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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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General Membership Meeting

Thursday February 11, 6:30 PM. See Activity Calendar for details as they become available. Open to the public.

Rambler Articles

The Rambler editor needs more submittals of trip write-ups and other WMC-specific content. The Rambler is what the members make it. Send feedback on the Rambler to Rambler@wasatchmountainclub.org or contact any board member.

WMC Foundation

Learn more about the The Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation and its Lodge by visiting their website: www.wasatchmountainlodge.org

IT Announcements

Email Lists For Activities: Do you want to join one of the activity email lists (biking, boating, climbing, conservation, hiking, skiing, and/or social) but don't know how? It's actually pretty easy:

- First log in.
- Under "Member Menu" select "Email List Subscribe & Unsubscribe".
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Thanks,
Bret Mathews – WMC IT Director

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

William McCarvill

So far we have received just over \$600 from WMC members for the Club to match donations to the Friends of the Utah Avalanche Forecast Center. We have committed \$3000 to the matching fund. Please help us spend all of the \$3000 by making a check out to the Friends of the Utah Avalanche Center and mailing it to Treasurer, Wasatch Mountain Club, 1000 E 1390 S #103, Salt Lake City, UT 84105!

Mountain Accord is stirring to life. Several UTA members who were on the Accord Executive Board are now fully gone from UTA and the Accord Board. As a result, it appears that the push on trains will be much reduced. The new director of UTA has stated that the job of UTA is to provide what the public wants and needs. So we are finally out of the grasp of the train cabal.

The land designation bill is moving again. A group of Accord folks will be in Washington in March to meet with our congressional delegation to start the process of introducing a bill. It also looks like I will be heading up the committee that is charged with coming up with trail network for the Wasatch per the Accord boundaries. This will be based on input received during the Mountain Accord process and will integrate trails with trail heads, appropriate transportation, environmental stewardship and balanced use and capacity...or something like that.

FINAL SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR WMC 2016 ELECTION

Below is the final slate of candidates that the nominating committee has identified for the 2016 WMC Governing Board. Members may vote by proxy or mail if unable to attend the General Membership Meeting. Contact Robert Turner for details (r46turner@gmail.com; 801-560-3378).

(I) = Incumbent (N) = New (V) = Vacant

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Winter Sports Director: Brad Yates (I)

WMCF Lodge Liaison: Robert Myers (I)

Trustee 2016 - 2020: Zig Sondelski (N)



Mark your Calendars! General Membership Meeting

February 11, 2016
Mill Creek Public Library
2266 E Evergreen Avenue (3436 South)

The Wasatch Mountain Club is directed by its By-Laws to hold two general membership meetings a year, so we might as well make them useful, informative, and fun!

From 6:00 to 7:00, we'll start the evening out with a pre-meeting **Organizer Workshop Exploring WMC Online Tools**. Several board and committee members will be on hand preceding the general membership meeting. A few computers will be set up to walk you through where to find what you're looking for (how to **submit an activity** through the website; finding the WMC **ratings** for hikes, bikes, and other activities; where are those pesky **sign up sheets** when you need one!). Just show up for the membership meeting early, or send an email if you have something specific you need help with and we'll make sure we have the right resources there.

The General Membership meeting will begin promptly at 7. Dave Pacheco from SUWA will be on hand to update our membership on the Bears Ears Public Lands Initiative we've been hearing so much about. Many thanks to WMB Board secretary Chris Frazier for arranging this opportunity with Dave.

Following the Q&A with Dave, the board will give members an update on the **Outdoor Retailers Winter Convention**. Several board members attended the OR Winter Convention and we have secured some exciting discounts with vendors for some of your old favorite products as well as a few new ones! **Discounts** range from 10% to 50%, and in some instances the vendor provides a small **referral donation** back to the Club – a win/win for everyone. We'll have a table set up with a few **product demonstrations** and some small **samples** to share.

The General Membership Meeting will conclude with the official vote for the slate of candidates proposed for the 2016-2017 election year. The slate recommended by the nominating committee is presented in this month's Rambler, and that slate is slightly different from last month, so be sure to check it out and come prepared to **cast your vote** and meet your new club leadership.

SOCIAL DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Hi WMC members and prospective members!

Happy New Year. Time to make those resolutions come to reality if Santa didn't already put them under your tree. Please get those high tech cameras, new gear and smiling faces busy filling up the trip calendars and the WMC Facebook page! There are 900 WMC members sharing photos and stories of our smiling faces on Facebook, just type in Wasatch Mountain Club to find the group on Facebook.

2016 with the WMC promises to be filled with great snowshoes, skiing, hikes, and unpredictable weather from El Nino. Remember, most last minutes outings don't show up in the Rambler - please use the on-line WMC Activity Calendar.

The General Membership Meeting will be February 11 at Mill Creek Public Library, 2266 E Evergreen Avenue (3436 South) Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m. Pre-Membership Meeting Organizers Workshop : Exploring WMC Online Tools at 6:00 p.m.

The Boating Permit Party was January 7 and all are encouraged to put in for river permits before the January 31 deadline.

On March 1st, come one, come all to the planning meeting for a great biking season. Bring your ideas, suggestions, plans, etc. We will also have a speaker from REI who will talk to us about safety equipment primarily, but not exclusively, lighting. Club member and one of the new biking directors, Carrie Clark, will be a special guest and there will be a discussion on using the website to announce rides.

Starting Monday, January 18th we had the 1st of 3 Movie nights. These movie nights will allow fellow WMC members to present some of their daring, memorable, and entertaining trips. Come join the fun. See the WMC calendar or just remember the 3rd Monday of Jan, Feb, & March.

Cheers,
Tony Hellman and McKinley Goreham, WMC Social Directors

BOATING DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Thank you again for a great turnout at our annual Permit Party! Now that applications are in, the waiting game begins. You should be getting an email by February 16 letting you know if you were successful in the lottery. Remember that while we hope you will share your permit with us, it's yours to do with as you will!

Though we officially only apply for the San Juan, Yampa, Lodore, Middle Fork, and Main Salmon rivers, these are not ALL the rivers out there. There are many runnable rivers within driving distance, many of which do not require a permit. If you want to check one out, now's the time to find out if you need to apply for a permit. If you need help, be sure to contact myself or our Rafting Coordinator Kelly Beumer. We are here to make your river rafting dreams come true!

