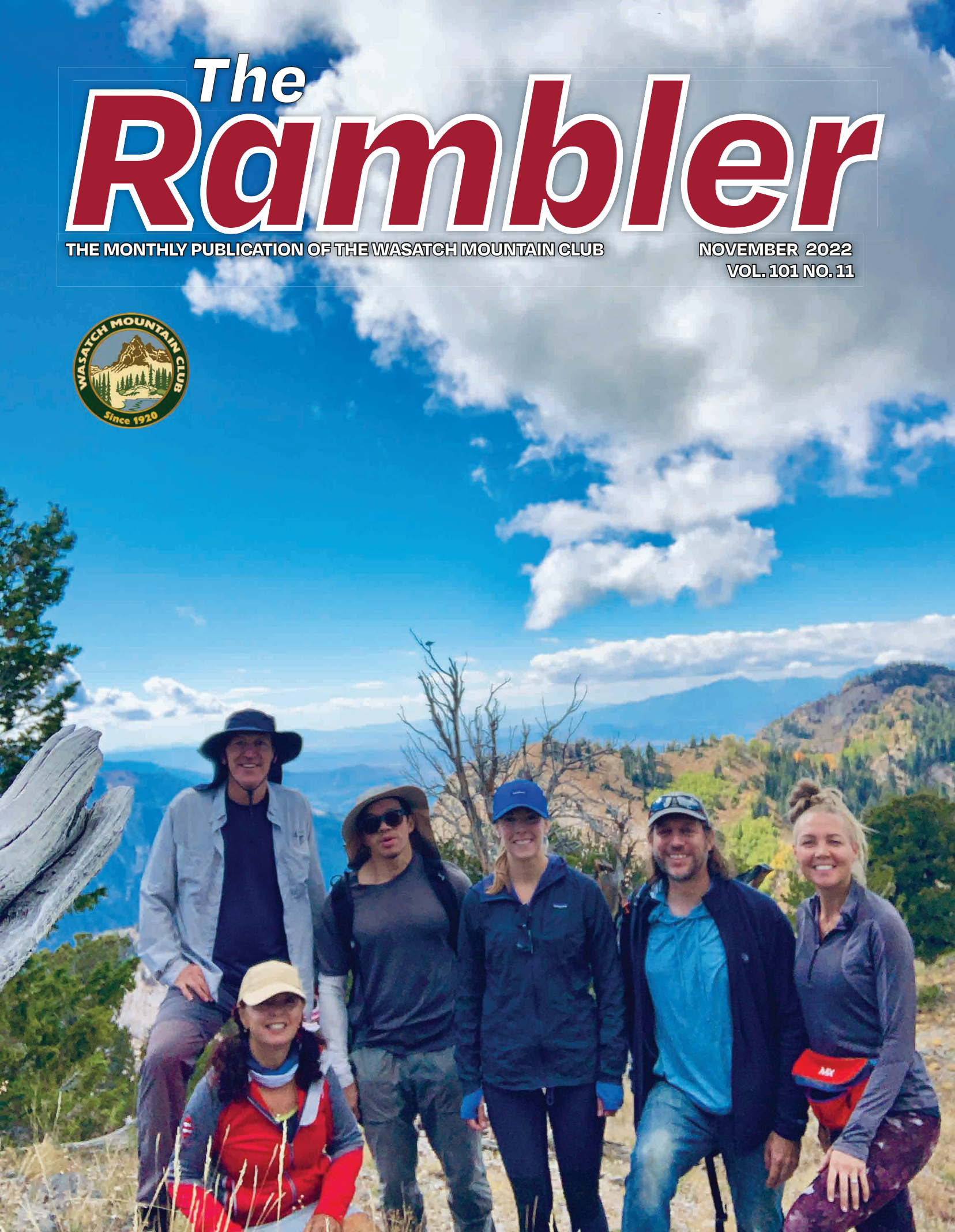


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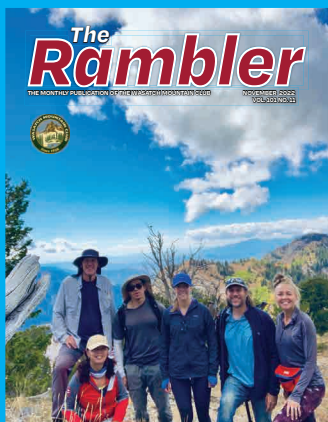


Having a great time in Box Canyon - see trip report on pg. 32

ON OUR COVER:

On October 1st, Kurt Hiland organized a hike along Wildcat Ridge. A group photo of happy hikers (LtoR): Kurt Hiland, Stephanie Anderson, Stanley Chaing, Elisa Schvaneveldt, Brandon Derfler, Laura Peterson

Photo courtesy of Laura Peterson



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President's Message

WMC Endowment / Scholarship Fund

The first WMC Scholarships have been awarded!

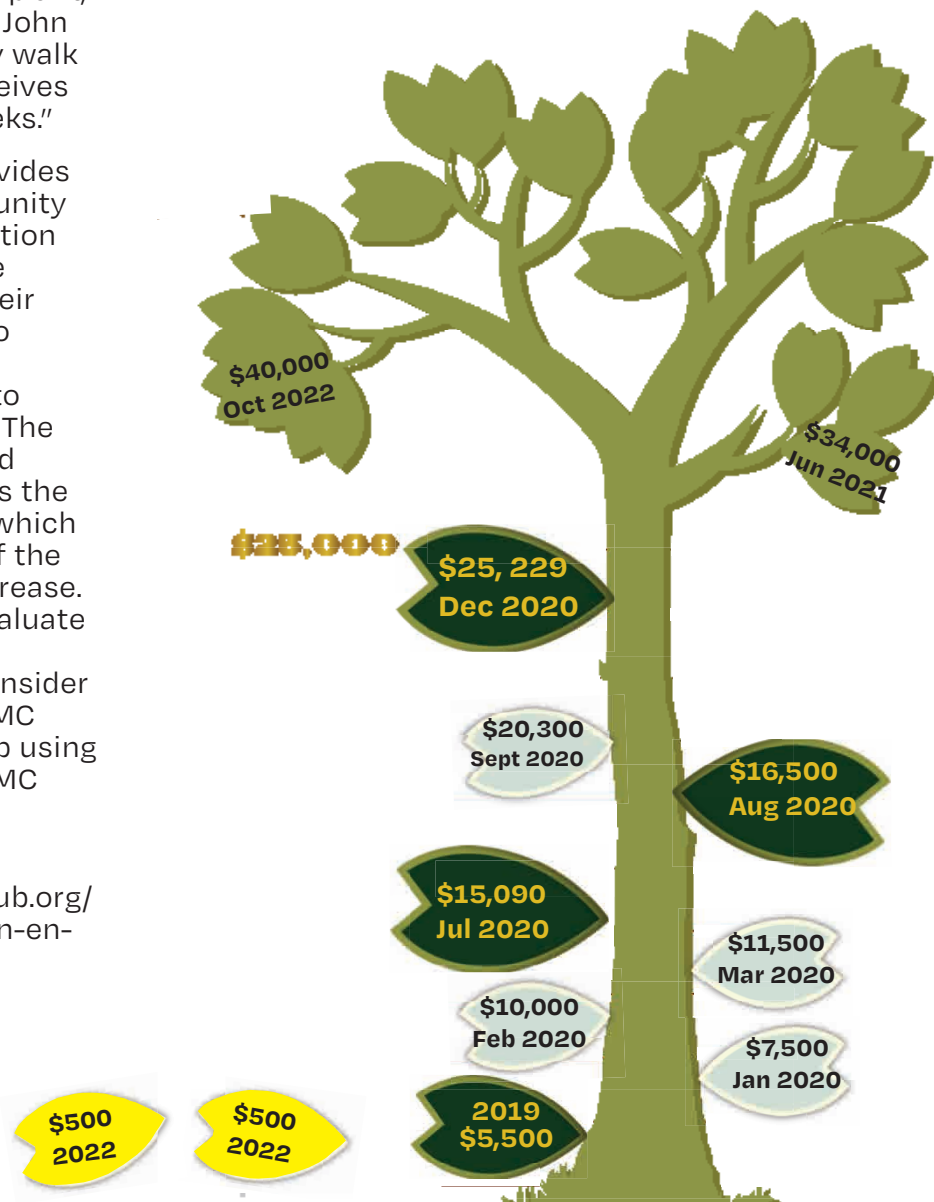
In celebration of the Wasatch Mountain Club's 2020 Centennial Anniversary, members collectively gave over \$25,000 to establish the Wasatch Mountain Club Endowed Scholarship in the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. That \$25,000 has now grown to nearly \$40,000!

