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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **The UofU Ski Archives Honors the WMC with 2019 History Maker Award**

Each year the University of Utah's J. Willard Marriott Library holds the Ski Affair, a fundraising event for the library's Utah Ski Archives, the largest archive of its kind, which is dedicated to the history of ski and snow sports in the Intermountain Region. On Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019 at the Ski Affair, the U's Marriott Library presented the History Maker Award to the Wasatch Mountain Club.

[WMC 2019 History Maker Award](#)

## **The Wasatch Mountain Club Centennial**

In 2020, the WMC turns 100! We are planning a year of celebration, and there are so many ways you can participate!

- Attend a Centennial Celebration. Key dates to mark your calendar: January 27th (The Centennial Kick-Off at the Capitol Rotunda), May 13th (the formal organization date celebration, Red Butte Gardens Orangerie), and December 5 (Closing Event/Christmas Party, Alf Engen Ski Museum, Olympic Park). Our printable [Key Centennial Dates](#) webpage lists monthly centennial activities planned throughout the year or you can download it [here](#).
- Donate to the Centennial Education Endowment. The WMC is creating a lasting legacy by establishing a permanent Education Endowment at the U of U. To learn more about the endowment and donate visit our printable [Centennial Education Endowment](#) webpage or you can download it [here](#).
- Be a sponsor. There are several levels of sponsorship available to support our Key Centennial Events. Sponsorship details can be found in our printable [Centennial Sponsor Levels](#) webpage or you can download it from [here](#) document.
- Purchase centennial merchandise from our [Centennial Store](#).
- Advertise in the Rambler. Our goal is to produce a color Rambler each month throughout the Centennial. If you have a business, or know of a business, that would like to reach not only our 1,000 members, but hundreds of prospective members, consider a Rambler ad. All ad revenue goes directly to support the Rambler publication costs. Visit our printable [Centennial Advertising Opportunities](#) webpage or download it from [here](#) document to learn more.
- Encourage a business owner you know to become a sponsor or to advertise in the Rambler.

## **Nominating Committee for the 2020 Board of Directors Election**

The 2020 Nominating Committee members are Ray Daurelle, Robert Turner and John Kiedaischo. Each year the committee oversees the annual election of the Wasatch Mountain Club Board of Directors. The next election will occur at the membership meeting in February 2020. If WMC members are interested in serving on the board, please contact the Nominating Committee or send an email to [info@wasatchmountainclub.org](mailto:info@wasatchmountainclub.org) or call 801-463-9842 and leave a message, and your information will be forwarded to the committee. We are currently seeking candidates for Co-Secretary. Additionally, members may submit their names for any of the Board of Directors roles.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Julie Kilgore



As we close out 2019, it's been a very active and exciting month of awards and recognition. November started out with a great honor for the Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC). Each year the University of Utah's J. Willard Marriott Library holds the Ski Affair, a fundraising event for the library's [Utah Ski Archives](#), the largest archive of its kind, which is dedicated to the history of ski and snow sports in the Intermountain Region.



On Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at the Ski Affair, the U's Marriott Library presented the History Maker Award to the Wasatch Mountain Club. As the current president of the WMC, I was invited to accept this award, which is a bit ironic given my complete lack of downhill ski skills. It was important to have other iconic and far more deserving winter sports enthusiasts present for the event. Alexis Kelner (pictured iconically with his camera on the mountain), who literally wrote the book on the history of skiing in Utah, shared center stage to accept the award. The WMC-sponsored table also included Dave Hanscom (not in the picture above), Greg Libecchi, Mike Berry, Will McCarvill, Brad Yates and Mark Jones. The Ski Affair was the first showing of a collection of historical Alexis Kelner photograph enlargements, some of which will be on display at the WMC



Centennial Kick-Off Event on January 27, 2020. The Kelner photograph enlargements will be permanently housed at the club-built Wasatch Mountain Lodge, following a series of travelling exhibits throughout the 2020 WMC Centennial Celebration.



In November, the WMC hosted our annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. The WMC is a 100% volunteer-run organization. The Banquet is the Club's annual thank you to and recognition of well over 100 trip organizers, directors, activity coordinators, trail builders, graffiti paint coverers, trailhead trash collectors, mailing and distribution support, and others who have given their time and resources over the past 12 months to make the WMC the premier outdoor recreation club all that it is.

The big finale of this year's event was the presentation of two key WMC awards. Ralph Becker joined us to receive the 2019 Alexis Kelner Conservation Award. And we presented the 2019 Pa Parry Club Service Award to Robert Turner (shown receiving his award) for his many years of club service including multiple roles on the Board. It was fitting that Robert received his award at the exact moment that a photo from Robert's 2019 Winter Wolf Watch cycled through on the presentation screen!

Thank you to all whose efforts made 2019 another great year for the Wasatch Mountain Club!

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# MESSAGE FROM THE WINTER SPORTS DIRECTOR

*Greg Libecci*

The WMC calendar listing December ‘Ski’ and ‘Snowshoe’ activities is starting to fill out! Hopefully the snow gods cooperate and these activities happen as planned. Organizers can always add activities that, once approved by ski/snowshoe

coordinators and/or Greg Libecci (Winter Sports Director), will appear on the calendar. Organizers are encouraged to consider activities you’d like to post on the calendar for the remainder of the winter season. The deadline for Rambler submissions is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the prior month. Please make sure your activity description is thorough so members can make an informed decision.

I encourage everyone who reads this to go to the Wasatch Mountain Club website >>create hot links<< (<https://wasatchmountainclub.org/admin/menu.php>) and under “Activities Menu” select either Backcountry, Alpine and Nordic Skiing (<https://wasatchmountainclub.org/admin/menu.php?dir=Ski>), or Snowshoe (<https://wasatchmountainclub.org/admin/menu.php?dir=Snowshoe>) and take a look at all the amazingly helpful links that are located here. This is where you can link to the **Utah Avalanche Center**, book a “Backcountry 101: Intro to Avalanches” class, check out transceiver reviews, look for route options and ratings, review “Know Before You Go” YouTube, post and read trip reports, etc.

There will be a FREE “Terrain Management” class December 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:30 at the SLC REI offered by the Utah Avalanche Center ([https://www.rei.com/events/94231/utah-avalanche-center-presents-the-terrain-management?previousLocation=84109&course.session.anyLocation=100.000000~40.700100~-111.801300;geo\\_r](https://www.rei.com/events/94231/utah-avalanche-center-presents-the-terrain-management?previousLocation=84109&course.session.anyLocation=100.000000~40.700100~-111.801300;geo_r)). Hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars and plan on a fun FREE weekend up at the lodge! Yes, I said free, unless you count all the money you’ll spend on the beer and food you’ll bring up? March 6 – 8 has been set aside for club winter sports enthusiasts to celebrate the club’s 100 year anniversary! The Centennial Celebration will go on all year but this weekend will be especially for the winter sports activity groups to spend time together at the lodge. We’ll do our activities by day and celebrate by night. Stay tuned!

With that I will sign off and ask you all to **Pray for SNOW** and do your best to reduce your carbon footprint by carpooling and using mass transit whenever possible. Be the change...

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# WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB RECEIVES HISTORY MAKER AWARD

“University of Utah Library Honors Wasatch Mountain Club, Utah Ski Legend, Alen Engen, at Ski Gala” *unews.utah.edu* (2019, November 6).

Each year the University of Utah’s J. Willard Marriott Library holds the Ski Affair, a fundraising event for the library’s Utah Ski Archives, the largest archive of its kind, which is dedicated to the history of ski and snow sports in the Intermountain Region.

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019 at the Ski Affair, the U’s Marriott Library bestowed three awards — the History Maker Award went to the Wasatch Mountain Club, the S.J. Quinney Award went to Alan Engen and the Sue Raemer Memorial Award went to Raelene Davis of Ski Utah.





The History Maker Award went to the Wasatch Mountain Club, which is observing its 100-year anniversary. Founded by some happy hikers who met each other on the trail, the club started with 13 members and now includes more than 1,000. The club's original mission was to provide educational, physical and social activities, and that mantra still applies today. Activities include hiking, ski touring, river running, mountain climbing, kayaking, canoeing and rafting as well as mountain and road biking. In the 1960s, the club expanded its role by taking on conservation projects to help preserve the mountains they so treasured. The historic lodge built in the 1920s in Brighton, still exists today and has been adopted by a foundation that manages the building. The Wasatch Mountain Club is both a symbol and an active ingredient in today's bustling and dynamic winter sports arena. Club President Julie Kilgore and other members accepted the award on Tuesday.



