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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alexis Kelner Conservation Award

In 1988, the Alexis Kelner Conservation Award was established to recognize those who have given distinguished service to the cause of Utah Conservation. The establishment of the awards was, in fact, a formalization of a trend started some years earlier for honoring individuals who had contributed significantly to the preservation and conservation of Utah's public lands.

In November 2018, the WMC recognized the Corner Canyon Trails Foundation, which has been instrumental in promoting and protecting the open space areas of Draper and constructing an extensive network of multi-use hiking/biking/equestrian trails. The mission of the Foundation is "Making mountain adventures possible through pathways to the outdoors in the Corner Canyon and surrounding areas." The WMC board recently approved a \$5,000 grant to assist the Corner Canyon Trails Foundation in building the new "Phantom" hiking-only trail in the Ghost Falls area.

A complete list of past Alexis Kelner Conservation Award recipients can be found on the WMC website under the General Menu, or by clicking [this link](#).

Pa Parry Award

Pa Parry Award: Clarence (Pa) Parry was one of the early members of the Wasatch Mountain Club and a jeweler by trade. In 1954, Pa initiated an award to be given to a member who had given exceptional service to the Club.

In November 2018, the WMC honored Brett Smith for all of the volunteer work he has done for the Wasatch Mountain Club including serving on the board, organizing numerous hiking tours, his extensive back country knowledge, leading the WMC team of the multi-agency Mt. Olympus Saddle-to-Summit cairn building project, his many years of coordination and leadership on the Mt. Olympus trailhead trash and graffiti cleanup team, his years of work on Bonneville Shoreline Trail in many segments, and his liaison with the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee.

A complete list of past Pa Parry award recipients can be found on the WMC website under the General Menu, or by clicking [this link](#).

WMC Approve Corner Canyon Grant

[Partnering](#) with Corner Canyon, Wasatch Mountain Club approves \$5,000 grant towards construction of [new hiking-only trail](#).

Rambler Articles

The Rambler editor needs more submittals of trip writeups and other WMC-specific content. The Rambler is what the members make it. Send feedback on the Rambler to gro.bulcniatnuomhctasaw@relbmar or contact any board member.

THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB AND THE LODGE CONNECTION

By JoDene Arakelian

The Wasatch Mountain Club was organized in the early 20th century so as to allow like-minded individuals to participate in outdoor activities, to promote outdoor interests and conservation, and generally to organize social activities oriented towards outdoor pursuits.

The Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge was built and finished by the early founding members of the Club in 1930 and is the only remaining log structure in Big Cottonwood Canyon from that era that has survived fire, snow, and other natural forces of destruction. The Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge is constructed of native timber and stone and is located on land leased from the U.S. Forest Service.

Historically, the Lodge has been a center for Club social activities and outdoor events as well as being available for rentals by persons and organizations other than the Club. Due to its historical and cultural significance it has been listed on the National Registration of Historic Places.

By the early 2000s, use of the building by Club members had diminished significantly. At the same time, costs of upkeep and maintenance had increased with age. The cost of leasing the ground from the Forest Service, and the increasing property tax obligation, placed the Lodge in a financially difficult position. In order to continue operating the Lodge as in the past, the Club would have been required to absorb substantial increases in cost and effort. These increases were not generally supported by Club membership, and significantly exceeded projected income from rentals. The Lodge, however, was still valued by many Club members, and by the community, as an important historical and cultural resource.

To this end, the Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation was setup in 2010 as a charitable organization [501(c)3], capable of receiving donations, gifts, historical grants, and other benefits to help with the preservation and maintenance of the Lodge as well as other charitable and public-service purposes.

The Club and the Foundation have maintained a symbiotic relationship for the last 9 years. The Club continues to use the Lodge for social events. The Foundation sponsors fund-raising events, applies for grants, and manages the rental of the Lodge in order to pay for upkeep and maintenance. The Lodge is after many years, finally operating in the black, but the funds for maintaining and upgrading the Lodge are always stretched. Without the volunteer efforts of many Club members and Foundation friends, the Lodge would have fallen into disrepair. Many of the volunteer workers belong to that generation that remembers the Lodge as a major social center for the Club. However, this generation of volunteers is slowing aging and will soon no longer be able to contribute as much. For this reason, the Foundation is continually asking Club members to donate time, material, and funds towards the maintenance of the Lodge. We hope in the near future to have sufficient income to operate without reliance on volunteers. Until that time, we ask for your continued support.

The next Foundation Fundraiser is the Annual Dutch-Oven Cookoff to be held this summer. Look for more information in the coming months.

For more information about the Lodge, [see www.wasatchmountainlodge.org](http://www.wasatchmountainlodge.org).

CLIMBING DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Kathleen Waller and Neil Schmidt

Welcome to the 2019 climbing season. Some things to consider as we get ready for another exciting outdoor climbing season:

- It's time to **clean, inspect, and update** your **gear**. Reliable gear is critical not only to your safety, but also to your climbing partners.
 - Textiles typically have a 10 year life span - anything older should be replaced.
 - Anything more than one millimeter of wear on any metal products could prove dangerous. Worn metal gear should be retired.



Rock climbing is an inherently dangerous activity and all participants should demonstrate a general competence of **safety** techniques.

- **Communication** is vital. Communication language and techniques should be agreed upon between the climber and belayer prior to the start of the climb. The goal for effective communication is to provide direct and concise commands and replies that minimize the discussion required to relay information. Communication should direct an impending action, and therefore should clearly initiate that action. Communication may also be used to affirm the completion of an action. Additional communication information will be provided in upcoming issues of the Rambler.
- As the **belayer**, your responsibility is to the climber. Distractions should be minimized until the “Off Belay” or “Off Rappel” command is issued. As the climber, you should discuss the belayer’s experience and comfort on belay prior to starting the climb. Please remember that it is always ok to ask for help and instruction if you are not comfortable or proficient at belaying.
- Cleaning and **repelling** requires experience and proficiency. Belayers should provide a fireman belay when a climber is preparing for and completing the repel. Again, ask for help and instruction if you are not proficient at cleaning and repelling.
- **Helmets** are required at all times. Helmets provide protection while climbing, belaying, and hanging out the crags.

Climbing **etiquette** includes basic courtesy for others and the area.

- Consider the size of your climbing group. If there are more than 8 people, it is considerate to split up and go to more than one crag.
- The most popular routes often see heavy traffic. Be patient and share the routes. Ask other climbers what they are hoping to climb and work to accommodate other teams.
- Climbing areas receive significant use and impacts. Practice **Leave-No-Trace** ethics while climbing by packing out all trash including food waste, human waste, and pet waste. Do you carry a human waste bag in your climbing pack?

Climbing clinics for beginners are offered in the spring, with more advanced topics covered throughout the season.

- Follow the WMC activity calendar for workshops on the fundamentals of rock climbing. If you have always wanted to experience climbing, are rusty and just want a refresher, or just want to improve your fundamental skills, these workshops are your chance. This is also a great opportunity to meet and learn with other climbers.
- Experienced climbers who wish to share their expertise are welcome to volunteer and to organize climbing clinics.

WMC ROCK CLIMBING POLICIES

Rock climbing, mountaineering and canyoneering are inherently dangerous activities. The policies listed below are not all inclusive and do not replace common sense. It is always at the discretion of the Mountaineering/Climbing Directors to require organizers to change or cancel activities as required to maintain safety.

- Many rock climbing activities, usually including regularly scheduled evening climbs, are suitable for a wide range of skill and experience level as long as the participants have the minimum required safety gear and skill level listed below. These types of climbs are usually single pitch sport climbs and may be listed as "just show up" rather than "by registration". Organizers for these types of climbs have no obligation to screen participants. They are generally just organizing the destination, time, etc.
- Anyone participating in the above type of rock climbing activities should have (as a minimum): Top rope belay experience, appropriate harness, belay device with locking carabiner, and helmet.
- Rock climbing activities that require a higher skill level, such as multi-pitch, should be listed as "by registration" to allow the organizer to screen the skill and experience level of participants, and organizers are expected to do so.
- Participants that are doing things that are more technical, such as lead climbing or cleaning a top rope anchor, are expected to have the proper gear and training.
- The universal belay standard (as defined by the American Alpine Club) shall be used.
- Anchors should be built per accepted standards. (SERENE = Solid, Equalized, Redundant, Efficient, No Extension)
- Helmets are required for anyone participating in a club climbing activity (climbing or belaying).
- All class 5 climbing should be protected including accessing exposed anchors for top roping.
- Rappelling after cleaning a route (rather than lowering) is the preferred method and the climber cleaning the route should communicate their intent in advance. The belayer should always offer a fireman's belay for the rappel.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE RAMBLER: APRIL 1969

Transcribed by Donn Seeley, WMC trustee

CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL '69 [...]