The purpose of this scholarship reflects the Wasatch Mountain Club Constitution, which promotes the physical and spiritual well-being of the community by outdoor activities; to unite the energy, interests and knowledge of students, explorers and lovers of the mountains, deserts and rivers of Utah; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains on behalf of science, literature, and art; to explore and picture the scenic wonders of this and surrounding states; to foster awareness of scenic beauties; and to encourage preservation of our natural areas including their plant, animal, and bird life. John Muir wrote, "In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks."

This scholarship provides students the opportunity to receive the education they need to achieve what they seek in their careers. The first two \$500 scholarships have been awarded to students enrolled in The Parks, Recreation and Tourism program! As the endowment grows, which it has, the amount of the scholarships will increase. As club members evaluate their tax deductible donation options, consider a donation to the WMC endowed scholarship using this link from the WMC website:

<https://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/centennial-education-endowment>.

- Julie Kilgore



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Avalanche Safety

Francine Mullen, UAC Education and Awareness Coordinator
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Winter enthusiast's - snowshoers as well as skiers. Be sure to take advantage of the free on-line education offered by the UAC, see the end of the following safety article for details. Also, watch the club calendar for beacon practices offered.

- Steve Duncan, WMC Winter Sports Director

Introduction:

So, you've got the itch to be a backcountry skier and the Wasatch Mountains are right out your front door. Skis and skins...check. So now what? Head straight up Mt. Superior? Or any one of the hundreds of other avalanche paths in the range? Probably not the best idea. Before you head out into the backcountry, the Utah Avalanche Center suggests expanding your understanding of avalanches and how to avoid them. Through our products and classes we try to arm everyone with the tools to stay safe when they head out for a day of fun. We teach on-snow classes, produce daily avalanche forecasts, and offer free awareness talks to users ranging from absolute beginners to seasoned veterans. It can seem pretty overwhelming to learn about how to stay safe but really there are a few basic steps that can keep you out of danger. You must get the proper rescue gear, you must read the local avalanche forecast, and you must take an avalanche class. By investing your resources into expanding your knowledge of avalanches, you are stacking the odds in your favor to never get caught in an avalanche.

Necessary equipment for backcountry recreation:

When we enter the backcountry and head into avalanche terrain it is essential to have avalanche rescue equipment and know how to use it. Avalanche rescue gear includes an avalanche transceiver, a probe, and a shovel. These are essential because each piece is crucial in performing a successful avalanche rescue. Avalanche transceivers lead to the probe, which leads to shoveling, which leads to our buried partner. Not one piece of equipment is good without the other which is why it is important to have **all three at all times** when traveling in the backcountry.

Transceivers:

Transceivers transmit and receive signals. If you are buried in an avalanche your transceiver is used by your partner to find you. If your partner is buried in an avalanche your transceiver is used by you to find them. Transceivers operate on a 457mhz frequency (radio frequency) and essentially communicate signals like a two-way radio. Things that can affect the performance of avalanche transceivers include electrical interference (cell phones, heated gloves, goPro's, etc.) battery life, and the age of the transceiver. If you own a transceiver already, follow manufacturer recommendations on when to replace it. Oh, and ALWAYS check the battery life before heading out. Carrying spare batteries is recommended.



Probes:

Probes are used to pinpoint our buried partner. Once we get close to our buried partner on the surface of the snow with our avalanche transceiver, we use our avalanche probe to systematically probe and pinpoint our partner under the snow. Probes come in all different lengths but we recommend a minimum 270 cm length probe for the Wasatch snowpack depth. Probes can be made out of either aluminum or carbon and are put together similar to tent poles, making them compact and easy to store in a pack. Pro tip: ditch the sleeve they come with. Store your avalanche probe in the rescue compartment of an avalanche specific backpack.



Shovels:

Shovels are used to dig up the buried person or for digging snow pits. Avalanche specific shovels are durable and won't break while digging through avalanche debris. Additionally avalanche shovel heads are larger and are designed to move more snow efficiently. They come apart in two pieces, making them easy to store in a pack. Be sure your shovel blade is metal.



Practice:

The most important thing you can do with your avalanche rescue equipment is to practice with it - often! And be sure to have your partners' practice as well. Place a transmitting transceiver in a backpack and bury it for each other to find. Once you get used to how everything works, make the problems harder by burying the backpack really deep or perhaps burying two backpacks. Using your equipment efficiently is the key to a successful rescue. Practice makes better!

Reading the forecast:

The Utah Avalanche Center puts out a daily avalanche forecast in seven regions throughout the state of Utah. The avalanche danger rating comes from the North American Danger Scale, which is used throughout the entirety of the United States. The tiers are LOW, MODERATE, CONSIDERABLE, HIGH, and EXTREME, represented by green, yellow, orange, red, and black respectively. Additionally, the Utah Avalanche Center utilizes the avalanche danger rose. This is a tool used to predict avalanche danger rating for given aspects and elevations. You'll also find a summary paragraph or "the bottom line" in our forecasts that provides a few sentences summarizing what you can expect for that day.

One of the most important things you, as a backcountry traveler, should focus on is the travel advice, which tells you how to behave when you're out. This is a forecaster's opinion about what to look for and what terrain to avoid. Deeper into the forecast you'll find an in-depth look at the nuances of snowpack and avalanche conditions that you're likely to encounter that day. This information is best understood by users who have had at least some avalanche education.

Once you've accessed the forecast and read it, the next step is to figure out how to use it. The forecast will tell you what terrain and slopes you should avoid. A great way to learn is to read the forecast frequently throughout the season, not just when you need it. Track the season's conditions; it will help you pick up on the terms used by forecasters and figure them out before you go out into the mountains.

Armed with this information, keep your eyes open as you travel. Pay attention to the snow and make sure conditions align with what you expect. If what you see as you travel doesn't align with what you expected, it's time to dial back and find safer terrain. By getting formal avalanche training, you can learn how to take the forecast into account as you plan for your day's travel.

Additional Information:

There is a plethora of different resources, information, and courses available on-line and in-person to expand your avalanche knowledge. The National Avalanche Center is the host of all avalanche centers in the country. From their website, www.avalanche.org, you can access historical avalanche accident reports, other avalanche centers, the avalanche encyclopedia, and education basics and tutorials.

