

The Rambler January, 2015

The Monthly Publication of the Wasatch Mountain Club



Club snowshoe trip to Days Fork on November 30

From left to right: Mark Jones, Kris Urry, Alice Williams, Matt Mitko, Tony Zimmer, Terry Baker, Carol Masheter, Leslie Woods, Tom Mitko, Julie Kilgore, Muhammed Raja. Photo by Teri Jenkins.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ELECTIONS

The preliminary slate of candidates and the nominations committee contact information is published in the January Rambler. Nominations for the 2015-16 board are officially closed with the submittal of the final slate on the February Rambler deadline of January 10.

The General Membership meeting will be at 7 PM on Wednesday, February 11 at the Millcreek branch library. 2266 East Evergreen Avenue.

UTAH AVALANCHE CENTER DONATION MATCHING

Again this winter, the Wasatch Mountain Club Board has agreed to match, from Club funds, donations by Club members to the Friends of the UAC, to a maximum of \$3,000. Last winter, we raised more than \$6,000 as a matching fund to help keep the UAC going and providing all of us with the snow safety information we need!

To make your donation eligible for this matching, please write your check payable to: Friends of the UAC, and mail it to: WMC Treasurer, 1390 South 1100 East, #103, Salt Lake City UT 84105. The Club Treasurer will total up the donations received this way and write a Club check to match the funds collected.

The Friends of the UAC is a 501(c)3 under IRS rules, so your donation might be eligible for a tax deduction. Thanks for your support! Walt Haas, Winter Sports Director

Rafters

Kayakers

BOATING SEASON PLANNING PARTY

**New Boaters Wanted
Experienced Boaters Needed**

**If you've thought you'd like to try boating, now's the time to get ready.
The WMC has boats and boaters who can help you learn the skills needed.
Together, we can plan our calendar for our favorite river trips.**

Meeting at

**REI Wasatch Room
3285 E 3300 S
Monday, March 2, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

Winter's snow is summer's white water

Canoes

Duckies

2015 - 2016 BOARD NOMINATIONS

Thanks to the current Directors who have volunteered for another term, and the new candidates who have agreed to fill vacancies. The elections will be at 7 PM on Wednesday, February 11 at the Millcreek branch library. 2266 East Evergreen Avenue.

President	Will McCarvill	Incumbent
Secretary	Chris Fraizer	Incumbent
Rambler Editor	Justin Nelson	New
Treasurer Co-Directors	Jason Anderson	New
	Alan Baggett	New
Boating Co-Directors	Aymara Jimenez	Incumbent
	Kelly Beumer	Incumbent
Conservation	Eric Sadler	Incumbent
Foundation Liaison	Robert Myers	Incumbent
Hiking Co-Directors	Julie Kilgore	Incumbent
	Donn Seeley	Incumbent
Biking Co-Directors	Diane Rosenberg	Incumbent
	Marcy Allen	Incumbent
	Katie Slack	Incumbent
Info Tech	Bret Mathews	Incumbent
Membership	Eileen Gidley	Incumbent
Climbing Co-Directors	Steve Duncan	Incumbent
	Matt Allen	New
Public Relations	Elliott Mott	Incumbent
Social	Mckinley Goreham	New
Winter Sports	Bradley Yates	New
	Trustee 2015-2019	John Veranth New

Nominations will be officially closed on January 10, 2014 with the final slate published in February's Rambler. All candidates must be published in the Rambler and on the ballot. Write-ins are not allowed at the meeting.

The nominations committee is responsible for recruiting a slate of qualified and willing candidates. The members of this year's Nominating Committee are:

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Thanks to these Club members for being willing to serve on the committee.

What happened to the Rambler?

John Veranth - Interim Editor

A combination of events have resulted in a greatly changed Rambler starting this month that will emphasize essential information while greatly reducing the printing budget.. Kathy Craig, who devoted enormous amounts of time and effort to the Rambler, has resigned as Editor and I volunteered to serve as Interim Editor until a new candidate takes over. At the December meeting the WMC board endorsed a budget that decreases the funding for the Rambler and greatly increases funding for our Information Technology director who maintains the web site and email system.

Electronic communications are increasing in importance while print media are declining. This is a world-wide trend that reflects the low cost, speed, and convenience of web-based media, and the increasing printing and postage cost for hard copies. The WMC is not the only outdoor club that is reallocating its communications budget. For example, the Seattle Mountaineers, with ten times our membership and twice our dues, has reduced their magazine to 48 pages every two months, but has multiple electronic newsletters.

The print Rambler is an important archival record for the club as well as a convenient format for reading at a trailhead, and I am committed to helping the Rambler move forward. Here are some key ideas that have been discussed by the board to improve communication while reducing cost:

- Reduce the printed Rambler to the activity schedule and essential information.
- Produce two larger, semi-annual member handbook and publicity issues of the Rambler which will contain forms, organizer tips, and similar items rather than repeating this information monthly
- Coordinate between the WMC web site, the email lists and the print Rambler to achieve efficient and economical communication with members and the public.
- Encourage use of the trip report feature on the WMC website, and print trip reports and photos that have archival interest on a space-available basis.