April 11 RIVER RATS PREVIEW Last year's boating party was a sardine-can affair with people packed on the stairway and hanging from the chandeliers. We hope that the crowd will be the same size this year. New and prospective members are especially welcome. We'll see one of the Club's "fleet" of 10-man rafts inflated (in the dining room), look at the kinds of gear you need for a river trip, see movies of earlier club trips, go over the river-running schedule, accept deposits for trips, and try to answer all your questions. Bring 25¢ to pay for beer or 15¢ for soft drinks; snacks are free. 7:30 p.m. at the Viavants ([...]).

April 22 KAYAKERS, PROSPECTIVE AND VETERAN: Meet for a living room kayak party. There will be an exhibit of boats and equipment, and discussions of boatbuilding, techniques, and future kayak trips. Possibly there will be a film. [...] At Cal Giddings' [...]

LETTERS

Dear Wasatch Club members:

Very glad to receive that Jan. 69 issue of The Rambler, with its extensive list of activities. Very good, the extensions of Park and Wilderness lands that fit in so nicely for group exploration such as our old W.M.C.

Just recently saw that Petzoldt now age 61, led a winter attempt on the Grand Teton. That is lasting pretty good. He was the one who led our first WMC climb of the Grand T way back in about 1935 — back in the days of Odell Petersen, Dean Green, Pa Perry, Dave Sims, and various others of us in ancient history.

Well, keep up the good work and the climbing ambition, especially as better roads and better cars keep enlarging the range of available scenery.

Please remember me to the old timers. Tell them I'm still climbing, but of course choosing much tamer objectives now.

Sincerely, Homer A. Collins

[Paul Petzoldt (1908-1999) was the founder of NOLS; his first ascent of the Grand Teton was in 1924 at the age of 16. Homer Collins was the head of the committee that built the WMC lodge, and was president of the WMC in 1936.]

LITTLE MOUNTAIN SNOWSHOE

FEBRUARY 16, 2019

Organized by Akiko

Kamimura // Trip Report by

Akiko Kamimura // Photos by

Akiko Kamimura

The original location of this snowshoe was the Uintas. Due to high avalanche risks and poor driving conditions, we decided to snowshoe to Little Mountain in Emigration Canyon. There was lots of snow even at the trailhead parking. When we started, it was cloudy and windy. On the ridgeline, we snowshoed to North Mountain Dell-Emigration Hill via Little Mountain Summit, West Little Mountain, and South Mountain Dell-Emigration Hill. We then made South Little Mountain. While having lunch at South Little Mountain, it became sunny. During the descent, we enjoyed beautiful views and sunny weather. *Group photo. From left – Akiko, Dave L, Simon, Michi, Dave A, and Muhammed*



CASTLE ROCK, STANSBURY ISLAND HIKE

MARCH 2, 2019

Organized by Julie Kilgore // Trip Report by

Andee Thatcher // Photos by Akiko Kamimura

Reaching 6649ft in elevation, Castle Rock is the highest point on the Stansbury Island which is located west of Salt Lake City. Often bypassed for the more trodden Antelope Island, Stansbury offers a more remote cross country hike with no

bushwhacking and an open terrain. We headed up the mountain along the fence line that separated us from the privately owned area. When we reached the first gulley, we post holed up the mountain until we reached the ridgeline. This is a fabulous ridgeline with bouldering, ascending, descending, and everything in between. Due to the wintry conditions, many easily maneuvered areas required more finesse and involved some group decisions. Overall, our team completely defeated this peak seconds before the heavy fog settled. Total distance was 9.4 miles with 3000+ft gain. Participates included Akiko, Andee, Julie, Bart, Russell, Aleck, Sue, and Bruce. *Group photo at Castle Rock. From left - Front, Akiko, Andee, and Julie. Back, Bart, Russell, Alec, Sue, and Bruce.*

2019 YELLOWSTONE WINTER WOLF WATCH

FEBRUARY 21-24, 2019

Organized by Robert Turner and Julie Kilgore // Trip report by Merilynn Kessi // Photos by Julie Kilgore

Once again, Yellowstone did not disappoint the 20 hardy clubbers who travelled to Gardiner, MT for this year's trip. We were rewarded with wolf sightings, lots of other wildlife, and the sheer beauty of Yellowstone in the winter.



Friday brought bright sunshine, a clear blue sky, and frigid temperatures that hovered in the -20's during the morning and climbed to a "balmy" +16 in the afternoon. A bison carcass not far from the road attracted a steady stream of hungry animals and curious humans. We all saw coyotes, magpies, and ravens feasting on the remains and a few lucky ones also saw a lone wolf enjoying a meal. Several other wolves were spotted in the distance.

As always there were plenty of bison, some creating traffic jams as they meandered down the black top. Coyotes, big horn sheep, and elk were scattered throughout the park. Some people also saw fox, a snowshoe rabbit, a few moose, and even an elusive otter. In addition to wildlife spotting many of our group enjoyed snowshoeing or cross country skiing, either on their own or with a park ranger guide.



Thanks to chefs Debbie, Julie and Steven, as well as contributions from everyone else. We enjoyed two delicious dinners and Sunday breakfast at the motel where we commandeered the entire lower level of one of the buildings. The group also enjoyed the traditional Saturday breakfast in Cooke City so no one went home hungry. The trip home on Sunday was a bit dicey due to a snowstorm but luckily everyone made it back safely with some great pictures and

lots of good memories. *Front: Stephen Dennis, Debbie Rittenhouse, Alfred & Merilynn Kessi, Mounia Collins, Da Yang, Susan Riedley, Ron Kilgore, Roy Y, Matt Turner, Robert Turner, Da Yang's Mom. Back: Turtle, Rod Collins, Deb and Alex Rudd, Carol Masheter, Julie Kilgore, Robert Wiptel, Shawn Bagci // She Wolf 1118F*

WEST UINTAS SNOWSHOE HIKE - MINE TRAIL

FEBRUARY 23, 2019

Organized by Dave Andrenyak // Trip Report by Dave Andrenyak // Photos by Akiko Kamimura

On a mostly cloudy day, our group hiked with snowshoes on the Mine Trail in the West Uintas. The Mine Trail is one of the side trails off of the Beaver Creek Trail. We steadily ascended through forest areas that were a mix of conifers and aspen trees. Some sections of the forest were open and permitted big views of the west part of the Uintas. The trail ended on the west flank of the ridge between the Beaver Creek Valley and the Woodland Valleys. We climbed a short distance up the wide ridge to a high point that featured a wonderful view looking west at Mount Timpanogos and other Wasatch peaks. The hike also offered great views looking north at the Yellow Pine Drainage and the Castle Peak area. The snowy weather over the past few weeks formed a deep and extensive snowpack in the West Uintas. The hike participants were Akiko Kamimura, Muhammed Raja, and Dave Andrenyak (organizer). Thank you participants for being there on a great hike! *Group photo. Muhammed, Akiko, and Dave*



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ALPINE SKI TOUR IN THE UINTAS - BEAVER CREEK AREA

MARCH 3, 2019

Organized by Kathleen Waller // Trip

*Report by Kathleen Waller // Photos by
Kathleen Waller*

The Uintas have been getting a ton of snow this year and at low elevations providing great skiing on easy to access terrain. We met at 10:00am at South Summit High School in Kamas and carpooled to the Slate Creek trailhead parking lot. This is also the location of the beginning of the popular Beaver Creek Nordic Ski Trail. The forest service grooms the Beaver Creek trail twice a week. And dogs are

allowed on the trail every odd day. The Beaver Creek trail area is closed to snowmobiles. It took our group only a couple of minutes to walk up to the bottom of north facing slopes along the groomed trail. We warmed up by skinning up short 15 minute accents and skiing a couple of short runs with dense trees but great snow and great coverage. Each run brought us back to the groom track. Less than five minutes up the groom track, we headed up a longer approach and skied through more trees with great snow and great coverage. Another ten minutes up the groom track, we found more short runs with very short accents. Our last run of the day began with us following the Cedar Hollow trail up to the top of a promising knoll. The approach was longer than the other ascents but the climb was a very gentle pitch. This run was the best of the day. The trees were sparse, the snow was powder, and the run was long with amazing turns all the way back to the groomed track. A short ski down the Beaver Creek groomed track brought us quickly back to our cars. This was a great day for getting in many quick runs. This is a great place to get away from the crowds and into soft and plentiful snow. *Skier enjoying the powder*

Join Bob Norris for this year's trek in Nepal. Tentative dates are September 22 through October 10. For this year, I am thinking of going up the Khumbu to Namche and then up to Goyko. We will pass through Apa Sherpa's home village of Thame and stay in his family's lodge. We will also visit my friend Tsedam Sherpa's boarding school for poor children in the area called Home Away from Home. Exclusive of plane fare, trip is all inclusive. If you have interest in more information call me at 801-943-6039 or mail at bobnepal@comcast.net. Limit of 8 people.