The Utah Avalanche Center website provides a daily avalanche forecast for all eight forecasting zones throughout the state of Utah but the most important step in the process is to take an avalanche class. It's well worth your time and money to learn from the experts about how to stay safe in the backcountry. The Utah Avalanche Center hosts on-snow awareness courses across Utah. We offer a Backcountry 101, Introduction to Avalanche Rescue, and a Backcountry 201 course. The Backcountry 101 course is designed for folks just getting started in their avalanche education journey. The course contains about 2 hours of on-line pre-course work, followed by a 2-hour classroom session, ending with a full field day. The Backcountry 201 is for folks who may already have some avalanche education or taken a Recreational Level 1 but are interested in a more in-depth field experience. The Backcountry 201 contains about 2 hours of on-line pre-course work, followed by two, 2-hour classroom sessions and two field days. This course focuses on terrain and risk management. The Introduction to Avalanche Rescue Course is a 4-hour avalanche



rescue course. We recommend taking the Introduction to Avalanche Rescue course in conjunction with a Backcountry 101 or Backcountry 201. Our site also contains information for other providers in the state of Utah offering Recreational Level 1, 2, and refresher courses as well as Professional level courses. A full list of course offerings can be found at www.utahavalanchecenter.org.

It doesn't stop there! Another great resource is the Know Before You Go (KBYG) eLearning program. KBYG is a totally free, 8-hour on-line course. KBYG eLearning contains 5 different modules covering:

- Equipment needed for backcountry recreation
- Mechanics of avalanches and how to avoid them
- Learning how to read your local forecast
- Recognizing clues in avalanche terrain
- Identifying avalanche terrain and how to minimize exposure



KBYG eLearning is the recommended starting point before taking an on-snow course. From there you can feel confident jumping into an on-snow course. More about KBYG and to sign-up for the eLearning course can be found at www.kbyg.org.

Learning about avalanches before heading into the backcountry is important not only for your safety but for the overall enjoyment of your time in the mountains.

Winter Sports Director's Message

Greetings snow enthusiasts! I'm looking forward to a fun and safe winter season and as you all know, the Utah Avalanche Center is a key part of our safety. The Wasatch Mountain Club will be matching the first \$1,000 of donations to the UAC this season, just email me a copy of your donation receipt and I'll get it submitted for matching dollars.

Steve Duncan, duncste@comcast.net
Winter Sports Director



Nominating Committee for the 2023 Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) Board of Director's Election

The 2023 Nominating Committee members are Donnie Benson, Greg Libecchi, and Giulia Roselli. Each year, this committee oversees the annual election of the WMC Board of Directors. The next election will occur at the membership meeting in February 2023.

Serving on the WMC Board of Directors is a worthwhile and rewarding undertaking. The WMC is most grateful to its current and former Board of Directors and encourages its members to consider filling a position. If interested in serving on the Board, please contact the Nominating Committee by email at nominations@wasatchmountainclub.org or by leaving a phone message at 801-463-9842. Your information will be promptly forwarded to the Committee.

Additionally, members may submit their names for any of the Board of Directors roles. For a list of the Governing Board, please follow this link:

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A Tribute to Alexis Kelner

by Mark Jones

In August of 2022, Alexis Kelner officially resigned as the Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) Historian.



The WMC would like to thank Alexis for his many years of service as the WMC historian and also for his dedication and service in many other positions in the Club since joining in 1957.

When I joined the WMC Centennial Planning Committee in early 2018, my first project and the reason I signed on, was to work with Alexis Kelner in an effort to help organize his collections for possible donation to the WMC Special Collections at J. Willard Marriott Library, University of Utah. August 8, 2018, was my first of many meetings with

Alexis. We would go to the University Library every week and study the WMC Special Collection. I was very impressed about the vast amount of knowledge Alexis had about WMC history! In his early 80s, his mind was sharp as a tac, and while it seemed he knew just about everything about WMC history, he was still going through records and learning ever more about Club history. Each session at the library he would take detailed notes and photos of documents for future use. This process evolved over time and ultimately resulted in over 2,800 photos being donated to the WMC Special Collection.

Alexis was born on December 14, 1938 in Latvia just prior to World War II. From Alexis' biography we find that "The government of his homeland was Sovietized by the Bolsheviks in 1939 and Germanized by the Nazis two years later. During the five years of occupations, the Kelner families' home and other properties were expropriated by the governments then in power. Toward the end of the war the Kelners avoided

the second (1944) Soviet occupation of Latvia by escaping to Germany. The Kelners emigrated to America in 1950 and settled in Salt Lake City. At present, Alexis is researching and writing about his family's history during the above time period."

Upon joining the WMC, Alexis became an avid back country skier, mountaineer and spelunker. In the mid-1960s he wrote several articles for Summit Magazine, one of which was called "Americas Deepest Cave" a story and history about Neffs Cave.

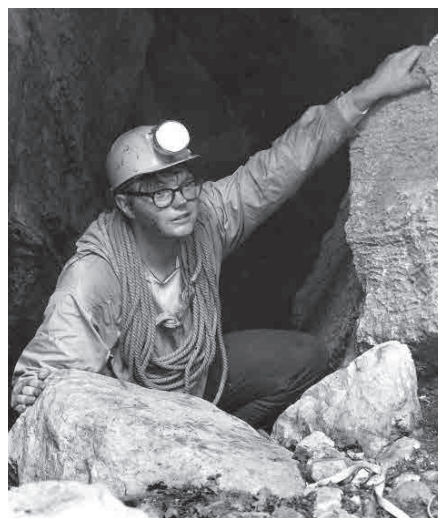


Photo of Alexis Kelner at age 27, taken in 1965 inside Neff's Cave.



In 1968 Alexis worked with WMC and Sierra Club members on the Escalante Wilderness Committee for the proposed wilderness designation of Escalante area. He was also involved in the creation of the Lone Peak Wilderness and testified before the Congressional Lands Committee in Washington D.C. Later he worked on wilderness proposals for Mt. Olympus, Twin Peaks, Timpanogos, Mt. Nebo, Wellsville, Deseret Peak, and the Uintas. Alexis was also instrumental in the formation of Save our Canyons.

Alexis has a passion for photography and when he joined the WMC his camera came along to chronicle his many adventures. He participated in WMC back country ski touring and mountaineering trips. It wasn't long before many of his photos started showing up in the Rambler.



In February, 1978, Alexis became the Publication Director and was the Managing Editor of the Rambler. While working with the Rambler, he ended up buying a printing press to print the Rambler. This press is still in his basement! Later on, he made arrangements for the Ramblers to be published



by Tooele Press, which we still use today.

In the 1970s Alexis Kelner and Davin Hanscom wrote three ski touring guide books called "Wasatch Tours." In 1980, Alexis wrote "Skiing In Utah - A History" which was the first book written about the history of Utah skiing.

From March, 1982, to February 1989 Alexis was the WMC Lodge Director. Among other things, he arranged to have the county fire department inspect the Lodge resulting in a new fire escape and

other safety features being added to the Lodge.

In the August Rambler of 2009 by John Veranth, WMC President, we read: "Speaking of volunteers, our past president and long-time WMC member Mike Treshow has resigned as club historian. Many thanks to Mike for all his dedicated service to the WMC. Alexis Kelner, a font of institutional memory and avid local history writer has generously agreed to take over this important responsibility." That makes 14 years Alexis has served as the Club Historian.

While serving as the WMC Historian, Alexis presented many slide shows about the history of the WMC. He also did slide shows about the history of skiing in Utah.

My apologies to Alexis because I don't know of all of his many accomplishments that have not been covered in this report. Alexis will turn 84 on December 14, 2022. Thank you, Alexis, for your continued service and for over 65 years of dedication to the Wasatch Mountain Club.