Ideas will be tried out and the Rambler will evolve as we see what works. For example, I had a long conversation with Charlie Keller about the “Faint Trails” articles and how to make them more accessible on line. Initiatives like increasing Rambler advertising to defray printing cost requires sales effort. If you care about club communications please volunteer to help. Feedback is welcome; contact me by phone or email.

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

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.

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).

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January 2015 Boating Directors Message

Kelly Beumer

Happy New Year! Welcome to another great year of boating! For the next three months or so, we probably won't find a lot of opportunities to get our boats in the water, but that doesn't mean that there isn't lots to do. Here are a few of the things we hope to have happen in the next few months.

First, our annual permit party is coming up! This year, it will be held on Wednesday, January 14, at the 3300 South REI—thanks, Cindy Crass, for all the footwork involved in finding a new venue for us. You can definitely apply for permits before then, at recreation.gov, but come to the party anyway. It's a great time to touch base with your fellow boaters. We will all know the results of our permit applications by March 1, and will hold our planning meeting March 2. Not a lot of time to prepare but a fast start!

Between permits and planning, there are a few things we would like to do. First, Pam Stalnaker will be holding her intro to canoeing class. In conjunction with that, we will be going over the mechanics of organizing a boating trip, We will be presenting these things back to back, and you are welcome to attend both sessions, or just one. Watch the calendar for the details!

Second, there are a few things Zig and I have been working on, that we would like to polish up and get ready for your use. In order to do this, Aymara and I will be organizing work parties—emphasis on the party—where we will inject a little work into an evening of socializing. It's amazing how much a dozen people can accomplish, that is overwhelming for just one person. Look for dates, times and an opportunity to RSVP at the permit party and in your email!

Finally, last year was a banner year for adding new organizers to our program, however, we want to keep bringing up even more! To that end, we are updating the organizers manual (a never-ending job) and will be holding meetings to introduce this information. Look for a meeting near you!

And before you know it, we will have our boats in the water again!

TRIP REPORTS AND PHOTOS

Members are encouraged to use the trip report feature on the WMC website. Go to “Member Menu” and then “Submit a Trip Report” on the pull-down list.

Links to recent trips

From Akiko Kamimura:

Photos from Cardiff snowshoe

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/95487606@N05/sets/72157647194291494/>

photos from the Bear Trap to Mill D hike at

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/95487606@N05/sets/72157646980662563/>

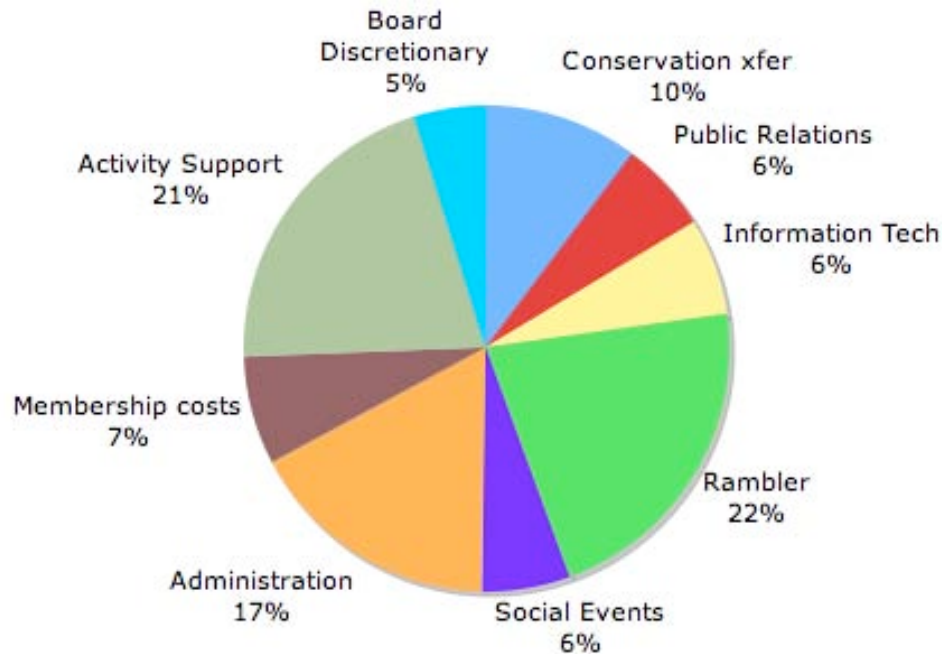
CLUB FORMS

The Membership Application, Trip Signup and Liability Release Form are available on the WMC website. Arrangements are being made for those who do not have web access or do not wish to download these forms. Call John Veranth at 801-278-5826.

From the President - Will McCarville

WMC 2015 Budget

The WMC dues money funds the ordinary operations, and we strive for a balanced budget each year. The philosophy is to spend dues money for purposes that directly or indirectly benefit the general membership. The following chart indicates the allocation of dues to various broad purposes.



Activity support includes the pre-season planning meetings, the general membership meeting, the organizers' thank-you banquet, and a donation to the avalanche forecast center to keep us safer in winter. Membership cost is the credit card fees, postage, and office supplies. Administration includes the rent on the club office, phone, and supplies. Social events includes subsidy for renting the Wasatch Mountain Lodge for club-wide events. Conservation has historically received 10% of dues and the money is used for club donations to organizations and projects that protect the lands we use for our activities. Information technology pays for our current web site and email system and builds a reserve for future enhancements. The board discretionary item is the unallocated amount available during the year to cover unanticipated expenses or budget over runs.