GOBBLERS KNOB SNOWSHOE

MARCH 9, 2019

Organized by Michael Hannan and Lana Christiansen // Trip Report by Michael Hannan // Photos by Michael Hannan and Akiko Kamimura

Our hardy group of ten souls departed the gate to the Terraces picnic area on the Millcreek Canyon road at 10 minutes after 7 o'clock. A crisp temperature of 23 degrees and the fact that recent snows had undoubtedly left us with strenuous trail breaking didn't deter us from attempting our goal, Gobblers Knob, the highest peak between Millcreek and Big Cottonwood Canyon. The mere 4 inches of fresh snow at the trailhead was only a hint of the much deeper snow we would be marching through above 8,000'.

The real work began beyond White Fir Pass, for nary a person had ventured beyond that point for several days. When we broke away from the Bowman Fork Trail at 7,900', the slow plodding work of snowshoeing in 14" of fresh snow began in earnest. We rotated the responsibilities, dividing turns at the head of the conga line into 5-minute segments. This served us well, the only snag being that some of the more "exuberant" members wanted to run away from the group. Gentle reminders and a couple of outright chastisements reined in these innocent go-getters and we reached key points on schedule. Only one steep north-facing slope posed a risk of a slide but even this 250' vertical climb proved stable and safe.



We ascended the so-called west ridge with the aid of a nice set of ski tracks. At the intersection of the west ridge with Gobblers north ridge, Brent left us because of a time commitment. From there we marveled at the pillowy cornices which had formed giant white muffins overhanging Alexander Basin. Forty-five minutes of steady work put us on the snowy top of Gobblers about 5 hours and 30 minutes after our first enthusiastic steps from the trailhead. With gentle breezes and breathtaking views, we ate, took pictures, and all felt elated at our success. But, as we all know, we were only halfway finished. On our descent we really took full advantage of the generous deep snow, each of us heel-plunging our own trails down the ridges. It was like walking on marshmallows and occasionally provided a good hearty laugh as balance was lost on a steep drift and the extrication efforts were comedic in nature.

With the snow being so deep we all decided to wear our snowshoes to the trailhead. It had warmed up to 32 degrees by then and that combined with a fine round trip time of well under 9 hours which made for broad smiles and

high fives at the completion of a successful winter trip to Gobblers Knob. The group dynamics had been superb and it made us all once more keenly aware of what a fine organization we belong to. *Group Summit photo.*

Front from left - Michi, Michael, Akiko, Tracy, and Phil. Back from left - Greg, Jim, Taylor, & Lana



ESCAPE INTO WINTER AT DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

FEBRUARY 10-15, 2019

*Organized by Cheryl Soshnik // Trip Report
by Rob Jones // Photos by Rob Jones*

An abbreviated group of 20 bikers and hikers enjoyed yet another edition of the Winter Escape to Death Valley National Park. This is the 20th plus year of the Escape, initially organized by Bob Wright and now capably

organized by Cheryl Sosnik. This year it sometimes felt like "Escape Into Winter," and the changeable weather was the reason for the smaller group.

The crenulated chocolate brown meets the folded tilted blonde of rocks of Star Wars fame during a hike of the Golden-Gower loop. Several of us WMCers hiked this loop during the first Escape day because of building, buffeting winds.

Bikers enjoyed a lilting 36-mile tour to below sea level at Badwater during the second day, the loop enhanced by Barb Gardner and Greg Lott, who added on the knee-straining climb to Artist Palette. The air was crystal clear, providing long-ranging views to the Death Valley highpoint, Telescope Peak, currently cloaked in a mantle of snow. Amazingly, the second law of bicycling (the wind is always in your face) failed to materialize. This failure of law 2 was most excellent because many of us riders had on our wind gear and leggings all day, brrr. We returned to help Robert Turner prepare a scrumptious Dutch oven meal of chicken, potatoes, onions, carrots, yummy stuff, enjoyed by a warming fire. Thanks Robert!

Day three started with welcome hot pancakes and beverages. The group splintered, with some riding to Amargosa Divide or Dante View, climbs of 3,000' or 5,000' feet. Greg may have been the only rider to make it to Dante's View. The elevation drop back to Furnace Creek Camp was a chiller, requiring wind mitts and ear bands. Others hiked a variety of the many walking venues today, some hiking with members of the Minnesota Rovers Outdoors Club, who were camped nearby.

Day four drizzle reminded us that we had escaped into Winter. At least it's not snow, yet not a day for biking. The WMC group was flung far, hiking, visiting historical





sites. Rob Paull and I hiked Telephone Canyon to Telephone Arch (actually a natural bridge) - it actually looks like a (now old style) phone handset. Employing the umbrellas upon leaving the vehicle, we walked to the arch and then an arrastre site. An Arrastra (or Arastra, Arrastre) is a primitive mill for grinding and pulverizing (typically) gold or silver ore. The simplest form of the arrastra is two or more flat-bottomed drag stones placed in a circular pit paved with flat stones, and connected to a center post by a long arm. With a horse, mule, or human providing power at the other end of the arm, the stones were dragged slowly around in

a circle, crushing the ore. Rob and I involved ourselves in happy hour snacks while driving back to Furnace Creek Camp for the official happy hour, followed by Cheryl's tequila and alfredo sauces over noodles dinner around another welcome warming fire. Rain would seriously set in the next day, fouling moods, roads, and plans.

Trip members included Cheryl Soshnik, Rob Paull, Robert Turner, Dave and Susan Rabinger, Dave Rumbellow and Michelle Couderic, Angie and Don Vincent, Donna and Ron Smith, Steven and Lesli Gadd, Jen Heineman, Mike and Diane Budig, Greg Lott, Randy Burns and Janet Hernandez, and your reporter, Rob Jones. Look forward to an expanded version of this report at: <http://wildernessvagabond.com/>

Photos: Page 14: Greg and Rob P // Group at Zabriskie Point // Page 15: Rob P in Telephone // Rob P and Greg in Gower





CANYONEERING BOX CANYON

FEBRUARY 9, 2019

Organized by Shane Wallace // Trip Report by Shane Wallace // Photos by Shane Wallace

We had an amazing canyoneering trip in Box Canyon last month!!! Box Canyon is located within Maple Canyon. In normal conditions, not filled with ice and snow, it is a beginner friendly canyon and is a unique experience given the nature of the conglomerate rock.

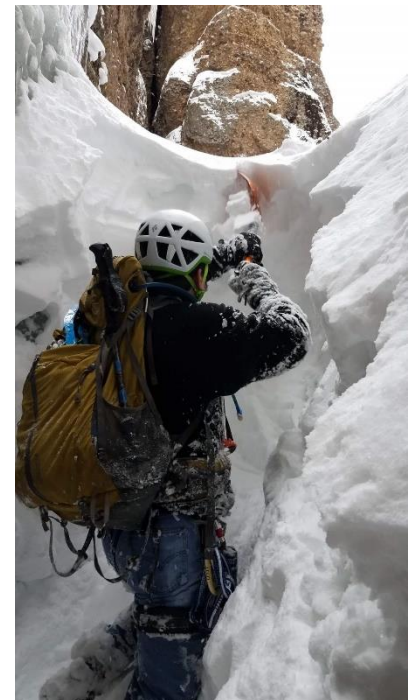
For this trip, snow and ice was expected and Katy was awesome giving us two on-site updates prior to the trip. We went prepared with snowshoes, poles and ice spikes in addition to our regular canyoneering gear. Along with an avalanche shovel that Randy had that turned out to be a great idea. Oh, and some Thai Chi Latte in a thermos that most enjoyed a sip of on occasion. I had hope that we

could get the 4-wheelers up to the trailhead but the snow was just too soft.