We already have some trips on the calendar, Rick's Black Canyon trip is coming up in just a few weeks. Be sure to send him an email if you could like to attend. If you are attending, our Canoeing Coordinator Pam Stalnaker is having a canoe training class February 11, 2016 at 6:30pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 12 C Ave, Salt Lake City. Use the doors on the west side of building. The church is on the corner of South Temple and C Ave. This class will teach you the basics of packing for a canoe trip, and the ins-and outs of having a great canoe trip!

Watershed Bags orders are due soon: Contact Kevin Earl at kbe44@hotmail.com if you want to order a Watershed bag. He needs all orders and checks by February 13, 2016.

Planning Party: Our Planning Party will take place March 1, 2016. More information will be available as details get finalized.

Your Directors--Aymara & Katrina

Rafters

BOATING 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!
Join us as we get together to plan the 2016 river trip season to some of our favorite rivers. The WMC has boats and boaters who can help you learn the skills needed.
Dinner provided.

Our Planning Party will be held at:
The Junior League of Salt Lake
526 East 300 South
Tuesday March 1, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Kayakers

Canoes

Winter's White Snow Is Summer's White Water

Duckles

MESSAGE FROM THE RAMBLER STAFF

We apologize for the extremely delayed January Rambler! At the start of the new year we transitioned to a new editor and created a Rambler committee. Although these changes caused January's Rambler to be far behind schedule, they will allow us to better accomplish the task of publishing the monthly newsletter. Now that we have our committee up and running we are looking forward to making the 2016 Ramblers' the best yet.

While in the transition process, we had to rethink what the true purpose of The Rambler is. First, The Rambler serves as a written history of our club. It documents nearly every activity that our club members organize whether they are found in the activity listing or in the form of a trip report. Secondly, The Rambler serves as a valuable promotional tool. It helps those in our community see who our members are and what the Wasatch Mountain Club is all about.

But at the core, The Rambler is for our members. The Rambler gives each member the opportunity to showcase what the club has allowed them to do, and demonstrates the great camaraderie that exists among our members. And ultimately, because the Rambler is for our members, it also is only what our members make of it.

We need your help to make The Rambler better than ever. First, we encourage more members to submit trip reports--let us showcase all of the great things you as members are doing. See www.wasatchmountainclub.org to learn how to submit trip reports. Second, we want your feedback: tell us what you love about The Rambler. Let us know if there's something you'd like to see published in the Rambler. We would love for our readers to send us any comments, concerns, or suggestions: ramblerwmc@gmail.com

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CANYONEERING 101 WITH RICK THOMPSON

HANKSVILLE, NORTH WASH, OCTOBER 22ND-OCTOBER 25TH

Trip Report and Photos By Paul Kikuchi



Thursday October 22nd, Rick Thompson drove to Hanksville to reserve a campsite in preparation for the canyoneering group that would be arriving Friday. Early Friday, Jim Quan and Leisa Root met Rick at the campsite. After setting up their tents, Rick took James and Leisa to experience a slot canyon a short distance away from camp. They both loved it and were excited to experience the North Wash with the rest of the group the following day.

By late Friday night, all had arrived at our campsite. Our group was comprised of James Quan, Leisa Root, Jerry Turner, Da Yang Wipfel, Paul Kikuchi, Charlie and Rebecca Sizemore. Saturday morning we hiked to North Wash Canyon near our camp. Rick gave detailed instructions on the basics of canyoneering. Canyoneering requires teamwork, listening, learning new techniques, various styles and methods to navigate each section of the canyon.

Usually there were no aids except for our hands, elbows, feet, legs, and body friction to navigate down the crevices. Mental focus is necessary in order to concentrate on your next move, be attentive to detail, and stay calm.

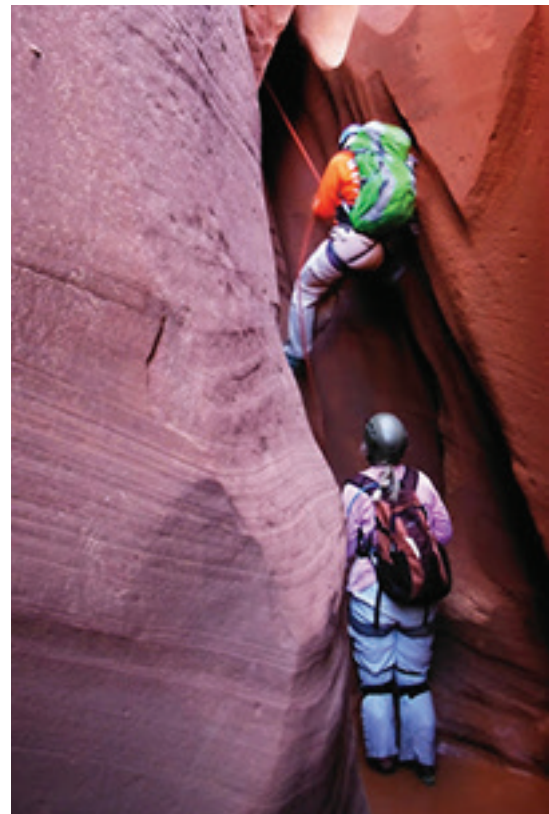
This was the first “exposure” to canyoneering for most of us. Each canyon had its own unique personality and difficulty, requiring a variety of technical moves to navigate through the corridors. The slots were incredibly beautiful made from sandstone that was carved by water. Inside the ravine there are twists, turns, colorful walls that change color and unusual contours engraved by the force of nature. We discovered vast rooms with cathedral like ceilings, to slots just wide enough to wiggle through sideways holding our packs high.

Words cannot describe the beauty and splendor inside the slot canyons. Each canyon, even though in close vicinity to each other, has its own personality and variety of skills and expertise to navigate. We were in awe at the wonder of nature’s force that turns sandstone into sculptures of amazing shapes.

When I arrived home and was asked, how was it? A feeble attempt was made to explain what just transpired. Only those who have been there and done that could actually understand what we just experienced.