The S.J. Quinney Award went to Alan Engen, for his lifelong contributions to ski history. Alan is the son of the legendary ski jumper and powder skiing competitor Alf Engen – who also was a key player in developing Utah's ski areas and fostering the growth of the competitive sport. Alan has been preserving ski history his entire life. His marque contribution to Utah ski history is the Alf Engen Ski Museum located at S.J. Quinney Winter Sports Center in Park City, Utah. Alan led the fundraising for the museum, which, he says, started as a modest plan to build an A-frame for his father's memorabilia. Today the museum sees 500,000 visitors a year and, in addition to Alf Engen's memorabilia, houses



artifacts related to the history of the ski industry and competition field. The author of two books, *For the Love of Skiing: A Visual History* and *First Tracks: A Century of Skiing*, Alan is considered today to be one of the premier historians on winter sports in Utah. It is important to note that Alan has contributed volumes to the Marriott Library's Utah Ski Archives, which is the largest archive of its type worldwide. *Opposite Page: Wasatch Mountain Club Members pause for a photo after a*

*day touring the mountains // Above: The Wasatch Mountain Club Cabin is still located at Brighton today // Left: Alexis Kelner, historian for the Wasatch Mountain Club, Alan Engen, founder of the Alf Engen Museum, Julie Kilgore, president of the Wasatch Mountain Club and Greg Thompson, associate dean for special collections pose with awards at the Ski Affair.*

<https://unews.utah.edu/university-of-utah-library-honors-wasatch-mountain-club-utah-ski-legend-alan-engen-at-ski-gala/>



## WMC Education Endowment Fund Scholarship

The Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) will make a lasting legacy in commemoration of the 2020 centennial year. Past President John Veranth is collaborating with the University of Utah (U of U) to establish an endowed scholarship fund to support students in the Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT) department pursuing degrees focused in environmental health and community outdoor recreation.

The PRT program is part of the College of Health. The program inspires students to inform policy, serve social needs, promote sustainability, and advocate for the health of people, communities, and the environment. This is

closely aligned with the purpose statement of the WMC.

\$25,000 is required to establish the endowment, but **our goal is to establish a \$50,000 endowment** that can continue to be funded year after year. The U of U distributes ~3% endowment fund balances annually, depending on investment returns.

Donations made through the WMC will not be tax deductible (we are a non-profit membership organization, but not a 501(c)(3)). Donations made directly to the U of U will be tax deductible and you will be credited as a donor to the U of U.

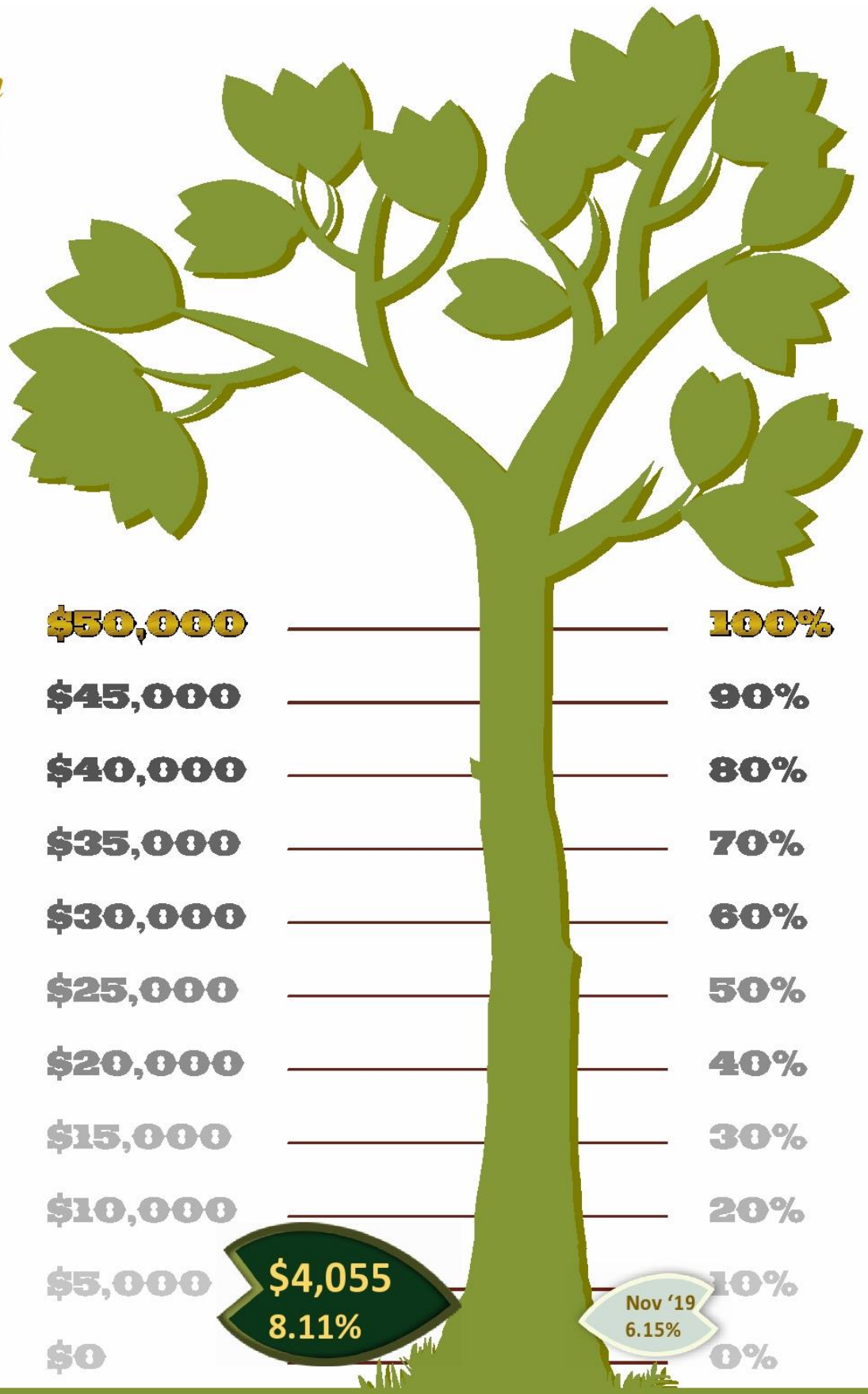
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**Donations can be made through the WMC, either by check or on the website [Click to Donate](#)** If the donation is large and tax deductibility is important, checks should be made out to the University of Utah with a memo "WMC Scholarship Fund." The Club Treasurer can receive and hold any initial checks and once they are transferred to the U of U.

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**Wasatch Mountain Club Endowment Fund Goal**

## WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

### CENTENNIAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Wasatch Mountain Club is turning 100! We'd love to have you join us as we launch our second century as custodians of our environment here in the Wasatch Front, and as active participants in hiking, climbing, canyoneering, river running, road and mountain biking, ski touring and ski mountaineering, snowshoeing, backpacking, car camping and multi-day adventures.

We're planning quite a celebration and are pleased to offer you a promotional opportunity as a sponsor. Venues and other specifics are still in the planning stages, but **you can expect lots of visibility** at the monthly events throughout 2020 with our membership—an engaged group of 1000 outdoor enthusiasts—and lots of buzz as we take this opportunity to celebrate and build our membership.

The Wasatch Mountain Club was established in 1920 to promote the physical and spiritual well-being of its members and to encourage participation in outdoor activities throughout the Wasatch and beyond. Today, 100 years later, the tradition continues with over 700 activities annually.

Club members also enjoy regular gatherings at the Wasatch Mountain Lodge, a registered historic structure constructed in 1929 by the Wasatch Mountain Club in Brighton, Utah. This rustic retreat is available as a year-round vacation rental and comes complete with a large stone fireplace, full kitchen, restrooms with showers, and sleeping accommodations for 20+. Ideal for corporate training retreats and weddings. [www.wasatchmountainlodge.org](http://www.wasatchmountainlodge.org) If you haven't already done so, please consider joining us at a club activity or event at the lodge. Our schedule is available on our website, [www.wasatchmountainclub.org](http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org) as well as via our monthly publication, *The Rambler*. [www.wasatchmountainclub.org/admin/menu.php?dir=Rambler](http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/admin/menu.php?dir=Rambler)

Money raised through sponsorships will go towards promoting and honoring the Centennial Celebration, with any remaining funds going toward our University of Utah Scholarship Endowment Fund, which assists selected students who are pursuing degrees related to outdoor education and/or environmental conservation. In-kind contributions are welcome and can be combined with cash donations to reach desired sponsorship level. There will be a silent auction where your company will gain additional visibility.