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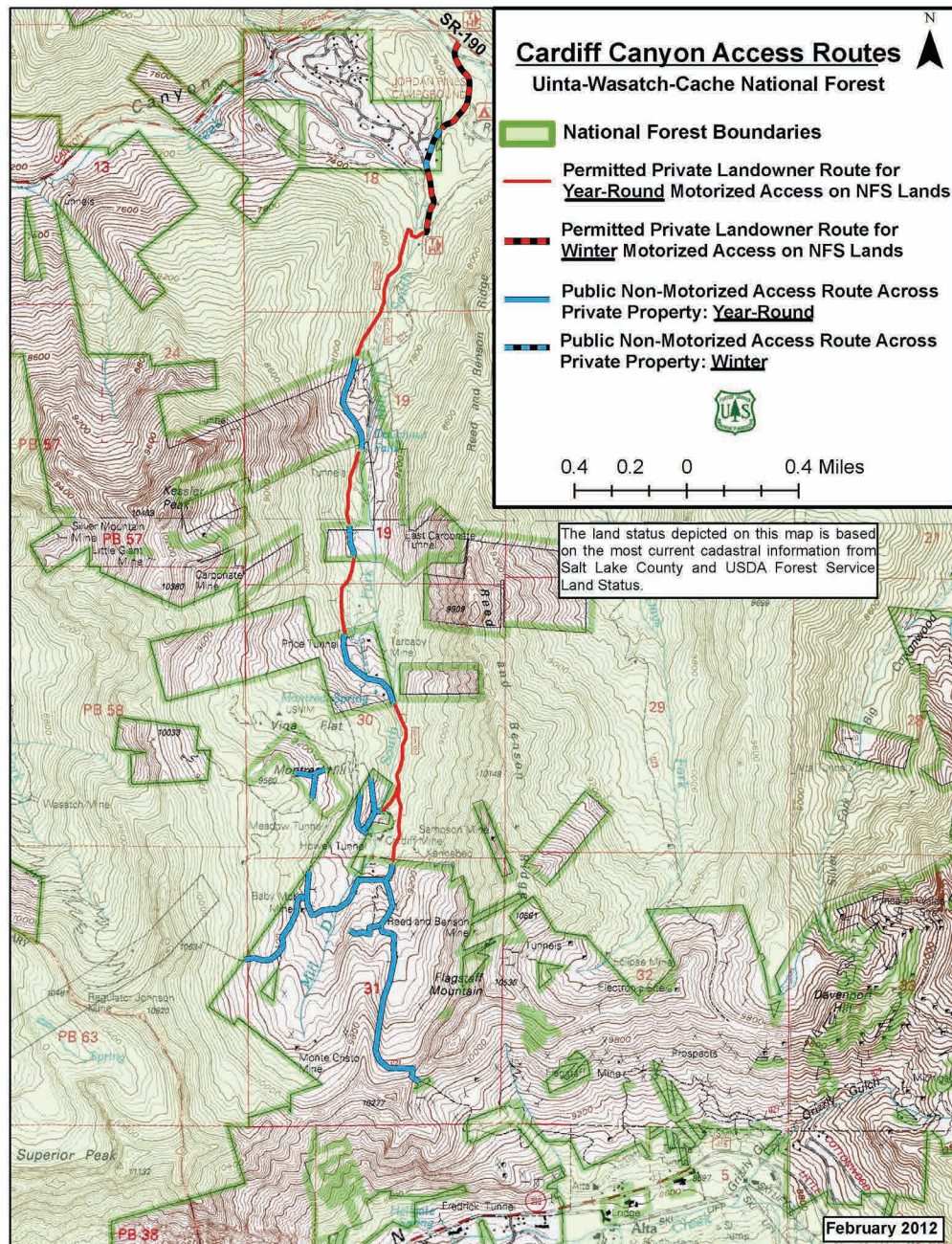
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CARDIFF IS CONFUSING

BY WILL MCCARVILL

10 years ago the Forest Service and the Cardiff Fork Owners Association signed mutual MOU's (Memorandum of Understanding) that would allow the private land owners in upper Cardiff Fork use of the road on Forest Service land and the Forest Service and the public to use private portions of the road. The MOU's expired in May and have yet to be renewed. The gate at the trailhead has been hardened and a no motorized vehicle sign has been erected which indicates that a return to the status quo is not likely. The accompanying map is dated but shows the problem. Sections of Forest Service roads are interspersed with sections of private road ownership. There is a confusion of land ownership and private inholdings have multiple no trespassing signs. It may be that the private land owners have varying tolerance to the hiking and skiing public. It is recommended that until the situation is clarified our members need to take this into consideration in terms of using Cardiff Fork.



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Congratulations!



Akiko Kamimura has completed her 100 activities and has been awarded the 4th Jacket!
The recipients to-date are:

Sue Baker	Akiko Kamimura
Steve Duncan	Julie Kilgore

Great news, there's still 96 jackets available! Grab that centennial journal, notebook, or calendar, and track your WMC activity participation. The first 100 club members to participate in 100 posted club activities will receive a WMC “Activity Challenge” jacket.

Here are a few rules:

- Starting January 1, 2022, start recording any activity you participate in that is posted on the WMC calendar.
- Any activity that is posted on the calendar will count. That includes club socials, membership meetings, singalongs, board meetings, boating permit parties, trainings, etc. If it's posted on the calendar (which means the activity is an approved WMC activity), it counts. No fair backdating an activity, or only give an hour notice! Stay within the spirit please.
- For multi-day activities, each day the activity is posted on the club calendar can be counted as a separate 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.
- Take your time. All 100 activities do NOT have to be completed by the end of this year.
- Activities prior to 2022 do not count, EXCEPT the activities that enthusiastic clubbers recorded from January 1, 2020, through March 22, 2020, when the original Centennial Activity Challenge was launched.
- 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.

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 an organize or co-organize!



Hiking Directors' Message

It is autumn in the Wasatch and what a great year it's been for fall leaves! We hope you've been out enjoying our great local hiking trails as well as other WMC activities. As the days are getting shorter and the temperatures cooling down, it is more important than ever to be prepared with your 10E's before heading out on an activity. As a reminder, the 10E's are:



- Water
- Rain gear (also used as wind protection)
- Extra clothing / insulation
- Extra food
- Maps and compass (and knowledge of their use)
- Sun protection (sunglasses, sunscreen, lip balm, and sun hat)
- Waterproof matches or lighter
- Flashlight or headlamp (make sure they're in working order)
- First aid supplies
- Emergency shelter (lightweight emergency bag or space blanket)

As winter approaches, it's a good idea to add a few extra items to this list, such as hiking poles; micro-spikes; extra layers; and dry gloves, socks, and shirt. Always keep these items in your backpack and you will be well prepared for the unexpected.

Many thanks to all our hike organizers! If you have been thinking of organizing a hike, November is a great time to start. Also, please keep the trip reports coming! If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact one of us and we would be happy to assist you in posting a hike or trip report.

Finally, the WMC trail reporting system has been working well to communicate trail issues to the Forest Service. As you continue to get outside, please email trailreport@wasatchmountainclub.org with any issues you may notice along your travels in the Wasatch. Be sure to include the trail, an approximation of the location along the trail, the issue you encountered, and pictures if possible.

Happy Trails!

Daisy & Paula



Red Cross Blood Drive - Nearing 500 Pints Donated!

by Tony Hellman, WMC Blood Drive Coordinator

Hello WMC members,

The WMC has helped donated 497 pints of life-saving blood in celebration of the WMC Centennial. The original goal was 100 pints. A thousand 'Thank Yous' for your life-saving efforts and continued support. Your effort can save three lives per pint or almost 1500 people. For this achievement, the Wasatch Mountain Club was recognized by the Red Cross as a key "Partner" in 2022.

We are 3 pints short of the updated goal of 500 units of blood. May your Holidays, travel, and play always be safe and fun.

Please mark December 12th on your calendar for the next Blood drive. Here's to a happy and safe end to the Centennial +2 Year!