The WMC practice is to manage activity-generated and dues funds separately. Money raised by an activity is kept segregated and is spent only on the request of that activity. For example, equipment rental funds collected by boating can be kept in reserve until it is time to replace a raft. Directors are responsible for managing their activity account.

FAINT TRAILS

The beloved series of articles by Charles L. Keller on Faint Trails in the Wasatch will appear in future issues. We are also considering creating an index of the articles for easier reference to past issues.

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Meeting Places, Continued from page 5.

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 Walmart 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.

Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation



Wanted: Board Members

The Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation is looking to fill 4 positions to serve on their board of directors for a 3-year term.

The objective of the board is to preserve the Lodge that was established by the Wasatch Mountain Club and entrusted to the Foundation in 2010. The foundation is a 501(c) 3 organization and uses the money from donations, fundraisers, and rentals to maintain and improve the building as needed. Positions are volunteer and will be filled before the end of 2014.

Open Positions

IT Director (IT infrastructure is basic and needs only moderately experienced person)

Lodge Rental Coordinator (Tasked with taking and maintaining the reservations for the Lodge)

Fundraising (Someone who is willing to coordinate events large and small to raise the funds necessary to keep the Lodge running)

Lodge Maintenance (Willing to plan and lead project teams aimed at maintaining the Lodge)

Contact Robert Myers for more information or to apply

RobertMyers47@gmail.com



www.WasatchMountainClubFoundation.Org

SNOW SHOVELERS NEEDED

We need your help at the Lodge removing snow from the roof of the building this winter. Mother Nature drops this wonderful element on the building and we need to reduce the load on the roof, as it accumulates during the winter. Moving snow off the roof can save the possibility of additional damage from this accumulation and weight. Snowfall for the upper canyons of Big and Little Cottonwood canyons average close to 500 inches in a snowfall season. That's a lot of moving.



We have a few people who have said they will join our crew, but we need more help. If you can give a day or you want to become one of the regulars we call when we get a big storm, let me know. We can work with you. Don't stay home and wish you could do something helpful for the Club; here is the opportunity to help us preserve this historic piece of the Mountain Club history. Call Robert 801-466-3292(H), 801-651-9965(C) or email at robertmyers47@gmail.com. Thanks for reading this message on behalf of the WMC Foundation, a non-profit charitable 501 (C) (3) organization created by the WMC. Visit our website at <http://wasatchmountainclubfoundation.org/>

WMC Activities Listings

See the online calendar for recent change and additions.

Directions to meeting places on Page 5

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 the submissions.

Date Activity

- Jan 1 **Snowshoe - Little Water Peak – mod – 7.4 mi Out & Back – 2100' ascent**
Thu *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)
Organizer: Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com
Little Water Peak via Mill D North/Dog Lake. Start off the year right (if conditions permit). Bring your 10 Es and avalanche safety gear.
- Jan 1 **Alpine Ski Tour - At, Snowboard Or Telemark – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
Thu *Meet:* Registration required
Organizer: Robert Myers 801-466-3292 (H) or 801-651-9965 (C) robertmyers47@gmail.com
THURS. BACKCOUNTRY SKI TOUR: weekly MOD (moderate) ski tours. Destination generally in Big or Little Cottonwoods Canyons and dependent on weather and snow conditions. Start at 8:30A.M. This is not a beginner ski tour and requires good conditioning, skiing skills and familiarity with your equipment. To participate you must have a beacon, shovel, probe and the knowledge of how to use them. Call or e-mail Robert by 7:00PM on WED. evening, for the meeting place. Group limited to 10. If you are new to BC skiing, please call to discuss whether you have the experience and are prepared for the tour. NOTE: The organizer would like to encourage others to volunteer to organize Thursday MOD tours in the coming weeks & months.
- Jan 1 **Nordic Ski Series: Skate Ski**
Thu *Meet:* Registration required
Organizer: Michael Berry 801-750-1915 mcber.ut@gmail.com
Cross-country track skiing at Mountain Dell, 12:00 noon to 2 PM.
- Jan 3 **Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice – ntd**
Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)
Organizer: Katie Kunz 801-272-0392 katieslack@xmission.com
Katie will choose an appropriate destination as the snow and weather conditions dictate.
- Jan 3 **Moonlight Snowshoe - Out & Back Ntd – ntd+ – 4.0 mi Out & Back – Moderate pace**
Sat *Meet:* 5:30 pm at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)
Organizer: Knick Knickerbocker 801-891-2669 Knick.Sold@comcast.net
Come on out and join Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or knick.sold@comcast.net) for this moonlight Leader's Choice snowshoe tour to a location dependent on weather and safety conditions. Knick plans a fun evening in the moonlit snow. Dress warmly in layers and come prepared. Meet Knick at 6200 Park-n-Ride lot off Wasatch Blvd to carpool BY 5:30 pm.
- Jan 4 **Alpine Ski Tour To Willows – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)
Organizer: Sharon Vinick 801-865-4614 outdoorsharon@yahoo.com
Backcountry ski tour with beacons and avalanche skill along with proper clothing and gear. Join me for fun tele turns or AT gear. Fun in the snow!
- Jan 4 **Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice – mod**
Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)
Organizer: Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com

A destination will be chosen based on the conditions of the day. Come prepared for your own comfort and safety. Snow safety gear (beacon, shovel and probe) is recommended.