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2020 Rambler Ads	Full page, 12 issues	Full page, 6 issues	1/2-page, 6 issues	1/2-page, 2 issues	
Logo placement on 80" vertical banner	Largest Logo	Large Logo	Logo	Logo	
WMC annual memberships	6 memberships	4 memberships	2 memberships		
Complimentary admissions to all Centennial events	8 people	4 people	2 people		
Use of the Wasatch Mountain Lodge	3 Days & 2 Nights	2 Days & 1 Night			

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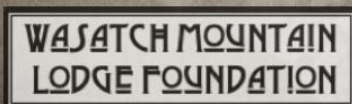
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Feb 19	Member Meeting, Board Election & Club History	
Mar 7- 8	Winter Sports Weekend	Wasatch Mountain Lodge
May 13	WMC Official Centennial Anniversary Event	Red Butte Orangerie
Jun 6	National Trails Day, <i>Centennial Project TBD</i>	
Jul 17-19	Life Member Celebration & Multi-Sport Weekend	Wasatch Mountain Lodge
Aug 23	Member Meeting, Awards & Historic Photo Reveal	Wasatch Mountain Lodge
Sep 26	National Public Lands Day, <i>Centennial Project TBD</i>	
Oct 31	Halloween Party - <i>Carrying on the tradition</i>	Wasatch Mountain Lodge
Dec 5	Centennial Holiday Party Closing Event	Alf Engen Ski Museum





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## ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE RAMBLER 2020

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- Distribution to WMC members & outdoor retailers
- 500+ print copies & 1000+ online/email copies

**Secure your advertisement spots by December 10, 2019 for the early bird rates listed below.** Advertising secured after the deadline will be at higher rates.

The Rambler features a monthly activity calendar and can be accessed at <https://wasatchmountainclub.org/admin/menu.php?dir=Calendar>

Money raised through your advertisement will go towards promoting and honoring the Centennial Celebration of the Wasatch Mountain Club, and any remaining funds will go toward our University of Utah Scholarship Endowment Fund to support students pursuing degrees related to outdoor education and/or environmental conservation <https://wasatchmountainclub.org/admin/menu.php?add=admin/education-endowment-donate.php>

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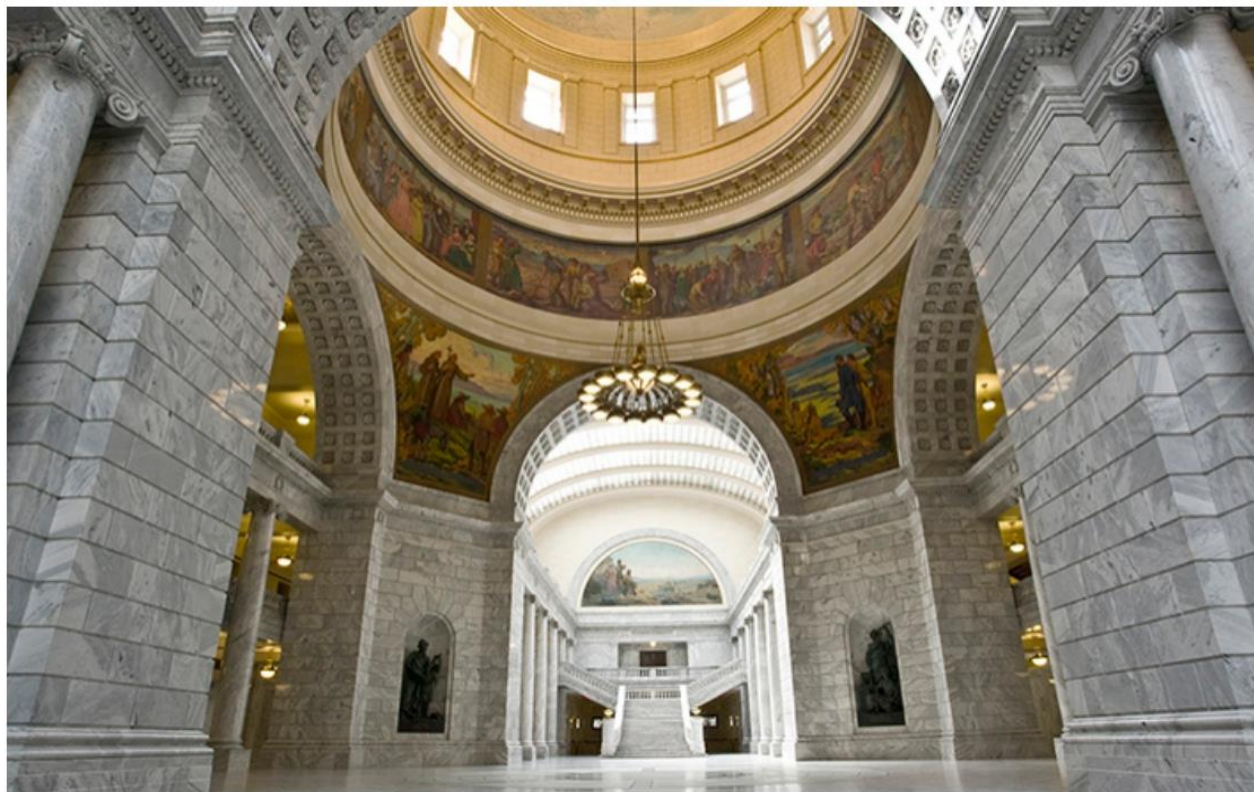
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**We hope YOU join us for this opportunity to affiliate with our engaged outdoors community and become a part of our history!**

## Centennial Kick-Off @ the Rotunda



Join us for the Wasatch Mountain Club Centennial Kick-off Event. The Office of the Governor will present the Congratulatory State Proclamation to the WMC in honor of our 100<sup>th</sup> year. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and WMC commemorative items will be available in exchange for donations to the WMC Centennial Education Endowment.

### Utah State Capitol Rotunda

January 27, 2020

3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

The Capitol Rotunda is located on the second floor of the main capitol building. Enter through the east doors. Dress: Business Casual. Parking & Transportation: Due to the Utah Legislative Session, parking will be at a premium. Consider carpooling or taking UTA bus 200 to the capitol. Parking is available in the public lots on the east side of the Capitol Complex. Refer to maps of Capitol Hill through the following link: <https://utahstatecapitol.utah.gov/visitors-tours/maps>.

Please RSVP by email to: [January.Event@wasatchmountainclub.org](mailto:January.Event@wasatchmountainclub.org)



# 50 YEARS AGO IN THE RAMBLER

*Transcribed by Donn Seeley, WMC Trustee*

## CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER '69 [...]

Dec. 5 SKI TOURING SOCIAL 7:30 p.m. This is the nominal theme and excuse for having a party. Periodically the frivolity will be interrupted by reasonably coherent discussions of ski touring equipment and advice to beginners. Light refreshments will be provided at nominal cost. Newcomers are especially welcome. HOST: Dennis Caldwell [...]

Dec. 7 GAD VALLEY, ADVANCED SKI TOUR. On this date we plan a sneak attack of Gad Valley in the hopes that this early in the season Luftwaffe will be caught sleeping, assuming that there is enough snow. As of mid-October, there was 2 feet at Alta. Register with leaders: Ann & Gale Dick ([...]), and plan to meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon for car spotting at 8:15 am.

## SKI TOURING 69/70

by Dennis Caldwell

[...] As an aid to those not familiar with the complete Wasatch repertoire, we will attempt a twofold classification based on both uphill effort and skiing ability.

Concerning the uphill portion, the following categories with examples seem useful:

1. Helicopter tours.
2. Less than 1,000 ft. elevation gain. No steep terrain. Good for dissipated youth and conditioned geriatrics. Suitable for recovering from hangovers. (Cf. Dec. 14)
3. Between 1,000 and 2,000 ft. elevation gain. Less than 2 miles upgrade. Same relatively easy terrain as (1), only a bit longer (Alta to Brighton, one way), or less than 1,000 ft. of moderately difficult terrain generally requiring sidestepping experience on ridges, etc. Recommended for Eastern tourists and mildly enthusiastic people of unknown endurance.
4. Between 2,000 and 3,000 ft. elevation gain. About 3 miles upgrade. Relatively easy terrain (up White Pine to the base of the headwall) or 1,000 to 2,000 ft. of more difficult terrain requiring a certain amount of technique (Lake Blanche from Alta). For healthy epicureans. About as much as the average person would care to do without a few days of mental conditioning.
5. Over 3,000 ft. elevation gain. 3-5 miles upgrade. Generally entails moderately difficult terrain requiring touring experience (Pfeifferhorn). People in good condition bearing no grudges against the world may attempt such tours without doing violence to their constitutions.
6. Over 4,000 ft. elevation gain. Difficult terrain. Long distance. Gruelling effort. Above and beyond the call of duty. (Cf. the casting of the 5th bullet in *Der Freischütz*.) Such tours have never been done in less than 8 hours and have been known to take as long as 24. We merely mention them to be obnoxious.
7. Over 5,000 ft. 10-15 miles total length. Difficult terrain. Ski mountaineering experience required (Lone Peak, Timpanogos). It is difficult to tell why anyone would voluntarily participate in such tours. Likely reasons may be:
  - i. To avoid the draft.

- ii. To get a better view of the sunset.
- iii. To kick the ski touring habit.

Similar consideration can be made about general proficiency on skis with particular regard to the downhill terrain.