Rick, you are an amazing master of the canyons, a teacher, guardian, and a graceful Gazelle in the slots! Thank you for sharing your love of the sport and contributing your time and effort introducing this amazing experience to others. From all of us that experienced that memorable weekend, we want to express our fullest appreciation to Rick for showing us the “ropes.” Thank you so much for unforgettable memories!

Jim, Leisa, Jerry, Da Yang, Paul, Charlie and Rebecca Sizemore



BRIDAL VEIL ICE CLIMB

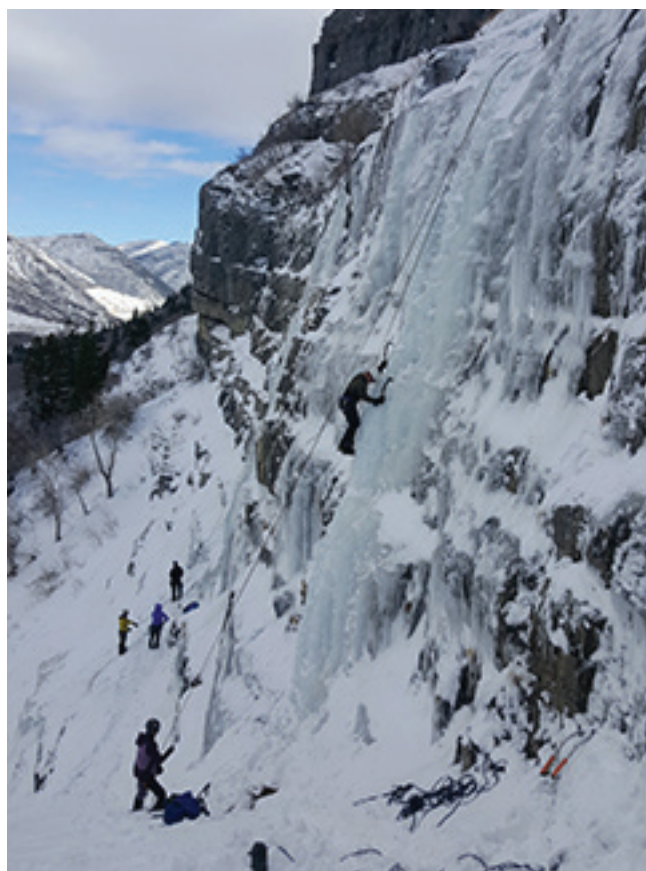
PROVO CANYON, DECEMBER 18TH

Trip Report and Photos By Paul Francis

On Friday the 18th, we had six climbers, five members and a friend of mine who helped with setting things up. We secured three routes on the Apron to Bridal Veil Stairway to heaven. We had two members who had never climbed vertical ice and we had two other members, Christie Konkol and Liz Sudderth, who did their first lead ice climbs. We set up ropes and everyone had plenty of opportunities to do laps on top rope. On Saturday, we had 9 members and four friends, two of which I invited to help set up ropes and help with the new climbers. Two members and two friends climbed ice for the first time, and we had four people lead ice. Safety was our priority and there were no incidents. We had a bit of a scare on Friday when a pillar of ice from up on the stairway separated and we all hugged the apron. But only a few fragments of ice made it to where we were and no one was hit or harmed. On Saturday, we had lunch at Mama Chu's and I felt that every one had a great time.



Paul Francis displaying his ice tool.



Members climbing on the Apron to Bridal Veil Stairway to Heaven.



Members climbing on the Apron to Bridal Veil Stairway to Heaven.



Christie leading on the ice while Liz belays.



Paul giving instructions as the group prepares to climb.

CATHERINE'S PASS & BEYOND VIA ALTA SNOWSHOE

LITTLE COTTONWOOD CANYON, DECEMBER 19TH

Trip Report and Photos By Akiko Kamimura

Seven people participated in the snowshoe from Alta to Catherine's Pass and beyond organized by Jim Kucera on December 19, 2015. We had lots of snow this week. It was warm, sunny and windy. We tested beacons before we started. When we got closer to Catherine's Pass, it became windier. We had lunch between the peaks to avoid strong wind. On the way back to Alta, we went off-trail and the snow was very deep. It took approximately four hours in total.



From left, Jim, Steve and Teri.



On the way to Catherine's Pass, from left, Leslie, Steve, Teri, Rick and Jim.



At Catherine's Pass, Mark and Rick. They turned around to watch a game. The rest of us continued further.

REYNOLD'S PEAK SNOWSHOE

BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON, DECEMBER 26TH

Trip Report and Photos By Akiko Kamimura

Nine people participated in the Reynold's Peak snowshoe organized by Steve Duncan on December 26. We started from Mill D North. The base temperature was 6, but it was sunny. There was lots of snow there. Instead of going to Dog Lake, we went off-trail to get to Reynold's Peak. Once we got to Reynolds Peak, we bushwhacked down the steep slope to get back to the trailhead. It took approximately five hours in total.



At Reynold's Peak, Mohammad and Deirdre.



We did bushwhacking on the steep slope to go back to the trailhead. From left, Carol, Steve and Mohammad.



Rick and Claire near the trailhead.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SNOWSHOE

LITTLE WATER PEAK, JANUARY 1ST

Trip Report and Photos By Akiko Kamimura

Nine people participated in the New Year's Day Snowshoe - Little Water Peak, organized by Jim Kucera on January 1, 2016. It was sunny but the temperature was very low. We started from the north side of Spruces and went to Dog Lake first. From Dog Lake, we hiked off-trail but there were some ski tracks already. It became windy, so we had lunch in the "shade" before we summited Little Water Peak. We made our way to Little Water Peak and then hiked on the Millcreek-Big Cottonwood ridge line. From the ridge line, we descended in deep snow back to the trail. It took approximately 5 hours in total.



From Little Water Peak, we hiked on the Millcreek-Big Cottonwood ridge line. From left, Taylor, Mac, Jim and Greg.



From Dog Lake, we hiked off-trail following some ski tracks. From left, Dave, Mac, Mohammad and Jim. It became windy. So we had lunch in “shade” before we summited Little Water Peak.



At Little Water Peak. From left, Dave, Greg and Mac.