Jan 4
Sun

Nordic Ski Tour-alta Summer Road – ntd – Out & Back – 700' ascent

Meet: 8:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

Organizer: David Andrenyak 801-582-6106 andrenyakda@aim.com

The Trip will travel on the Alta Summer Road that goes to Albion Basin. I would like to ski to the top of the Albion Lift. The road climbs about 700 feet in about 2.5 miles. Metal edged backcountry skis will help participants manage variable snow conditions. "Track" skies may also be suitable if the snow surface is good. Climbing skins and wax less ski bases may also be helpful. We may encounter many other trail users. The scenery of the snowy mountain peaks is great and the potential for a good snow surface is good. Please remember the 10 Es. Lets meet at 8:30 am and depart at 8:45.

Jan 5
Mon

Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Meet: 6:00 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate

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

Shake those winter blues and come out for a winter hike up the steep route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. We'll go as far as conditions allow but will be out no more than 1-1/2 hours. Dress warm and bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear.

Jan 6
Tue

Snowshoe, Park City Environs – mod

Meet: Disseminated via the Snowshoe email list

Organizer: Vince DeSimone 435-645-9344 vincedesimone@yahoo.com

Vince will organize a Tuesday group again this year. Meet at 10:00 AM Tuesday and go places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect friendly conversation; you will feel welcome and comfortable. For meeting location and last-minute details, join the WMC snowshoe e-mail list for automatic notices or updates for all these Tuesday trips throughout the winter. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions and info. Carpool from SLC from the Parley's Way Walmart at 09:15 AM.

Jan 7
Wed

Wednesday Snowshoe – mod – 5.0 mi

Meet: 9:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

Organizer: Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com

Another wednesday snowshoe! A reminder, although not a requirement, MOD snowshoers are headed into backcountry, and should really be prepared, with a shovel, probe and beacon, along with your ten E's.

Jan 7
Wed

Wmc Board Meeting

Meet: 7:00 pm at WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103

Organizer: Will McCarvill 801-942-2921 president@wasatchmountainclub.org

Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the boards attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting.

Jan 8
Thu –
Jan 10
Sat

Avalanche Education: Uac Backcountry 101 For Snowshoers

Meet: 6:00 pm at Classroom session 6-9PM Thursday at REI Salt Lake, 3285 East 3300 South, SLC. Saturday field session meets at the Brighton Fire Station at 8:30AM.

Organizer: Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 devin@utahavalanchecenter.org

Snowshoeing in the backcountry is safer and more fun when you have at least a basic understanding of avalanches. Nobody wants to travel with a partner that can't make informed decisions, or be counted on in a rescue. Spend an evening in the classroom and a day on the snow with pros. Learn how to get out in the backcountry, have fun and come home ready to do it again. Taught by the Utah Avalanche Center. Cost: \$80. Register and pay in advance at the link below.

Jan 8
Thu

Alpine Ski Tour - At, Snowboard Or Telemark – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Robert Myers 801-466-3292 (H) or 801-651-9965 (C)
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Jan 8 **Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Mt. Olympus – ntd**
Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Mt. Olympus trail head parking lot
Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancymartin@gmail.com
To the first stream. Bring studded footwear and appropriate layers for the weather. Prompt 6pm departure.

Jan 10 **Alpine Ski Tour Modish Wanderings – mod-**
Sat *Meet:* Registration required
Organizer: Will McCarvill 801-942-2921 will@commercialchemistries.com
Modish wandering pending conditions which means 2500-3500 vertical and around 6 hours. We will explore a variety of ski terrain in the Wasatch with the goal of not repeating tours. You must have the requisite gear including a beacon. You must also have good downhill skills in a range of conditions. You will need to contact me to sign up and for the meeting time and place. I expect you to have reviewed the avy report and weather forecast the morning of the trip.

Jan 10 **Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – mod**
Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)
Organizer: Mohamed Abdallah 801-466-9310 agm1144@yahoo.com
Weather and snow conditions will dictate the destination. Everyone is responsible for avalanche safety (we are organizing not guiding). Not sure what that means? There are many good avalanche safety classes being offered by the UAC and other organizations - take advantage of one! Bring appropriate safety gear and know how to use it. Please note: meet 10 minutes before the hour so that we can leave promptly at 9:00 am.

Jan 10 **Dog Lake Snowshoe – ntd+**
Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)
Organizer: Michael* Budig 801-328-4512 mbudig@blazemail.com
Snowshoe to Dog Lake Up north fork of Mill D with Michael and Dianne Budig.

Jan 11 **Greens Basin Snowshoe – ntd – 3.0 mi Out & Back – 990' ascent – Moderate pace**
Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)
Organizer: Mark McKenzie 801-913-8439 mdm571830@gmail.com
Join Mark for this traditional club favorite. Beginners welcome. Pace determined by participants.