1. Beginner. Gentle slopes of the Albion Basin or Mary lift variety.
2. Beginner-Intermediate. Still relatively benign terrain. Some powder experience is helpful, but not mandatory (Alta-Brighton via Catherine Pass). Good for showing people up in the powder without losing them as friends.
3. Intermediate. Some experience recommended in off-trail skiing. Slopes like Ballroom and Corkscrew.
4. Intermediate-Advanced. Experience in powder skiing required. Steep slopes or moderate southern slopes with crud and garbage (yum-yum). (Red Pine—Alpine, Gad Valley).
5. Advanced. The most difficult terrain normally encountered on club tours both from the standpoint of touring technique and downhill ability (Lake Blanche, Alta—White Pine). Long lift lines may greatly enhance the popularity of such tours.
6. Pot luck. Snow optional. (Ferguson Gulch, Little Willow Canyon, Coal Pit Gulch). Registration with your psychiatrist required.

## Heads Up – Spruce’s Parking Lot Gate!

Winter Outdoor Enthusiasts be prepared if you plan to park up Big Cottonwood Canyon (SR 190) in the Spruce’s Campground parking lot. There is a new gate at the entrance (on the east side of driveway) that will be put down for NO ENTRY to allow the snowplower to plow the parking lot when it snows. So do not plan to park overnight or too early.

Info from UDOT - by Knick Knickerbocker



New GATE at the Spruces entrance will be closed to keep car out when it snows so that plows can get in to plow the parking lot.





# A QUARTERLY MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOATING DIRECTORS

Hello Boaters!

Just in case you haven't heard yet, Aymara Jimenez-Lofgren and I, Kelly Beumer, have taken on the directorship of boating for the next year. Thanks to Bunny Sterin and Becky Joplin for their service over the last couple years. The boating season has ended (mostly), but it's almost time to start planning the next one.

## Calendar

Only two items on the calendar:

### Flatwater trip on the Rio Grande in Texas, 11/23-12/01

Theresa Hagren is leading. Contact her for details. It sounds fun!

Phone: 360-621-3953 / Email: [lv2playvb@yahoo.com](mailto:lv2playvb@yahoo.com)

### Virtual Permit Party, 1/04 -1/12

Look for emails from us explaining the process. Forward us copies of your submissions for entry into a drawing for a gift card from Utah Whitewater Gear!

Email: [saymaraj@gmail.com](mailto:saymaraj@gmail.com), [kellybeumer@gmail.com](mailto:kellybeumer@gmail.com).

## Permit and Planning Parties

I know it's only November, but that means permits are submitted in just 8 weeks! We would like to try something different this year and we want your input. Traditionally, boating is the only group that meets twice to plan the year. For many years, this was necessary so we could fill out, gather, and submit permit applications. Now, this is all done online and we would like to try holding the permit party "virtually" i.e., we will build a calendar for permit submissions, set dates for the "party," and encourage submission. This will allow us to reduce our planning budget and have an even better March planning party. Let us know what you think and look for more info in the coming weeks.

## Centennial

If you haven't heard yet, next year we are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Wasatch Mountain Club. You can find out what's happening here: <https://wasatchmountainclub.org/centennial/key-dates>  
donate at: <https://wasatchmountainclub.org/centennial/education-endowment>  
or buy centennial merch at: <https://donelle-benson.square.site/home>

We are soliciting suggestions about how we can make this celebration meaningful for boating.

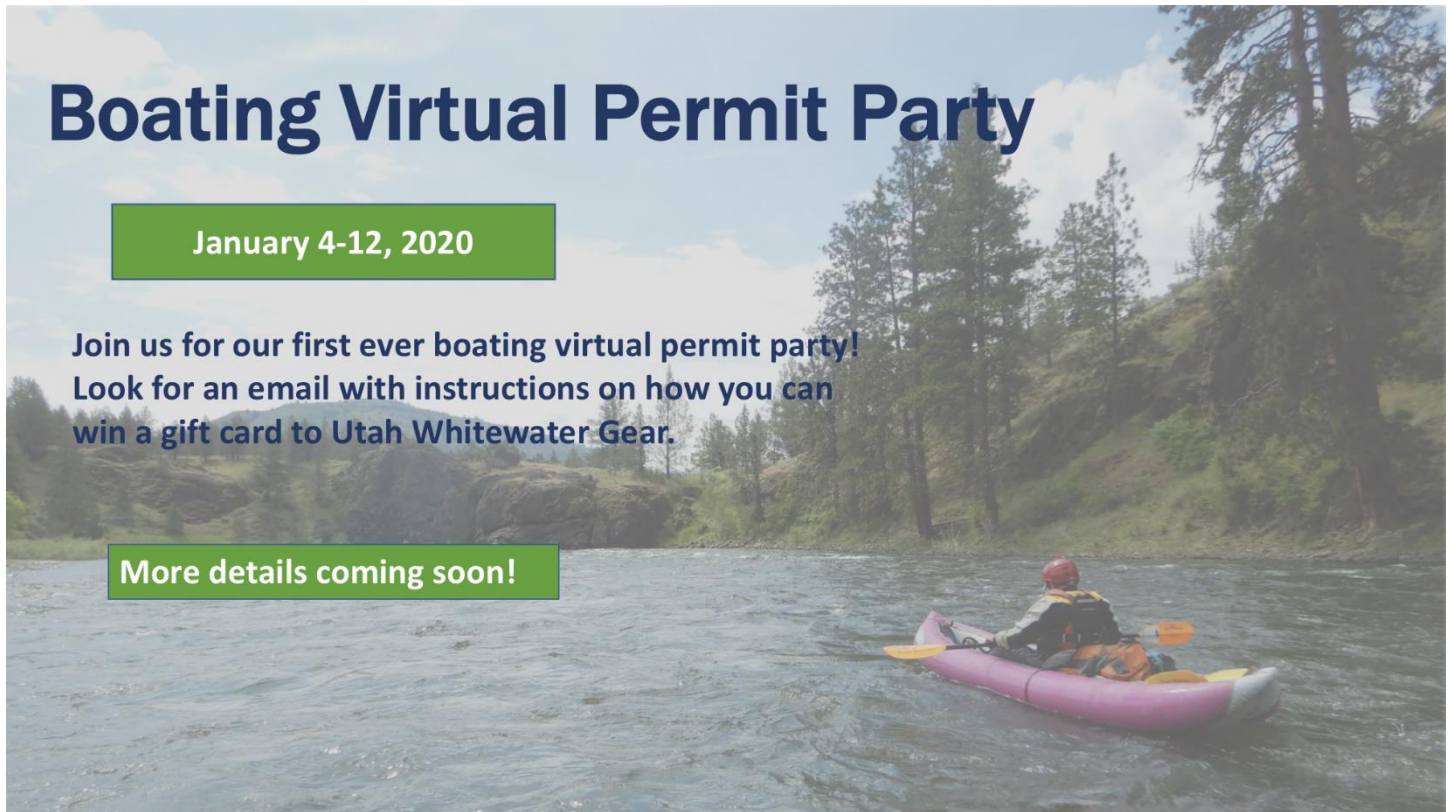
## Coordinators

For the last few years, we have had both a rafting and a small craft coordinator to help club members learn more about these activities. One of the more important contributions of these offices has been to run training classes - one or two during the year. We would like to fill these positions again. As a note,

you would be part of the team, not off on your own putting these events together. Please let Aymara and I know if you would like more information about these positions.

Looking forward to lots of snow and a great boating year!

Your Boating Co-Directors,  
Kelly and Aymara



# Boating Virtual Permit Party

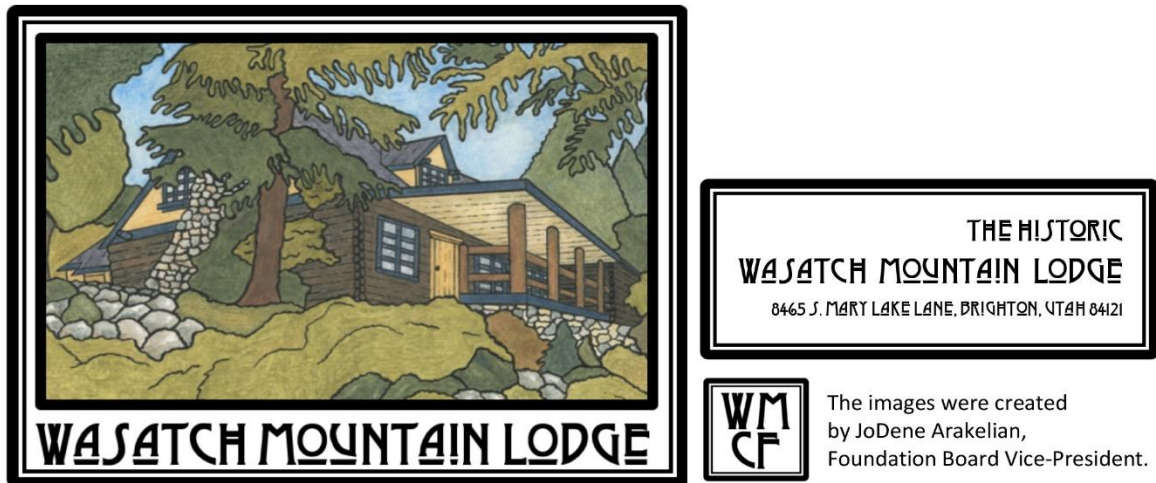
**January 4-12, 2020**

**Join us for our first ever boating virtual permit party!**  
**Look for an email with instructions on how you can**  
**win a gift card to Utah Whitewater Gear.**

**More details coming soon!**

# NEW LOGO, NEW LOOK

The Historic Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge has adopted a new look and logo. The Lodge Board decided to adopt the new look to better “brand” the Lodge and create cohesiveness in all printed materials pertaining to the Lodge. The style is reminiscent of block prints from the 1930’s, the era in which the Lodge was built.



