 14
Sun
Meet: 5:00 pm at Registration required
Organizer: Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com
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- Mar 13 **Alpine Ski Tour, – mod – Moderate pace**
Sat
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Will Mc Carvill 801-942-2921 lizandwill@msn.com
Show and go. Destination pending snow conditions and group composition. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness is required.

Mar 13 Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace

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

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

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Mar 13 Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – ntd

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

Organizer: Gena Cecala 801 865-6569 gena@vspring.com

Gena will be choosing an NTD destination that you are sure to love.

Mar 18 Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-

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

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

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

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

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

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Mar 20 Rappelling Class- Canyoneering – ntd

Sat *Meet:* 1:00 pm at Dogwood Picnic area, BCC

Organizer: Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com

Learn to rappel, and open the door to all kinds of new experiences and places. With proper instruction it is safe and easy- your fears are quickly banished. Whether you have never done it, or did once long ago and are not sure you remember, this is a great opportunity to learn not only how to do it, but also to be comfortable and safe on rope. Dogwood is the first picnic area in Big Cottonwood Canyon, just 1 mile up the canyon, on the right. Park on the highway to avoid a picnic area use fee, walk thru the site, up canyon, and follow a trail 50 yards past the last table to the climbing wall. A harness, helmet, gloves and descending device are needed, I have a few extras for folks who do not have and are unable to beg, borrow, or steal one, for a \$5 rental/equipment replacement fee, but you need to make those arrangements with me in advance, as there is a limited number available.

Mar 25 Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-

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

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

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Mar 25 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 801 266-3703

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Mar 26 Nordic Ski Tour: King's Peak – msd – 32.0 mi Out & Back – 4500' ascent – Moderate pace

Fri – *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way

Mar 27 *Organizer:* Larry Swanson 801 583-4043 swanson.l@worldnet.att.net

Sat The last Saturday in March is the big event of the ski season. The King's Peak ski tour, hosted for the 37th (or so) year by Steve and Larry Swanson, will convene on Friday night (March 26th) by nightfall at the Henry's Fork Winter Parking Area and get underway in the pre-dawn hours on Saturday morning with headlamps. The total distance for the summit via 'Swanson's cut-off' is 32 miles round trip. See March Rambler for further details.

Mar 26 Introduction To Technical Canyoneering – mod-

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

Mar 28 *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com

Sun The North Wash is a great place to get started and learn some of the basics of canyoneering, with something for everyone in these wonderful southern utah sandstone slots. We will drive down Friday after work, and do canyons Saturday and Sunday, returning home Sunday night. If this is your first trip, you need to have taken one of the club rappelling classes as a prerequisite.(there will be another on March 20) The trip is half full already, with people who were overflow for this same trip in October. This trip is intended for those who have not already been to North Wash yet.

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

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

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

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Mar 27 Snowshoe: Gourmet – ntd

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

Organizer: Mark Jones, Holly Smith, Knick Knickerbocker 801 486-5354

It's time for the annual gourmet snowshoe. Rated NTD for exercise and EXT for kitchen skills. Join your fellow club members for an easy snowshoe followed by an afternoon of fine dining - a highlight of the snowshoeing season. Meet at 10am and carpool to the Willow Lake trailhead. Bring a gourmet dish to share and don't forget the wine to toast the coming of Spring. Black tie and costumes are optional. Skiers are welcome, too! Your hosts are Mark Jones 486-5354, Holly Smith 272-5358, and Knick Knickerbocker 891-2669.

Mar 27 Snowshoe: Pre-gourmet Ridge Run – mod

Sat *Meet:* 8:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Mohamed Abdallah 801 466-9310 agm1144@yahoo.com

Join Mohamed for his pre-gourmet snowshoe ridge run. Get an early start so that you can work up an appetite before meeting up with the gourmet snowshoers at Willow Lake.

Apr 3 Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace

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

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

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Apr 9 Canyoneering- North Wash 201 – mod

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

Apr 11 *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com

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Apr 23 Canyoneering 201- Robbers Roost – mod

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

Apr 25 *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com

Sun The 201 indication for those who haven't figured it out, is a statement that this is a post North Wash trip, not for first timers. So you've done the basic NW and you're ready for the next step- something a little more technical and difficult? This is it. Looking at the Robbers Roost, maybe a Bluejohn loop and Larry, the scene of a December helicopter rescue. Different venue, but the usual NW guidelines and gear still apply. Leaving afternoon Friday the 23rd, home Sunday the 25th.