Jan 13 **Snowshoe - Park City Environs – mod**
Tue *Meet:* Disseminated via the Snowshoe email list
Organizer: Vince DeSimone 435-645-9344 vincedesimone@yahoo.com
Vince will organize a Tuesday group again this year. Meet at 10:00 AM Tuesday and go places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect friendly conversation; you will feel welcome and comfortable. For meeting location and last-minute details, join the WMC snowshoe e-mail list for automatic notices or updates for all these Tuesday trips throughout the winter. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions and info. Carpool from SLC from the Parley's Way Walmart at 09:15 AM.

Jan 14 **Boating Permit Application Party New Location – flat water**
Wed *Meet:* 6:30 pm at REI Wasatch Room 3285 E 3300 S
Organizer: Kelly Beumer 801-230-7967 kellybeumer@gmail.com

No sooner did we get our boating gear cleaned and stored in the shed and it's time to start thinking about the upcoming 2015 season. This meeting is our time to get acquainted, discuss river trips, trip organizing, new ideas and, most important, to fill out and submit permit applications to obtain a share of the river permits. All interested WMC members are invited. This year, all of the rivers we traditionally apply for, Yampa/Ladore, San Juan, Main Salmon and Middle Fork Salmon, will have online application. (Of course, you can still apply for all your favorites!) Please bring your laptop and credit card to access and complete the on-line applications. And please consider sharing your laptop with those who don't bring one. You don't have to wait, though, you can also fill out on-line applications after Dec 1 by logging into the WMC web site, then going to the boating website to access the permit links. However, help will be available for selecting launch dates and any for other questions. If you are not already on the WMC boater email list, consider signing up. Add yourself to it via Member Menu > Email List Subscribe.

Jan 14 **Wednesday Snowshoe – mod**

Wed *Meet:* 9:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

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

An appropriate place will be chosen for today's adventure (probably in one of the Cottonwood Canyons). Bring your 10 Es and avalanche safety gear.

Jan 15 **Alpine Ski Tour - At, Snowboard Or Telemark – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**

Thu *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Robert Myers 801-466-3292 (H) or 801-651-9965 (C)
robertmyers47@gmail.com

THURS. BACKCOUNTRY SKI TOUR: weekly MOD (moderate) ski tours. Destination generally in Big or Little Cottonwoods Canyons and dependent on weather and snow conditions. Start at 8:30A.M. This is not a beginner ski tour and requires good conditioning, skiing skills and familiarity with your equipment. To participate you must have a beacon, shovel, probe and the knowledge of how to use them. Call or e-mail Robert by 7:00PM on WED. evening, for the meeting place. Group limited to 10. If you are new to BC skiing, please call to discuss whether you have the experience and are prepared for the tour. NOTE: The organizer would like to encourage others to volunteer to organize Thursday MOD tours in the coming weeks & months.

Jan 15 **Winter Flashlight Hike - West Grandeur – ntd**

Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at North end of Wasatch Blvd (approximately 3000 S.)

Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancymartin@gmail.com

Organizer's choice. Bring studded footwear, a flashlight and clothing appropriate for the weather. Prompt 6pm departure.

Jan 17 **Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice – mod+ – Loop**

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

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

If conditions are right, we'll try a ridge line loop in one of the Cottonwood Canyons (may require a shuttle). Bring your snow safety equipment & 10 E's.

Jan 17 **Snowshoe-organizer's Choice – ntd – Out & Back**

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

Organizer: Mark Jones 801-410-4163 hikermrj@aol.com

Weather and snow conditions will dictate our destination. We will probably do Millcreek or Neff's Canyon.

Jan 17 **Alpine Ski Tour, Big Cottonwood Canyon – ntd+ – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace**

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

Organizer: Steven Duncan 801-680-9236 duncste@comcast.net

Easier tour but not for beginners. We'll stay in safe terrain likely in the Mill D or Willow Heights area. Estimated miles and vertical gain.

Jan 18 **Snowshoe- Organizers Choice – ntd+ – Moderate pace**

Sun *Meet:* 8:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

Organizer: David Andrenyak 801-582-6106 andrenyakda@aim.com

We will do a trip that is appropriate for the conditions. Plan for a 8:30 am meeting time with a 8:45 am departure. Remember the 10 Es. Snow safety equipment is recommended.

Jan 19 **Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate**
Mon **pace**

Meet: 6:00 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate

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

Conditions will dictate the route and the distance, but will be no more than 1-1/2 hours.

Dress warm and bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear.

Jan 22 **Alpine Ski Tour: Uac Women-only Backcountry 101 Avalanche Class – mod**

Thu – *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Thursday night classroom session at Red Butte Garden. Saturday on the
Jan 24 snow at Brighton.

Sat *Organizer:* Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 devin@utahavalanchecenter.org

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Jan 22 **Alpine Ski Tour – At, Snowboard Or Telemark – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**

Thu *Meet:* Registration required

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Jan 22 **Winter Flashlight Evening Hike - Rattlesnake Gulch – ntd**

Thu *Meet:* 6:00 am at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride

Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancymartin@gmail.com

Bring studded footwear, a flashlight and clothing appropriate for the weather. Prompt 6pm departure.

Jan 24 **Snowshoe, Organizers Choice – mod**

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

Organizer: Shane Bode 801-647-2917 shanejaq@comcast.net

Come join Shane & Jacque for a fine day of snowshoeing. Come prepared with your 10 E's. Snow safety gear (beacon, shovel, probe) is recommended.