An original of the lodge image was framed and given to Dr. Bruce Parsons as a “Thank You” for his generous donation.

The Foundation hopes to use the images on signs, informational brochures, letterheads, cards, and perhaps even T-shirts.

We hope that you like the new look. We appreciate your continuing support for the **WASATCH MOUNTAIN LODGE** and its mission to preserve the lodge for future generations.

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The Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation is always looking for new members of the board.

If you:

- Love the Lodge,
- Are interested in history,
- Appreciate spending time in the beautiful surroundings of Big Cottonwood Canyon,
- Agree with the Foundation’s mission to preserve this historical building,
- Can give a couple hours of your time monthly,

please consider joining the board. It will be satisfying, fulfilling, fun, and quite painless. We could really use your help. Don’t make me beg! :( Contact us at [wmcf123@gmail.com](mailto:wmcf123@gmail.com).

**Fun Note:** The early members of the club often referred to the lodge as “The Chalet.”



# US FOREST SERVICE TRAIL WORK DAY WITH THE WMC

OCTOBER 12, 2019

*Organized by Ray Daurelle // Report by Ray Daurelle // Photos by Alex Arakelian*



We hiked on a great new trail - well, short so far, and not built out at the start, but it's in a beautiful new place. It's a very gentle trail starting on the south side of Big Cottonwood Canyon road low in the canyon. This is the new section of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail that will connect Big Cottonwood Canyon with Ferguson Canyon.

The temperature started out at about freezing, which is

great when you're swinging heavy digging tools. We worked near the end of the marked, roughed-out trail. I walked an extra city block-length to the south end to see more of it. Beyond the roughed-out part, the new(er) part will continue under a canopy of trees. I'm excited to see more as it gets created.

The Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) partnered this day with the U.S. Forest Service, gathering about 20 volunteers to dig, cut roots, move rocks, and smooth in a few hundred feet of trail. Volunteers representing the WMC were Alex Arakelian (trailwork co-coordinator), eVette Raen, Ray Daurelle, Connie Bain, Craig Payne, John Knoblock, Kyle Williams, and Geoff Hardies. Also, a few volunteers from the Bonneville Shoreline Trail committee joined the effort. Our WMC crew definitely has trail work in our bones! *Above: US Forest Service and club volunteers widening trail from the scratch line and contouring the back slope.*

# KELSEY PEAK HIKE VIA BUTTERFIELD CANYON

OCTOBER 13, 2019

*Organized by Akiko Kamimura // Report & Photos by Akiko Kamimura*

When I organized a hike via Butterfield Canyon on June 23, 2019, we bagged Butterfield Peaks and White Pine Peak, but did not make Kelsey Peak (10,373 ft) due to snow. I was glad we did not make it in June because when we went again to summit Kelsey Peak we could enjoy a beautiful fall hike this time. We had a small group – four humans and two dogs, including a new member (and her dog) who joined the club the day before this hike. We took the trail which does not go to Butterfield Peak with a radio tower on it, but bagged another Butterfield Peak with a huge cairn on the way. The first 2 miles were mostly shaded and had some snow on the trail. The next mile was downhill with

wonderful views of Utah Lake and mountains. There is a trail which goes directly to Kelsey Peak without climbing to White Pine Peak. We took the shortcut trail to Piney Pass. From the pass, we hiked up on the very steep direct route to the peak. The peak had a large cairn. We had a lunch break at the peak and went back down the same way. We did not see any other hikers until we were close to the trailhead. The dogs became excited about deer, other hikers, etc. For all of us, it was the first time hiking Kelsey Peak. The hike took 7 hours total including breaks, roundtrip distance – 8.8 miles, cumulative elevation gain – 4,029 ft. Above: Group photo at the peak. John, George (Linda's dog), Linda, Barb, Shasta (Barb's dog) and Akiko







## WILLOW LAKE HIKE (AND MOOSE RIDING)

*October 15, 2019*

*Organized by Stephen*

*Higgins // Report by*

*Stephen Higgins //*

*Photos by Petra Brittner*

Tuesday dawned bright and clear, and it was still beautiful many hours later in the afternoon when we met to carpool to the trailhead at the

Willow Lake Conservation Area. We had one hiker who was trying her first Tuesday evening hike after being a regular participant of the Monday night Draper hikes, which are a bit more relaxed pace. After the usual ritual hazing with marshmallows and canola oil, we checked her moose harness for proper fit and began up the hill. Fortunately, the trail to Willow Lake is generally gentle with only a moderate section of real incline, where we used rope and tackle to help the newbie ascend. Once we reached the meadow, the trail is level and lovely all the way around the lake (which is really more of a pond).

This is always such a beautiful hike because of the lovely aspen trees on the eastern fork on the way up. This year the aspen leaves are not turning yellow because of the early freeze, but the white trunks are so pretty, adorned with dead, dead, dead, brown leaves. We were treated to a herd of deer as we rounded the lake (pond) near the dining spot for the snowshoe social. Night set upon us as we descended from the lake (pond), and a couple of us made it down with just the light from the headlamps of those behind us, spurred on by the screaming of the woodland elves. *Above: Aspen forest on trail to Willow Lake*

Hiking were Sue Baker, Petra Brittner, Liz Copeland, Deb Frank, Stephen Higgins, Jeannie Pfoutz, and Florida John met us at the trailhead.



# DESOLATION LAKE & BEYOND HIKE

OCTOBER 19, 2019

*Organized by Akiko  
Kamimura // Report &  
Photos by Akiko  
Kamimura*

This hike was originally posted as a hike to Rocky Peak in the Oquirrh Mountains. However, due to concerns about conditions (new snow) and weather (incoming storm), we decided not to go to the Oquirrhs. We

picked an alternate location, Desolation Lake via Mill D North, based on: 1) The location is not far from the valley; 2) The hike can be done in 4-5 hours before the storm comes; and 3) The route is safe



with snow and does not get much impact from high wind. Snow was on trees from the beginning. Then, the trail was covered with snow. There were several slippery spots, but overall the trail conditions were good. John saw a coyote on the way to the lake. We made Desolation Lake within less than two hours. The weather was still fine. We hiked around the lake. The edge of the lake was starting to freeze. Since we still had time, we hiked up to the ridge to have better views. We saw much more snow on surrounding mountains than we expected. Soon after we got to the ridge, the wind picked up and dark clouds were coming. After a short break at the ridge we descended. Fortunately, when we got back to the trailhead the weather was still okay. While we saw some other hikers on the trail. It was a nice short hike (4.5 hours) with quiet, snowy scenery. Above: John and Akiko at Desolation Lake // Left: Jim and John hiking on the lake shore.



# DIAMOND FORK CANYON HOT SPRINGS HIKE

OCTOBER 20, 2019

Organized by Petra Brittner // Report & Photos by Petra Brittner



We were literally laughing all the way to the hot springs during this fun hike with Judith, Pat, and Petra. We set out from the trailhead at 9:00 AM sharp and leisurely hiked the two and one half mile stretch one way. Once we arrived at the steaming pools, we quickly changed into our bathing suits and slipped into the soothing, warm waters. The snow all around us added to the ambiance of sitting in a cozy pool of water while the outside temperature remained steady at below freezing. We spent much more time soaking in the pool than we had originally planned, but it was too good to leave. Truth be told, nobody was eager to change back into their clothes in the freezing temps. The hike back to the trailhead seemed very short as we conversed about how much fun we had. The trail was mostly dry, and other than the occasional cow walking along side of us, was free of obstacles. More hikes to the hot springs are planned for the near future, so please check the activity calendar for dates. You don't want to miss out on this adventure. *Above: With spring in their steps, Judy, Petra, and Pat make their way toward the hot springs.*





# THAYNE PEAK HIKE

OCTOBER 26, 2019

*Organized by Akiko  
Kamimura // Report &  
Photos by Akiko  
Kamimura*

We hiked to Thayne Peak (8,656 ft) from Desolation Trailhead (TH) in Millcreek. We ascended via Thayne Canyon (2.75 miles to the peak from the TH). Soon after we started, the trail became snow-covered. The snow was packed and in good conditions to hike with micro-spikes. The trail was mostly shaded in forests. Until we hiked up to near the saddle, we did not see any nearby peaks. The steep trail from the saddle to the peak was snow-free but muddy. We had a long lunch break and enjoyed views at the peak. We did not know Gobbler's Knob and Mt Raymond looked very close from Thayne Peak.