Sooooo off we went. It was about two miles to the trailhead and then another mile to the first rap. The first two miles were easy with the snowshoes and the packed nature of the road but became more difficult when we started blazing our own trail along the ridge to the first rap. In some places, the trailblazers were sinking to their hips even with snowshoes! Just before the first rap, there was a nice down climb. We stopped there and exchanged snowshoes for ice spikes. Surprisingly, the spikes weren't slippery on the bare rock surfaces. The first rap was found in good shape and still well above the snow line. It is about 100' high. After that rap, we tramped through knee to waist deep snow, enjoying how beautiful the canyon was in its winter wonderland condition. Frozen water drainages and unique situations to navigate due to the snow. Sometimes the down climbs were just snow slides!

Near the last rap, the canyon makes a sharp left turn. In that part of the canyon, it is about six feet wide. As I made the turn, I saw an obstacle that was going to be a unique challenge to overcome. A small snow slide had filled the section with about 20' of snow! Call it the winter crux! This is where the shovel came in. Three of us took turns trying to knock it down so we could get over it. Randy was the last to dig as the rest of us waited patiently, ate some food and tried to stay warm. As I was changing out of some wet clothes I looked up to see that Randy had dug a tunnel through the remaining part! It was the highlight of the trip for me.

We continued to the last rap and found it in it's expected condition as well. As we reached the main road it was almost dark. It was a long day but that was expected due to the unexpected nature of this trip. A huge thanks to everyone for their participation and willingness to handle the challenges the canyon presented. We had an amazing time and we will most definitely do it again! *Photos: Randy Clement in the snow tunnel // Digging through the snow slide*



Date Activity

Apr Shoulder Season Evening Hike - Mt Olympus – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace

1 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Mount Olympus Trailhead (5789 Wasatch Blvd, Holladay, UT)

Mon *Organizer:* Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com

Plan on a prompt 6pm departure from the trail head. The group will start together, stay within reasonable proximity of each other, and end together. Dogs OK.

Apr Annual Hiking Organizer Meeting/training - Rsvp Details In Description

2 *Meet:* 6:00 pm at REI Salt Lake City (3285 E 3300 S) meeting room

Tue *Organizer:* Michele Stancer 619-368-9589 Michele.stancer@gmail.com

Join us for the annual Hiking Organizer meeting at the Salt Lake REI meeting room. We will cover the fundamentals of organizing hikes, car camps and backpacking events. Never organized a hike? Occasional organizer? Experienced at all types of events? This get together is for you! We will cover the essentials and share some tips to ensure your hike is successful. We will start with pizza, drinks and socializing at 6pm. The meeting will start promptly at 6:30. PLEASE RSVP by 3/31 to hikingdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org so we can plan for food. Hope to see you there!

Apr Wmc Board Meeting

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

Wed *Organizer:* Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 president@wasatchmountainclub.org

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

Apr Black Canyon Canoeing Trip, Colorado River Below Hoover Dam – flat water – 13.0 mi

4 *Meet:* 11:00 am at Car pooling from SLC to Boulder City, NV can be worked out once we have a Thu list of participants.

– *Carpool:* 11:00 am at Carpooling to Boulder City, NV to be determined at a pre-trip meeting.

Apr *Organizer:* Tom Hamann 801-712-0454 & 801-556-6241 tdhamann1@msn.com,

7 cindyspangler@gmail.com

Sun Three day trip on the Colorado River below Hoover Dam. Easy short days in a canoe, canyoneering, hiking, scrambling, exploring caves and canyons, soaking in natural hot springs along the way. Camping out 2 nights by the river. Kid friendly trip over spring break. Outfitter for canoe rentals and transportation to the river is, Desert Adventures. Cost approximately \$117 per person. You will need camping and hiking gear. Should be a warm weather trip, tee-shirts, shorts and sandals mostly. You must sign up and pay the canoe fee by March 5th. Call, text or email Tom Hamann or Cindy Sprangler with any questions. However please sign up with the link below. https://drive.google.com/open?id=1_qSl4heGna5uKeKrdBX7-mG2HCMEN7bffK7w1NL6OZO

Apr Evening Hike - Mt. Olympus To The Stream Or More – ntd+ – Moderate pace

4 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Mount Olympus Trailhead (5789 Wasatch Blvd, Holladay, UT)

Thu *Organizer:* Nancy Munger 801-419-5554 nancycmartin@gmail.com

Prompt 6pm departure from the trailhead. Bring your 10 Es and footwear appropriate for the conditions.

Apr Rock Climb - Pete's Rock

4 *Meet:* 5:30 pm at Mt Olympus trailhead parking lot. Approach starts from the north end of the lot Thu and takes approximately 15 seconds.

Organizer: Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com

April is the time to start climbing outside in the lowlands, where the snow isn't still making the rock wet & cold. Pete's Rock has no approach, a number of good top rope routes next to the city. Difficulty from 5.easy to 5.hard, depending on what people want to set up. While there are some bolts at the top of the rock now, they require significant webbing to reach the climbing routes or trad gear for trad anchors at the top. Helmets are required.

Apr Sing-a-long And Pot Luck Supper

5 *Meet:* 6:30 pm at 8610 S Kings Hill Dr (3630-3745 E)

Fri *Organizer:* La Rae Bartholoma, Randy Long, Frank Bernard 801-277-4093, 606-483-4087 roosiebear@gmail.com, frankbernard55@earthlink.net

It's time to circle the wagons! Tune your vocal chords, bring your instrument (or not!) and join us for an evening of fun, friends and food! Randy Long has again graciously offered his home for this event. 8610 S Kings Hill Dr (3630-3745 E) at 6:30. Bring something to share with 4 to 6 others (appetizer, salad, entree, side vegetable or a dessert). We'll start with our pot luck supper then break into song! Please check the WMC website social calendar for any late changes to the posted event. Any questions: Randy Long 606-483-4087, LaRae & Bart Bartholoma 801-277-4093 roosiebear@gmail.com or Frank Bernard frankbernard55@earthlink.net

Apr Rock Climb - Hadrian's Wall - City Creek Canyon

5 *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Park in the lot right before the gate at the entrance to city creek canyon.

Fri *Organizer:* Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com

This is a small cobblestone wall with 4 easy routes on it (5.4, 5.5, 5.6 and 5.8). The rock is less than vertical and the big cobbles and pockets give the routes low grades. With a tame 15 minute approach, it's the easiest wall to get to in the canyon. The wall sees full sun for most of the day. This is again a small wall and therefor I am limiting this activity to 8 people. Please RSVP. All participants are required to wear and helmet.

**Apr Snowshoe/ Snow Hike - Vickory Mt In The Stansbury Range (moved From Mar 24) – mod+
6 – 9.0 mi Out & Back – 3850' ascent – Moderate pace**

Sat *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu

Vickory Mt is at the south end of the Stansbury Range and is rarely climbed. When the ridge is covered by snow in spring, it would be possible to avoid bushes and scrambles. Snowshoeing/ hiking on the south ridge will be amazing. We may start with micro-spikes and use snowshoes on the ridge, depending on how much snow would be there. Bring snowshoes, micro-spikes and 10 Es. No avalanche safety gear required. This snowshoe/hike will be exploratory. Due to the long driving and the long hike distance, expect a long day. If conditions are not favorable, we will pick a different snowshoe/ hike location. Email before Friday, 3 pm, April 5, for the meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Co-organized with Jim Kucera.

Apr Cedar Mountains Day Hike – mod – 6.0 mi Loop – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace

6 *Meet:* 8:00 am at Utah Travel Council Lot - 110 E 300 N

Sat *Organizer:* Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com

The Cedars are a cliffy and spare range in a BLM Wilderness area about an hour west of Salt Lake. We'll do a day hike that's appropriate for the conditions. You can expect steep off-trail hiking, possibly exploratory.

**Apr Snowshoe/ Snow Hike - Mill Canyon Peak Via American Fork – msd- – 12.0 mi Out & Back
7 – 4200' ascent – Moderate pace**

Sun *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu

Weather and conditions permitting, we will snowshoe/ snow hike to Mill Canyon Peak - located to the east of Box Elder Peak and the northeast of Mount Timpanogos in American Fork. We may start with micro-spikes and use snowshoes at higher elevations, depending on how much snow is there. Bring snowshoes, micro-spikes and 10 Es. Avalanche safety gear required. This snowshoe/hike will be exploratory. Due to the long driving and the long hike distance, expect a long day. The estimated hike time is 8-9 hours. If conditions are not favorable, we will pick a different snowshoe/ hike location in American Fork. Email before Friday, 6 PM, April 5, for the meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Co-organized with Jim Kucera.