Give life by

Proud WMC Member: Giulia Roselli

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Thank You!

September 2022 Activity Organizers

We appreciate you for your leadership, energy, and time for organizing amazing activities for our members

Akiko Kamimura	David Rabiger	Marcia Hansen
Al Berzinis	Donn Seeley	Martin McGregor
Aymara Jimenez-Lofgren	Eileen Gidley	Pat Christian
Brad Yates	Frank Bouchard	Paul Gettings
Bret Mathews	Jim Kucera	Paula McFarland
Irene Yuen	Joel Winter	Robert Turner
Brian Barkey	Julie Kilgore	Stanley Chiang
Bruce Christenson	Cassie Badowsky	Steven Duncan
Chris Karcher	Kathy Jones	Sue Baker
Constance Modrow	Kurt Hiland	Tonya Karren
Craig Williams	Kyle Williams	Yanli Jiang
Daisy DeMarco	Mac Brubaker	

Organizer's Raffle

Each year the club holds an appreciation banquet to show our support and appreciation for our organizers and other volunteers. To qualify for the banquet, a member must organize at least two activities or one multi-day activity. This year, the appreciation banquet will also include an Activity Organizers Raffle. Throughout the year, we'll collect a variety of fun and interesting prizes. Activity Organizers will get a raffle entry for every activity they organize (or each day of a multi-day activity), up to a maximum of 10 entries.

The more you organize, the more chances you get to win a prize!

Let's show our organizers how much we appreciate them. If you have an idea or prize donation you'd like to share, send an email to: info@wasatchmountainclub.org.



ORGANIZER RAFFLE



Boat Shed Closing Work Party October 2nd



Report & photos by
Irene Yuen

At the Boat Shed Closing Work Party today, we cleaned, conditioned, scrubbed, vacuumed, inflated, deflated to winterize boats and gear before storing them away until next season. Thanks to all those who helped!

Bon Voyage!!



Group photo (LtoR): Connie Modrow, Dianne Budrig, Michael, Budrig, Donnie Benson, Bret Mathews

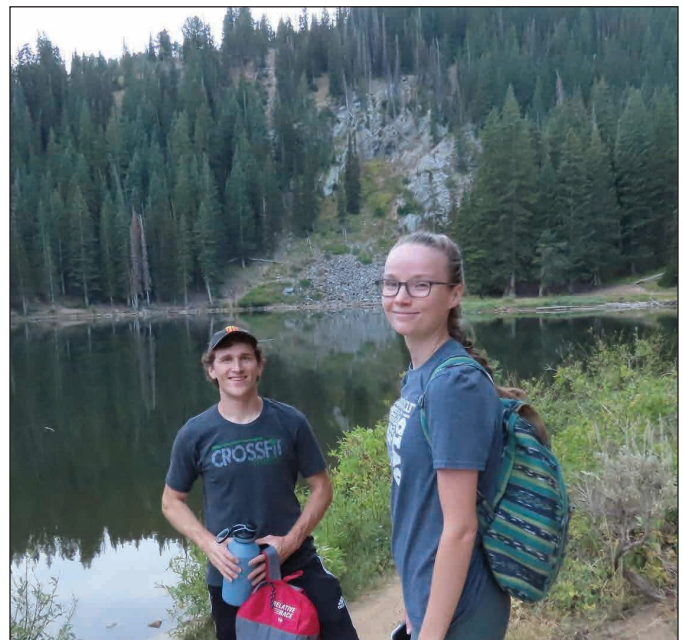


Trip Reports

Bloods Lake Hike, September 12th

Organized, report, and photos by Julie Kilgore

Really great evening hike to Blood Lake with a wonderful group of seasoned, new, and prospective WMC members! We had a nice treat hanging out with mama and baby moose 😊





Jacobs Ladder Hike, Sept. 18th

What is Jacob's Ladder, and who the heck is Jacob?

The "what" part is easy. For the WMC, and anyone who has taken this iconic approach towards Lone Peak, the Jacob's Ladder approach seems like a good idea. You get to start 1,000 feet higher, but using "the ladder", you gain two-thirds of the elevation and you're only half way to the top. The "ladder" is brutal, but comes with some well deserved bragging rights.

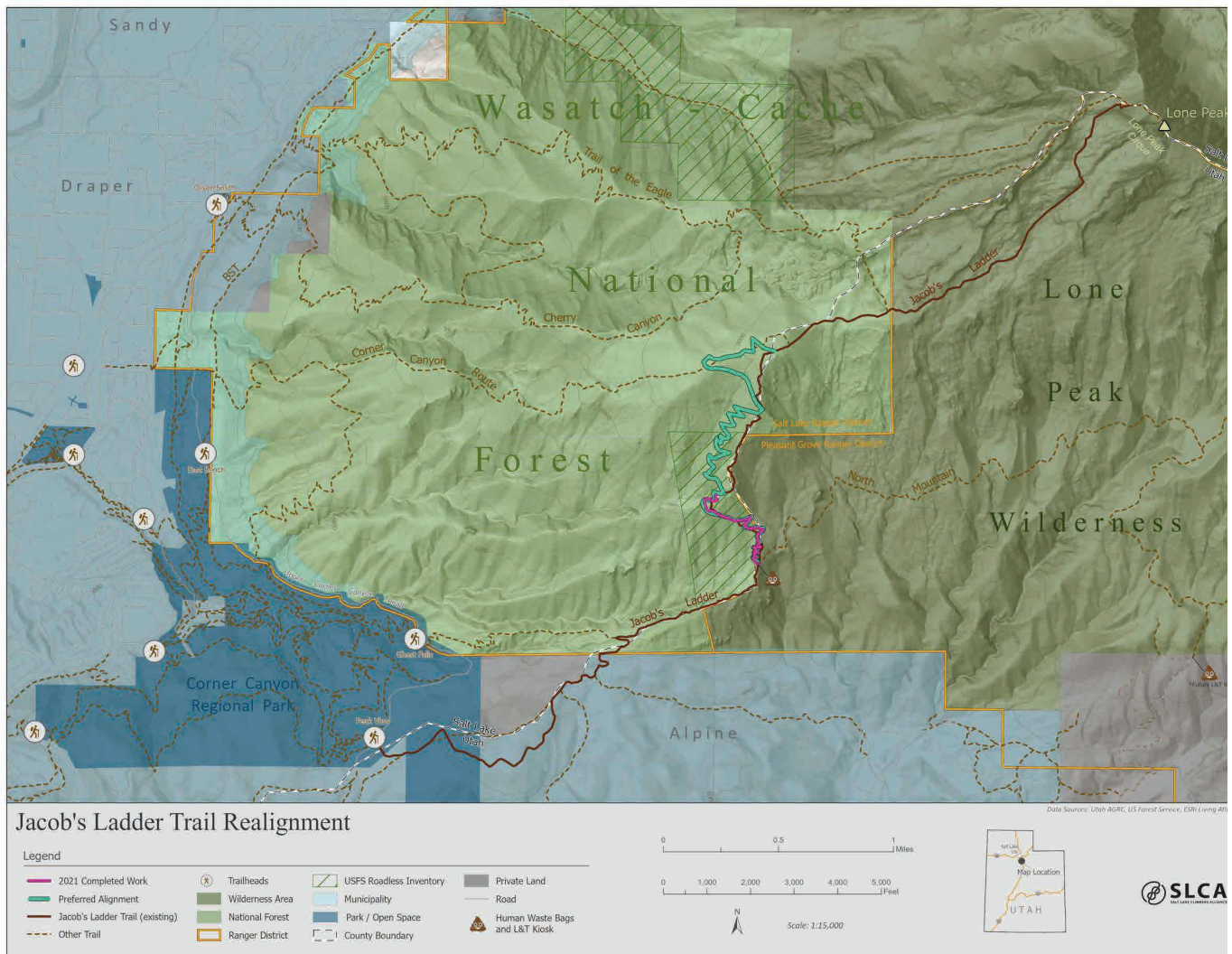
Finding Jacob's Ladder has historically been interesting. There wasn't an engraved SIGN! I remember my early hiking days (which is not very early on the WMC time scale) trying to find the darn thing. I had wandered around the Draper area with my hiking buddy Alex Rudd. We explored lots of various paths and trails, but never really pinned down where this elusive Jacob's Ladder was located. It was another seasoned club member who finally showed me the way (that's why we join the club, right? Because somebody knows where we're supposed to go!).

