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In the early days, Black Diamond employee Alex Lowe brought an infectious stoke to backcountry skiing. Lowe inspired his coworkers to create equipment that could keep up with the hard-charging skiers of the Wasatch. Today, we're still bringing that same spirit of ingenuity to the game. See you out there.

BD Athlete Mary McIntyre | Rishiri, Japan 📷 Garrett Grove

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The **Wasatch Mountain Club** is an outdoor recreation club for adults dedicated to fostering awareness of the scenic beauties of the Wasatch and encouraging preservation of our natural areas. Club activities include hiking, backcountry skiing, backpacking, camping, conservation, trail maintenance, canoeing, climbing, canyoneering, kayaking, mountaineering, mountain biking, road biking, river rafting, socializing, snowshoeing and multi-day adventures.

**Cover Snowshoe Special Edition:** Michael Hannan leading the group up trail on Bighorn Snowshoe March 23, 2019.

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# Centennial Activity #WMC100Challenge Challenge

By Julie Kilgore

As announced in my January 1, 2020, email to all club members, we have launched the WMC Centennial Challenge! Grab one of those leather-bound Centennial journals, a notebook, a pile of post-it notes, or whatever you want to use. Starting January 1, 2020, track your participation in WMC-posted activities. The first 100 members who participate in 100 posted club activities will receive a WMC Centennial Challenge jacket! Here are a few rules:

- **Any activity that is posted on the calendar will count.** That includes club socials, membership meetings, sing-alongs, board meetings, boating permit parties, trainings, etc. If it's posted on the calendar (which means the activity has to

be an approved WMC activity), it counts. Now that being said . . . no fair back-dating an activity, or only giving an hour notice! Stay within the spirit please.

- **If it's a multi-day activity, each day the activity is posted on the club calendar can be counted as an activity.** You'll be doing something fun and different every day, right? If the travel day is included in the post, that counts too. It's an important "activity" of sharing resources, planning, and camaraderie!
- **Activities start counting as of January 1, 2020,** but all 100 activities do NOT have to be completed this year. History shows that we're going to be around a while.
- **Once you record 100 activities (or 100 days of activities, if you participate in**



**multi-day events), submit your documentation to the board.**

You will be highlighted in the Rambler, and you will get your prize at the next membership meeting or social.

- **The more club activities you participate in, the sooner you reach the goal.** If you don't see an activity that suits you, jump in and organize or co-organize! If you're not one of the first 100, that's ok. We'll come up with another prize :-).

This has already been a lot of fun. Some members are tracking stats, some are tracking participants, others are sharing thoughts and memories. Who knows, 100 years from now, your journal might be an important part of the bicentennial celebrations!

## Centennial Winter Sports Multi-Activity Event & Overnight @ WMCF Lodge - March 7 & 8

Saturday WMC activities will culminate at the Wasatch Mountain Lodge for food, drink and camaraderie... celebrating 100 years of this awesome club! Immerse yourself in the rich history of the lodge, share your most memorable story, sit by the awesome fireplace, make some new friends, etc. RSVP as planning ahead is crucial. **Overnight guests will be limited to 30...** first 20 to RSVP can claim beds, the next 10 can claim a spot on the floor in the main lodge. Those planning to come by for post activity festivities but don't plan on staying overnight must also RSVP for food quantities planning. The main dinner course will be provided as well as breakfast Sunday morning for overnights. Sunday morning will involve cleaning up the lodge and then heading out hopefully for another activity.

**RSVP to Greg Libecchi - [glibecchi@yahoo.com](mailto:glibecchi@yahoo.com)**



President's Message

# JOIN US AT THE ALF ENGEN SKI MUSEUM AND THE ECCLES 2002 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES MUSEUM.

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Photo courtesy of Dick Durrance: Alta ski lesson, circa 1940.

### Kings Peak Ski Tour March 21, 2020 Advanced Notice

The 47th edition of the longest, highest altitude gained, and longest running WMC ski tour is scheduled for March 21, 2020. We will car camp on the 20th at Henry's Fork. The KPT starts from such a remote location, requiring a winter camp out the night before, and generally requires folks some time to organize transportation that has 4WD and room for tents, really warm sleeping bags, etc.

*Additional detail will be in the March issue of The Rambler.*

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### A Generous Sponsorship Challenge

An anonymous club member has committed to match the next 10 Trailhead Sponsors (\$100). Sponsorship dollars are dedicated supporting our three primary centennial events (Jan 27th Kick-Off, May 13th Birthday Bash & Dec 5th Closing Event), any remaining funds after the events will go to the Wasatch Mountain Club Centennial Scholarship Fund.

Contact Greg Libecchi for details: [glibecchi@yahoo.com](mailto:glibecchi@yahoo.com) 801-699-1999



In 2020, the WMC turns 100

Join in the year of celebration

To participate . . .

**Become a member** or renew your membership this year & join in the Centennial Celebration <https://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/join>

**Attend Centennial Celebration Events** (listed below) <https://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/centennial-key-dates>

**Purchase centennial merchandise** from our Online Centennial Store: <https://donelle-benson.square.site/home>

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**Donate to the WMC Centennial Scholarship Fund.** The WMC is creating a lasting legacy by establishing a permanent Education Endowment at the U of U. Learn more about the endowment and donate <https://wasatchmountainclub.org/centennial/education-endowment.php>

**Advertise in The Rambler.** Our goal is to produce color issues of The Rambler all months throughout the Centennial. If you would like to reach our 1,000+ members, and hundreds of prospective members, consider running ads in The Rambler. All ad revenue goes directly to support The Rambler publication costs <https://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/the-rambler>

## 2020 Centennial Key Dates

Feb 19	Member Meeting, Board Election & Club History	REI Salt Lake
Mar 7- 8	Winter Sports Weekend	Wasatch Mountain Lodge
<b>May 13</b>	<b>WMC Official Centennial Anniversary Event</b>	<b>Red Butte Orangerie</b>
Jun 6	National Trails Day, Centennial Project TBD	
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, Centennial Project TBD	
Oct 31	Halloween Party - Carrying on the tradition	Wasatch Mountain Lodge
<b>Dec 5</b>	<b>Centennial Holiday Party Closing Event</b>	<b>Alf Engen Ski Museum</b>

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# The History of Snowshoeing in the Wasatch Mountain Club

By Mark Jones and Knick Knickerbocker

Although the primary focus of the Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) back in the early years may have been hiking and skiing in the Wasatch Mountains, snowshoeing surfaced as a winter activity and a means of transportation in the 1920s. Although there were no official snowshoe tours listed in Ramblers at this time, there are several photos of members with snowshoes. Most of the oldest photos show a few snowshoers mixed in with a group of skiers.

The standard snowshoe of the 1920s thru the 1950s was basically a wooden frame strung with animal hide. The boot attachment was a leather wrap that tied around the boot. Wool clothing was standard, along with calf high leather boots, no gaiters, and sometimes a single pole for balance. Note the photo of Kate Groo taken on April 15, 1922. (Photo from the Wasatch Mountain Club Special Collection, J. Willard Marriott Library, The University of Utah.)

There wasn't much change in snowshoeing thru the 1930s and 1940s as these were the years of the Great Depression. After WWII one could find army surplus snowshoes that were made with an aluminum frame.

During the 1950s there may have been one or even two snowshoe tours listed during the winter snow season, but as it progressed as a mode of hiking through the snow, it became more popular as the years passed. In the 1960s the club started to list snowshoeing as a separate activity from skiing. This time frame saw an average of about two tours per season. These first snowshoe tours were most often the NTD (not to difficult) variety. The snowshoes used during this period were generally the same as those used in the 1920s.

It was during the 1970s that snowshoe tours became more popular in the club and averaged about 12 tours per year. For this study the snowshoe season is considered the months of November thru April. This equates to a six-month cycle or basically 2 snowshoes



Kate Groo 1922

per month. The average number of tours organized in the 1980s was about 18 per season or about three per month.

Snowshoeing during the 1990s saw a large increase in the number of snowshoe tours organized, especially in the second half of the decade. The average number for the 1990s was 41 per year or about seven per month. Toward the end of this decade it was closer to ten per month or about two per week. Some of these trips could have as many as 20 to 30 participants.

At the turn of the century the snowshoe tours ramped up once again to an all-time high. The average for the years 2000 to 2010 was about 130 per year or almost 22 per month. The all-time record year was set in 2007 with 234 snowshoe tours listed, or about 39 snowshoes per month or about 10 per week. The snowshoe gang would now have about three NTD, four MOD (moderate), and three MSD (most difficult) snowshoes per week.

From the year 2010 to the present, there has been a decline in the number of snowshoe tours organized by the WMC to about 80 trips per year. This may be due to a change in the aging demographics of the club



Greens Basin  
Snowshoe Tour  
1994



members or a slower membership growth rate. However, the popularity of snowshoeing in the Club is still very strong and will continue to be so well into the future.

The history of snowshoeing in the WMC would not be complete without a look at one of the more popular outings known as the Gourmet Snowshoe. The origins of the Gourmet Snowshoe likely began as a spin-off from the Gourmet Ski Tour organized by Gale Dick annually for 31 years. The first Gourmet Ski Tour listed in the Rambler was April 21, 1963. Twenty years later the Rambler lists an April 17, 1983 annual combination snowshoe and ski gourmet tour. The last Gourmet Ski Tour listed in the Rambler was organized by Gale Dick on April 17, 1994.