Jan 24 **Alpine Ski Tour Modish Wanderings – mod**

Sat *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Will McCarvill 801-942-2921 will@commercialchemistries.com

Modish wandering pending conditions which means 2500-3500 vertical and around 6 hours. We will explore a variety of ski terrain in the Wasatch with the goal of not repeating tours. You must have the requisite gear including a beacon. You must also have good downhill skills in a range of conditions. You will need to contact me to sign up and for the meeting time and place. I expect you to have reviewed the avy report and weather forecast the morning of the trip.

Jan 25 **Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – mod**

- Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)
Organizer: Mohamed Abdallah 801-466-9310 agm1144@yahoo.com
 Weather and snow conditions will dictate the destination. Everyone is responsible for avalanche safety (we are organizing not guiding). Not sure what that means? There are many good avalanche safety classes being offered by the UAC and other organizations - take advantage of one! Bring appropriate safety gear and know how to use it. Please note: meet 10 minutes before the hour so that we can leave promptly at 9:00 am.
- Jan 25 **Snowshoe In Millcreek Canyon – ntd – 3.0 mi Out & Back – Moderate pace**
 Sun *Meet:* 8:30 am at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride
Organizer: Teri Jenkins 801-661-4452 teridawnjen@gmail.com
 Let's snowshoe somewhere in Millcreek Canyon. Depending on conditions, we may need only microspikes or yaktraks, but bring snowshoes just in case. Let's start a little earlier because this is a more crowded "dog" day in Millcreek Canyon.
- Jan 26 **Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
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- Jan 28 **Wednesday Snowshoe – mod**
 Wed *Meet:* 9:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)
Organizer: Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com
 Jim will decide where based on conditions of the day. Be prepared for your own comfort and safety. Don't forget snow safety equipment.
- Jan 29 **Alpine Ski Tour: Uac Backcountry 101 Avalanche Class – mod**
 Thu – *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Thursday night classroom session at Red Butte Garden. Saturday on the
 Jan 31 snow at Brighton.
 Sat *Organizer:* Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 devin@utahavalanchecenter.org
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Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancycmartin@gmail.com
Organizer's choice. Bring studded footwear, a flashlight and clothing appropriate for the weather. Prompt 6pm departure.

Jan 31 **Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice - mod**

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)
Organizer: Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com
A destination will be chosen based on the conditions of the day. Come prepared for your own comfort and safety. Snow safety gear (beacon, shovel and probe) is recommended.

Jan 31 **Lone Peak Day Hike With Snowshoes, Crampons And Ice Ax - ext - 12.0 mi Out & Back - 6500' ascent - Moderate pace**

Sat *Meet:* Registration required
Organizer: Michael Hannan 385-207-1248 michaelhannan@gmail.com
A tantalizing look at one of the most remote and rugged Wasatch peaks, this hike involves snowshoes, crampons, ice ax, some mild exposure and plenty of willpower. Prior use of all equipment is an absolute must. We will begin in the dark and spend most of the day completing our 12-mile-plus adventure. Successful Lone Peak winter hikes are very weather-dependent. Poor weather and/or avalanche conditions may require me to postpone the event. Please use email to register or ask questions. Thanks.

Feb 4 **Death Valley Winter Escape Road Bike - mod- - Out & Back - Moderate pace**

Wed - *Meet:* Registration required
Feb 8 *Organizer:* Cheryl Soshnik 435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com
Sun The annual Bob Wright Death Valley Winter Escape is a multi-day car camp, dutch oven gourmet feast, road ride and hiking adventure based out of Furnace Creek Campground. Daily road rides are offered, but participants can choose to ride, hike or take ranger led adventures daily. We all participate in the group gourmet meals and happy hours. Please contact Cheryl if you are interested in joining the adventure.

Feb 5 **Avalanche Education: Uac Backcountry 101 For Snowshoers**

Thu - *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Classroom session 6-9PM Thursday at REI Salt Lake, 3285 East 3300
Feb 7 South, SLC. Saturday field session meets at the Brighton Fire Station at 8:30AM.
Sat *Organizer:* Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 devin@utahavalanchecenter.org
Snowshoeing in the backcountry is safer and more fun when you have at least a basic understanding of avalanches. Nobody wants to travel with a partner that can't make informed decisions, or be counted on in a rescue. Spend an evening in the classroom and a day on the snow with pros. Learn how to get out in the backcountry, have fun and come home ready to do it again. Taught by the Utah Avalanche Center. Cost: \$80. Register and pay in advance at the link below.

Feb 5 **Alpine Ski Tour: Uac Advanced Avalanche Skills Workshop - mod+**

Thu - *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Thursday night classroom session at Red Butte Garden. Saturday on the
Feb 7 snow at Brighton.
Sat *Organizer:* Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 devin@utahavalanchecenter.org

Learning about snow and avalanches never ends. The more you learn, the more you realize there is to learn. This is an opportunity for experienced skiers and riders to go out with Bruce Tremper, author of *Staying Alive in Avalanche Terrain*, Director of the Utah Avalanche Center, and one of the most most experienced avalanche instructors in the world. Your skills will be challenged, boosted, and refreshed as you learn how a seasoned professional assesses current conditions and sets travel objectives and strategies to match. This class is for experienced backcountry users wanting to go beyond what they learned in their introductory class or "recertify" their skills. \$140.