We descended on Desolation Trail (4.75 miles from the peak to the TH). We did not see many other hikers until we got to the overlook where there were lots of people and dogs. Some of us took a long break at the overlook. It was surprising that fall colors were already over late in October even at lower elevations. This hike took approximately 6 hours in total including two long breaks and several short breaks (elevation gain – 2,876 ft). *Above: Group photo at the peak with Gobbler's Knob and Mt Raymond on the back. From left – Luther, Dalton, Russell, Jacob, Cassie, Stanley, Akiko, and Paul.*



# MILLER HILL HIKE

NOVEMBER 2, 2019

*Organized by Akiko Kamimura // Report & Photos by Akiko Kamimura*

We attempted to bag Miller Hill located in American Fork from Alta. We had a nice mixed group – Russell has been a member of the club since the 1960s, while Matt, Phil, and Ryan are new to the club and Utah. There was lots of snow from the beginning. We mostly hiked on the road which had packed snow up to Germania Pass. From Germania Pass, the original plan was taking the trail which goes directly to the pass west of Miller Hill. However, due to lots of snow we were unable to find the trail. In addition, the deep, soft snow was not packed once we passed Germania Pass. Since we did not bring snowshoes, we had to do huge switchbacks and made it very close to Miller Hill. Unfortunately, we ran out time and turned around. We could have made it if we had started one hour earlier. On the way back we tried to glissade, but we did not get good speed because the snow was very soft. We took a shortcut to get to Alf's Restaurant at Alta Ski Resort but ended up taking too much time in the deep, soft snow on the very steep hill. The hike took 7 hours and 20 minutes total including breaks (distance – 9.45 miles, cumulative elevation gain – 3,246 ft). Although the distance and elevation gain were not a lot, it was quite a workout due to the snow. *Below: Phil, Ryan, Matt, Russell, and Akiko // Page 3: Russell and Matt descending.*





## SOUTH THAYNE PEAK HIKE

NOVEMBER 10, 2019

*Organized by Akiko Kamimura //*  
*Report & Photos by Akiko Kamimura*

Due to last minute cancellations, it was a small group – Julie, Paul, and me (Akiko). We started from Neffs Canyon Trailhead to make South Thayne Peak (9,776 ft). The trail was very icy until the meadow. We had a snack break at the overlook near the meadow. From the meadow, it was very hard to find

the trail due to the deep snow we encountered. Paul did a great job finding the trail so we could be back on the packed snow. We were able to find the junction toward the south and followed the very steep trail (or the track on snow) to Wildcat Ridge. The views from Wildcat Ridge were magnificent. We were unable to see South Thayne Peak from the ridge because it was behind of the cliff. From the ridge, we took a faint trail that does not go to the peak. We needed to go up to the southwest ridge of the peak once we passed the cliff band. I said, “This is the place to go up (to the southwest ridge).” (Later we found Julie and Paul did not hear this because they were approximately 25 yards ahead.) I started climbed up to the ridge and heard Paul’s voice until I got to the southwest ridge. Because of this I assumed they were going up to the ridge on a different slope. I blew my whistle every time I heard Paul’s voice. (Later we found that while I heard Paul’s voice, they did not hear my whistle). From the southwest ridge the peak was very close, so I went to the peak and waited for Julie and Paul. Since they did not come even after waiting for a while, I called them and left a message on their voicemail to let them know that I was going to descend. (Later we found that while I had cell service at the peak, they did not.) When I was descending below the southwest ridge, I heard Paul’s voice. Paul was actually looking for me and Julie was waiting on the faint trail. We learned that it was very important to be closer to each other (or re-group more frequently) and have better communication. The weather was very nice – sunny and not too cold or warm. On the way back we saw Phyllis, Karen, and Phyllis’ friend on the trail. The hike took 7 hours in total including breaks (distance – 9.24 miles, cumulative elevation gain – 5,035 ft). *Above: Akiko’s peak photo*

# DECEMBER & BEYOND ACTIVITIES

## Dec **Snowshoe & Avalanche Safety Workshop – mod – 7.0 mi – 2500' ascent – Moderate pace**

1 *Meet:* Registration required

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

We will snowshoe to a place where there is sufficient snow and then practice with avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel). While snowshoeing, we will discuss the prevention and avoidance of avalanche accidents as well as how to identify safe/high risk routes during travel. Please bring snowshoes, micro-spikes, and 10Es. Please bring avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) if you have. You are welcome to join us even if you do not have avalanche safety gear. We will take turns to practice. If you have extra avalanche safety gear or lack avalanche safety gear, please indicate this when you register. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 29, for the meeting place and time. WMC members only. Co-organized with Jim Kucera.

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

2 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland

Mon 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

It is now officially very dark! So we will be hiking under the glitter of the stars and above the glitter of city lights. Come out for a brisk 2-hour outing up and down the steep route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. It's dark, it's cold, and the trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 6pm departure.

## Dec **Relaxed Paced Draper Evening Hike – ntd – Slow pace**

2 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Andy Ballard Arena (1600 Highland Drive, Draper, UT)

Mon *Organizer:* John Kiedaisch 630-803-2452 johnrk@hotmail.com

We will depart promptly at 6 pm. Come out and explore the south end of the Salt Lake valley. The Draper hikes are geared toward newcomers or those who just want a more relaxed pace, and would be suitable for kids about 12 or older accompanied by a responsible adult. We will be meeting at the far north end of the Ballard Equestrian Trail parking lot. If there is snow on the trails, micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Plan for a 1 1/2 hour to 2 hour hike.

## Dec **Backside Tuesday: Hike, Spike Or Snowshoe In Summit County**

3 *Meet:* Disseminated via the 'wmc-snowshoe' activity email list

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

Early winter season Tuesday outings in the Park City area, depending on the weather and conditions. It might be a hike, a spike, a snowshoe, or something in between. We'll just get out and enjoy nature. The WMC-snowshoe email list will be sent details the prior weekend, indicating location, type of event, level of difficulty, and other critical information for the day. Plan on MOD- to MOD difficulty this month, about 4 hours duration, from 10 AM to 2 PM on average.

## Dec **Evening Hike - Mt O To First Stream – ntd+**

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

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

We will hike up to the first stream which is about one hour uphill. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared: Bring a working flashlight, some extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and some food. There will be a prompt 6:00 pm departure.



**Dec Wmc Board Meeting**

4 *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.

**Dec Evening Hike - White Fir Pass – ntd+ – Moderate pace**

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

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

Prompt 6pm departure from the meeting place. Bring your 10 Es and traction devices in the event of variable trail conditions.

**Dec Snowshoe/ Snow Hike - Reynolds Peak – mod – 6.0 mi Loop – 2600' ascent – Moderate pace**

7 *Meet:* Registration required

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

We plan to summit Reynolds Peak (9,422 ft) via Mill D North or Spruces, weather and conditions permitting. Bring snowshoes, micro-spikes and 10Es. Whether Avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) is required or not will be determined depending on conditions. I have extra avalanche safety gear. If you want to borrow it, please indicate when you register. Please email before Friday, 3 pm, December 6, for the meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Note: Depending on weather and conditions, the snowshoe/ snow hike location may change. I will update on the calendar if there is any change.

**Dec Snowshoe/ Snow Hike - Peak 10420 (& Maybe Beyond) – mod – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 2500' ascent – Moderate pace**

8 *Meet:* Registration required

*Organizer:* Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu

We plan to summit Peak 10420, weather and conditions permitting. If the group is interested, we can snowshoe/hike to some other peaks (e.g. Clayton Peak) as well. Bring snowshoes, micro-spikes and 10Es. Whether Avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) is required or not will be determined depending on conditions. I have extra avalanche safety gear. If you want to borrow it, please indicate when you register. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 6, for the meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Note: Depending on weather and conditions, the snowshoe/ snow hike location may change. I will update on the calendar if there is any change.

**Dec Nordic Ski Tour: North Of Iron Mine Mountain – mod+ – 15.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace**

8 *Meet:* 8:15 am at Parleys Way Walmart lot, East side - 2703 Parleys Way, Salt Lake City, UT

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

Cross-country skiing. The tour starts at the Mirror Lake Highway Winter Parking area (Annual Pass helpful for parking), 14 miles east of Kamas. A few variations are possible. The route is likely to reach 10,000 ft. or above. Expect extra cold temperatures on the north slope. Carpools can be arranged for separate return times. (NTD+ to MOD+) Bring lightweight back country touring gear with scales, skins, or swix (grip wax) for the uphill and the 10 E's. Meeting time will be 8:15 am for a prompt 8:30 am departure. Dogs Ok.

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needed. If inversion is in, we'll move the hike into Millcreek to get above it. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. It's dark, it's cold, and the trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 6pm departure.