The April 1982 Rambler lists a "Snowshoers Third Annual Gourmet Tour" by Joy Ray. The next Gourmet Snowshoe was listed in the March 1992 and was organized by Leah Mancini, who would also organize it in 1993 and 1994. The 1995 season would start a 22-

**"KNOW BEFORE YOU GO"** and make sure to bring your 10 Es! Check with the Utah Avalanche center web site for snow conditions and weather forecast <http://www.avalanche.org/~uac/> and review the WMC Winter Sports Policy, Backcountry Travel Techniques and Backcountry Ski & Snowshoe Route Ratings listed on the Wasatch Mountain Club website under Winter Sports [www.wasatchmountainclub.org](http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org). Organizers are expected to keep their groups together and use proper backcountry etiquette.



year period where Mark Jones, Holly Smith and Knick Knickerbocker would organize the annual Gourmet Snowshoe at Willow Lake. This event has averaged over 30 participants each year and is still very popular with the snowshoe group.

Reflecting the popularity of the sport, the Club now has a Snowshoe Coordinator under the Winter Sports Director who oversees all snowshoe activities. While the early trips were usually led to easier locations and rated NTD or, sometimes MOD, today's trips can go to almost any safe location and can be rated up to MSD. Appropriate safety gear such as beacon, probe and shovel are now required gear on many of these trips. Avalanche training is highly recommended for anyone venturing into the backcountry in Winter.

In addition to becoming one of the Club's more popular activities, the WMC has seen the sport of snowshoeing evolve into the high-end sport it is today. A huge thank you goes out to all members throughout the last 100 years who made it happen.

## Boating Planning Party

**First Week in March 2020**

Join us as we get together to go over the permits we got as a group and plan out our boating season for 2020! Dinner will be provided.

**Look for an email with date and time!**



By Jim Kucera

I am a hiker, and I hike year-round. Winter snow does not stop me – I snowshoe! The Wasatch Mountains in the winter is a beautiful world, and sometimes sunnier and warmer than the local valleys (inversion periods). Have fun looking for (or tracking) wildlife, climbing to viewpoints, bagging peaks and lakes (walk over frozen lakes), breaking trail where people rarely go even in the summer. Give it a try.

The key to enjoyment is comfort. How to dress is very important – stay dry. Firstly, don't wear any cotton – it gets wet and stays wet. Don't overdress either; you will be generating heat as with any exercise. I've seen plenty of snowshoers start off dressing like alpine skiers. I recommend a thin base layer worn next to the skin to wick off perspiration. There are several fabrics suitable for this: made of various synthetic fibers as well as natural ones such as silk and softer (less itchy) types of wool. It is easier to stay comfortable when wearing several thin layers that can be removed or vented, rather than a heavy one. I often wear mittens without gloveliners – your fingers stay warmer when they have 'close company'. Winter boots should be water-proof and insulated. Outer layers should include a preferably 'breathable' and waterproof hooded jacket (the hood is very effective on breezy days). Gaiters are strongly recommended to keep the loose snow out of your boots. Don't forget eye protection – sunglasses or similar. Ultraviolet radiation can burn your exposed skin (even your eyes!) on a cloudy day.

I recommend getting snowshoes of good quality, sold or rented in local outdoor equipment shops. What kind of snowshoeing will you do? If you are content with groomed trails or otherwise packed snow, you might be satisfied with less. Much of the Wasatch involves some steep climbing – I use mountaineering snowshoes (they have crampons, toe and/or heel area) to bite into hard-packed or icy snow. Mountaineering-type snowshoes generally have crampons, and more straps to attach the snowshoe to your boot (compared to snowshoes used for flat or rolling terrain, where twisting or torque is not a problem). One or two ski-poles are useful in balance, especially on slopes (ascending, descending or traversing) or in deep snow. Lastly, choose the appropriate size of snowshoe. Snowshoes are rated for the total weight of the hiker, including whatever you are going to carry. In my mind, it is better to have snowshoes too large than to have less flotation. As per the Club recommendation: you should carry a day pack with your 10 essentials! In winter, you can carry part of your clothing in your pack (such as spare gloves, cap or wind jacket).

Be safe! Learn about snow safety. Much of avalanche safety is avoidance (choosing safe terrain). Always "know before you go" – check the avalanche forecast at <https://utahavalanchecenter.org>. Snowshoe activities on the Club calendar can be changed (i.e., location) and/or cancelled in storm weather.

# Membership Meeting

Februray 19th

Election

Social

Presentation

Jason “Singer” Smith



Join us for our annual February Membership Meeting/Social. From 6:00-6:30 we'll go over some basic Board Business and the 2019 Board Election. From 6:30-8:30, Jason “Singer” Smith will share his story of survival. John “Singer” Smith is a local climber and well known speaker. Singer typically charges for his events but as a local, he likes to give back to the community in any way possible.

First cutting his teeth in his home mountains in Utah, he then shifted his focus to big wall climbing in Yosemite where he quickly established a reputation as a talented and bold soloist. In August of 2000, Singer, Beth Rodden, Tommy Caldwell, and John Dickey were climbing in the mountains of Kyrgyzstan when they were

kidnapped and held hostage for six days by rebels from the Islamic movement of Uzbekistan. Ultimately, the team conspired to engineer their own dramatic escape.

Singers talk encompasses his harrowing ordeal of being kidnapped as seen in the recent film “The Dawn Wall” and in the bestseller “Over The Edge.”

We'll have light snacks and beverages, and Centennial merchandise will be on hand as we continue to raise donations towards the WMC Education Endowment. This is a great gathering for new members to get acquainted with the club, and most board members will be present for questions or guidance about club activities.

## Executive Officers

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The next annual election of the Wasatch Mountain Club Board of Directors will occur at the membership meeting February 19, 2020, 6pm at REI Salt Lake. The WMC is a volunteer-run organization including the Board. The candidate list below includes the roles to be elected by WMC members at the upcoming membership meeting. Other board roles are appointed by directors.

## Climbing/Mountaineering

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Dennis Goreham	Conservation Director
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Michele Stancer	Hiking Co-Director

## Social

Tonya Karren	Social Director
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## Winter Sports

Greg Libecchi	Winter Sports Director
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Brad Yates*	Trustee 2020-2024
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*\*new candidate*

The 2020 Nominating Committee members are Ray Daurelle, Robert Turner and John Kiedaischo. Each year the committee oversees the election of the WMC Board. 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)

2020 WMC BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATES



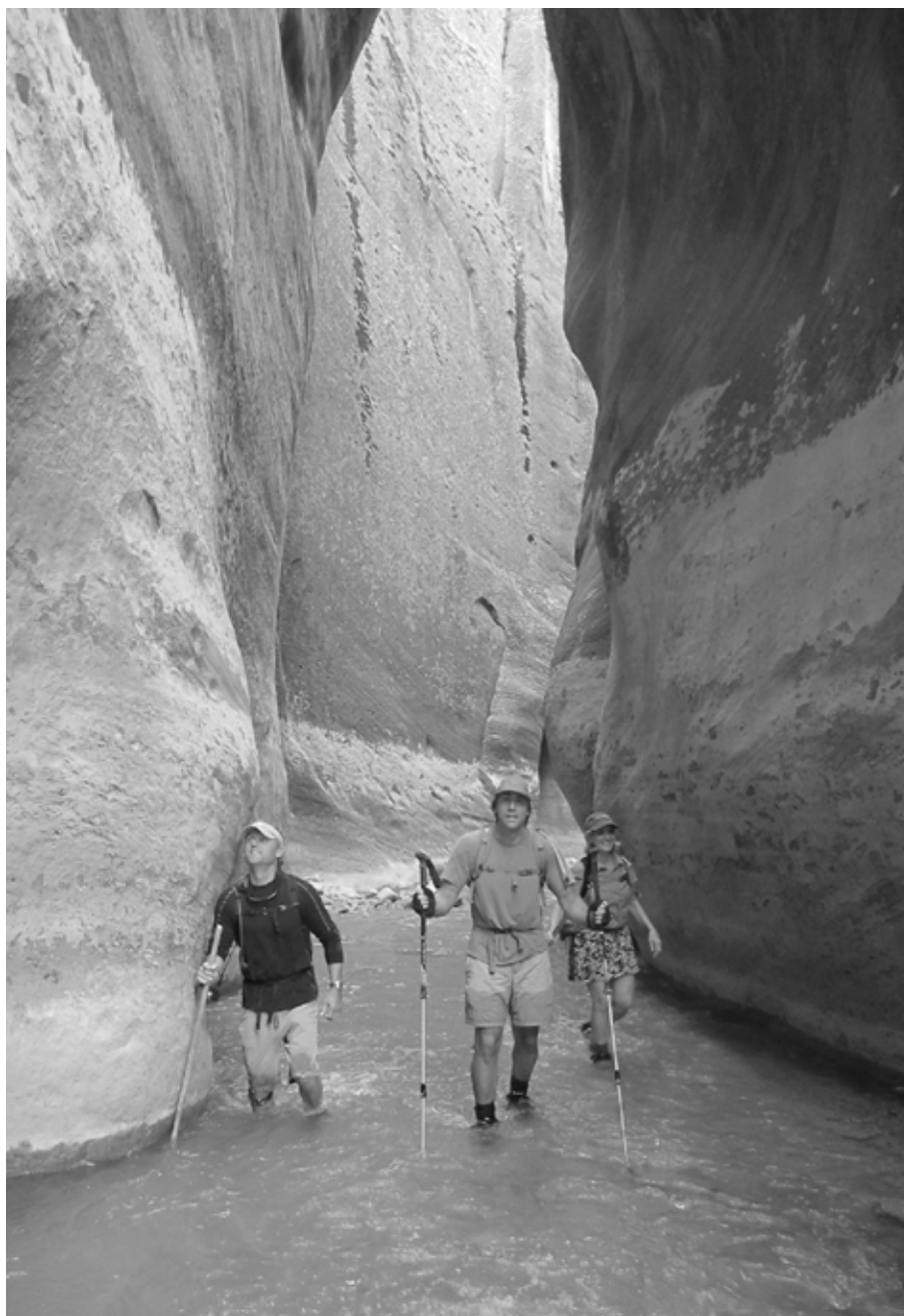
# The Zion Narrows Trail is Protected Forever

By Michael Patrick  
of The Trust for Public Land // Photo  
Credit: Skylar Williams

One of Zion National Park's and the Southwest's most iconic hikes - the Zion Narrows Trail - is now permanently protected from closure and development after the most recent land protection success by The Trust for Public Land (TPL) with the help of many partners.