Feb 6 **Sing-a-long And Pot Luck Dinner**

Fri *Meet:* 6:30 pm at 9847 S 2900 East

Organizer: Judene Shelley, La Rae Bartholoma, Frank Bernard 978-223-0640, 801-277-4093 j.shelley@comcast.net; roosiebear@gmail.com; frankbernard55@earthlink.net

Come one come all February 6 to our first Sing-A-Long Pot Luck Supper in 2015! Our hostess with the mostess, Judene Shelley has offered her home for an evening of fun, food and entertainment! Party starts at 6:30 at 9847 S 2900 East. Bring a dish to share (appetizer, salad, entree, side vegetable or a dessert) with 4 to 6 others and BYOB! Following dinner we'll have our Sing-A-Long. Come prepared for a fun evening! We'll wrap it up by 10 PM. DIRECTIONS: Take I-15 exit onto 9000 South and proceed east. 9000 S will curve south and become 9400 S and just after Highland Drive it becomes S Little Cottonwood Road. Take a right turn onto Mt. Jordan Road and a left onto 9800 S then right onto 2900 E to 9847. From the east side take Wasatch Blvd south to a right turn on E Little Cottonwood Road. Take first left (9800 S), continue W to cul-de-sac at 2900 E, L to 9847Ö you are there! For questions or additional information call or email Judene Shelley 978-223-0640 j.shelley@comcast.net, La Rae/Bart Bartholoma 801-277-4093 roosiebear@gmail.com or Frank Bernard frankbernard55@earthlink.net

Feb **Alpine Ski Tour: Uac Women-only Backcountry 101 Avalanche Class – mod**

26 *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Thursday night classroom session at Red Butte Garden. Saturday on the snow at Brighton.

Thu – *Organizer:* Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 devin@utahavalanchecenter.org

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Feb **Bryce In Winter- Snowshoe, Spikes Hike, And Maybe X/c Ski – ntd+**

26 *Meet:* Registration required

Thu – *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com

Mar 1 Sun If you've heard how beautiful the red rock of Bryce is in the snow, but haven't ever been down there to see it, here's your chance- a mid winter hike, snowshoe and or X/C ski tour to Bryce Canyon. We'll stay at the warm and cozy Rubys Inn, just outside the park, and take advantage of the fee free 30+ km of trails, which have a ski track and snowshoe space, both inside the park, and in the adjoining national forest. Plan to drive down whenever you can get away- morning, afternoon or evening, and spend the weekend seeing and skiing the area, and returning home on Sunday. There are lots of trails, including groomed track, and loop options, so you can go to see it all and get a workout, or you can just go to see it, and kick back and take advantage of the many amenities, including the spa, hot tub and indoor pool. Half price rates @ Rubys Inn in this offseason make it an affordable getaway, on top of being a memorable weekend. You can get a nights lodgings for 46\$ on Rubys Inn website, under their Winter Warmer Special. Come down with me after work on Thursday, and stay Thursday Friday and Saturday nights, come down Friday after work, come when you can. Sunday is only a half day hiking before we come home, so Thursday gives me two full days to hike and frolic. Whether you come Thursday or Friday, it's a beautiful weekend you won't forget.

Mar 5 **Canyoneering, Canoeing And Hot Tubbing Vegas – class I – 13.0 mi**

Thu – *Meet:* Registration required
Mar 8 *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com
Sun Time for another annual classic- the first of March Canyoneering Canoeing Hot tubbing trip to the Black Canyon, down by Vegas. A wonderful getaway from winter weekend- spend it scrambling, canyoneering, canoeing and luxuriating in scenic backcountry hot tubs; leaving your snow boots and parkas home, and hanging out in your Texas, T shirts and shorts. We will drive down thursday morning, check into the Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino just before Boulder City, at off season rates (\$47 a night, 2 Queens), and then drive over and check out the dam, and the stunning new bridge over the dam. After dinner together we will get our gear together for an early morning rollout to meet the outfitter (715 am) who will be driving us through the national high security zone to the foot of the dam, where we will launch our rented canoes. There is not much real canoeing involved, it is almost all flat water, we will spend the first night camped at the mouth of Gold Strike canyon, less than a mile from the put in, and then saturday morning meander another mile to a second exploratory canyon, where we will spend the day in an energetic and athletic climb/scramble up Boy Scout Canyon, before paddling another mile down to camp saturday night @ the third canyon, Arizona Hot Springs, with more hot springs and pools. Sunday morning we will paddle for 3 hours down to the takeout, where the outfitter picks us up and will bring us back to pick up our cars at the hotel, and then we will boogy for home sunday afternoon. Actually you'd better not plan on leaving all of your snow gear home- a couple of years ago, after kicking back in our swim suits all weekend, coming home we ran into a major blizzard around Beaver, and struggled around vehicles parked on the shoulders and in the barrow pits, before we made it back home. It is still winter. Here. The fee for the 3 day canoe rental, the per person federal launch fee and the launch and pick up shuttles comes to \$100 per person. I have already paid half of this to get the reservations, your \$100 nonrefundable payment is required to get onto this trip. Mail me a check, at 8267 so 1280 E, sandy, ut 84094.