BACKCOUNTRY AVALANCHE TERRAIN WORKSHOP & SNOWSHOE

BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON, JANUARY 10TH

Trip Report and Photos By Akiko Kamimura

June and Akiko participated in the Back Country Avalanche Terrain Workshop and Snowshoe Tour organized by Vickie Ashby on January 10. Deirdre also joined us. We started from the Willow Heights trail head. At first we did beacon tests. Then, Vickie explained different shapes of snow. After we had lunch at the ridge, we learned how to assess snow condition. The tour took approximately four hours in total.



After we had lunch at the ridge, we learned how to assess snow conditions. Akiko



From left, Vickie, June and Deirdre.



It was sunny and a beautiful day. Vickie and Deirdre at the ridge.

UTAH AVALANCHE CENTER MATCHING DONATION

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, #130 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.



WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB ACTIVITY LISTINGS

Date	Activity
Feb 1 Mon	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain - ntd+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 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</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>February will be the last month Julie will be tramping up and down the various routes to Jack's Mountain for these brisk and steep 2-hour outings along the ridge behind the "H" rock. Bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Bring a flashlight and dress in layers. Dogs ok.</p>
Feb 2 Tue	<p>Snowshoe, Park City Environs - mod</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Disseminated via the Snowshoe email list</p> <p><i>Carpool:</i> 9:15 am at Parleys Way Walmart lot, East side - 2703 Parleys Way</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Vince DeSimone 435-645-9344 vincedesimone@yahoo.com</p> <p>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.</p>
Feb 3 Wed	<p>WMC Board Meeting</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Will McCarvill 801-942-2921 president@wasatchmountainclub.org</p> <p>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. Pre-meeting dinner at Fiddler's Elbow 6PM. All are welcome.</p>
Feb 3 Wed	<p>Wednesday Morning Snowshoe - mod- - 4.0 mi - Slow pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com</p> <p>Another little stroll in the snow up to a lake or pass to get some fresh air and maybe some sun. Avy gear recommended, though we do follow the avy bulletin and avoid suspect zones.</p>

Feb 4 Thu	<p>Winter Evening Hike - Mt. Olympus – ntd+ – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Mt. Olympus trail head on Wasatch Blvd.</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancycmartin@gmail.com</p> <p>To the first stream bed or maybe a little farther, depending on weather, the group, etc. Flashlight, studded footwear, 10 Es. Prompt 6pm departure.</p>
Feb 5 Fri	<p>Alpine Ski Tour/splitboard Tour – mod – 8.0 mi – 4000’ ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Lisa Verzella 801-554-4135 lisaverzella@gmail.com</p> <p>Tour dependent upon weather and snow stability, either Big or Little Cottonwood possible. Good avalanche skills, all avy equipment and registration required.</p>
Feb 6 Sat	<p>Mountaineering: Alpine Adventures #4 – mod+ – 6.0 mi – 3500’ ascent</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Lubos Pavel 435-659-1655 lubos.pavel@packsize.com</p> <p>Join us on these exciting Alpine style mountaineering trips in the Wasatch. Every trip will be announced more in detail a few days before the scheduled date considering the snow and weather conditions. These trips will be usually long mountaineering days on moderate pace. The trips will include climbing couloirs and mountain ridges. We will approach the climb on snowshoes or touring skis. Good experience of using crampons and ice axe is essential, some trips will require using climbing harness and ice tools.</p>
Feb 6 Sat	<p>Snowshoe - Big Baldy South Ridge (utah County) – mod – 5.0 mi Loop – 2500’ ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:30 am at Dry Canyon Trailhead Lindon, UT 84042 Google Maps: 40.341775, -111.676813</p> <p><i>Carpool:</i> 9:00 am at Bluffdale Park and Ride Draper, UT 84020 Google Maps: 40.486020, -111.898950</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Taylor Waddel 801-616-8025 taylor.waddel@gmail.com</p> <p>Sitting almost directly west of Mount Timpanogos, Big Baldy provides beautiful views of the south Wasatch Front. I plan on snowshoeing and hiking up the steeper south ridge, then descending via the saddle and the regular summer trail. Please bring your avalanche gear and 10 essentials.</p>
Feb 6 Sat	<p>Leisurely Hike Salt Lake Overlook Ntd – ntd – 3.0 mi Out & Back – 500’ ascent – Slow pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:15 am at Desolation Trail Head in Millcreek Canyon</p> <p><i>Carpool:</i> 8:45 am at Parking area West of REI on 3300 So.</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Bruce Christenson 801-824-0131 b.c.com@hotmail.com</p> <p>Millcreek Canyon on Desolation trail to Salt Lake over look. About 3 hours slow pace. Need to have foot traction devices as yak tracks, micro spikes etc. Well packed trail and usually icy at that time of year. We will meet at the parking area west of REI on 3300 So. at 8:45 and leave at 9:00 am promptly. Call or e-mail Bruce for any more information: 801-824-0131, <b.c.com@hotmail.com></p>

- Feb 6
Sat **Snowshoe To The Top Of Gobbler's Knob – msd- – 9.0 mi Out & Back – 4000' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Lana Christiansen 801-599-4533 laccount4u@gmail.com
We will attempt to summit Gobbler's Knob via Bowman Fork Trail following the Winter route. We may need ice axes, crampons, snowshoes, and micro spikes depending on conditions. This is a strenuous hike. Please plan for an early start. This is approximately 9 miles round trip gaining 4,000 + vertical. Please email me to register.
- Feb 7
Sun **Alpine Ski Tour Avalanche Rescue And Terrain Seminar – mod – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 3000' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Brad Yates 801-278-2423 bnyslc@earthlink.net
On this seminar we will practice and discuss search and burial recovery techniques and practices, we will also have a discussion of avalanche terrain and safe travel practices. The seminar is taught on an informal basis by WMC volunteers with some training but not professional certifications. You need to be able to ski powder and mixed snow conditions. Beacon, shovel and probe required.
- Feb 7
Sun **Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice – mod**
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)
Organizer: Greg Lott 801-361-4132 lottgreg@comcast.net
Join Greg for a nice day on the snow. Be prepared for your own comfort and safety. Activity level: moderate; organizer's choice.
- Feb 8
Mon –
Feb 12
Fri **Meet:** Registration required
Organizer: Cheryl Soshnik 435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com
The annual Bob Wright Death Valley Winter Escape finally has a winter to escape from this year! It's a getaway to the warmth and fun of car camping, daily road biking, hiking, small group cooking, and having a good time at the Furnace Creek campground. The group has reserved tent camping sites, but you are welcome to reserve RV and camper sites, cabins or motels on your own. There will be a planning meeting on Jan 16 to establish carpools, cooking groups, and pre/post trip extensions. The group tent sites are full. However, call for more information to make your own reservation at Furnace Creek and join us for the bike rides and hikes, happy hours and campfires.
- Feb 8
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
A brisk and steep 2-hour outing along the ridge behind the "H" rock. Bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Bring a flashlight and dress in layers. Dogs ok.