Now that I have it figured out, things are changing for Jacob's Ladder. First, hikers and climbers have lost use of the original trailhead that led to Jacob's Ladder, which hikers and climbers blazed but has recently been officially re-designated as a downhill bike route. So do NOT follow outdated on-line guidance about where to start this hike. The dirt road from what is now the Orson Smith Park that has traditionally taken hikers and climbers to the Jacob's Ladder trailhead is no longer an option. Currently, Draper City is re-routing hikers to the new Peakview Trailhead, which can only be accessed from Suncrest Drive. Once hikers/climbers park at the Peakview Trailhead, hikers/climbers must now take a route that goes 'round and about some private property to finally reach the base of Jacob's Ladder.

Now we get to the "who." What is behind this trail name? Unless someone tells me a different story, it seems that Jacob is not a Utah pioneer, not a local resident, not a recent celebrity. Jacob's Ladder is a biblical story of a dream that Jacob, son of Isaac, had of ladder ascending to heaven. Fitting, given that at least one section of Jacob's Ladder gained 2,200 feet of elevation in 1.3 miles. But no more. Jacob's Ladder is now more of Jacob's Meander. The Salt Lake Climber's Alliance took the lead scoping, planning, re-routing, and funding this 3-mile section of trail. The work began in 2021 and was completed this fall. The new trail averages a 15% grade rather than 32%+. This is a non-bike route for a couple of reasons. First, it's still pretty darn steep, and still has some rocky sections. But it also switchbacks in and out of wilderness in a couple of spots. On September 18, we had a great opportunity to hike the nearly-completed re-route with SLCA executive director Julia Geisler. Yes, it's a bit longer, but the new, gentler trail is really quite delightful and the re-route ends just below Ennis Peak. The old route has been abandoned and filled with brush, so in a year or two, new hikers will enjoy this fabulous new trail and will wonder what all the this-is-really-hard fuss was about.

- Julie Kilgore, WMC President





The new route



Tour de Suds Mtn. Bike Ride, Sept. 11th



Park City, Utah

Organized, report, and photos by Craig Williams

WMC was well-represented at this year's Tour de Suds! As for history, Tom Noaker, a long-time local started the 1st bike shop in PC in the early 80's. They would take these "Mountain Bikes" out to Richardson Flats and see how long they would hold together. Well they started bringing beer on these test rides and eventually calked the ride 'The Tour de Suds'. It became a fund raiser to help the local 'Rogue' trail builders (our own WMC Nick Calas and Dennis McCormick were some of the earliest. I also helped build trails as a member of The Park City Cycling Club pre Mountain Trails or Basin Rec) for tools and then the process turned into The Mountain Trails and Basin Recreation and became legit.



WMC Riders (Left to right): Audrey Wussow, Hendrick Wussow, Dave Perkins, Craig Williams, Greg Libecci, Colin Ferguson, Tom Wussow, Ryan Cragun, Suzanne Schroeder, Travis McElvany



The race itself has evolved over time, different routes and trails to the top, but basically it's a 7 mile race from Park City's City Park to the top of Empire Pass, a 2700' elevation gain. There will be Olympians and pro bike racers that will race to the top in under an hour. Most folks dress up into crazy costumes and that many will race/push, but most just cruise and party to the top and once at the top. Over the years, there have been "Margarita" and "High West Whisky" stations along the way. There have been beer tents on top, one year a guy put a pony keg in a "bike bob" (a narrow trail designed trailer pulled behind a mountain bike) and supplied us with plenty of suds. This year I saw a tool belt modified to carry a six pack of individual beers.

They hold oldest t-shirt, oldest socks, best costume and of course podium spots per age groups. I personally have won my age group and been on the podium (2nd and 3rd) half a dozen times over the years, which is a big deal against all the crazy fast mountain bikers up here. Now, I am middle of the pack as I am at the tail end of my age group and the younger guys into that age group take the podium.

The race has evolved to under a hundred participants to over 300 this year. The money goes to build more trails, helping keep Park City an IMBA rated "Gold Level" mountain bike destination.



Naomi Peak & Bridger Peak Hike, September 10th

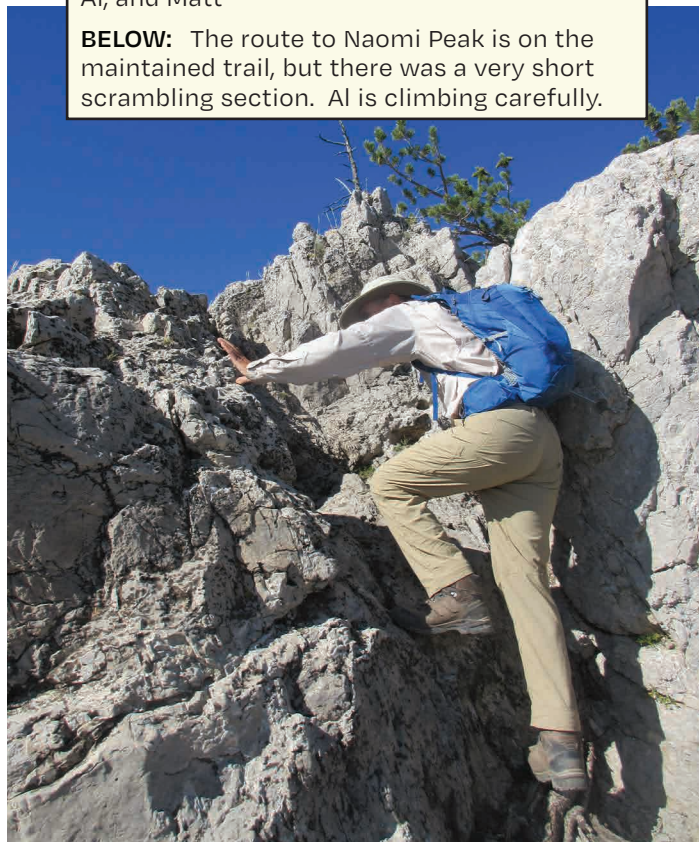


ABOVE: Group photo at Naomi Peak. From left – Akiko, Stanley, Barb & Shasta (dog), Sandra, Al, and Matt

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

We made two county high points – Naomi Peak (9,979 ft – Cache County) and Bridger Peak (9,255 ft – Rich County) – in Logan Canyon. For most of us, it was the first time to hike in the area. We met near the downtown of Logan. From the meeting place to the TH for Naomi Peak, Tony Grove Campground, it was almost one-hour drive. The hike was on the maintained trail entirely. It was windy and chilly at the summit. The sky was a little bit hazy due to smoke from the wildfires. But we still had great views. After we went back to the TH, we drove to the Bridger Peak TH. The route to Bridger Peak has a trail only in the first part. The last part to the summit was bushwhacking. There are tall trees around the summit. So the views were not particularly impressive. But we could see beautiful Bear Lake from the summit. The summit is only 100 yards to the Utah-Idaho border. Barb and Shasta (dog) crossed the border. While it was a long day due to long driving, we had a great time.