Hiking the Narrows is an immersive experience. The route follows the Virgin River into a deep slot canyon in a remote corner of southern Utah, with sculpted sandstone walls soaring more than a thousand feet overhead. And for much of the 16-mile trek, the canyon is so narrow that hikers are literally immersed in the river, with nowhere to walk but in the rocky streambed itself. For well-prepared hikers, a trip down the Narrows is a challenging, unforgettable experience. But not many people realize that this adventure of a lifetime has rested on tenuous ground. The Narrows Trail actually begins outside Zion National Park, traversing private property before crossing the park boundary. Public access to the Narrows has depended for many years on informal, and therefore uncertain, understandings with local landowners.

Given TPL's mission "to create parks and protect land for people", our Utah team has been inspired over the years to focus on some amazing landscapes in the state such as private lands in and around Zion



National Park and along the Bonneville Shoreline Trail on the Wasatch Front. These efforts at Zion have included continued efforts to secure permanent public access along the Zion Narrows Trail. In the first such project, TPL protected Chamberlain Ranch, located just west of the trailhead. That 285-acre property was purchased in 2008 by developers who then secured approval for a 20-lot subdivision. Those subdivision plans fortunately stalled with the recession but still made it likely that the ranch would

stay in private ownership, be subdivided and block public access for the trail. In a complicated deal involving a variety of funding sources, TPL was successful in protecting Chamberlain Ranch in 2013 and ensuring that Zion Narrows Trailhead and the first few miles of the trek would remain open to the public forever.

That only left one private, unprotected property along the trail, 880 acres just outside the park boundary and known as Simon Gulch. Following several years of

negotiations with the landowners and success in securing public and private funding, TPL was able to purchase a conservation easement and trail easement on Simon Gulch to protect the last unprotected mile and to ensure trail users will be guaranteed permanent access. It also makes certain that the 880 acres of uplands along the trail on the edge of Zion National Park will remain undeveloped. "Our iconic national parks, like Zion, represent this country at our best," said Diane Regas, CEO of The Trust for Public Land. "The permanent protection of the Zion Narrows Trail will give people the opportunity to experience this special place, in perpetuity."

Many partners and funders came together to help TPL with this latest success. That list includes State of Utah, Washington County, U.S. Forest Service, private landowners and other partners including the National Park Foundation and a generous gift from the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles



Foundation. "People come from all over the world to do this iconic hike," says Zion National Park Superintendent Jeff Bradybaugh. "On behalf of the generations of future visitors who will benefit from this easement, we want to thank the State of Utah, Washington County, other partners, and the landowner for assuring access to this true wilderness experience in

perpetuity." It's an exciting milestone for anyone who daydreams about this one-of-a-kind hike ... and given that 2019 was the 100th anniversary of Zion National Park, we couldn't think of a better way to celebrate!

*Photos feature adventurer Erik Weihenmeyer and crew hiking the Narrows*



We all need places to get outside – to explore, exercise, and recharge. But with America's open spaces disappearing at a rate of 6,000 acres each day, we're at risk of losing our most cherished outdoor escapes. Together, we can change that. Join The Trust for Public Land to save the lands we all love – from urban parks to vast wilderness. Since 1972, we've worked with communities to protect more than 3 million acres and create more than 5,000 parks and natural places for people to enjoy. Help to keep this land our land.

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# Celebrate the legacy *by Giving*

**In 2020**, Wasatch Mountain Club turns 100! We have a year of celebration with many ways you can participate!

## ■ Attend a Centennial Event

- January 27: Centennial Kick-Off
  - May 13: Anniversary Party
  - December 5: Closing/Holiday Party
- For a full list of Centennial activities, visit [WasatchMountainClub.org](http://WasatchMountainClub.org)*

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# WMC Centennial Scholarship Fund

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 the Wasatch Mountain Club Centennial Scholarship Fund to support students in the Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT) department pursuing degrees focused in environmental health and community outdoor recreation.

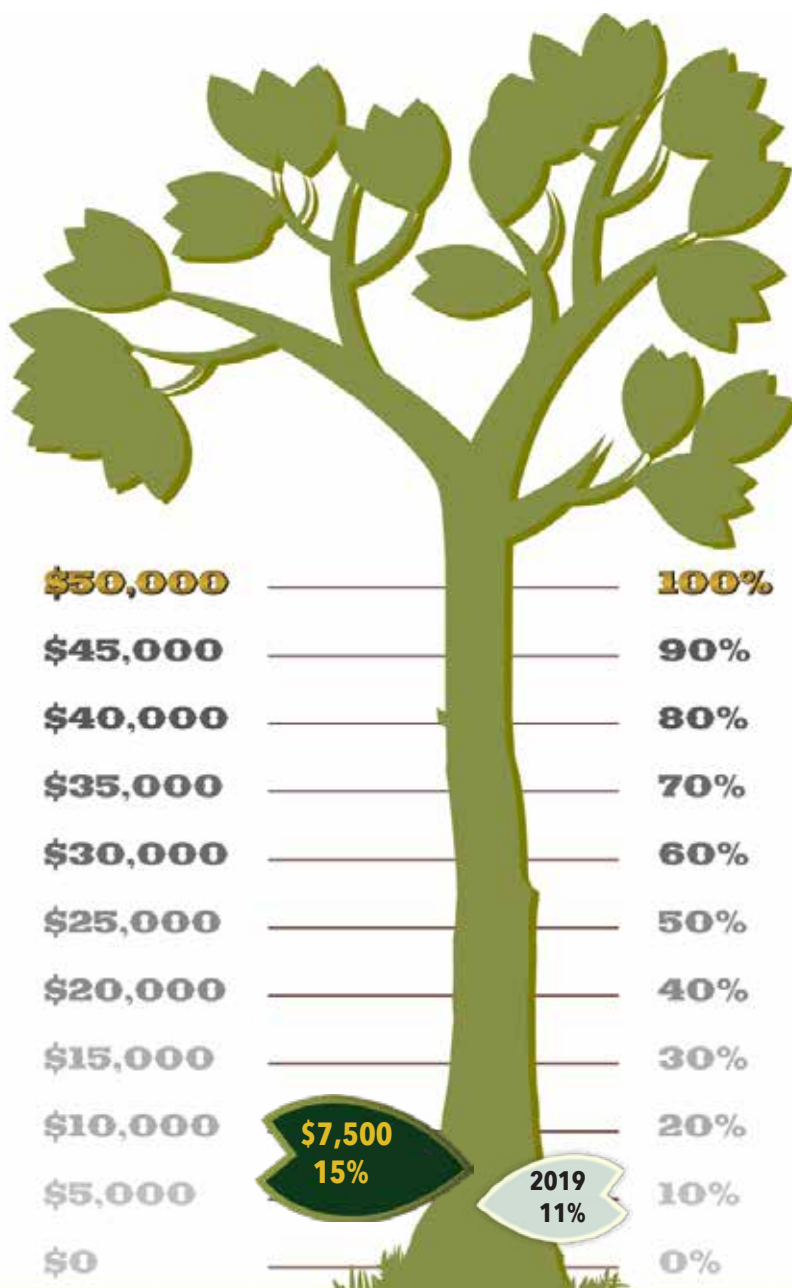
The PRT program is part of the College of Health. The program inspires students to inform policy, serve social needs, promote sustainability, and advocate for the health of people, communities, and the environment. This is closely aligned with the purpose statement of the WMC.

\$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.

Fun centennial items are available in exchange for endowment donations (hats, shirts, journals, patches, coasters, mugs, koozies, etc.) Additionally, any sponsorship funds remaining over and above the cost of the Centennial events will be directed to the endowment.

**Donate to the WMC Centennial Scholarship at the University of Utah online** <https://auxiliary.apps.utah.edu/ugive/>



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## More About the Lodge from *The Rambler*

### **The Wasatch Rambler    April 1933**

"The chalet will soon be opened at Brighton. I think there are a few members that if they do not like to hike, could come up and join us there. We should be glad to see you."

"The Lodge Committee recognizes the following outstanding problems for 1933 in regard to our Chalet at Brighton, and begs your hearty cooperation in overcoming them:

- (a) Oiling the logs.
- (b) Painting the gables and outside of window frames.
- (c) Strengthening the foundations.
- (d) Continuing the landscaping work, concentrating on removing dirt from the rear of the building to make space for kitchen.
- (e) Encouraging more frequent use of the chalet by club members, on vacation trips and weekend outings

We recommend at least one official club trip to the chalet every month - during the season."



"The chalet is for your use. Make the most of it. "



### **The Wasatch Rambler    April 1935**

"Oh, what is so rare as a day in June and an evening at our lodge in Brighton. The highway will soon be open, allowing continuation of the summer's major building problem - completion of the kitchen. A little concentrated effort on the part of all club members will transform our present lodging house into a home, suitable for year-round occupancy.

Our Lodge is your Home! Use it more often this summer for overnight parties and vacation outings. "



### **Volunteers Needed for Lodge Foundation Board.**

**Secretary** - Take meeting minutes, write monthly Rambler article, help with Donor Perfect, etc.

**Event Marketing** - Research possible events, advertising, contact potential event sponsors/planners.

**Grants Coordinator** - Research available grants, write grant applications.

If interested, contact Renae at [wmc123@gmail.com](mailto:wmc123@gmail.com).