Feb 9 **Snowshoe, Park City Environs – mod**
Tue
Meet: 10:00 am at Disseminated via the Snowshoe email list
Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way Walmart lot, East side - 2703 Parleys Way
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.

Feb 10 **Grandeur Peak Via West Ridge Day Hike – msd- – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3187' ascent –**
Wed **Moderate pace**
Meet: 9:00 am at Parking lot at north end of Wasatch Boulevard (Approx. 3000 south)
Organizer: Dennis Goreham 801-550-5119 dgoreham@gmail.com
We will do a short but steep weekday morning hike up the West Ridge of Grandeur Peak to the top. This is a well traveled and worn trail year round so it can be icy near the top; studded footwear may be useful. We will go at a moderate pace. Plan on about 3.5 to 4 hours so we should be down shortly after noon. Meet at the parking lot at the north end of Wasatch Boulevard (Approx. 3000 South) at 9:00 a.m.

Feb 11 **Intro To Canoe Training**
Thu
Meet: 6:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 12 C Ave, Salt Lake City. Use doors on west side of building. Building is on the corner of South Temple and C Ave.
Organizer: Pam Stalnaker 801-425-9957 canoepam@yahoo.com
Interested in canoe trips? Come to an intro session to show you what to bring on a canoe trip and how to pack a canoe for a multi-day trip (like the Black Canyon trip). See how to keep your gear dry whether on a day trip or a longer trip. There will be an on-water session held on Bountiful Pond at a later date. RSVP to Pam Stalnaker at canoepam@yahoo.com requested but not required. Note that while this session emphasizes canoe camping, much of the information is also applicable to any multi-day small craft trips (kayak or ducky). Non-members welcome.

Feb 11 **General Membership Meeting - 2016 Governing Board Election**
Thu
Meet: 7:00 pm at Mill Creek Public Library, 2266 E Evergreen Avenue (3436 South)
Organizer: Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 will@commercialchemistries.com
The Wasatch Mountain Club is directed by its By-Laws to hold two general membership meetings a year, so we might as well make them useful, informative, and fun! The schedule is as follows:
6:00-7:00 Organizer education
7:00-7:30 Bears ears, Public lands Initiative Dave Pacheco SUWA
7:30-7:45 Q&A for Dave
7:45-8:00 Outdoor Retailer membership benefits
8:00-8:30 Voting

Feb 11 **Pre-membership Meeting: Activity Organizers Workshop: Exploring Wmc Online Tools**
Thu
Meet: 6:00 pm at Mill Creek Public Library, 2266 East Evergreen Avenue (3436 South)
Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
Do you know how to submit an activity through the website? Do you know where the find the WMC ratings for hikes, bikes, and other activities? Or how those ratings are devised? Where are those pesky sign up sheets when you need one! Several board and committee members will be on hand from 6 to 6:30 preceding the general membership meeting. A few computers will be set up to walk you through where to find what you're looking for! Just show up for the membership meeting early, or send an email if you have something specific you need help with and we'll make sure we have the right resources there.

Feb 11 **Weekday Snowshoe - mod-**
Thu
Meet: 9:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)
Organizer: Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com
A snow jaunt in one of the Cottonwood Canyons. Avalanche safety gear is recommended but not required.

Feb 12 **Day Hike World Class Snow Canyon Over Red Mountain Down Kyenta Crack - msd- -**
Fri – **6.0 mi Shuttle - 2000' ascent - Moderate pace**
Feb 15
Mon
Meet: 6:00 pm at see carpool below, must register with organizer.
Carpool: 6:00 pm at 9000 S0. Trax station Travel to car camp 5 hrs or 11pm just off I-15 Leads exit, just west of town of Silver Reef, 8am Sat. Meet at north Snow Canyon Rd. parking.
Organizer: Bruce Richardson 801-942-2564 bellcyn1@gmail.com
World class hike with no rappels but very steep, very beautiful. The best of Snow Canyon we shuttle to the Lava cave parking in Snow Canyon and go into a couple lava caves then north west in snow canyon and up ridge to over the top of Red Mountain and down Kayenta Crack to a shuttle vehicle. Travel to car camp in Nevada's "Valley Of Fire" and Sunday do the world class hike from Mouses Tank to The Cabins. Monday head home but for those interested do another short hike in Valley of Fire. Some may want to stop at the Meadow Warm Springs exactly half way to Salt Lake from St. George.

Feb 13 **Snowshoe, Wolverine Cirque - mod+ - 5.0 mi Loop - 2500' ascent - Moderate pace**
Sat
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)
Organizer: Steven Duncan 801-680-9236 duncste@comcast.net
Certainly one of the best snowshoes in the Wasatch. Mileage and elevation estimated. Avalanche gear recommended.

Feb 13 **Alpine Ski Tour Modish Wanderings - mod**
Sat
Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 will@commercialchemistries.com
We will decide where to go based on snow and avy conditions the day of the tour. Expect 2500-3000 vertical and 3-5 miles pending specific tour at a moderate pace. You have to have beacon, shovel and probe and know how to use them. Avy class would be nice but not required. You need to have good downhill skills on your skis. Limit 7.