BELOW: The route to Naomi Peak is on the maintained trail, but there was a very short scrambling section. Al is climbing carefully.

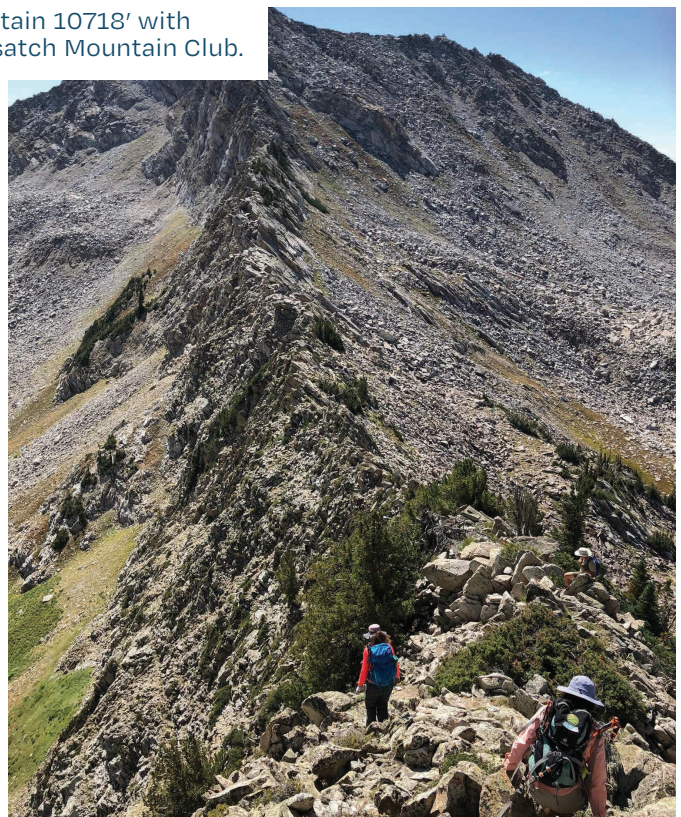
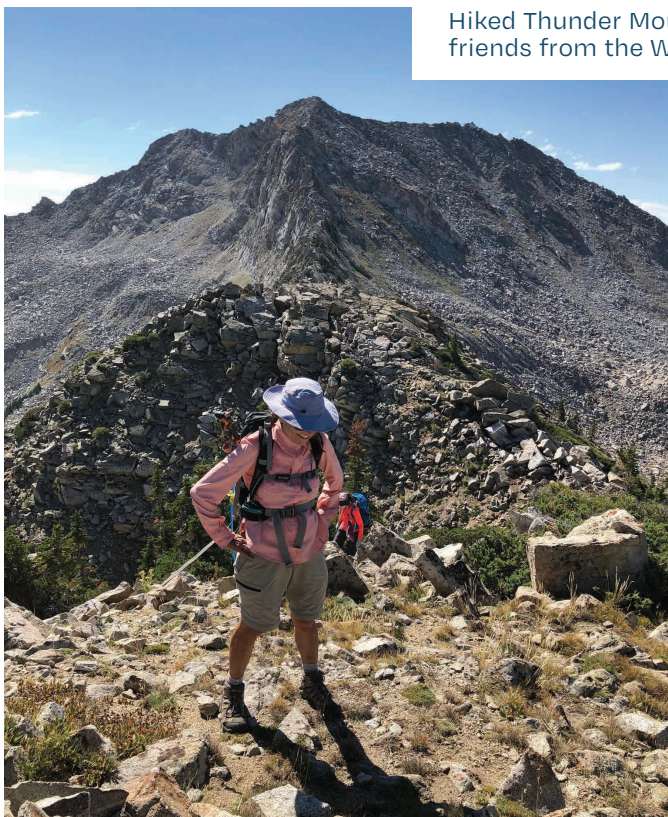


Thunder Mountain Hike, September 7th



Organized by Jim Kucera

Hiked Thunder Mountain 10718' with
friends from the Wasatch Mountain Club.



Yellowstone Thorofare Backpack

August 29 - September 6th



Organized, report, and photos by Michael Budig

I have been organizing fall backpacks in the Yellowstone backcountry for the Mountain Club for about 40 years. Each year, I like to visit a new area or at least see some new country. This year, I decided to go to the most remote area of Yellowstone, the Thorofare in the southeast corner. I usually like to go in September, but would have to start this trip earlier as much of the hike would be outside of the Park and we would want to finish before the hunting season started there.

I told everyone that I thought we were likely to see a grizzly bear, but little other wildlife. Since the wolves were introduced in the mid-90's, it seems like the wildlife concentrates by the roads in the park, where they feel safer from the wolves.

We started on Monday, August 29 after meeting and camping at the Lewis Lake Campground on the previous night. Dianne Budig, Zig Sondelski, Li An, and Julie Melini started hiking at the Nine-mile Trailhead (on the east side of Yellowstone Lake) while Gregg Clark, Louis Melini, Chris Baes and Michael Budig drove the 200+ mile shuttle. We shuttle drivers started hiking around 3:00PM and met the others at the Park Point Campsite by 6:00. This is a beautiful campsite with a gorgeous view over Yellowstone Lake. It is one of my favorites.

The following morning, we continued to hike along the Lake for another 8 miles, until we reached the Brimstone Point Campsite, which again overlooked Yellowstone Lake. From there, we headed south past the Park boundary and then headed east along the Thorofare Tail and then the Pass Creek Trail up to Ishawooa Pass. We walked past the Thorofare Ranger Station which, according to one map, is "the furthest dwelling from a road in the Continental United States".

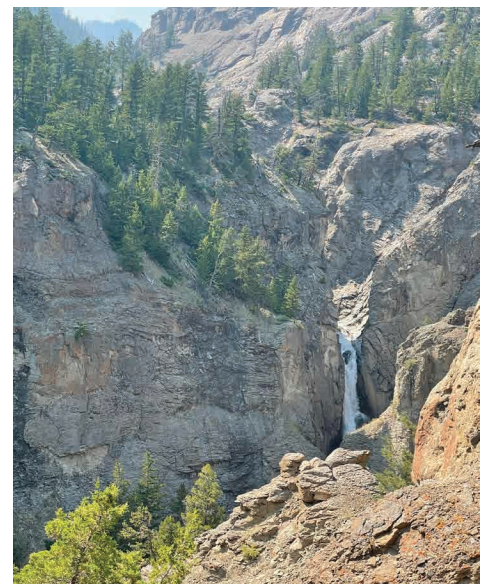
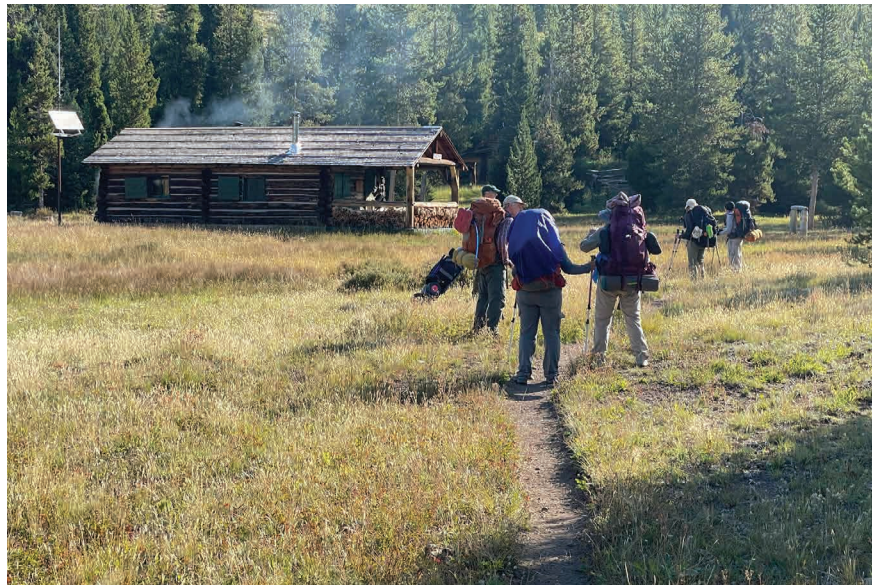
Indeed, the Thorofare has a rich history of usage dating back to the days of the Mountain Men and American Indians. The name comes from the numerous routes going through area, connecting routes to and from the Wind Rivers, the Tetons, the Absarokas, Yellowstone and the Shoshone River. We expected to see few people once we left Yellowstone Lake and that was the case. We ran into a trail crew stationed at the Thorofare Ranger Station and a few outfitters on horses, but no hikers outside of the park.