# 50 Years Ago in the Rambler

transcribed by Donn Seeley, WMC Trustee

## CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY 1970 [...]

Feb 14-15 Sat. & Sun. BRIGHTON-CATHERINE PASS: Overnight Intermediate (2,3) This tour is designed to give people a few of the delights of winter camping with minimum misery. Starting at noon from the Lodge in Brighton the group will proceed to the vicinity of Lake Mary or Lake Catherine and set up camp. Numerous side expeditions are possible including Mt. Wolverine. Return early Sunday afternoon. Plan on bringing a warm sleeping bag and cooking gear. Register with Del and Carol Frostbottom [aka Wiens ...] for details and tenting arrangements.

Feb. 18 Wed. ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING, 8:00 p.m. La Morena Cafe (in the Guadalupe Center) 346 West 1st South. After the business is transacted Dick Nielsen will show his slides and movies of Afghanistan, in preparation for next year's club trip there. At our October meeting at La Morena, those who came early and had dinner were impressed with the excellent Mexican food. Beer and Mexican goodies will be on sale for those arriving at meeting time.

## LODGE: TO KEEP OR NOT TO KEEP

Another chapter of the continuing saga of our Brighton lodge  
by Dale Green, Pres.

Our lodge at Brighton has a serious problem. The Board of Directors has decided to take a poll of all members and asked me to write an objective explanation. However, I find I am pessimistic about the future of the lodge so this discussion is definitely slanted. Anyone with opposing views is free to write their own evaluation to the editor of the Rambler.

The problem is this: The membership does not have sufficient interest in the lodge to keep it properly maintained or provide enough income for needed maintenance or improvements.

Proposed solutions:

1. Raise the dues to cover the expense. [...]
2. Rent the lodge to more non-member groups. (We already do this to many such groups. Outsiders use the lodge more than we do. Without this income the lodge would be in debt.) [...]
3. Plan more activities at the Lodge. [...]
4. Sell the lodge. Before my home is bombed let me explain that the board is not really serious... yet. We are not pressed for an immediate solution for the lodge. The problems are not new, they have been with us for years and they can stay with us for several more years. We are talking about selling the lodge now because the problems are always getting worse, never better. The time to talk about such things is while we have time not later when the situation is critical and we may be forced into drastic action we don't like. Even if we received a mandate from the membership to sell, the board would still have a difficult time. First of all, the Board of Trustees was created in the early 1950's to prevent the Board of Directors from selling the lodge without Trustee approval. Also, we do not own the land and the lodge needs a lot of fixing. Access during the winter is getting worse. [...]

[The Club has had a board of trustees since at least 1948, for what it's worth. The "drastic action" that Dale Green forecasted occurred in the 1990s, when the Club failed to renew the lodge's lease on time with the Forest Service. The Forest Service told the Club that we would either need to tear the lodge down and rehabilitate the site, or make the improvements that we had been putting off. The Club decided to rescue the lodge, and we installed modern plumbing and year-round culinary water. In 2010, the Club transferred ownership of the lodge to the 501(c)(3) Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation. After a lot of effort, the lodge is now a very successful operation.]

# Avalanche Safety Workshop & Snowshoe at Greens Basin

January 11, 2020

Organizers: Jim Kucera & Akiko Kamimura // Report &  
Photo: Akiko Kamimura

Since avalanche danger was rising, it was very important to choose a safe location for avalanche safety workshop. We picked Greens Basin. It was actually first time for Pat and Andrew to go to Greens Basin. The traffic was congested on the powder day. After the long drive for the relatively short distance, we finally arrived at the Spruces (trailhead). At the beginning, we reviewed today's avalanche forecast - moderate on mid and lower elevation and considerable on steep upper elevation slopes. Wind drifted snow as well as new snow and persistent weak layer were risk factors.

Jim explained why Greens Basin could be a safe place on the day with such risk factors. Then, we did beacon check. On the way to Greens Basin, we discussed slope angles and measured angles using an inclinometer. Jim and Andrew also did trail maintenance work - they cut down a fallen tree, which was on the trail. It started snowing heavily when we go to Greens Basin. We discussed the avalanche rescue procedures and did beacon practice. Then, we went to the old demolished cabin. Jim and Andrew shoveled snow around the cabin with hope to find



*Group photo. From left - Jim, Pat, Andrew and Akiko*

something. We went back to the trailhead via a slightly different route and enjoyed snowshoeing on powder snow in the beautiful snowy forest. Our return drive to the meeting place was very slow on the snow-covered road in traffic jam. We enjoyed chatting and nice music selected by Pat's wife during the long drive.

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# Canyoneering Cherry Canyon

November 1, 2019

Organizer, Report & Photo: Jodi Olson

Cherry canyon is quite the pick for beginner to expert canyoneers. It's located in the Virgin Gorge south of Saint George and north of Mesquite. We met up in the morning and discussed the plan and divided into three groups. Kevin, Bret and Brent were the leaders for the three groups. We hopped into some cars and drove north from Mesquite. Kevin was gracious enough to bring poles to cross the river, thanks Kevin but I think your poles are taller than some of us. We crossed the river and dried our toes and began the trek up Cherry Canyon.

We took our time and enjoyed the views from the top to look how far up we had come before we began the ascent down the canyon. The climb was about 1500 feet and the fifteen repels was quite the reward.

We broke off into three groups with Brent in the front with his group, Bret in the middle, and Kevin herding up the back. It was amazing the teamwork that kept us moving through the canyon. The canyon was nonstop rappels so we stopped half way and became lizards sitting on the warm rocks enjoying the sun, lunch and laughter. The beauty of the canyon was around us as we finished the fifteenth rappel. As a group we enjoyed the satisfaction of conquering the canyon as a team of 14 in about half a day. Yes, 14 people in the group and we made it out in about half a day.

We returned to Mesquite with smiles on our faces and several people met up for a prime rib dinner and then we had drinks in the bowling alley as we shared stories of other canyons, got to know each other better, and relax.



It was a wonderful day filled with teamwork, laughter, smiles, learning new things, and most importantly, making new friends. We slept soundly in our rooms that night in Mesquite and divided off the next day to conquer more canyons on the way home to finish our adventure.





*From left: Tyler, Mary, Kim, Dave, Michi, Craig, Ellen, and Jean. Akiko in the front.*

## Norway Flat Snowshoe

December 21, 2019

Organizer, Report & Photo: Akiko Kamimura

We snowshoed Norway Flat Trail in the West Uintas. It was a nice day - warm and mostly sunny. It was also very quiet there. We did not see many other people. It was the first time for Kim and Tyler to participate in the club's activity. After we snowshoed on the trail for a couple of hours, we took a break to eat Dave's delicious homemade bread. Then, we continued on the trail until the track on the snow ended.

We had lunch at the place. Kim and Tyler had never used avalanche safety gear and were very interested in learning how to use it. They did beacon practice a couple of times. Tyler shoveled the snow to check weak layers. It was very clear that there were weak layers under the snow. We also assessed the slope angle. After lunch, we plunged on the steep slope on power snow and went to the yurt. On the way back to the trailhead, we saw 10 people who would be staying in the yurt. We chatted a lot during snowshoe and had a great time together.

## Fir Peak Snowshoe

December 28, 2019

Organizer, Report & Photo: Akiko Kamimura

We started from Mine Trail Trailhead to bag Fir Peak (8574 ft) in the West Uintas. For all of us, it was the first time to make the peak. In summer, Mine Trail is an ATV road. But in winter, the trail is used by snowshoers and skiers. The trail goes in the scenic forest and offers wonderful views of mountains in the Uintas, American Fork and more.

During the ascent, we were mostly on the track on the snow but needed to break snow briefly. While we had lunch at the peak, wind picked up. Wind blew snow - the snow became like flying crystals. We enjoyed beautiful snow sceneries during the descent and went to the wrong direction for a moment. It was actually a nice side trip. We had beacon practice near the trailhead. Kathleen did a great job to explain rescue procedure. It was an extremely cold (single digits) but beautiful day. We had a great snowshoe.



*From front: Kathleen, Parker, Jacob, Kim, Michi, and Dave*

# North Canyon to Mueller Park Snowshoe/Hike

January 4, 2020



Organizer, Report & Photo: Bart Michaelson

This was a long easy hike between two trailheads (North Canyon and Mueller Park). It was 10.5 miles long with only 1700 feet of elevation gain. The day started out cloudy but cleared up by the time we were about 2 miles into the hike. The views of the Great Salt Lake, Antelope Island, and beyond were amazing because there was no smog. The color of the Great Salt Lake was amazing. My phone camera didn't do it justice.

There was an occasional breeze that was cold but long as we were off the ridge it was a pretty calm day, very enjoyable. The trail from Rudy's Flat to Elephant rock was a little more snow packed than expected but we still made good progress between the two sites. This was a shuttle hike, but could be done as a complete loop if you want to walk on a sidewalk between the two trailheads for about 1.5 to 2 miles.

## Snowshoe Peak 10420

January 5, 2020

Organizer, Report & Photo: Akiko Kamimura

It was very critical to choose a safe route because the avalanche risk was considerable in the Peak 10420 area. In addition, we wanted to do a short snowshoe before a weak snowstorm would come in the afternoon. The WNW ridge route from the Guardsmans Rd winter gate was the best choice based on the information from the Utah Avalanche Center. Peter had never taken this route and was excited to try something new.

After the beautiful forest, we got to the ridge that offered magnificent views of surrounding mountains. There was a ski track until the false peak. We broke snow to get to Peak 10420 from the false peak and then had lunch at the peak.



*Peak photo. From left: Akiko, Peter, Bob, and Deb*

The views from the peak were beautiful. But it became very windy. We went back the same way. Because of lots of ski tracks, it was a little bit confusing to take the same way. Skiers who were ascending and the landmarks were helpful to determine the correct way to go back to the trailhead. This snowshoe took three hours in total including breaks (distance - 3.1 miles, elevation gain - 1,724 ft).