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Early winter season Tuesday outings in the Park City area, depending on the weather and conditions. It might be a hike, a spike, a snowshoe, or something in between. We'll just get out and enjoy nature. The WMC-snowshoe email list will be sent details the prior weekend, indicating location, type of event, level of difficulty, and other critical information for the day. Plan on MOD- to MOD difficulty this month, about 4 hours duration, from 10 AM to 2 PM on average.

Dec **Moonlight Snowshoe Or Spikes – ntd – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 500' ascent – Slow pace**

11 *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Wed *Organizer:* Knick Knickerbocker 801-891-2669 knick.sold@comcast.net

Come out and join Knick and others for this evening's full moon snowshoe or spike hike (depending on snow conditions) tour. Knick is planning to snowshoe the ridge north from the parking lot at the top of Emigration Canyon toward Little Mountain. Dress warmly in layers and bring your 10-E's. Meet at Skyline High School east parking lot approx. 3250 East 3760 South at 6:00 pm.

Dec **Evening Hike - Elbow Fork Loop – ntd+**

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

Wed *Organizer:* Bruce Jensen 385-315-7833 bwjensen1982@msn.com

We will hike up the millcreek road to Elbow Fork and down the pipeline trail. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared: Bring a working flashlight, some extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and some food. There will be a prompt 6:00 pm departure.

Dec **Wednesday Snowshoe – mod-**

11 *Meet:* 9:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)

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

We will snowshoe somewhere in the Cottonwood Canyons - I'll decide based upon the conditions of the day. Avalanche safety equipment recommended but not required.

Dec **Backcountry Alpine Ski Tour – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 1500' ascent – Moderate pace**

12 *Meet:* 8:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)

Thu *Organizer:* Robert\* Myers 801-466-3292 robertmyers47@gmail.com

Interested in Backcountry Skiing, come join me. Must have good skiing experience with the correct equipment, skis, skins, avalanche beacon, probe, preferable avalanche class. Warm clothing and gloves are suggested. We meet early to beat the crowd. Destination will be determined at the time of the meeting. We meet in the south end of the parking lot at 6200 S

Dec **Evening Hike - Church Fork – ntd- – Moderate pace**

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

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

Prompt 6pm departure from the meeting place. Bring your 10 Es and Microspikes if the trail conditions are variable.

**Dec Sing-a-long And Pot-luck-supper 12-13**

13 *Meet:* 6:30 pm at 5904 S Tolcate Woods Ln

Fri *Organizer:* La Rae Bartholoma 801-277-4093 roosiebear@gmail.com

If you're not in the Christmas spirit yet, you need to come to our annual Christmas SingALong...guaranteed to fill you with holiday cheer! We'll meet at Bart & La Rae Bartholoma's home 6:30 at 5904 S Tolcate Woods Ln (2930 E). You are invited to bring an appetizer/side dish/salad or dessert to share with 4 to 6 others, BYOB. If you don't sing or play an instrument, come anyway and be prepared for an evening of fun, food and frivolity! We'll wrap up by 10 pm. DIRECTIONS: take 5800 S (Tolcate Lane) off Holladay Blvd. (Only goes East) Turn right (South) on Tolcate Woods Lane (before the underpass.) When the street ends with a steel fence with horse statues and an eagle statue in the air, YOU ARE THERE! Any questions, call or email La Rae or Bart Bartholoma 801-277-4093 roosiebear@gmail.com or Frank Bernard frankbernard55@earthlink.net

**Dec Snowshoe - Bald Knoll In Heber – mod+ – 9.0 mi – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace**

14 *Meet:* Registration required

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

We plan to summit Bald Knoll (10,091 ft) in Heber. It is very easy to make the peak in summer. However, it can be challenging in winter because we will need to start from Route 40. What if we find it's too long to get to the peak? There are a number of unnamed peaks (bumps) closer to Route 40 that we can bag. Bring snowshoes, micro-spikes and 10Es. Avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) required. I have extra avalanche safety gear. If you want to borrow it, please indicate when you register. This hike will be exploratory. Please email before Friday, 3 pm, December 13, for the meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members.

**Dec Nordic Ski Tour Silver Fork Big Cottonwood Cyn – mod-**

14 *Meet:* Registration required

Sat *Organizer:* Douglas Hansen 801-664-3797 d.hansen@hansenspecialities.com

Depending on snow conditions (If conditions are cruddy, we will adjust time and/or date) We will skin up Silver Fork. Take time to talk about waxing and using skins, and negotiating different types of terrain while ascending and descending. How far up the fork and how fast we go will depend on the group and conditions. 13 essentials required: [www.backcountryskitours.com/pages/general/ten\\_essentials.htm](http://www.backcountryskitours.com/pages/general/ten_essentials.htm) Looking forward to a good experience!

**Dec Break Into The Backcountry - Introduction Into The Backcountry – ntd+ – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 1500' ascent – Moderate pace**

14 *Meet:* 8:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)

*Carpool:* 8:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)

*Organizer:* Robert\* Myers 801-651-9965 robertmyers47@gmail.com

Are you interested in Back country skiing and would you like to see and experience what we do when we go back country skiing, this is an introduction to the sport and how we tour. If you have any question on the equipment, clothing or equipment requirements contact me. We generally meet and discuss where we will be going and the physical requirements of the tour.

**Dec Snowshoe - Tri-canyon Loop In Bcc – mod+ – Moderate pace**

15 *Meet:* Registration required

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

We will do Tri-Canyon Loop, weather and conditions permitting. Bring snowshoes, micro-spikes and 10Es. Whether Avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) is required or not will be determined depending on location and conditions. I have extra avalanche safety gear. If you want to borrow it, please indicate when you register. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 13, for the



meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Co-organized with Jim Kucera.

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

16 *Meet:* 5:45 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

See last week's Monday night posting for details! Prompt 6pm departure.

**Dec Relaxed Paced Draper Evening Hike – ntd – Slow pace**

16 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Andy Ballard Arena (1600 Highland Drive, Draper, UT)

Mon *Organizer:* John Kiedaisch 630-803-2452 johnrk@hotmail.com

We will depart promptly at 6 pm. Come out and explore the south end of the Salt Lake valley. The Draper hikes are geared toward newcomers or those who just want a more relaxed pace, and would be suitable for kids about 12 or older accompanied by a responsible adult. We will be meeting at the far north end of the Ballard Equestrian Trail parking lot. If there is snow on the trails, micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Plan for a 1 1/2 hour to 2 hour hike.

**Dec Backside Tuesday: Hike, Spike Or Snowshoe In Summit County**

17 *Meet:* Disseminated via the 'wmc-snowshoe' activity email list

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

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**Dec Evening Hike - Rattlesnake Overlook – ntd+**

17 *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

We will hike up rattlesnake gulch to the overlook, which is just under one hour uphill. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared: Bring a working flashlight, some extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and some food. There will be a prompt 6:00 pm departure.

**Dec Relaxed Pace Night Hike And Optional Post Hike Social – ntd – Out & Back – Slow pace**

18 *Meet:* 6:00 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride

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

Enjoy a stroll up Porter Fork in Millcreek Canyon. The trail will most likely be packed down well, so bring micro spikes or similar traction devices. Dress in layers and bring a headlamp. Red lights are preferred, but any light will do. We'll adjust the pace as necessary to keep the group together. Dogs ok if prepared for winter conditions. Following the hike, we can reconvene at the Citrus Grill.

**Dec Wednesday Snowshoe – mod-**

18 *Meet:* 9:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)

Wed *Organizer:* Rick\* Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com

We will snowshoe somewhere in the Cottonwood Canyons- based upon the conditions of the day. Avalanche safety equipment recommended but not required.

**Dec Evening Hike - West Grandeur – ntd+ – Moderate pace**

19 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Grandeur Peak Trailhead (2910 S Wasatch Blvd, SLC, UT)

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

Prompt 6pm departure from the trailhead. Bring your 10 Es and microspikes in case we need them! This is a VERY STEEP HIKE - not recommended for the occasional or beginner hiker.

**Dec Snowshoe - Norway Flat In The Uintas – mod – 7.0 mi Out & Back – 2500' ascent – Moderate pace**

21 *Meet:* Registration required

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

We will snowshoe at Norway Flat in the Uintas, weather and conditions permitting. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10Es. Avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) NOT required BUT recommended. I have extra avalanche safety gear. If you want to borrow it, please indicate when you register. Please email before Friday, 3 pm, December 20, for the meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members.

**Dec Traverse Ridge Hike – mod – Moderate pace**

21 *Meet:* 9:00 am at Meet at the Chevron station at 255 Traverse Ridge Road in Draper (the corner of

Sat Traverse Ridge Road and Highland Drive)

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

Explore the old dirt roads rolling over the hills of Traverse Ridge that now make a great wandering route all the way to the flight park. But don't let these low elevation bumps fool you. There are several short but steep sections diving in and rising out of the drainages that will still give a good work out. This could be a spike hike or snowshoe, depending on weather. Plan on about 5 hours. Dogs ok.