- Feb 13 **Snowshoe Greens Basin – ntd – 3.0 mi Out & Back – 990’ ascent**
 Sat
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)
Organizer: Mark McKenzie 801-913-8439 mdm571830@gmail.com
 Join Mark for this traditional club favorite. Beginners welcome. Pace determined by participants.
- Feb 14 **Snowshoe - Organizer’s Choice – mod – Moderate pace**
 Sun
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)
Organizer: Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com
 If conditions permit, we’ll do a nice loop. Bring your avalanche safety gear and be prepared for your comfort and safety.
- Feb 14 **Alpine Ski Tour-backcountry – mod+ – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 4000’ ascent – Moderate pace**
 Sun
Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Cheryl Krusko 801-474-3759 ckrusko@gmail.com
 Registration required: Expect 3000+ vertical and 5+ miles at a moderate pace - possible cross canyon tour. You must have a beacon, shovel and probe and know how to use them. . Limit 6. Level: MOD to MOD+
- Feb 15 **Slideshow - 3 Trip Presentations And Surprise Special Treat – 100.0 mi – 1000’ ascent**
 Mon
Meet: 7:00 pm at 6965 S Union Park Ctr, Midvale UT 84047 (Suite 160) If you can’t find the address it’s on the SouthWest corner of 13th East and Fort Union Blvd (Suite 160), inside the Keller Williams Conf room. Enter from West Side of Bldg. Doors locked at 7:10 pm
Organizer: Anthony Hellman 801-809-6133 utahhomes4us@gmail.com
 WMC members present some of their fabulous adventures. Please note: We are looking for presenters: Zig Sondelski will highlight his crazy coast-to-coast bike ride. Frank Nederhand will do a climbing trip to remember. Throw in some River trips with an update on trip organizer mentoring program. Please contact Tony at 801-809-6133 if you’d like to present.
- Feb 15 **Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack’s Mountain – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
 Mon
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
 A brisk and steep 2-hour outing along the ridge behind the “H” rock. Bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Bring a flashlight and dress in layers. Dogs ok.

Feb 18

Thu – *Meet:* Registration required

Feb 21

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

Time for another annual classic- the 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 Tevas, 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 (700 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. In Utah. Note that this trip has traditionally been on the first weekend in March, but last year there were 150 people camping at Arizona Hot Springs, it was a zoo- everybody wants to do this trip. I figured it must be a first of March Spring Break thing, so this year I decided to move it up a week, the weather isn't going to be any different one week earlier, and maybe we would have a little more solitude, at least less of a crowd, doing it in February. I was not amused to find out when I called that the Feb weekend of 26-28 was already taken, and full! So I went for the next week, the first one still open. The fee for the 3 day canoe rental, the per person federal launch fee and the launch and pick up shuttles comes to \$105 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.

Feb 18 **Winter Evening Hike - West Grandeur - ntd+**

Thu

Meet: 6:00 pm at West Grandeur trailhead on Wasatch Blvd approximately 3000 S.

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

Flashlight, studded footwear and your 10 Es. Prompt 6pm departure. This is a very steep hike!

- Feb 18 **Alpine Ski Tour: Thurs Ski Backcountry – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3500' ascent –**
 Thu **Moderate pace**
Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Robert* Myers 801-651-9965 (C) robertmyers47@gmail.com
 Weekly backcountry alpine ski tour in the local Tri-Canyons. This trip is rated as MOD+ and require experience in using your equipment, good alpine techniques using skins, experience with avalanche beacons, selecting good routes, as well as safe terrain. Please email or call by Wednesday evening for time and meeting place. If you have not been on one of my trip, you should call ahead of time.
- Feb 20 **Mount Olympus Winter Hike – msd – 7.5 mi Out & Back – 4200' ascent – Moderate pace**
 Sat
Meet: 8:30 am at Mount Olympus Trailhead, Approximately 5800 South Wasatch Boulevard
Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
 Depending on conditions, this hike could be anything from a miserable MOD to an exhilarating MSD. Some years the group makes the peak, sometimes it's no fun by blister hill. We'll go as far as Micro-spikes will take us. Some might feel more comfortable with an ice axe for the final approach - if we get that far.
- Feb 20 **White Fir Pass Snowshoe – ntd+ – 1500' ascent**
 Sat
Meet: 9:30 am at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)
Organizer: Michael* Budig mbudig@mail.com
 Join Michael and Dianne for an enjoyable trek to White Fir Pass (Mill Creek).
- Feb 20 **Alpine Ski Touring - Introductory Class – ntd+ – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3000' ascent –**
 Sat **Moderate pace**
Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Robert* Myers 801-466-3292(H) or 801-651-9965 (C) robertmyers47@gmail.com
 INTRODUCTORY TO BACKCOUNTRY SKI TOURING - You should have PRIOR experience in resort skiing, using AT equipment or with your Nordic backcountry ski equipment. If you just outfitted yourself in new ski equipment, here is the opportunity. This is not designed as a beginner's class rather this is an introduction to backcountry skiing and you should have some experience on your skis, so that you can enjoy the trip. I strongly suggest an avalanche beacon, shovel, but they are not necessary. Call email to register by Friday evening for meeting place and time.
- Feb 21 **Alpine Ski Tour, Big Cottonwood Canyon – ntd+ – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent –**
 Sun **Moderate pace**
Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Steve 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. Avalanche gear required.

- Feb 21 **Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice Mod Or Mod+ – mod+**
Sun
Meet: 8:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)
Organizer: Deirdre Flynn 801-466-9310 deirdre.flynn@marriott.com
Join Mohamed and Deirdre for a snowshoe in the tri-canyon area. The exact location will be decided the morning of the outing - show up to know where we are going. The group will practice safe backcountry travel techniques. Avalanche safety/rescue equipment is needed as well as knowledge of how to use it. Not sure what that means? Sign up for one of the many avalanche/snow safety classes offered. Remember, we are organizers and not guides. Questions? Email preferred or call before 9 pm.
- Feb 22 **Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
Mon
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
A brisk and steep 2-hour outing along the ridge behind the "H" rock. Bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Bring a flashlight and dress in layers. Dogs ok.
- Feb 23 **Snowshoe, Park City Environs – mod**
Tue
Meet: 10:00 am at Disseminated via the Snowshoe email list
Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way Walmart lot, East side - 2703 Parleys Way
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.
- Feb 24 **Weekday Morning Snowshoe – mod-**
Wed
Meet: 9:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)
Organizer: Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com
A snow jaunt in one of the Cottonwood Canyons. Avalanche safety gear is recommended but not required.
- Feb 25 **Winter Evening Hike - Rattlesnake Gulch – ntd+**
Thu
Meet: 6:00 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride
Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancycmartin@gmail.com
If snow volume allows, we may go through the woods to the ridge above the overlook and down the regular trail. The ridge has some steep spots - the section through the woods is steep! Studded footwear, flashlight and the 10 Es. Prompt 6pm departure.