*Roger, Larry and Jim reading about Cliffhanger*

## Jordan River Parkway Bird Watching Hike

December 14, 2019

Organizer & Photos: Akiko Kamimura // Report: Akiko Kamimura & Jim Kucera

This activity was originally posted as a snowshoe in a mountain. Due to snowstorm, it changed to a bird watching hike at Jordan River Parkway. It was raining very hard and turned to snow early in the morning. When we started from Cottonwood Grove (5832 S) in Murray at 10 am, it became briefly sunny. We saw broken but bright rainbows. We hiked to north from Cottonwood Grove to Arrowhead Park (4800 S) mostly

on the west side of the river. We frequently stopped to watch birds and did the exploration of the old river oxbows. We had lunch at Arrowhead Park and turned to south on the east side of the river.

We passed Cottonwood Grove and hiked further south to see the new bridge. Roger turned around at the bridge. The rest of us continued to Willow Pond. Most numerous bird seen by far was European starlings (into the thousands). Other birds that we saw included American robins, mallards and various hybrids

thereof, Canada geese, common goldeneyes, American coots, pied-billed grebes, black-billed magpies, red-winged blackbirds, house sparrows, white-crowned sparrows, dark eyed juncos, American kestrels, belted kingfishers, a presumed Coopers hawk, unidentified gulls, and several muskrat sightings too. We also saw one wild cat. The weather changed frequently during the hike - sunny, cloudy, rainy.... The air was significantly clean since the blustery weather left behind. It was a great 3.5-hour hike.





## Little Water Peak Snowshoe

December 30, 2019

Organizers: Jim Kucera & Akiko Kamimura // Report & Photo: Akiko Kamimura

Michi, Peter, Jim and Akiko did the last snowshoe of 2019 (for us) from Spruces to Little Water Peak. We had snow showers at the beginning. On the way to Dog Lake, Jim saw and video recorded a weasel hunting. From Dog Lake, we snowshoed through beautiful forests by breaking fresh snow. We had early lunch at the bottom of Little Water Peak. The visibility was almost zero during the final ascent. We were in the cloud so it was difficult to figure out where the peak was. From the peak, we descended East on the

ridge and went down to Powder Park. Meanwhile, the weather became partly sunny. We saw a squirrel running half under snow. Snow conditions were great for plunging. The mix of sun and cloud created beautiful views of surrounding mountains. We took long breaks to enjoy conversations on the way back to Spruces. The snowshoe took 6 hours and 30 minutes including several very long breaks (distance - 7.14 miles, elevation gain - 2,515 ft).

*Photo: Group at Powder Park. From left: Peter, Akiko, Jim and Michi*



## Elephant Rock & Cave Peak Hike

January 1, 2020

Organizers: Bart Michaelson & Julie Kilgore // Report & Photo: Bart Michaelson

This hike was interrupted by a fierce blizzard. The blizzard stopped us from summiting Cave Peak, but the hike to Elephant rock was great. The blizzard soon

passed and the rest of the hike was pleasant. 8 people came, 3 left after the failed Cave Peak attempt. The blizzard dumped enough snow to make the remaining of the hike a winter wonderland vista.

*Photo: Cave Peak partial ascent*



*Group photo. From left: Jim, Akiko, Susan, Liz, Jean, Leslie, Greg, Rick, Michi, Mary, Larry & Deirdre*

## Greens Basin Snowshoe

December 11, 2019

Organizer: Jim Kucera // Report & Photos:  
Akiko Kamimura

First Wednesday snowshoe for this season! We started from Spruces Campground and snowshoed to Greens Basin. At the beginning, we did beacon check. Snow conditions were remarkable - the snow was like sand. Snow and ice on branches made beautiful layers.

We saw animal tracks on the snow. Rick and Jim cleared some obstructing recent deadfall from the trail with use of a saw. We hiked up to a small hill above Greens Basin and had lunch. Descending was so much fun! We plunged on the sandy powder snow. It was a great day.



*Liz and Larry descending*





*Fun chatting on the ridge. From left: Carol, Mary & Jean*

## South Little Mountain Snowshoe

December 22, 2019

Organizer, Report & Photo: Akiko Kamimura

Jean, Mary, Carol, and Akiko started from Little Mountain Summit Parking in Emigration Canyon. The original destination was Little Mt. The trail was covered with packed snow. We did not need to use snowshoes most of the times. It was cloudy but not cold.

Once we were up to West Little Mt, the views became very beautiful. To get to Little Mt, we should have gone up to another ridgeline from near Henderson Hill. But we were enjoying chatting, missed the junction, and kept going until we got to the west bottom of Little Mt. It was too bushy to go up to Little Mt from there. So we went back to the junction and hiked up to South Little Mt. We could go to Little Mt from South Little Mt but determined making South Little Mountain was enough.

We had lunch at South Little Mt. It was very quiet. We saw several other hikers. There were not many cars at the parking. We had a great time away from the crowded resort areas. The snowshoe took 3 hours and 45 minutes including breaks (distance - 4.84 miles, elevation gain - 1,307 ft).

## Pine Hollow in American Fork Snowshoe

December 29, 2019



*Group photo. From left: Rachael, Jim and Akiko*

Organizer, Report & Photo: Akiko Kamimura

Rachael, Jim and Akiko attempted to make Pine Hollow Peak (8,440 ft) from Tibble Fork Reservoir in American Fork. It was the first club activity for Rachael, though she had been a member of the club more than one year. It was snowy all day but was not very cold. We at first took Tibble Fork Trail and turned to Mud Springs Trail. Views from the ridgeline are usually remarkable. However, the visibility was too low to enjoy the views. We turned around at the place, which, we thought,

was Pine Hollow Peak. Later, we found we were very close to the peak but did not make it. Nevertheless, it was a great day. Snowy sceneries were very beautiful. It was very quiet - we just saw birds and did not see any other people on the trail. When we were back to the parking, we were surprised that the parking was full. There were many people enjoying sledging or ice fishing at the reservoir. The snowshoe took 5 hours and 30 minutes in total including breaks (distance - 7.23 miles, elevation gain - 2,304 ft).



# Scotts Pass, Guardsmans Peak & Guardsmans Pass Snowshoe

December 25, 2019

Organizers: im Kucera & Akiko Kamimura // Report & Report and Photo: Akiko Kamimura

It was very cold morning. The temperature was single digit when we started from the Guardsmans Rd winter trailhead and remained very low during the snowshoe. Our first destination was Scotts Pass. At first, we snowshoed on Guardsmans Rd and continued in the beautiful forest to the pass on the ski track on the snow. From Scotts Pass, we broke fresh powder snow and made Guardsmans Peak (also known as Try-County Peak). The views from the peak were very beautiful. From the peak, we went down to Guardsmans Pass. There is a new restroom at the pass. But it was impossible to open the door because there was lots of snow in from of the door. We snowshoed in the forest and enjoyed plunging on powder snow to go back to the trailhead and made a loop. It was mostly cloudy but became sunny when we were getting back to the trailhead. The snowshoe took 4 hours in total (distance - 4.65 miles, elevation gain - 1,498 ft).



Guardsmans Peak. From left: Michi, Akiko & Jim



## *Trail Etiquette & Erosion*

### *Doing The Right Thing!*

by Knick Knickerbocker



When you are hiking, snowshoeing, mountain biking, or horseback riding on a mountain trail or in your neighborhood please observe and teach others about correct trail etiquette.

Remember the FIRST RULE of trail etiquette is that the “uphill traveler always has the right of way”. Uphill requires more energy and their vision is less than downhill travelers.

Otherwise, horses ultimately have the right of way. Hikers and bikers should give them plenty of room & move to the downhill side of trail. Speak softly and no quick movements so you don’t spook the animal. It also helps if you’re not hiding behind a bush so they can see you are clearly a person.

When coming up behind others, slow down and simply say hello to let them know you’re there and ask if you may pass on the left or right. But for erosion’s (and plant’s) sake, please stay on the trail. And if hiking in a group - stay in single file and share the trail.

Bikers AND hikers remember that your bikes & boots can cause erosion on wet-muddy trails, so when it’s wet, please turn back!

When hiking with your four legged friends (dogs) on an appropriate trail, be sure to keep your animal under control and let others know if it’s friendly or not. Also remember when they leave a “deposit” that it’s YOUR responsibility to pick it up and take it with you - if you must leave the bag behind, please be sure to pick it up when you return.