Apr Snowshoe Lookout Peak – mod – 9.5 mi Out & Back – 2936' ascent – Moderate pace

7 *Meet:* 7:30 am at Bob and deb recommended this lot: Little Mountain Summit Parking Lot, 588 Emigration Canyon Rd, Salt Lake City, UT 84108 We will carpool down to Killyon's where the parking is very limited.

Organizer: Andrea Thatcher 435-406-9274 andee.thatcher@gmail.com

Join Andee and Julie for snowshoeing up Lookout Peak from Killyon Canyon. This is not an approach that I have tried so there might be trail finding! We got this!!! Please come prepared with your 10Es--layers, spikes, plenty of water, etc. no avalanche gear required

Apr Evening Hike - Ferguson Canyon - Dog Friendly – ntd+ – Moderate pace

8 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at BCC overflow parking to the west of Wasatch Blvd on Ft. Union Blvd.

Mon *Organizer:* Sue Baker 801-201-2658 Laughinglarkspur@gmail.com

Meet at the BCC overflow parking to the west of Wasatch Blvd on Ft. Union Blvd. Traction devices, 10 Es and headlamp. Prompt 6pm departure. This is a STEEP hike. NOTE: Check the calendar after 12pm on the day of the hike. If the inversion is bad or snow conditions unfavorable, the hike and meeting locations may change. The change will be made by no later than noon on the day of the hike.

Apr San Juan Ducky/kayak/canoe Trip – class II – 56.0 mi – 600' ascent

9 *Meet:* Registration required

Tue *Organizer:* Steve Pace 801-363-8190 user031147@aol.com

– Self-support Duckies and similar small craft trip. Launch will be Tues. afternoon 4/9/19 at

Apr Mexican Hat. Take off at Clay Hills and head home mid-day on Mon. 4/15/19. Will use

15 commercial shuttle. Camps at Slickhorn B and Oljato for the last 2 nights are reserved. Probably

Mon do a layover day somewhere in the Honaker/Twin Canyons/Johns Canyon area. Let me know about interest before mid-February.

Apr Evening Hike - Neff's Canyon – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace

9 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Olympus Cove Park & Ride (3880 Wasatch Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT)

Tue *Organizer:* Sue Baker 801-201-2658 Laughinglarkspur@gmail.com

Plan on a prompt 6pm departure. Micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok.

Apr Snowshoe, Park City Environs – mod

9 *Meet:* 10:00 am at Disseminated via the Snowshoe email list

Tue *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.

Apr Evening Hike - Millcreek Salt Lake Overlook – ntd+ – Moderate pace

10 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride

Wed *Organizer:* Nancy Munger 801-419-5554 nancymartin@gmail.com

We'll have a prompt 6pm departure from the trail head. Moderate pace to a beautiful overlook!

Apr Evening Hike - Church Fork – ntd+ – Moderate pace

11 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride

Thu *Organizer:* Michele Stancer 619-368-9589 michele.stancer@gmail.com

Join Michele for this club favorite. Bring your 10 Es! Prompt 6pm departure from the meeting place. Bring a headlamp and dress for the weather conditions. We will hike uphill for 1 hr and then return via the same route.

Apr Rock Climb - Red Rock Draper

11 *Meet:* 5:30 pm at Red Rock parking lot, off Mike Weir Drive in Draper.

Thu *Organizer:* Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com

Due to continued snow pack in the high country, outings to the lowlands are advised. Red Rock in Draper has routes from 5.5 to 5.11. All can be top roped if desired or sport leads. Helmets required.

Apr Yellowstone Hike - Paced Bike Ride – ntd – 40.0 mi Out & Back – Slow pace

12 *Meet:* Registration required

Fri *Organizer:* Ron and Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com

– Join this annual pre-season road bike trek into Yellowstone the weekend before the park is open

Apr to cars. The park service is preparing for the season so the roads will be plowed, but being

14 flexible is key. Plan A is a SLOW MEANDERING bike ride from West Yellowstone to Gibbon

Sun Falls, intentionally taking about 4 hours for the 40-mile round trip. Plan B will be dictated by whatever Mother Nature is dishing out that morning. Come prepared for every combination of sun/snow/rain/wind/hot/cold. Base camp is the Kilgore Kompond in Island Park, which can comfortably hold about 15 to 20 people depending on the make-up of the group. Because of the limited space, RSVP priority will be given to WMC members.

**Apr Onion Creek / Fisher Towers Car Camp – mod – 8.0 mi Out & Back – 800' ascent –
13 Moderate pace**

Sat *Meet:* Registration required

– *Organizer:* Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com

Apr Last fall, Donn had a chance to hike up to the Titan Tower from Onion Creek, following a fun

14 narrow canyon with lots and lots of hoodoos and arches. There is a bit of easy scrambling, but it's

Sun more than worth it. On this trip, we'll explore both the north and east forks of what we'll call Titan Canyon on Saturday, and follow up with some other nearby hike on Sunday. We'll camp at the Onion Creek BLM campground.

Apr Day Hike-terraces/millcreek-relaxed Pace – ntd – Slow pace

13 *Meet:* 9:30 am at Olympus Cove Park & Ride (3880 Wasatch Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT)

Sat *Organizer:* Alfred Kessi 443-324-7669 akessi@aquafin.net

We will start at the Terraces trail-head, go uphill, then north to Bog Water & Yurt. Bring microspikes and dress for the weather.

Apr 15 Shoulder Season Evening Hike - Houndstooth Ridge To Ferguson Canyon Overlook – ntd+ – 2.0 mi Out & Back – 1500' ascent – Moderate pace

Mon *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride

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

If conditions are not favorable, we can hike into Ferguson Canyon, rather than taking the ridge.

Dogs ok.

Apr 16 Snowshoe, Park City Environs – mod

16 *Meet:* 10:00 am at Disseminated via the Snowshoe email list

Tue *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.

Apr 16 Evening Hike - West Grandeur – mod- – Moderate pace

16 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Grandeur Peak Trailhead (2910 South Cascade Way, SLC, UT)

Tue *Organizer:* Nancy Munger 801-419-5554 nancymartin@gmail.com

This is a great hike to get your legs in shape for steep trails! Not recommended for the occasional or beginner hiker due to the steepness of this trail. Prompt 6pm departure from the trail head. If conditions permit, we will do the lower loop.

Apr 17 Annapurna Circuit Trek - Kickoff Meeting – msd – 145.0 mi Loop – Slow pace

17 *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Cindy & Dick's house: 9479 S. Granite Trail Lane, Sandy UT 84092. 801-801-Wed 1336

Organizer: Zig Sondelski 801-230-3623 zig.sondelski@gmail.com

Ever thought about trekking the Annapurna Circuit, or just wonder what it is? The trek is being planned for October 2020 (not 2019). It is about 145 miles long, takes around 3 weeks and the highest pass is 17,800'. The plan is to use the same travel and trekking companies that we used for the 2016 Everest trek. Several of the Everest trekkers plan on going, so you can benefit from their experience. Feel free to show up even if you haven't signed up and are just curious. We will be having our kickoff party at Cindy and Dick's house on April 17 at 6 PM. This is a potluck party, so bring Nepalese or Indian food if you can and BYOB along with plates and utensils.

Apr 17 Relaxed Pace Dog Hike - Millcreek Canyon – ntd- – Slow pace

17 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Skyline High School - 3251 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Wed *Organizer:* Tom Silberstorf 801-255-2784 tomsilberstorf@yahoo.com

Join Tom and his canine friends for a dog-friendly hike in Millcreek Canyon. Organizer's choice. Prompt 6pm departure from the meeting place. East parking lot of Skyline HS.

Apr 18 Biking Meeting/social: Spring Organizing Meeting & New Bike Trails Presentation

18 *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Cindy & Dick's house: 9479 S. Granite Trail Lane, Sandy UT 84092. 801-801-Thu 1336.

Organizer: Carrie Clark 801-931-4739 dr_carolyn@yahoo.com

Come join us at Cindy and Dick's for our spring kickoff meeting. 6pm: social with light refreshments served. 6:30pm: Helen Peters of SLC Planning and Transportation Dept will explain SLC's ATIP (Active Transportation Implementation Plan). The plan offers a "high comfort bicycling network" in SLC. Helen will bring maps so we can all see what's new in town! 7:15pm: plan for this season's mountain, road and touring trips.