Feb 25 **Alpine Ski Tour: Thurs Ski Backcountry – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3500’ ascent – Moderate pace**
Thu

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Robert* Myers 801-651-9965 (C) robertmyers47@gmail.com

Weekly backcountry alpine ski tour in the local Tri-Canyons. This trip is rated as MOD+ and require experience in using your equipment, good alpine techniques using skins, experience with avalanche beacons, selecting good routes, as well as safe terrain. Please email or call by Wednesday evening for time and meeting place. If you have not been on one of my trip, you should call ahead of time.

Feb 26 **Bryce Canyon Snowshoe – ntd+ – 3.0 mi**
Fri –

Feb 28 *Meet:* Registration required
Sun

Organizer: Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com

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 snowshoeing, or 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 42\$ on the KSL website (see below). Come down anytime: by leaving friday morning I plan on an afternoon hike on friday before dinner. If you have to work all day, come down and join us friday evening for saturday and sunday hikes. Whether you come Friday morning or evening, its a beautiful weekend you won’t forget. Last year there was not enough snow to cross country ski, but some years there has been deep snow and adventurous skiing. On years when the snow wasn’t even deep enough to snowshoe, we used microspike/yaktraks, as there was still ice on the steep trails in places. Bryce is over 8000 ft in elevation, come prepared for full winter Wasatch conditions; bring your camera, and also your swim suit. Get your room ASAP, the last time they ran a special on KSL it was for a limited time. While some people did get a room with the KSL deal, it is possible that the limit on the number of rooms under this arrangement has already been reached. I understand that now they are offering a winter warmer special, where you pay full price for one night and get the second night for half price, which is not a terrible deal, just not as good as the KSL offer that appears to have been basically a bait and switch. The rooms come out to 52\$ a night instead of 42\$, a difference of 5\$ a bed, if you’re sharing a room. This trip has now maxed out, and is full.

Feb 26 **Motel Car Camp: Yellowstone Wolf-watching – ntd**

Fri – *Meet:* Registration required

Feb 28 *Organizer:* Robert Turner; Julie Kilgore Robert: 801-560-3378; Julie: 801-244-3323
Sun r46turner@gmail.com; jk@wasatch-environmental.com

How about joining in for some winter wolf-watching in Yellowstone Park? It just doesn't get much better than that assuming we see some wolves, of course :-) (no guarantees, but no failures yet in about 1/2 dozen trips over the years). We'll motel it in Gardiner, MT, and drive from there into the Park each day on the only road in Yellowstone kept open in winter: the one between Gardiner and Cooke City, a few miles east of the northeast entrance. We might see wolves anywhere along that road, but the most likely place is Lamar Valley. A few noteworthy considerations: We'll get up very early each morning (4:30-5:00am) and the mornings will be spectacularly cold (20 below or so). The best way to find wolves is to drive the road, so we won't spend much time hiking, snowshoeing or whatever. The drive to Gardiner in the winter is about 500 miles since we can't go through the Park to get there; so we will leave Thursday evening, Feb 25, and drive about halfway that night. We'll need to leave no later than 5-6pm, but could leave much earlier and drive farther, depending on the group's interest and availability. Robert Turner and Julie Kilgore will be your co-organizers. Contact one of them for more details and to register.

Feb 27 **Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice – mod – Moderate pace**

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

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

If conditions permit, we'll do a nice loop. Bring your avalanche safety gear and be prepared for your comfort and safety.

Feb 27 **Snowshoe In Big Cottonwood – ntd – 3.0 mi Out & Back – Moderate pace**

Sat *Meet:* 8:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)

Organizer: Teri Jenkins 801-661-4452 teridawnjen@gmail.com

We will do an easy snowshoe somewhere in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Beginners are welcome. We will travel at a moderate pace and enjoy the scenery. Dress in layers.

Feb 27 **Alpine Ski Tour Modish Wanderings – mod**

Sat *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 will@commercialchemistries.com

We will decide where to go based on snow and avy conditions the day of the tour. Expect 2500-3000 vertical and 3-5 miles pending specific tour at a moderate pace. You have to have beacon, shovel and probe and know how to use them. Avy class would be nice but not required. You need to have good downhill skills on your skis. Limit 7.

- Feb 28 Snowshoe- Organizers Choice – mod-**
Sun
Meet: 8:45 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)
Organizer: David Andrenyak 801-582-6106 andrenyakda@aim.com
 We will choose a trip based on snow conditions, weather, and group interest. Please remember the 10 Es and snow safety equipment. Plan for a 9:00 am departure from the meeting place.
- Feb 29 Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
Mon
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
 A brisk and steep 2-hour outing along the ridge behind the “H” rock. Bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Bring a flashlight and dress in layers. Dogs ok.
- Mar 1 Road Bike Planning Meeting For 2016 – ntd-**
Tue
Meet: 6:30 pm at REI AT 3285 East 3300 South Meeting room on east side.
Organizer: Cindy Crass 801-803-1336 dohenyrose27@gmail.com
 Come one, come all to the planning meeting for a GREAT road biking season. Bring your ideas, your suggestions, your plans, etc. We will have an REI speaker on safety equipment, primarily but not exclusively lighting, and also a special guest of Carrie Clark. Will also have a primer on using the website to plan a ride. THERE WILL BE COOKIES.
- Mar 3 Alpine Ski Tour: Thurs Ski Backcountry – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace**
Thu
Meet: Registration required
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- Mar 6 Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice Mod Or Mod+ – mod+**
Sun
Meet: 8:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)
Organizer: Deirdre Flynn 801-466-9310 deirdre.flynn@marriott.com
 Join Mohamed and Deirdre for a snowshoe in the tri-canyon area. The exact location will be decided the morning of the outing - show up to know where we are going. The group will practice safe backcountry travel techniques. Avalanche safety/rescue equipment is needed as well as knowledge of how to use it. Not sure what that means? Sign up for one of the many avalanche/snow safety classes offered. Remember, we are organizers and not guides. Questions? Email preferred or call before 9 pm.