**Dec Break Into The Backcountry Location Tbd – ntd+**

21 *Meet:* Registration required

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

This tour is aimed at those of you who have your new backcountry gear and have taken at least an introductory avy class. You can use this tour to shake down your equipment, poke at the snow and in general muck about in the backcountry. You must have beacon, shovel and probe. You also need intermediate down hill skiing capability. Limit 6 participants. We will select where to tour based on conditions.

**Dec Snowshoe - Scott's Pass & Guardsman's Pass In Bcc – mod – 7.0 mi Loop – 2500' ascent – Moderate pace**

22 *Meet:* Registration required

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

We plan to snowshoe to Scott's Pass and Guardsman's Pass in BCC, weather and conditions permitting. Bring snowshoes, microspikes and 10Es. Avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) is not required but recommended. I have extra avalanche safety gear. If you want to borrow it, please indicate when you register. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 20, for the meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members.

**Dec Nordic Ski Tour: North Fork Of The Provo Or Norway Flat – mod – 12.0 mi Out & Back – 1750' ascent – Moderate pace**

22 *Meet:* 8:15 am at Parleys Way Walmart lot, East side - 2703 Parleys Way, Salt Lake City, UT

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

Cross-country skiing. Meet at 8:15 am for a prompt 8:30 am departure. Annual Parking Pass helpful. Lightweight touring gear. Bring scales, skins, or swix (grip wax) for the uphill.

**Dec Snowshoe - West Uintas – mod – Moderate pace**

28 *Meet:* Registration required

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

We will snowshoe in the West Uintas, weather and conditions permitting. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10Es. Whether avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) is required or not will be determined when it gets closer. Please email before Friday, 3 pm, December 27, for the meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members.

- Dec 28 **Break Into The Backcountry - Introduction Into The Backcountry – ntd+ – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 1500' ascent – Moderate pace**  
 Sat *Meet:* 8:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)  
*Organizer:* Robert\* Myers 801-651-9965 robertmyers47@gmail.com  
 Are you interested in Back country skiing and would you like to see and experience what we do when we go back country skiing, this is an introduction to the sport and how we tour. If you have any question on the equipment, clothing or equipment requirements contact me. We generally meet and discuss where we will be going and the physical requirements of the tour.
- Dec 29 **Snowshoe - Pine Hollow Peak In American Fork – mod – 9.0 mi Out & Back – 2200' ascent – Moderate pace**  
 Sun *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  
 We plan to make "Pine Hollow Peak" (8,440 ft) from Tibble Fork Reservoir in American Fork, weather and conditions permitting. This rarely climbed peak can be hiked via the beautiful forest which offers great views of nearby mountains. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10Es. Whether avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) is required or not will be determined when it gets closer. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 27, for the meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members.
- Dec 29 **Snowshoe - Ntd+ Loop Jordan Pines Area – ntd+ – 4.0 mi Loop – Slow pace**  
 Sun *Meet:* 8:45 am at Butler Elementary - 7080 S 2700 E, Cottonwood Heights, UT  
*Organizer:* Knick Knickerbocker 801-891-2669 knick.sold@comcast.net  
 Weather permitting - come join Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or knick.sold@comcast.net) for this NTD+ snowshoe loop tour in Jordan Pines area of Cardiff Fork. We'll shoe over to Spruces for a nice loop. This will be a pleasant paced tour (as snowshoeing goes). Come prepared for a fun outing. Meet Knick at 8:45 am in east parking lot of Butler Elementary on 2700 East just south of Fort Union.
- Dec 30 **Snowshoe - Little Water Peak – mod – 8.0 mi Loop – 3400' ascent – Moderate pace**  
 Mon *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  
 We usually snowshoe to Little Water Peak (9,605 ft), which is located northeast of Dog Lake, on New Year's Day. But due to Jim's work schedule, this snowshoe will be on New Year's Eve this time. Celebrate the coming New Year! We will start from Mill D North or Spruce. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10Es. Whether avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) is required or not will be determined when it gets closer. We'll do a loop if conditions permit. Please email before Saturday, 6 pm, December 28, for the meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Co-organized with Jim Kucera.
- Dec 31 **Nordic Ski Tour: North Fork Park – ntd**  
 Tue *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Michael Berry 801-750-1915 mcber.ut@gmail.com  
 Cross-country track skiing. The Nordic Center has 20 km of challenging, but groomed (skating and classic) trails through aspen and sage overlooking the upper valley. Trail fee is \$6 or use a Mountain Dell pass. Approximately 11:30 to 5:30 pm including driving time to/from the Upper Ogden Valley. Please register by 5 PM, December 29th.
- Jan 11 **Avalanche Beacon And Burial Recovery Practice And Training. – ntd+ – 99.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace**  
 Sat *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Brad\* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@earthlink.net  
 Beacon Practice and Recovery ski tour. We will start with an avalanche beacon practice session followed by a now that she is buried three feet deep what do we do session. You will need a modern avalanche



beacon, shovel and probe and have basic backcountry ski/board skills. For those who choose to we will head out on Ntd thru Mod Plus tours for fun and avalanche terrain discussions. Organized by Brad Yates, Lisa Versella and Greg Lebecchi.

**Jan Rsvp For The Centennial Kick-off Open House At The Utah State Capitol**

27 *Meet:* 3:30 pm at Capitol Rotunda, located on the second floor of the Utah State Capitol main building.

Mon Enter through the east doors.

*Organizer:* Heidi DeMartis or Giulia Roselli     January.Event@wasatchmountainclub.org

Bring friends and family to join the Wasatch Mountain Club as we kick off our Centennial year. The Governor's office will present a Congratulatory State Proclamation to the WMC. Alexis Kelner Classic photograph prints, Dale Green's measuring wheel, and a 100-year photographic walk through time will be on display. Hors d'oeuvres will be served, and WMC commemorative items will be available on-site in exchange for donations to the WMC Centennial Scholarship Endowment. 3:30-5:30 p.m. Please RSVP by sending an email to January.Event@wasatchmountainclub.org so we can plan accordingly. Due to the Utah legislative session, parking will be at a premium. Please consider carpooling or taking UTA bus 200 to the capitol. Parking is available in the public lots on the east side of the Capitol Complex. Refer to maps of Capitol Hill through the following link provided.

**Feb Membership Meeting, Election, New Member Welcome, And Club History Presentation**

19 *Meet:* 6:00 am at Look for details in the January Rambler

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

Save the date!

**Jun Mountaineering - Mt Shasta – msd – 12.0 mi – 7200' ascent**

24 *Meet:* Registration required

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

– THIS IS A PRELIMINARY DESCRIPTION. THE PLAN, INCLUDING THE SCHEDULE, WILL BE  
Jun FINALIZED EARLY IN 2020. Mount Shasta (14,179 ft) is a blue sky stands alone peak and is located in  
27 northern California. We plan to make the peak via one of the easiest routes - Avalanche Gulch (Class 3).  
Sat The knowledge of and experience in using crampons and ice axe is required. We plan to organize a  
crampons and ice axe practice (not a class) in spring. This is not technical mountaineering - no  
mountaineering gear beyond crampons and ice axe required. We plan to do the hike/mountaineering as a  
day hike. The estimated hike/mountaineering time would be 10-14 hours, depending on conditions and  
pace. Here is the preliminary schedule: (June 23 Tue - Those who want to drive to the town of Mt Shasta  
may leave on this day. It's a long drive); June 24 Wed - Meet in the town of Mt Shasta & Purchase of a  
permit; June 25 Thu - Acclimation hike - if the weather forecast is significantly better on Thu than Fri, we  
may do Mt Shasta on this day; June 26 Fri - Mt Shasta hike/mountaineering; and June 27 Sat - Return trip  
or going to Lassen Volcanic National Park (posted separately). Please email to register and please give a  
brief description of relevant mountaineering skills and experience. WMC members only. Co-organized  
with Jim Kucera.

**Jun Hike - Lassen Volcanic National Park – mod – Moderate pace**

27 *Meet:* Registration required

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

– THIS IS A PRELIMINARY DESCRIPTION. THE PLAN, INCLUDING THE SCHEDULE, WILL BE  
Jun FINALIZED EARLY IN 2020. Lassen Volcanic National Park is located in northern California and has  
28 beautiful lakes, numerous volcanos, and more. We plan to do some sightseeing and summit Lassen Peak  
Sun (elevation 10,457 ft, distance 5 miles RT, elevation gain 2,000 ft). Here is the preliminary schedule: June  
27 Sat Meet at the part in am and do some sightseeing (The co-organizers will go to the park after the Mt  
Shasta mountaineering posted separately); June 28 Sun Lassen Peak. The co-organizers plan to leave for  
Salt Lake after the Lassen Peak hike. But some of the participants may want to stay there longer. Please  
email to register. WMC members only. Co-organized with Jim Kucera.

# 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](http://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? \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application to:

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Wasatch Mountain Club  
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Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2462

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