Apr Evening Hike = Rattlesnake Gulch Plus – ntd+ – Moderate pace

18 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride

Thu *Organizer:* Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com

Prompt 6pm departure. Plan on Rattlesnake Gulch plus the ridge if the trail is obvious in the snow. Bring your 10 essentials including headlamp or flashlight. The "Plus" and ridge line are steep and not recommended for beginning or occasional hikers.

Apr Backpack Bears Ears – mod+ – 20.0 mi Out & Back – 1700' ascent – Moderate pace

19 *Meet:* Registration required

Fri *Organizer:* Tanner Morrill 801-809-0170 tannermorrill@gmail.com

– Backpack through archeological ruins in Grand Gulch just west of Bluff, Utah. We'll start at Kane Gulch and leave thru Bullet Canyon. We'll have plenty of time to explore. We'll have 1 or 2 people from Grand Junction meeting us. See link below. (I'll be out of town March 14th-17th with no service). Group size is 6. Lodging the night of April 18th has been secured at a very nice multi-room AirBnB in Blanding. Cost is \$220/(3 or 4). Previous backpacking experience preferred.

Apr Rock Climb - Pinebrook Crag In Park City

19 *Meet:* 5:00 pm at 2.5 Miles up the road from the Jeremy Ranch/Pinebrook exit of I-80.

Fri *Organizer:* Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com

This is a small and fun beginner area with a couple of 5.6 routes that can be top roped. It is a short hike to the wall with fantastic views of Jeremy Ranch and Pinebrook. I plan to explore this crag with my partner and our two kids. Due to the small size of this crag, I am limiting participation to only a couple more people to join us. Please RSVP. Helmets are required.

Apr Boat Shed Opening Work Party

20 *Meet:* 9:00 am at Boat Shed - 4340 S 300 W

Sat *Organizer:* Bret Mathews and Donnie Benson 801-831-5940, 801-809-1854 bretmaverick999@yahoo.com, dmbenson13@gmail.com

Come help us get the boating gear ready for a new season. Since we didn't get all the boats cleaned last fall we'll be doing that along with deflating & rolling all of the boats up, restocking the kitchens, and whatever else that needs to be done. Depending on when we finish we may go lunch afterwards, so come join us!

Apr Service Hike: Annual Mt. Olympus Trail Cleanup And Ntd Hike – ntd – Out & Back – Slow pace

20 *Meet:* 9:00 am at Mount Olympus Trailhead (5789 Wasatch Blvd, Holladay, UT)

Organizer: Bruce Christenson 801-824-0131 b.c.com@hotmail.com

Meet 9am April 20th at the Mt Olympus trail head at about 5800 So Wasatch Blvd. for 1/2 to 1 hour clean up around the trail head then be off for a nearby ntd a short hike. This is more social than work. Light refreshments will be served. Wear appropriate clothing . Garbage bags and protective gloves will be provided. Give a little of your time to support those who have built and maintained our trails. Contact organizer Bruce Christenson 801-824-0131 for any questions.

Apr **Relaxed Pace Dog Hike - Millcreek Canyon – ntd- – Slow pace**

21 *Meet:* 10:00 am at Skyline High School - 3251 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Sun *Organizer:* Tom Silberstorf 801-255-2784 tomsilberstorf@yahoo.com

Sleep in a little, and join Tom and his canine friends for a dog-friendly hike in Millcreek Canyon. Organizer's choice. Meet in the southeast parking lot of Skyline HS.

Apr **Evening Hike - Bells Canyon – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**

22 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Bells Canyon Trailhead (the one with the restrooms), approximately 9600

Mon South and east of Wasatch Boulevard

Organizer: Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com

Meet at 6pm at the trailhead with the bathrooms. If the lot is full you will need to park in the overflow area further up the canyon road. No dogs it is a watershed area.

Apr **Hike, Bike, ? St. George, Ut.**

22 *Meet:* Registration required

Mon *Organizer:* Bruce Christenson 801-824-0131 b.c.com@hotmail.com

– Hiking in St. George and sounding area April 22nd to the 28th. Come anytime and stay as long as you want during those times. Use housing in St George for a base for your activities no charge.

28 Bruce would enjoy the company when not doing yard work. Bring a friend(s) to stay and to hike

Sun with. We will keep the group small 6-8 people. Travel, breakfast and lunch will be up to each with dinner a group event. Organizer BruceChristenson 801-824-0131 to reserve.

Apr **Evening Hike - Mt Olympus – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**

23 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Mount Olympus Trailhead (5789 Wasatch Blvd, Holladay, UT)

Tue *Organizer:* Michele Stancer 619-368-9589 michele.stancer@gmail.com

Meet at the trailhead for a prompt 6pm departure. Micro spikes or other studded footwear may be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress for weather conditions. Dogs are ok. We will hike up for 1 hr (or to the first stream) and then come down the same route

Apr **Evening Hike - Dragon's Tail – mod- – Moderate pace**

24 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Grandeur Peak Trailhead (2910 South Cascade Way, SLC, UT)

Wed *Organizer:* Nancy Munger 801-419-5554 nancymartin@gmail.com

Join us for a very steep hike up to Dragon's Tail. Due to the steepness and footing on this hike, it's not recommended for the beginner or occasional hiker. Prompt 6pm departure from the meeting place.

Apr **Evening Hike - White Fir Pass – ntd+ – 2.1 mi Out & Back – 1650' ascent – Moderate pace**

25 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride

Thu *Organizer:* Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com

Prompt 6:00pm departure. Bring 10Es. Expect to reach the overlook in just under an hour. It is likely that there will be enough snow to warrant micro spikes. Cut and paste link below for GPS track of trail. <http://doarama.com/view/2045577>

Apr **Day Hike - Mt Ogden Via Malans Peak – mod+ – 12.0 mi Out & Back – 4500' ascent – Moderate pace**

27 *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu

Mt Ogden is a home to Snowbasin Ski Resort. We will take a longer route to hike to Mt Ogden via Malans Peak that is not a high peak (only 6,916 ft) but provides great views of peaks in the Ogden area and the Ogden Valley from Taylor Canyon or Waterfall Canyon. There will be still

snow at higher elevations. Bring micro-spikes as well as 10 Es. There is no trail at the last part to the summit. If there is too much snow, we may not make the peak. This hike will be exploratory. Email before Friday, 3 PM, April 26, for the meeting place and time. When you register, please indicate whether you want to meet the group at the trailhead in Ogden or a carpool meeting place in Murray. Registration priority will be given to WMC members.

Apr Relaxed Pace Dog Hike - Millcreek Canyon – ntd- – Slow pace

27 *Meet:* 10:00 am at Skyline High School - 3251 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Sat *Organizer:* Tom Silberstorf 801-255-2784 tomsilberstorf@yahoo.com

Sleep in a little, and join Tom and his canine friends for a dog-friendly hike in Millcreek Canyon. Organizer's choice. Meet in the southeast parking lot of Skyline HS.

Apr Snowshoe/ Snow Hike - Brighton – mod – 8.0 mi – 2800' ascent – Moderate pace

28 *Meet:* Registration required

Sun *Organizer:* Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu

Weather and conditions permitting, we will snowshoe/ snow hike at Brighton. Given that we have lots of snow this winter, it is likely that we will need to use snowshoes. Bring snowshoes, micro-spikes and 10Es. Avalanche safety gear not required. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, April 26, for the meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members.

Apr Snowshoe Ennis Peak – msd- – Out & Back – Moderate pace

28 *Meet:* 8:00 am at Orson Smith Trailhead - 12625 South Highland Drive, Draper, UT

Sun *Organizer:* Andrea Thatcher 435-406-9274 andee.thatcher@gmail.com

This is fabulous hike! Come join Andee and Julie up to Ennis Peak via the cherry creek road. I hiked this a week ago and there was plenty of snow... it might be gone by the end of April but here's to hoping it's still covered. Please bring the 10 essentials.

Apr Evening Hike - Cherry Canyon – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace

29 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Orson Smith Trailhead - 12625 South Highland Drive, Draper, UT

Mon *Organizer:* Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com

Plan on a prompt 6pm departure from the trail head. With the city lights in view, this should make a nice sunset and city-light night hike. Bring flash lights and appropriate layers. This is a watershed, so no dogs tonight.