May 7 Canyoneering - The Swell – mod-

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

May 9 *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com

Sun No northwash requisite for this trip, the only requirement for this trip is that you have attended a WMC rappelling class (see March 20). Adventurous first timers welcome. Eardley Canyon involves a rigorous hike up a steep ridgeline, followed by a careful scramble down a steep loose gully. While not a classic slot per se, there are 5 raps into pools, which are a lot of fun, and, weather depending, may require wetsuits, though if its hot, the pools are short, so you might get by OK if you tend to run warm. After the canyon we will pack up and head further into the Swell, to do a Baptist Draw/Chute loop, which can also have water, though it is often dry. Leaving afternoon Friday the 7th, home Sunday the 9th.

Join Bob Norris for a multi-sport adventure in Nepal. Involving trekking the Khumbu, white water rafting and a visit to the National Game Preserve on the Indian border, the trip will give you a good idea of the cultural, climatic and geographic diversity of this amazing country. We will leave in mid-May and return in early June. Exact dates will be determined by needs of those going. For general questions, a detailed trip description or a dvd of this trip done in 2008, contact Bob Norris. 801-943-6039. bobnepal@comcast.net

May 15 Hike From Lukla To Tangboche. – mod – 25.0 mi Loop – 6000' ascent

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

Jun 6 *Organizer:* Bob Norris 801 943-6039 jamesnorris6039@comcast.net

Sun Join Bob Norris for a multi-sport adventure in Nepal. Involving trekking the Khumbu, white water rafting and a visit to the Chitwan National game Preserve on the Indian border, the trip will give you a good idea of cultural, climatic and geographic diversity of this amazing country. We will leave in mid-May and return in early June. Exact dates will be determined by needs of those going. For general questions, a detailed trip description, or a dvd of this trip done in 2008, contact Bob Norris. 801-943-6039 bobnepal@comcast.net.

Jun 26 Day Hike: Mt. Nebo – msd – 8.0 mi Out & Back – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 8:00 am at REI sandy - 230 W 10600 S Ste 1700 Sandy, UT 84070

Organizer: Tanner Morrill 801-809-0173 tannermorrill@yahoo.com

Mt. Nebo via North Route-- This beautiful hike is 6-8 Hours. Past the saddle, the last 500 ft. of this hike are strenuous. The summit ridge is exposed and requires two hands for climbing. Recommended: 10Es & at least 40 oz of water. Elevation: 11928 Distance RT: About 8 miles.

Jul 10 Hike: Mt Elbrus Russia Mountaineering – ext – Out & Back – 5000' ascent – Fast pace

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

Jul 24 *Organizer:* Zig Sondelski 801 292-8332 zig.sondelski@gmail.com

Sat A repeat of the 2009 mountaineering trip to Mt Elbrus organized by Svetlana Litvinenko will be done in July 2010. Mt Elbrus, at 18,513', is the highest point in Europe and is one of the "seven summits". Having climbed it last July, I would describe it as an EXT backpack with crampons and ice ax on a flagged and well-travelled route. It was an easier route and shorter but much higher hike than Mt Whitney, my previous high peak. Following the Mt Elbrus climb, there will be an option to climb Lenin Peak in Kyrgyzstan at 23,406'. A meeting will be held in January for anyone interested, curious, wanting to learn more, see a slide show or talk with the 2009 group. For further information and details, phone or email Zig Sondelski.

Aug 1 John Muir Trail Backpack – msd – 212.0 mi Shuttle

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

Aug 31 *Organizer:* Michael Budig (801) 328-4512 mbudig@mail.com

Tue This will be about a 3 week 212 mile backpack on the John Muir Trail in the spectacular High Sierras of California- starting in Yosemite and finishing near Mt Whitney. Exact dates to be determined, I will have to apply for the permits in February. This trip will require some organizing and caching of food- and the permit application process starts in February. So registration will be required by February 15.



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

Please read carefully and completely fill out both sides of the page. Print legibly, please.

I am applying for membership as: _____ Single _____ Couple

Name: Applicant 1: _____ Birth date: _____

Name: Applicant 2: _____ Birth date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Applicant 1: Main phone: _____ email address: _____

Applicant 2: Main phone: _____ email address: _____

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

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

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

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

Membership dues:

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

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

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

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

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

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

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION: I acknowledge that my participation in all WMC activities is voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate. I agree to abide by the rules of the WMC.

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

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

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE: I agree that I, my heirs, personal or legal representatives hereby do release and hold harmless from all liability, and promise not to bring any suit or claim against the WMC, its activity organizers, directors, agents or representatives for any injury, illness, death or damage and loss of property resulting from my participation in any WMC activity even if they negligently caused the injury or damage.

LEGAL FEES: Should it become necessary for the WMC, or someone on their behalf, to incur attorney fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to pay the WMC reasonable costs and fees thereby expended, or for which liability is incurred.