Mar **Nordic Ski Tour: Kings Peak – msd – 32.0 mi Out & Back – 4500' ascent – Fast**
27 Fri **pace**

Meet: 5:00 pm at Parleys Way Walmart lot, East side - 2703 Parleys Way

Organizer: Larry Swanson 801-583-4043 oldswaney@gmail.com

Annual 32 mile tour to Kings Peak, Gunsight Pass, or Elkhorn Crossing in the basin below gets underway at 5:00 am on Saturday from the North Slope Winter parking area after a 4:00 am headlamp wake-up call. Meet at Parley's Way WalMart Lot, J.B.'s restaurant (Evanston, WY), or the winter parking area on Friday night, March 27th.

Apr 12 **Flat Water - Labryrinth Canyon, Green River - 7 Days – flat water – 64.0 mi**

Sun – *Meet:* Registration required

Apr 18 *Organizer:* Pam Stalnaker 801-425-9957 canoepam@yahoo.com

Sat Flat water, self-supported paddling/camping trip from Crystal Geyser to Mineral Bottoms - 64 water miles. Experienced canoe/kayak campers only. We will establish meal groups, and each group will be responsible for their own gear. The weather is variable as is the water level. This is part of one of the premier flat water paddling/camping trips in the country. There will be a mandatory pre-trip meeting two weeks prior to the trip, date TBD. Canoes work best, but kayaks are a possibility. There is a \$100 deposit due when accepted. That will cover the shuttle fee. Additional cost will be your share of the food, hotel the night before (we meet at 8:00 in Moab), car pool (if needed), the shared rental of the river toilet, shuttle for boat (if solo), and rental of a boat (if needed). There is room for four people in additional to the organizers.

Apr 18 **Graham Peak Day Hike – mod – 13.0 mi Out & Back – 3300' ascent – Moderate**
Sat **pace**

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: John Hamann 575-437-6303 john.hamann@us.af.mil

We'll meet somewhere in SLC at an appropriate location at 7 AM. We will then drive west on I-80 to Exit 4. Then drive north on the Silver Island Loop Road to the trailhead. From there, Graham Peak is a Class 2 off trail hike with some minor rock scrambling. The proposed April 18th date is tentative and may change. Please contact me by April 1 if you want to go. The summitpost link is below.

Apr 19 **Desert Peak & Tangent Peak Day Hike – mod – 5.0 mi Out & Back – 2200' ascent –**
Sun **Moderate pace**
Meet: Registration required

Organizer: John Hamann 575-437-6303 john.hamann@us.af.mil

We'll meet at an appropriate location somewhere in SLC at 7 AM. From there, we will drive west on I-80 to Exit 62, then north to Lakeside. Once we reach Lakeside, we drive 25 miles west along the RR tracks to the Newfoundland Mountain Road. From there, we drive south along the west side of the mountains to the trailhead. The climb will be a Class 2 off trail hike with some minor rock scrambling. After Desert Peak, we will try the nearby Tangent Peak, which is a short easy hike. We will need 4WD vehicles to reach the trailheads. The summitpost links are below. Please contact me before April 1 if you want to go. The proposed April 19th date is tentative and could change.

Jul 18 **John Muir Trail Backpack – msd – 145.0 mi Shuttle – 10000' ascent – Slow pace**
Sat – *Meet:* Registration required

Aug *Organizer:* Russell Patterson 801-973-6427 patterns@xmission.com

11 Hike the John Muir Trail from Yosemite National Park to Kings Canyon National Park. We will
Tue be hiking about 8 miles per day. The John Muir Trail is one of the world's premier hikes. There are four places along the trail where you can either buy supplies or pick up supplies you have mailed in advance of the hike. Leader will need to get permits from the Park Service 24 weeks in advance so let him know before the end of January if you plan to go. The reservations cost \$5 per person. On this trip, we will also drive to view points in Yosemite, climb Half Dome and stop at Mona Lake while driving home. To get additional information about this trip, send an E Mail to Russell at Patters@xmission.com and he will send you a detailed itinerary. 34,000' elevation gain

Sep 1 **White Water Rafting-alsek River Trip – class V**

Tue – *Meet:* Disseminated via the Boating email list

Sep *Organizer:* Chris 801-776-1031

17 Put in approximately 1 September 2015 dependent upon permit drawing. Glaciers, Grizzly
Thu Bears, Mountains and Icebergs amidst a profusion of wild flowers. This 16 day trip will have multiple layover days for mountain-based exploration with an emphasis on mountaineering. Research this trip thoroughly prior to committing. This is a Serious trip, 2 notches above a Grand Canyon Trip. Estimated cost \$3-4K based on your personal arrival in Whitehorse Yukon. \$300 nonrefundable deposit will be deposited into the trip escrow account. Passport and Drysuit required. Team members need to be 100% committed to hard work. This is an expedition not a vacation. In case of road closure, glacial surge, landslide etc. the Tatshenshini River is the backup river. Participants need to provide a written or verbal river résumé with specialized skills listing and watercraft specifics. This is a once-in-a-lifetime sensory overload experience on the most spectacular river trip in North America. All equipment needs to be in Salt Lake City Utah approximately 1 August 2015 to be broken down and packaged for long haul truck transport to Canada. Three weeks of your schedule needs to be reserved for this unique endeavor. Contact Chris @ 801-776-1031. The last time this trip was listed it filled within one month.

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