Apr Evening Hike - Salt Lake Overlook – ntd+ – Moderate pace

30 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Olympus Cove Park & Ride (3880 Wasatch Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT)

Tue *Organizer:* Michele Stancer 619-368-9589 michele.stancer@gmail.com

Bring your 10 Es and be prepared for variable trail/weather conditions. Prompt 6pm departure from the meeting place. We will hike up the Thaynes route and return the same way.

May Wmc Board Meeting

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

Wed *Organizer:* Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 president@wasatchmountainclub.org

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

May Relaxed Pace Dog Hike - Millcreek Canyon – ntd- – Slow pace

1 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Skyline High School - 3251 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Wed *Organizer:* Tom Silberstorf 801-255-2784 tomsilberstorf@yahoo.com

Join Tom and his canine friends for a dog-friendly hike in Millcreek Canyon. Organizer's choice. Prompt 6pm departure from the meeting place. East parking lot of Skyline HS.

May **Terry Rollins Memorial Road Bike Ride – ntd+ – 33.0 mi Out & Back – Slow pace**

4 *Meet:* 9:00 am at Weather Bureau Building at 2200 West North Temple

Sat *Organizer:* Thomas Dickeson 801-967-7970 woodnthom@gmail.com

Terry Rollins Memorial Road Bike Ride i; 1/21/21/2" ntd+ i; 1/21/21/2" 33.0 mi Out & Back i; 1/21/21/2" Slow pace *Meet:* 9:00 am at Weather Bureau Building at 2200 West North Temple
Organizer: Thom Dickeson woodnthom@gmail.com In memory of Terry Rollins, who passed away in 2013, this will be our sixth annual ride to Saltair. This classic ride was one of Terry's favorites and we want to share the ride and memories of our dear departed friend. Hopefully the weather will be better this year. Due to potential construction issues at the International Center and around 7200 W, the route could change. Co-organized by Thom Dickeson 801-967-7970 and Michael Budig 801-328-4512. Address questions by email to: woodnthom@gmail.com

May **Rafting San Juan River, Sand Island To Clay Hills – class II – 84.0 mi**

7 *Meet:* Registration required

Tue *Organizer:* Kay Tran 802-578-9397 ktranvt@comcast.net

– The San Juan River in southeastern Utah is an inspirational and classic river experience. You will enjoy a spectacular six to seven-day float along the remote 84-mile stretch between Bluff and Clay Hills, Utah. Campsite reservations at: Slickhorn B and Oljeto. Permit begins May 8

Tue

May **Rock Climb - High-angle Self-rescue, Vol 1 – ntd-**

7 *Meet:* 5:30 pm at Ledgemere Picnic Area, Big Cottonwood Canyon

Tue *Organizer:* Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com

This is part 1 of a 4-part workshop for all those who play on steep terrain; climbers, canyoneers, mountaineers, etc. The workshop will cover self-rescue techniques for a team caught in steep (class 5.x) terrain, or needing to evacuate through steep terrain. Each part covers a different aspect of the toolbox, so try not to miss any. Part 1 covers escaping the belay. *Meet* at 5:30 pm as for Ledgemere Picnic area climbing in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Those who took this series previously are encouraged to attend again to polish (or refresh) skills and help new students. As with all parts, we will first see an example of what we will practice that day, then break up into small groups to have everyone practice the skills. Helmets are required, and bring your harness, belay/rappel device, personal anchor setup, and any other rescue gear you normally carry. If you are short on gear, contact the organizer in advance to see about borrowing equipment for the day. There is a \$10 suggested donation for each part of the series.

May **Maple Canyon - Car Camp And Rock Climb**

10 *Meet:* Registration required

Fri *Organizer:* Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com

– Cobble climbing in Maple Canyon is conglomerate rock with embedded, rounded clasts ranging in size from pebbles to boulders. The walls have a wide range of holds from bombers to slopers, making the climbing unique. Mostly sport lead climbing with some multi pitch climbing. I have booked sites 8 and 9 for 2 nights. Please RSVP if you would like to join me, share the sites, or book another site for the same dates. All participants are responsible for bringing their own climbing gear and helmets. Ropes with top rope anchor kits will be provided. This activity is limited to 4 vehicles. The two sites cost me a total of \$56. Please expect to pay me for sharing the sites depending on how many people use the sites.

May **Rock Climb - High-angle Self-rescue, Vol 2 – ntd-**

14 *Meet:* 5:30 pm at Dogwood Picnic Area, Big Cottonwood Canyon. Park outside the area to save
Tue the entrance fee.

Organizer: Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com

This is part 2 of a 4-part workshop for all those who play on steep terrain; climbers, canyoneers, mountaineers, etc. The workshop will cover self-rescue techniques for a team caught in steep (class 5.x) terrain, or needing to evacuate through steep terrain. Each part covers a different aspect of the toolbox, so try not to miss any. Part 2 covers ascending the rope. Meet as for Dogwood climbing area in Big Cottonwood Canyon at 5:30 pm. Those who took this series previously are encouraged to attend again to polish (or refresh) skills and help new students. As with all parts, we will first see an example of what we will practice that day, then break up into small groups to have everyone practice the skills. Helmets are required, and bring your harness, belay/rappel device, personal anchor setup, and any other rescue gear you normally carry. If you are short on gear, contact the organizer in advance to see about borrowing equipment for the day. There is a \$10 suggested donation for each part of the series.

May **Beginner White Water Rafting Trip - Swasey's Beach, Green River – class II+**

17 *Meet:* Registration required

Fri *Organizer:* Heidi DeMartis 801-608-7966 hjd0402@westminstercollege.edu

– Organizers: Heidi DeMartis 801-608-7966 hjd0402@westminstercollege.edu and Robyn

May Heilbrun 801-598-8598 robynheilbrun@hotmail.com Besides being a fun river trip, this trip
19 introduces you to WMC boating trips. On a commercial boating trip the guides do everything for
Sun you (inflate the boats, make the meals, guide you down the river, etc.). On club trips there are no
paid guides and everyone on the trip contributes to completing the tasks. Club members will
share with you what they know about running rivers. This should include how to "read the river",
throw a throw bag, right a flipped raft, paddle a paddle boat/paddle a duckie (inflatable
kayak)/row an oar rig, share what it's like to swim a rapid and other safety skills. Non-river skills
you will learn are what personal gear works well on river trips, how to make group meals using
the WMC Boating's kitchen, what gear the club owns (and is available for cheap private rentals
when not being used on a club trip). Beginners Prerequisite: You are required to attend an Intro to
boating class to be held on a to-be-determined date in May at the boat shed, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Experienced boaters: We need you to help make this trip and the class a successful learning
experience!

May **Rock Climb - High-angle Self-rescue, Vol 3**

21 *Meet:* 5:30 pm at Beachball crag, Big Cottonwood Canyon; park as for Ledgemere and then head
Tue up canyon across the stream to the crag. We will be at the top of the crag, so use the walk up.

Organizer: Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com

This is part 3 of a 4-part workshop for all those who play on steep terrain; climbers, canyoneers, mountaineers, etc. The workshop will cover self-rescue techniques for a team caught in steep (class 5.x) terrain, or needing to evacuate through steep terrain. Each part covers a different aspect of the toolbox, so try not to miss any. Part 3 covers anchors and raising systems. Meet as for Beachball Crag in Big Cottonwood Canyon at 5:30 pm. Those who took this series previously are encouraged to attend again to polish (or refresh) skills and help new students. As with all parts, we will first see an example of what we will practice that day, then break up into small groups to have everyone practice the skills. Helmets are required, and bring your harness, belay/rappel device, personal anchor setup, all your pro, and any rescue gear you normally carry.

If you are short on gear, contact the organizer in advance to see about borrowing equipment for the day. There is a \$10 suggested donation for each part of the series.

May Cathedral Gorge Car Camp – mod – Moderate pace

25 *Meet:* Registration required

Sat *Organizer:* Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com

– Cathedral Gorge State Park is located in Nevada, west of Cedar City near UT 56 / NV 319. It's sculpted from mud derived from volcanic ash, with bizarre towers and narrow slots, plus hidden tunnels and deep chambers. It's a photographer's paradise, and you can't beat the free hot showers at the campground. We'll check out some of the fun stuff in the surrounding area, possibly including Parsnip Peak (8916 ft), Rock Spring Canyon off Meadow Valley Wash, the Panaca Kilns tuff wonderland and/or the amazing White River Narrows petroglyphs. The hiking is generally easy but mostly off-trail, and some of it may be exploratory.