INSURANCE: I understand that the WMC strongly recommends that I maintain insurance sufficient to cover any injury, illness or property damage that I may incur while participating in WMC activities. In the event of injury, illness or death related to any WMC activity, I recognize that I, or my estate, will bear the full cost of my evacuation or recovery, and any related medical care that I may need. I acknowledge that the WMC carries no insurance whatsoever for any participants in WMC activities.

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

Signature 1 _____ Print Name 1 _____ Date: _____

Signature 2 _____ Print Name 2 _____ Date: _____

Mail completed application to:

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

REI COMMUNITY CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTACT: Celeste Eppler EMAIL: cepler@rei.com

PHONE: (801) 486-2100 ext. 207

SANDY REI (10600 S 230 W)

GPS 101 - Thurs, Feb 4 @ 7pm

Join an REI navigation expert as they unveil the mysteries of this fun and fascinating piece of technology. This presentation will cover an introduction to the GPS system, types of GPS receivers and their common use, and basic GPS functions.

GPS 201 - Wed, Feb 10 @ 6-8:30 pm

Spend an evening with an REI GPS expert to learn how to use your GPS unit in conjunction with mapping software. Participants should have some familiarity with GPS or have attended REI's GPS 101 evening clinic. Class will run from 6:00pm-8:30pm. Advance registration required, contact customer service at 801-501-0850. \$20 REI member, \$35 non-member.

SAFETY IN THE WASATCH: TEN ESSENTIALS EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW - Thurs, Feb 11 @ 7pm

Plan on taking a hike, a ski tour, snowshoe or bagging that peak? This discussion will focus on "Ten Essential" items that everyone should consider while recreating in the Wasatch Mountains in any season. Presented by Salt Lake County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team Members. Topics include: What items you might need, how to best use them, and how best to get help if you need it.

BASICS OF BACKCOUNTRY TRAVEL - Thurs, Feb 18 @ 7pm

Discover how to explore backcountry snowy slopes in winter. Whether on skis, snowshoes or snowboard, come learn about the importance of being prepared and the joy of getting away from the lift lines and crowds.

SALT LAKE CITY REI (3285 E 3300 S)

ANTARCTICA:LIFE IN THE COLD - Tues, Feb 2 @ 7pm

Susan Munroe, adventurer and aspiring writer, spent six months as a cafeteria worker at McMurdo Station, one of three US research bases in Antarctica. For her, "The Ice" was as much about the people as it was the place. Hear stories and see photos of unimaginable cold and wind, of 24-hour sun, of the huts where Scott and Shackleton passed their winters, and of life on the coldest, highest, windiest, driest continent on earth.

SNOWSHOEING 101 - Thurs, Feb 9 @ 7pm

Thursday, February 9th, 7pm at REI SLC

Join REI expert Michael Healthfield for this "how to" clinic, on the basics of snowshoeing. This presentation will also focus on the appropriate selection of gear and the initial skills needed to get you on the trails.

REFLECTIONS ON SKI COMPETITION

BY TWO UTAH SKIING LEGENDS

Tuesday, February 23rd, 7pm at REI SLC

Speakers: Alan Engen and Jim Gaddis

Over the past century, Utah has produced a number of skiers who excelled at the highest levels of national and international skiing competition. Two of those highlighted in Utah's skiing history are Jim Gaddis and Alan Engen. Both began skiing together in the early 1950s as junior racers and were stand-outs in local and Intermountain competition, winning most of the junior Alpine and Nordic competition during the mid 1950s. As co-captains of the University of Utah ski team during the late 50s-early 60s, they both were recognized as collegiate All-Americans. In national competition, both either won or placed on the podium in several alpine events in the 1960s and were ranked among America's finest skiing athletes and strong contenders for Olympic births. In later years both excelled in masters competition at the national and international level. Both Jim and Alan have been named Utah skiing legends and have been inducted into several hall of fame organizations including the University of Utah athletes Crimson Club Hall of Fame; the Utah Sports Hall of Fame; the Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame; and the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame.

Alan and Jim have remained close friends throughout their lives and have shared a number of experiences that they will comment on during this unique Fireside Chat. This never before offered presentation will be based on their shared memories from the past, many focused on experiences at Alta during the 1950s and 60s. Expectations are that this is a special event that you will not wish to miss.

COMMUNITY & REI SPONSORED EVENTS:

TUBBS ROMP TO STOMP SNOWSHOE SERIES Fri. Feb 5 @ 5:30-7:30pm (priority check-in @ SLC REI)

If you're registered for the Romp to Stomp, avoid morning-up crowds and pick up your event materials early! Wondering about the Romp to Stomp? Visit www.tubbsromptostomp.com to learn more about this snowshoe walk and race benefiting Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

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Thursday, February 18, 7:30 PM
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