- Feb 1** **Relaxed Pace Snowshoe - Green's Basin – ntd – Out & Back – Slow pace**  
*Meet:* 10:00 am at Butler Elementary - 7080 S 2700 E, Cottonwood Heights, UT  
**Sat** *Organizer:* Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com  
 Sleep in a bit, then join the group for a relaxed pace snowshoe. Bring a lunch and warm drink to enjoy in the meadow. If the traffic jams are unbearable, we will choose an alternate but equally enjoyable destination in the foothills.
- Feb 1** **Break Into The Backcountry Skiing – ntd+ – 3.5 mi Out & Back – 2500' ascent – Moderate pace**  
*Meet:* Registration required  
**Sat** *Organizer:* Robert\* Myers 801-651-9965 robertmyers47@gmail.com  
 Interested in breaking into back-country skiing? There are important requirements: You must have prior skiing experience, the right equipment and have training in the risks of backcountry skiing. Having the ability to make parallel turns can be very helpful. The second requirement will be the possession of an avalanche beacon, avalanche shovel, probe and have the training to use that equipment. We strongly encourage all participants to attend classes and continuing to refresh and maintain your avalanche awareness(such as Brad Yates class on Sunday, Feb 9th). To advance and be included in further ski tours, you must have the avalanche training and become a member of the Wasatch Mt. Club.
- Feb 1** **Snowshoe To The Top Of Gobblers Knob – msd – 10.0 mi Out & Back – 4500' ascent – Moderate pace**  
*Meet:* Registration required  
**Sat** *Organizer:* Lana Christiansen 801-599-4533 laccount4u@gmail.com  
 We will attempt to summit Gobblers Knob via the winter route established years ago by Michael Hannan and myself. This route is safe and not prone to avalanche. We start at the Bowman trailhead, Millcreek Canyon. This trip is physically demanding and requires a lot of trail breaking. Please plan on taking your turn with the trail breaking. Plan on 9 to 10 miles round trip with a vertical gain of at least 4500 feet. Bring all necessary gear and plan for a long day and fairly early start. This snowshoe is weather dependent. We will travel at a moderate pace and registration is required.
- Feb 1** **Alpine Ski Tour - Low/west Uintas**  
*Meet:* 10:00 am at Please meet at South Summit High School (on the west side) in Kamas and carpool from there. If you have a parking pass, do bring it.  
**Sat** *Carpool:* 9:45 am at I am available to carpool from Heber.  
*Organizer:* Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com  
 Please RSVP so I can anticipate your participation. Plan is to skin and ski off the small knoll in Cedar Hollow/Mine Trail area above the Beaver Creek trail (a relatively short approach with gentle terrain and some trees). There are also smaller hills directly off of Beaver Creek and some slightly larger objectives in the area if the group is interested. I usually park at the first pull out on the right after the pay station on Mirror Lake highway. Avi gear and knowledge of use if required (beacon, shovel, probe).
- Feb 2** **Snowshoe: Avenues Twins Snowshoe Or Spikehike – ntd+ – 3.0 mi Out & Back – 1000' ascent – Moderate pace**  
**Sun** *Meet:* 9:00 am at Meet at 1027 Terrace Hills (84103). To get to Terrace Hills, take 11th Avenue to Terrace Hills Drive (890 East).  
*Organizer:* Rick Gamble\_Carrie Clark 801-931-4739 skithebrd@yahoo.com  
 Join Rick and Carrie on an outing from Terrace Hills trailhead to Avenues Twins. Possibility of going farther to Lizard Knob or Moose Flats if the group is interested and weather permits. Bring snowshoes, spikes, and/or boots, depending on conditions. We will post a conditions update on the WMC online activities calendar on the afternoon before this activity.
- Feb 2** **Snowshoe - Desolation Lake – mod – 9.0 mi – 2500' ascent – Moderate pace**  
**Sun** *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  
 We will snowshoe to Desolation Lake, weather and conditions permitting. Depending on conditions, the location may change. 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, January 31, for the meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members.
- Feb 3** **Jack's Mountain Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**  
**Mon** *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

Every day is one minute longer, but we'll hardly notice. Join us for a brisk and steep 2-hour outing along the ridge behind the "H" rock. Bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Bring a flashlight and dress in layers. Dogs ok. The trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together or split into defined groups.

**Feb 3 Mon Relaxed Paced Draper Evening Hike – ntd – Slow pace**

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

*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.

**Feb 4 Tue Snowshoe, Park City Environs – mod**

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

*Carpool:* 9:15 am at Parleys Way Walmart lot, East side - 2703 Parleys Way

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

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

**Feb 4 Tue Evening Hike - Emigration Little Dell Divide – ntd+**

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

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

We will hike along the ridge between Emigration canyon and Little Dell reservoir. 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.

**Feb 5 Wed Wmc Board Meeting**

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

*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.

**Feb 5 Wed Wednesday Snowshoe – mod-**

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

*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.

**Feb 5 Wed Evening Hike-salt Lake Overlook**

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

*Organizer:* Keith Markley 801-560-3844 geccu123@hotmail.com

Prompt 6pm departure from the meeting place. Bring your 10 Es and traction devices. Headlamp is a must

**Feb 6 Thu Backcountry Alpine Ski Tour – mod+ – 5.0 mi Out & Back – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace**

*Meet:* Registration required

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

Interested in Backcountry Skiing, come join me. Good skiing experience with the correct equipment, skis, skins, avalanche beacon, probe, preferable avalanche classes. Warm clothing and gloves are suggested. We meet early to beat the crowd. Destination will be determined at the time of the meeting. Interested in Backcountry Skiing? Moderate ski touring requires the following: proven skiing ability, the correct equipment, skis, skins, avalanche beacon, probe, at a minimum avalanche level one training. The club offer introduction to back-country skiing tours and practice tours for beacon search and rescue. We meet early to beat the crowds. Club membership is a requirement for advanced tours, such as this one. You must register in advance and qualify for get the meeting time and place. Destination dependent on weather, roads and snow conditions. Required.

**Feb 6 Thu Evening Hike-salt Lake Overlook**

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

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

Prompt 6pm departure from the meeting place. Bring your 10 Es and traction devices! Headlamps a must.



<b>Feb 7</b>	<b>Car Camp Valley Of Fire In Nevada – ntd+</b> <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
<b>Fri</b>	<i>Organizer:</i> Deirdre Flynn 801-381-6128 flynn.deirdrea@gmail.com
<b>–</b>	Could you use a break from the cold and the inversion? Try a Winter escape to Valley of Fire state park in Nevada!
<b>Feb 9</b>	The park features red sandstone formations that are particularly beautiful early mornings and late evenings. You could watch for birds and wildlife, go for a hike or ride your bike through the park trails. I have a group site reserved.
<b>Sun</b>	I am planning to hike one day and bike the other. There is plenty of room if you would enjoy a weekend away. The fee is \$20/car per night plus a group site fee of \$50 for the weekend that will be split between participants (amount per person will therefore depend on the number of attendees).
<b>Feb 7</b>	<b>Alpine Ski Resort - Evening Skin Up Pcmr</b> <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Park City Mountain Resort. Park and meet in the south/west corner of the upper parking lot (this is the lot near the ice rink and bus stops). We will skin from the base of Payday chair at 6pm sharp.
<b>Fri</b>	<i>Organizer:</i> Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com Uphill travel is permitted from the Park City base from 6:00pm to 8:30am. The designated route is up Homerun to the old gondola angle station. We will meet in the south/west corner of the upper parking lot and skin from the base of Payday lift at a conversational pace. Please RSVP if you are interested in joining me so I can anticipate your participation. Please bring a headlamp. Avi gear is not required. And consider joining us after for drinks at Corner Store bar.
<b>Feb 8</b>	<b>Snowshoe - Peak 8829 In The West Uintas (skiers Welcome) – mod – Moderate pace</b> <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
<b>Sat</b>	<i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We will snowshoe to Peak 8829 in the West Uintas, weather and conditions permitting. Peak 8829 is in between Fir Peak and Taylor Fork. 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. This snowshoe will be exploratory. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, February 7, for the meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members.
<b>Feb 8</b>	<b>Day Hike. Malans Peak In Ogden Utah – mod+ – 7.0 mi Out &amp; Back – 2400' ascent – Moderate pace</b> <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Ogdens 29th st trailhead. <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/uZBuLpvUHg5CPk1m6">https://goo.gl/maps/uZBuLpvUHg5CPk1m6</a>
<b>Sat</b>	<i>Organizer:</i> Brian Barkey 801-394-6047 brianbarkey@gmail.com This is a nice steady climb with some exposure and great views. Round trip 2-3 hours so there's no reason to start too early. Traction aides are required and gaiters are nice. This trail gets used a lot so its usually packed and snowshoes aren't necessary. I'll bring one of my dogs, but this isn't a dog hike.
<b>Feb 9</b>	<b>Death Valley Winter Escape: Car Camp - Road Bike - Hike</b> <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
<b>Sun</b>	<i>Organizer:</i> Cheryl* Soshnik 435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com
<b>–</b>	The annual Bob Wright Winter Escape is scheduled for Feb 9 - 15 at Furnace Creek campground, Death Valley National Park. This used to be bicycling only, but over the years has morphed into a multi-sport week, with quite a bit of hiking as well as daily road riding. Anyone is welcome to secure your own campsites and join us for part or all of the week. As well as Furnace Creek, which requires advance reservations, you can just show up and get a site at Sunset or Texas Spring campgrounds, across the road from Furnace Creek. If you have a camper or RV, you can pretty much camp in any of the sites. If you are interested in escaping winter with us this February, contact me for more information.
<b>Feb 9</b>	<b>Snowshoe - Somewhere In Bcc, Lcc Or Emigration/east Canyon – mod – Moderate pace</b> <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
<b>Sun</b>	<i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We will snowshoe somewhere in BCC, LCC, or Emigration/East Canyon weather and conditions permitting. The specific location will be posted later. Bring snowshoes, microspikes and 10Es. Whether avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) is required or not will be posted later. I have extra avalanche safety gear. If you want to borrow it, please indicate when you register. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, February 7, for the meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members.
<b>Feb 9</b>	<b>Avalanche Workshop Alpine Ski Tour – mod – Out &amp; Back – 4000' ascent – Moderate pace</b> <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
<b>Sun</b>	<i>Organizer:</i> Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@earthlink.net A ski tour with an emphasis on looking at avalanche prone terrain, discussing safe travel routes, slope aspects and other avalanche related topics . We will also do some beacon practice, work on rescue techniques, and dig a pit or

two. We will also be out for a bit of fun and probably ski 3-4000 vertical and be out for 6 or so hours. This is not a beginner ski tour, rather a tour for experienced skiers who want to brush up on avalanche safety skills.

**Feb 9 Snowshoe Ntd+ Ridge Above Emigration Canyon – ntd+ – 4.0 mi Out & Back – Moderate pace**

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

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

Snowshoers come out and join Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or knick.sold@comcast.net) to snowshoe the ridge west of East Canyon from the top of Emigration Canyon Road parking area. We'll head toward Little Mountain weather permitting. Come prepared - bring your 10-E's, snack and water. We'll meet at Skyline High School east parking lot at 9:00 to car pool up Parley's for our starting spot. This is an out n back tour between 4 to 5 miles.

**Feb 10 Jack's Mountain Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike – ntd+ – 2.4 mi Out & Back – 1338' ascent – Moderate pace**

*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:* Bart Michaelson 801-200-9272 bart.michaelson@gmail.com

Join us for a brisk and steep 2-hour outing along the ridge behind the "H" rock. Bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Bring a flashlight and dress in layers. The trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together or split into defined groups.