May Rock Climb - 101 Clinic - Learn To Climb

26 *Meet:* Registration required

Sun *Organizer:* Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com

THIS ACTIVITY IS LIMITED TO 8 PARTICIPANTS. This is a beginners workshop on the fundamentals of rock climbing plus equipment use & selection. If you have always wanted to experience climbing, are rusty & just want a refresher or just want to improve your fundamental skills, this is your chance. This is also a great opportunity to meet and learn with other interested beginner climbers. We will cover gear & techniques including proper belay, top roping & climbing with a focus on safety. All are welcome but if you plan to actually climb, you will need a harness, belay device, helmet, and shoes. (REI in Salt Lake rents helmets & shoes). Helmets are mandatory for anyone attending, even if you will not be climbing. There is a \$10.00 workshop donation. The workshop will last from 3-4 hours depending on how much climbing we plan on doing. Experienced climbers who wish to share their expertise are welcome to come & help.

Jun Protect The Desolation Wsa

15 *Meet:* Registration required

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

– OK don't be shocked as I will be working on a non-Swell WSA. Details will be forthcoming but it will be high in the Book Cliffs.

Jun 16

Sun

Jun Rockcliff On The Jordanelle Bike Touring Overnighter – mod

15 *Meet:* Registration required

Sat *Organizer:* Cheryl* Sosnik 435-649-9008 csosnik@yahoo.com

– The annual weekend bike tour from 'your house' to the Rockcliff Recreation Area on the Jordanelle Reservoir is one week later than usual this year. This weekend trip is for anyone interested in starting to bike tour, as well as for seasoned touring people. Start biking from wherever you live, or come on up to Park City to start biking from where I live...depends on how long a day you want. We will all roll into Rockcliff Recreation area Saturday afternoon. After cleaning up, we'll relax and share bike touring stories and ideas, set up tents and cook dinner individually. After breakfast on Sunday morning, we pack up and bike tour back to our starting locations. An additional option is to begin biking from 'your house' on Friday June 14 and camping out at Chateau Cheryl, then joining the Park City contingent on Saturday morning. If coming from the SL Valley, you can choose either Provo Canyon or Emigration/Parleys canyon.

If you are new to bike touring and want to borrow gear to try it out, we often can loan panniers or trailers, contact trip co-organizer Lou Melini at lvmelini@comcast.net

Jun City Of Rocks - Car Camp And Rock Climb

18 *Meet:* Registration required

Tue *Organizer:* Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com

– City of Rocks is just over the Utah/Idaho border in rural Idaho with a plethora grippy granite climbing. I have booked site 9 for three nights and can accommodate one more vehicle. Please let me know if you would like to join me. You are responsible for your own camping and climbing gear and helmets are required. I will provide ropes and top rope anchor kits. The site cost me \$49 for all three nights. Please expect to share this expense depending on the number of participants.

Jul Mountaineering: Gannett Peak, Wy – ext – 50.0 mi – 10000' ascent

21 *Meet:* Registration required

Sun *Organizer:* Paul Brown 801-277-3641 paul.h.brown@verizon.net

– Gannett Peak via Glacier Trail (Dubois), Dinwoody & Gooseneck glaciers with 10,800 feet vertical gain. This activity is an unguided multi-day backpacking and glacier travel trip. Required equipment includes ropes, harnesses, crampons, alpine axes, helmets, ascenders, and rescue gear. Trip dates flexible. Trip will include 2 days to hike in, 1 day to summit, 2 days to hike out, 1 contingency day, and days for driving. Lodging to be determined by the group. Please include in your RSVP skill and experience level.

Jul Rock Climb - Uintas - Cliff Lake

21 *Meet:* Registration required

Sun *Organizer:* Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com

– The cliff belonging to the appropriately named, Cliff Lake, is a south-facing quartzite cliff band approximately 90 feet tall at its highest point, and about 100 yards wide. It is sunny and not a particularly busy area. A trail on the east side of the cliff provides top-rope access. The routes here are mostly sport, but there are a few traditional offerings. They range in difficulty from 5.5-5.10c. The rock is surprisingly clean and solid. I have booked site 6 for my family at the nearby Washington Lake campground for Sunday and Monday night. The cliff is a 30 minute hike from the campground. Join me for a day or book a site and join me for a couple days. All participants are required to bring their own climbing gear and helmets are required. Ropes and top rope anchor kits will be provided.

Aug Day Hike - Mt Whitney & Mt Langley (mt Whitney=full) – ext – 22.0 mi Out & Back – 6145' ascent – Moderate pace

Tue *Meet:* Registration required

– *Organizer:* Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu

Aug We plan to summit two CA 14ers - Mt Whitney (14,505 ft) on August 7 and Mt Langley (14,032 ft) on August 9. We will leave for Lone Pine on August 6 and be back in town on August 11.

Sun There is an option of participating in only one of the hikes and having a shorter trip. We may do some other smaller hikes (e.g. Trail Peak). Mt Whitney is the highest peak in the contiguous US. We will take Mount Whitney Trail (22 miles, 6,145 ft elevation gain, class 1). Mt Langley is the ninth-highest peak in CA and is near Mt Whitney. We will take a class 1 route to the peak (19 miles, 4,429 ft elevation gain). Rated EXT for the long distance and high altitudes. WMC members only. For more details, please contact Akiko. Co-organized with Dave Lewis and Jim Kucera. Note (3/24): The Whitney hike is full. The Langley hike still has slots.

Aug **Rafting- San Juan River – class III- – 84.0 mi – 500' ascent**

17 *Meet:* Registration required

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

– Since I didn't get the permits I wanted, I am, as usual, planning a trip during a time period when

Aug many people don't think it is worth going. I still do. Seven days on a mellow river with just

25 enough rapids to keep one busy, but nothing death defying.

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Sep **White Water Rafting Salmon River – class III+**

4 *Meet:* Registration required

Wed *Organizer:* Don Urrizaga 435-884-0147 don_urrizaga@yahoo.com

– Raft the Salmon River, the wild and scenic "River of no Return", in Idaho. Put in at Corn Creek

Sep and take out at Spring Bar. Approximately 100 miles.

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Sep **Boat--pink Flamingo Party – flat water**

21 *Meet:* 6:30 pm at 9479 S Granite Trail Lane

Sat *Organizer:* Cindy Crass Smith 801-803-1336 cjcass@gmail.com

It's that time of year again. Time to wear pink and socialize with the boaters. This is not just for boaters, EVERYONE IS INVITED. It's a party. Please come. Prizes will be awarded. We will be racing toy boats down the waterfall. 6" boat limit. Bring your own contestant Potluck with grill and meat provided

Sep **Protect The Mexican Mountain Wsa**

21 *Meet:* Registration required

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

– OK I'm back to familiar territory. Details will be forthcoming but it will be on the north end

Sep where there are a number of vehicle intrusion.

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Sun

Oct **2019 Moab Canyoneering Rendezvous**

4 *Meet:* Registration required

Fri *Organizer:* Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com

– Check out this Meetup with Wasatch Mountain Club <http://meetu.ps/e/GqKd4/mfVml/d>

Oct

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Oct **Kayak/canoe Ruby Horsethief Canyon – class II – 25.0 mi**

18 *Meet:* Registration required

Fri *Organizer:* Gretchen Siegler 801-661-5635 gsiegler@westminstercollege.edu

– This mostly flat water trip with some hiking takes two nights. We will work out the shuttle on

Oct Friday evening, camping near the put-in, and take out on Monday mid-day in time to drive back

21 to Salt Lake. This is totally self supported. Small deposit required by August 4th in order to

Mon purchase camping permits on the first Wednesday in August. A dog is welcome.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please read carefully, print clearly and completely fill out both pages of the application.

I am applying for membership as: _____ Single _____ Couple

Name: Applicant 1: _____ Birth date: _____

Name: Applicant 2: _____ Birth date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Applicant 1: Main phone: _____ Email address: _____

Applicant 2: Main phone: _____ Email address: _____

PRIVACY INFORMATION: The WMC defaults to listing your name, address, phone and email in a *Member Directory*. This information is only available to current members, and to access it they must either log in to the WMC website (www.wasatchmountainclub.org) or request a printed copy from the Membership Director.

YOU NEED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION: To not have your address, phone, and/or email listed in the *Member Directory* – if you don't have computer access or need help contact the Membership Director, otherwise on the WMC website use the **Member Menu > Privacy & Activity Preferences** webpage.

Membership dues:

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

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

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

Student members must be full-time student.

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

How did you learn about the Wasatch Mountain Club? _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature 1 _____

Date: _____

Signature 2 _____

Date: _____

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