Mar 10 **Alpine Ski Tour: Thurs Ski Backcountry – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3500’ ascent –**
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Mar 13
Sun – *Meet:* Registration required

Mar 15
Tue *Organizer:* Michael Berry 801-750-1915 mcber.ut@gmail.com

Cross-country skiing. Three-day, 2 night yurt trip for ‘Spring Break’. Groomed trails and back country options available from in the Bear River Outdoor Alliance (BRORA) yurt system of 5 yurts. Yurt cost is \$50.00 per night divided by number of participants. This trip is currently FULL, but you can request to be on the waiting list.

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Mar 21 **Slideshow - 3 Trip Presentations And Surprise Special Treat – 100.0 mi – 1000’ ascent**
Mon

Meet: 7:00 pm at 6965 S Union Park Ctr, Midvale UT 84047 (Suite 160) If you can’t find the address it’s on the SouthWest corner of 13th East and Fort Union Blvd (Suite 160), inside the Keller Willams Conf room. Enter from West Side of Bldg. Doors locked at 7:10 pm

Organizer: Anthony Hellman 801-809-6133 utahhomes4us@gmail.com

WMC members present some of their fabulous adventures. Please note: We are looking for presenters: Robert Turner will do a slideshow from the Winter Wolf Watch. Please contact Tony at 801-809-6133 if you’d like to present.

Mar 24 **Alpine Ski Tour: Thurs Ski Backcountry – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3500’ ascent –**
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Mar 26 **Nordic Ski Tour: Kings Peak – msd – 32.0 mi Out & Back – 4600’ ascent – Fast pace**
Sat
Meet: 5:00 pm at Parleys Way Walmart lot, East side - 2703 Parleys Way, Salt Lake City, UT

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

A WMC ‘Special Activity’: That larger than life character ñ Harold Goodro ñ used to call high performing WMCers ‘goats’. With that in mind this is the 43rd annual ‘running of the goats’. Conditions look really good in Henrys Fork this year. As usual we will meet (optional) on Friday night for possible car-pooling at the Walmart parking lot on Parleys Way about 5:00 pm and leave shortly for Evanston and JB’s restaurant (also optional), a couple of long blocks from the first Evanston exit (#3) and next to the Days Inn. The only required registration is by sign-up at the HF parking area where we camp. Head-lamps are mandatory. The usual morning wake-up rounds are made at 4:00 am. We start before dawn and finish after dark. Bring lots of water. Climbing skins can be handy but not essential. Standard touring gear is best. For attempting to summit, reaching Gunsight Pass by 12:00 noon is advised. Summit goal is by 2:30 pm with 4:00 pm mandatory turn-around no matter where you are. Elkhorn Crossing (NTD) or Gunsight Pass (MOD) are the most common destinations and turn-around points. The entire trip is scenic with great views. It is a classic! We carry out all waste paper, including TP, so plan for it. The first part of the trip is sheltered so we start out no matter the weather. We all track the same route for safety. Contact Larry or Steve (801-272-5750, stephenswa@gmail.com) if you plan to ski camp in the Henrys Fork for a higher start or plan to start extra early on 4/26.

Mar 31 **Alpine Ski Tour: Thurs Ski Backcountry – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3500’ ascent – Moderate pace**
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Apr 8 **Maze Sampler Car Camp – mod**

Fri –
Apr 12 *Meet:* Registration required

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

Sample diverse parts of this lesser visited section of Canyonlands. Campsites are reserved for Panorama Point, Maze Overlook, and Golden Stairs. Hikes will include the Harvest Scene and the Fins. Number of participants will be limited by 4WD vehicle availability.

- Apr 9 **Yellowstone Hike-paced Bike Ride – 30.0 mi Out & Back – Slow pace**
 Sat – *Meet:* Registration required
 Apr 10
 Sun *Organizer:* Ron and Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
 Join Julie for this annual pre-season road bike trek into Yellowstone the weekend before the park is open to cars. The park service is preparing for the season so the roads will be plowed, but being flexible is key. Plan A is a SLOW MEANDERING bike ride from West Yellowstone to Terrace Springs, intentionally taking about 4 hours for a 30-mile round trip. Plan B will be dictated by whatever Mother Nature is dishing out that morning. Whatever the conditions, Ron's fried chicken will be waiting upon the return. Come prepared for every combination of sun/snow/rain/wind/hot/cold. Base camp is the Kilgore cabin in Island Park, which can hold about 12 people depending on the make-up of the group. Because of the limited space, RSVP priority will be given to WMC members.
- May 8 **Rock Climb - West Slabs**
 Sun *Meet:* Registration required
Organizer: Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com
 Mount Olympus - The West Slabs - 10 Pitch Trad - Simul Climb. Please thoroughly read the description on mountain project before considering this activity. This activity will be limited to 8 people (4 pairs). Each pair will need one 60 m rope, one trad rack, and the ability to lead and simul climb on trad. All participants must wear a helmet and free soloing will not be allowed. Please also consider that the approach and descent may require crampons, route finding, and enjoyable bush whacking.
- May 19
 Thu – *Meet:* 12:00 pm at City of Rocks / Castle Rocks Idaho
 May 22
 Sun *Organizer:* John Butler 801-718-4166 john@utahman.com
 Proposing a trip to CoR/CR. Ellen and I, along with a small group will be staying in the Smokey Mountain State Park down by Almo and not in the City of Rocks proper. We plan on spending time at Castle Rocks as well as in City of Rocks. Reserve your favorite campsites and we'll figure out how to meet and climb while up there.
- Jun 28 **River Trip Planning Meeting For The 4th Of July Payette**
 Tue *Meet:* 7:00 pm at Boat Shed - 4340 S 300 W
Organizer: Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com
 We will work out meal groups and menus, boats and paddlers, and cars and transportation. In other words, all of the final planning for this trip, you'll need to be here to go-everybody will have a role to play to contribute to this 4 day and 1000 mile trip. Bring a campchair, a drink, and pencil and paper to take notes. We will not actually be IN the boat shed, we will meet in the parking lot of the Flower Patch, right next to the shed, at 4340 South Commerce Dr. (300 west) just up the street from the McDonalds.

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