**Feb 10 Relaxed Paced Draper Evening Hike – ntd – Slow pace**

*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.

**Feb 11 Snowshoe, Park City Environs – mod**

*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.

**Feb 11 Evening Hike Mt Olympus To First Stream – ntd+ – Moderate pace**

*Meet:* 6:00 pm at Mount Olympus Trailhead (5789 Wasatch Blvd, Holladay, UT)

**Tue** *Organizer:* Debra Frank 801-860-9251 debwfrank@gmail.com

Join Bob and Deb on a hike up to the first stream which will take about one hour. Bring your 10 Es and traction devices! Headlamps a must. Prompt 6 pm departure from trail head.

**Feb 12 Evening Hike-salt Lake Overlook**

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

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

Prompt 6pm departure from the meeting place. Bring your 10 Es and traction devices. Headlamp is a must

**Feb 13 Backcountry Alpine Ski Tour – mod+ – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace**

*Meet:* Registration required

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

Interested in Backcountry Skiing, come join me. Good skiing experience with the correct equipment, skis, skins, avalanche beacon, probe, preferable avalanche classes. Warm clothing and gloves are suggested. We meet early to beat the crowd. Destination will be determined at the time of the meeting. Interested in Backcountry Skiing? Moderate ski touring requires the following: proven skiing ability, the correct equipment, skis, skins, avalanche beacon, probe, at a minimum avalanche level one training. The club offer introduction to back-country skiing tours and practice tours for beacon search and rescue. We meet early to beat the crowds. Club membership is a requirement for advanced tours, such as this one. You must register in advance and qualify for get the meeting time and place. Destination dependent on weather, roads and snow conditions. Required.

**Feb 13 Day Hikes St. George Weekend Wonder – msd- – 5.0 mi Loop – 1700' ascent – Moderate pace**

*Meet:* Registration required

<b>Thu</b>	<i>Organizer:</i> Bruce Richardson 801-918-6808 calling or texting best bellcyn1@gmail.com
<b>–</b>	Thursday or Friday morning drive to St George. Home with floors for pads n bags available on first come basis. Friday
<b>Feb</b>	Valentine's day we do an adroit scramble called the Tulacahn Split for 4 hrs starting at 11 am having a very steep 1/2
<b>17</b>	hr begining. Saturday a 6 hr. world class hike called Mobby Dick starts early in the lava caves of Snow Canyon then an
<b>Mon</b>	HR NW and the best of Snow is the 1700 ft gain over Red Mountain then down the Kyenta Crack. Sunday we explore the best of the Gala Trail, petroglyphs and the option of a non club 4 rappells into Johnson Canyon. Monday an early drive to Nevada State Parks Valley of Fire for another world class 4 hr. Scramble thru amazing geology. Leave by 2pm to drive home.
<b>Feb</b>	<b>Evening Hike-church Fork (millcreek)</b>
<b>13</b>	<i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride
<b>Thu</b>	<i>Organizer:</i> Michele Stancer 619-368-9589 michele.stancer@gmail.com
	Prompt 6pm departure from the meeting place. We plan to hike up about an hour, depending on trail conditions. Bring your 10 Es and traction devices. Headlamp is a must
<b>Feb</b>	<b>Malan's Peak And Malan's Basin Hike – mod – 7.0 mi Out &amp; Back – 2200' ascent – Moderate pace</b>
<b>15</b>	<i>Meet:</i> 7:45 am at 29th Street Trailhead in Odgen Utah. (This is the trailhead for Waterfall Canyon). It has lots of good parking.
<b>Sat</b>	<i>Organizer:</i> Bart Michaelson 801-200-9272 bart.michaelson@gmail.com
	Malan's Peak offers a great view of the northern end of the Great Salt Lake, HAFB and Weber Campus. After summiting the peak we will head up to Malan's basin to see the site of the old Malan's Height Resort (existed from 1894-1905). Microspikes required. The trail from the peak to the resort isn't as heavily traveled as the peak trail is and you may want to bring snowshoes for this short stretch (1.3 miles RT). Recommend looking at the "Historic Odgen hike: Malan's Peak/Basin" for the history. Prompt 8:00 AM departure time. Expect 6 hours for total hike.
<b>Feb</b>	<b>Snowshoe To South Thunder Mountain (11,154') – msd – 12.0 mi Out &amp; Back – 6000' ascent – Moderate pace</b>
<b>15</b>	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required
<b>Sat</b>	<i>Organizer:</i> Michael Hannan 385-207-1248 michaelthannan@gmail.com
	Enjoy the natural splendor of one of the more remote 11ers in the Wasatch. This is a demanding snowshoe which will involve the better part of a day, but when all is said and done you will enthusiastically say that "it was worth it!" Success is weather dependent and we will send adequate notice ahead of time should it be necessary to postpone the activity. Co-organizer is Lana Christiansen (iaccount4U@gmail.com). Please note that the start will be very early. To register please use email. Wasatch Mountain Club members will receive priority.
<b>Feb</b>	<b>Snowshoe- Millcreek Canyon Road – ntd – 4.5 mi – 1400' ascent</b>
<b>15</b>	<i>Meet:</i> 7:30 am at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride
<b>Sat</b>	<i>Organizer:</i> David Andrenyak 801-907-1325 andrenyakda@aim.com
	This is a long but relatively easy hike that travels up Millcreek Canyon. The hike features great views of Millcreek Canyon. Some of the rock formations are very beautiful and are often overlooked when driving up Millcreek. The list distance is for the one way to the end of the road at the Little Water Trailhead. Participants wanting to go only part way and willing to arrange carpool are welcome. Also well behaved energetic dogs and their owners are welcome.
<b>Feb</b>	<b>Bcc Alpine Ski Tour – mod – Out &amp; Back – 4000' ascent – Moderate pace</b>
<b>15</b>	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required
<b>Sat</b>	<i>Organizer:</i> Greg Libecchi 801-699-1999 glibecchi@yahoo.com
	Registration required. Group will be small. Beacon, shovel, probe and 10 E's required. Weather conditions will influence route.
<b>Feb</b>	<b>Break Into The Backcountry Skiing – ntd+ – 3.5 mi Out &amp; Back – 2500' ascent – Moderate pace</b>
<b>15</b>	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required
<b>Sat</b>	<i>Organizer:</i> Robert* Myers 801-651-9965 robertmyers47@gmail.com
	Interested in breaking into back-country skiing? There are important requirements: You must have prior skiing experience, the right equipment and have training in the risks of backcountry skiing. Having the ability to make parallel turns can be very helpful. The second requirement will be the possession of an avalanche beacon, avalanche shovel, probe and have the training to use that equipment. We strongly encourage all participants to attend classes and continuing to refresh and maintain your avalanche awareness(such as Brad Yates class on Sunday, Feb 9th). To advance and be included in further ski tours, you must have the avalanche training and become a member of the Wasatch Mt. Club.
<b>Feb</b>	<b>Snowshoe - West Uintas Or Heber (skiers Welcome) – mod – Moderate pace</b>
<b>16</b>	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required
<b>Sun</b>	<i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
	We will snowshoe somewhere in the West Uintas, or Heber, weather and conditions permitting. The specific location



will be posted later. Bring snowshoes, microspikes and 10Es. Whether avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) is required or not will be posted later. I have extra avalanche safety gear. If you want to borrow it, please indicate when you register. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, February 14, for the meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members.

**Feb 16 Snowshoe, Organizers Choice – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**

**16** *Meet:* 9:00 am at Butler Elementary - 7080 S 2700 E, Cottonwood Heights, UT

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

Destination dependent on conditions but plan on a 4 to 5 hour outing. We'll stay in safe terrain so avalanche gear is recommended but not required.

**Feb 17 Jack's Mountain Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**

**17** *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.

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

There are a few routes we can choose from for this brisk and steep 2-hour outing along the ridge behind the "H" rock. Bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Bring a flashlight and dress in layers. Dogs ok. The trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together or split into defined groups.

**Feb 17 Relaxed Paced Draper Evening Hike – ntd – Slow pace**

**17** *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.

**Feb 18 Snowshoe, Park City Environs – mod**

**18** *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.

**Feb 18 Evening Hike To Salt Lake Overlook – ntd+ – Moderate pace**

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

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

*Organizer:* Debra Frank 801-860-9251 debwfrank@gmail.com

Join Deb and Bob on a hike to the overlook. Prompt 6 pm departure from the meeting place. Bring your 10 Es and traction devices! Headlamps a must.

**Feb 19 Membership Meeting, Election, And Jason "singer" Smith Presentation**

**19** *Meet:* 6:00 pm at REI in SLC - 3285 East 3300 South

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

Join us for our annual February Membership Meeting/Social. We'll have light snacks and beverages (remember to bring your plate/cup/napkin set if you have it), and Centennial merchandise will be on hand as we continue to raise donations towards the WMC Education Endowment. This is a great gathering for new members to get acquainted with the club, and most board members will be present for questions or guidance about club activities. From 6:00-6:30 we'll go over some basic Board Business and the 2019 Board Election. From 6:30-8:30, local climber and well known speaker Jason "Singer" Smith will share his story of survival in 2000, when Islamic guerrilla fighters kidnapped his group of mountain climbers in the mountains of Kyrgyzstan during a mountain expedition. This is a very special opportunity to hear Singer's story. Singer typically charges for his events but as a local, he likes to give back to the community.

**Feb 19 Wednesday Snowshoe – mod-**

**19** *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.

**Feb Backcountry Alpine Ski Tour – mod+ – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace**

**20** *Meet:* Registration required

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

Interested in Backcountry Skiing, come join me. Good skiing experience with the correct equipment, skis, skins, avalanche beacon, probe, preferable avalanche classes. Warm clothing and gloves are suggested. We meet early to beat the crowd. Destination will be determined at the time of the meeting. Interested in Backcountry Skiing? Moderate ski touring requires the following: proven skiing ability, the correct equipment, skis, skins, avalanche beacon, probe, at a minimum avalanche level one training. The club offer introduction to back-country skiing tours and practice tours for beacon search and rescue. We meet early to beat the crowds. Club membership is a requirement for advanced tours, such as this one. You must register in advance and qualify for get the meeting time and place. Destination dependent on weather, roads and snow conditions.

**Feb Evening Hike - White Fir Pass – ntd+**

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

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

We will hike up to the first saddle 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.

**Feb Snowshoe - Bald Knoll In Heber (skiers Welcome) – mod+ – 9.0 mi – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace**

**22** *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, microspikes and 10Es. Avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) is required. I have extra avalanche safety gear. If you want to borrow it, please indicate when you register. This snowshoe will be exploratory. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, February 20, for the meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members.

**Feb White Fir Pass Snowshoe – ntd – 3.5 mi Out & Back – 1300' ascent**

**23** *Meet:* 9:30 am at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

**Sun** *Organizer:* Michael\* Budig mbudig@mail.com

Meet Michael and Dianne Budig for leisurely paced hike to White Fir Pass. Please address all questions by email.

**Feb Snowshoe - Somewhere In Bcc, Lcc Or Emigration/east Canyon – mod – Moderate pace**

**23** *Meet:* Registration required

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

We will snowshoe somewhere in BCC, LCC, or Emigration/East Canyon, weather and conditions permitting. The specific location will be posted later. Bring snowshoes, microspikes and 10Es. Whether avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) is required or not will be posted later. I have extra avalanche safety gear. If you want to borrow it, please indicate when you register. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, February 21, for the meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members.

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

**24** *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.

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

The trek to Jack's is a brisk and steep 2-hour outing along the ridge behind the "H" rock. Bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Bring a flashlight and dress in layers. Dogs ok. The trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together or split into defined groups.

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

**24** *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.

- Feb 25 Tue** **Snowshoe, Park City Environs – mod**  
*Meet:* 10:00 am at Disseminated via the Snowshoe email list  
*Carpool:* 9:15 am at Parleys Way Walmart lot, East side - 2703 Parleys Way  
*Organizer:* Vince DeSimone 435-645-9344 [vincedesimone@yahoo.com](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com)  
 Vince will organize a Tuesday group again this year. Meet at 10:00 AM Tuesday and go places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect friendly conversation; you will feel welcome and comfortable. For meeting location and last-minute details, join the WMC snowshoe e-mail list for automatic notices or updates for all these Tuesday trips throughout the winter. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions and info. Carpool from SLC from the Parley's Way Walmart at 09:15 AM.
- Feb 25 Tue** **Evening Hike - Mt O To First Stream – ntd+**  
*Meet:* 5:45 pm at Mount Olympus Trailhead (5789 Wasatch Blvd, Holladay, UT)  
*Organizer:* Bob Stuercke 720-289-8798 [bobstuercke@gmail.com](mailto:bobstuercke@gmail.com)  
 Join me to celebrate Fat Tuesday (the end of mardi gras). 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 party colors. Mardi Gras Beads provided if you don't have any. There will be a prompt 6:00 pm departure. Laissez Le Bon Temps Rouler!!!
- Feb 26 Wed** **Evening Hike-salt Lake Overlook**  
*Meet:* 5:45 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride  
*Organizer:* Keith Markley 801-560-3844 [geccu123@hotmail.com](mailto:geccu123@hotmail.com)  
 Prompt 6pm departure from the meeting place. Bring your 10 Es and traction devices. Headlamp is a must.
- Feb 27 Thu** **Evening Hike - Elbow Fork Loop – ntd+**  
*Meet:* 5:45 pm at Olympus Cove Park & Ride (3880 Wasatch Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT)  
*Organizer:* Bruce Jensen 385-315-7833 [bwjensen1982@msn.com](mailto: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.
- Feb 27 Thu** **Relaxed Pace Evening Hike – ntd – 3.5 mi Out & Back – Slow pace**  
*Meet:* 5:45 pm at Granite Trailhead parking lot on Little Cottonwood Road.  
*Organizer:* Tonya Karren 801-493-9199 [tonya.karren@gmail.com](mailto:tonya.karren@gmail.com)  
 Let's meet at the Granite Trailhead on the north side of Bell's Canyon, by the bathrooms, for an evening hike to the lower lake. Will hit the trail at six. Must have traction devices and a headlamp for this one.
- Feb 28 Fri** **Alpine Ski Resort - Evening Skin Up Pcmr**  
*Meet:* 5:45 pm at Park City Mountain Resort. Park and meet in the south/west corner of the upper parking lot (this is the lot near the ice rink and bus stops). We will skin from the base of Payday chair at 6pm sharp.  
*Organizer:* Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 [kathwaller79@gmail.com](mailto:kathwaller79@gmail.com)  
 Uphill travel is permitted from the Park City base from 6:00pm to 8:30am. The designated route is up Homerun to the old gondola angle station. We will meet in the south/west corner of the upper parking lot and skin from the base of Payday lift at a conversational pace. Please RSVP if you are interested in joining me so I can anticipate your participation. Please bring a headlamp. Avi gear is not required. And consider joining us after for drinks at Corner Store bar.
- Feb 29 Sat** **Hike Antelope Island Backcountry Trails And Bighorn Sheep Update – mod – 12.0 mi Loop – 600' ascent – Moderate pace**  
*Meet:* 8:30 am at 2100 South Trax Park & Ride  
*Organizer:* Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 [jk@wasatch-environmental.com](mailto:jk@wasatch-environmental.com)  
 Let's explore the western backcountry trails of the island. The group will head out the Bone Road Trail, connecting to the Split Rock Trail, returning by way of a portion of the White Rock Loop, with an option to check out the Elephant Head spur. There will be minimal elevation gain, but a lot of distance. After the hike, the group can stop by the Visitor Center and get an update on the big horn sheep. The prior herd contracted a terrible disease and had to be eliminated, and the new herd is scheduled to be re-introduced this month.

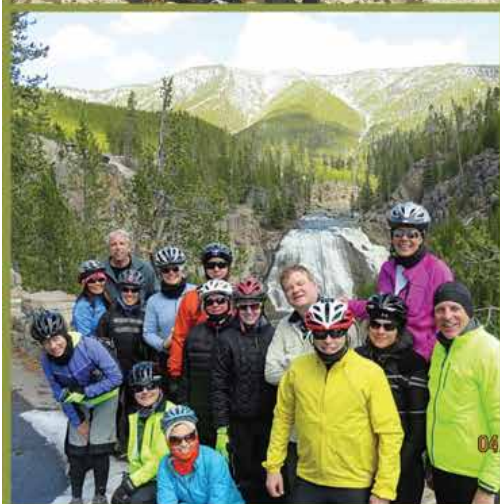
We have a 2020 challenge for our Hiking Organizers! Keep track of your total miles organized for hiking events. The first three to 100 miles will receive a prize. All hike organizers with 100 miles in total will be announced in the 2020 Ramblers. Organize, track and let the WMC Hiking Directors know when you hit your goal! Happy trails... Michele and Nancy

**100 Miles of  
Organized WMC  
Hikes Challenge**  
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# WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Complete this paper membership application and mail it or join online at <https://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/join>. If you would like further information or have any questions, please email [membership@wasatchmountainclub.org](mailto:membership@wasatchmountainclub.org).

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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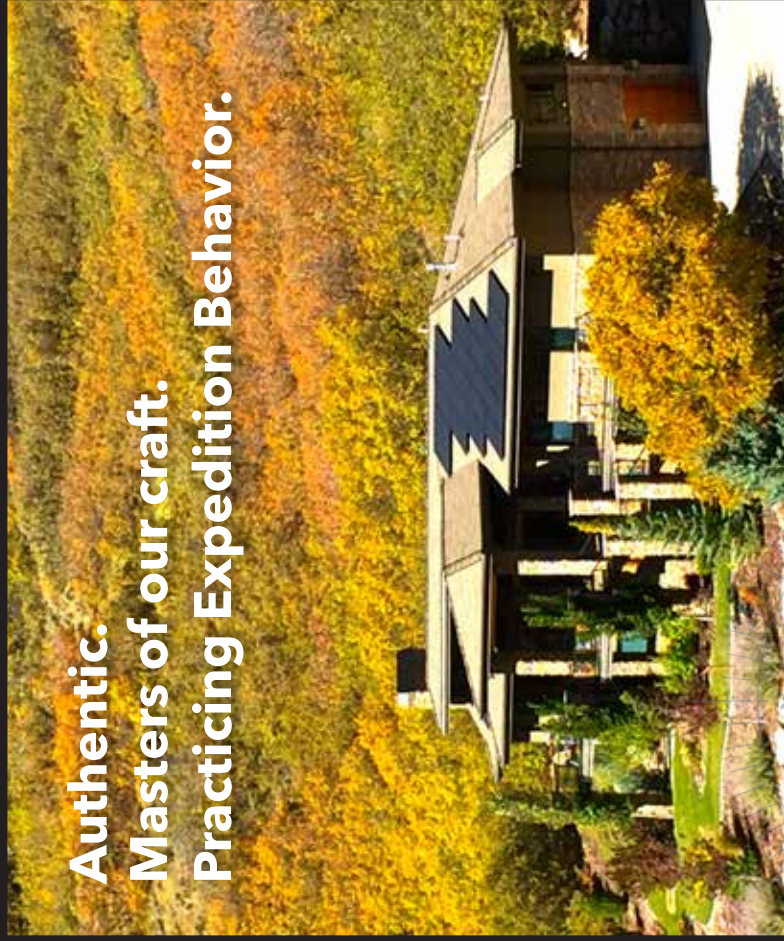
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