The scenery was quite spectacular in the Thorofare area and outside the Park over the Ishawooa Pass. We averaged about 8 miles of hiking per day over fairly easy terrain, but were weighed down by the need to carry about 8 days worth of food and high temperatures which hit 90F on most days (at least 20F higher than normal). Both Dianne and Julie had some issues with knee and foot problems. However, they managed to keep up and we kept a good steady pace and camped near water and great scenery each night.

We did hear a single elk bugle a few times one night and saw elk tracks and some bear scat, but no other wildlife. That was disappointing, but not too surprising. We finished the backpack by noon on the ninth day and headed home, after a great adventure in some of America's best and wildest country..





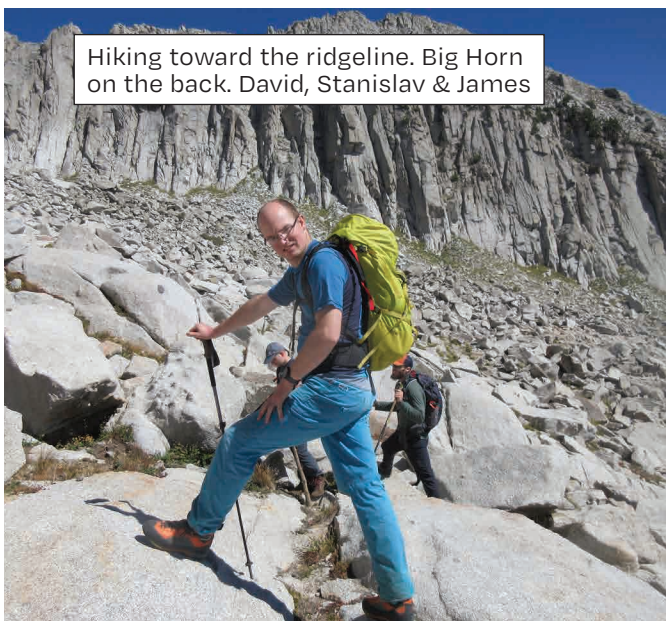
Lone Peak South Peak Hike September 24th



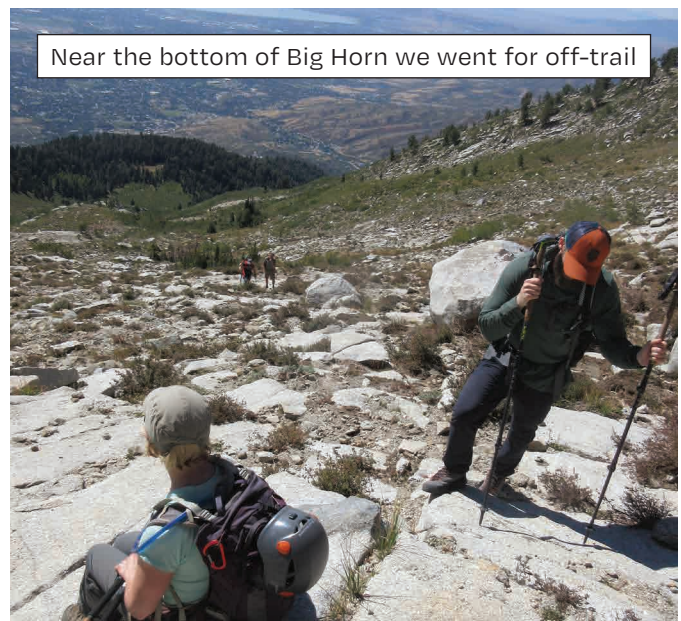
Summit photo (LtoR): Matt, James, Stanislav, David, Deb & Akiko

Organized, report & photos by Matt Luntz & Akiko Kamimura

We made one of the Lone Peak's sub-peaks – Lone Peak South Peak (11,240 ft). Two new club members – James and Stanislav – participated in this hike. Our original plan was to start from the Schoolhouse Springs TH. But there was the recent information about the TH – vehicles parked at the TH got a warning notice. So we started from the new no-name TH on a new road which was not yet on GoogleMap. This made this hike longer with more elevation gain. We hiked on the maintained trail to near the bottom of Big Horn via First and Second Hamongog. Then we went off-trail. The off-trail part involved mostly class 2 and a couple of very short easy class 3 sections. The views from South Peak were wonderful. We saw lots of people on the main peak. But there were only two other hikers on South Peak. We sang Happy Birthday to You for Andy, who were unable to come due to a health reason, at the summit. We descended on the same way and were back to the TH before it became dark. This hike took 11 hours and 45 minutes including breaks (distance – 13.5 miles RT, elevation gain – 6,516 ft).



Hiking toward the ridgeline. Big Horn on the back. David, Stanislav & James



Near the bottom of Big Horn we went for off-trail





Box Canyon Canyoneering - Sept. 17th

Organized by Bret Mathews / Tonya Karren
Report & Photos by Irene Yuen & Da Yang Wipfel

Seven of us WMC cubbies with various level of canyoneering experience canyoneered Box Canyon. We began our 3-mile hike top down from the trailhead on Saturday, September 17, 2022.

The cool temperature was perfect allowing us to crawl through, rappel, stem, and downclimb Box Canyon that joins the lower end of Maple Canyon. The landscape of unusual rock formations is gorgeous which showcase the towering huge pinnacles, narrow nooks, steep overhangs, and cracks.

It took us about 5.5 hours to complete our canyoneering adventure. Millions of "thank you" goes to Tonya Karren and Bret Mathews for their organizing efforts!



Mt. Superior (South Ridge) Hike, September 17th



Jason and Tim

David and Tim

Organized, report & photos by David Baumann & Akiko Kamimura

The South Ridge of Mt Superior involves ridge scrambling with several 5.4-5.5 climbing grade sections. We carried two ropes and other climbing gear to ensure safety. For four participants (out of six), it was the first time to do this route. Matt scouted the route 6 days before. It was very helpful. We started from near Snowbird. The route was mostly class 3 but had several sections where we had to be very careful. We did not see any other groups using climbing gear. We were slower than other groups because we spent time to build an anchor and used a rope at several sections. From the summit, we hiked on the trail to go down to Alta. Overall, the weather was fine though it was windy. We really enjoyed the scrambles.



Yanli and Tim

Jason setting up an anchor. Matt watching Jason's work. David waiting below

Lofty Lake Loop in the Uintas Hike

Sept 5th

Organized by Donn Seeley / Report & photos by Irene Yuen

On Labor Day, Donn Seeley led eight of us on a very fun picturesque hike exploring the Lofty Lake Loop in the Uintas. We leisurely hiked clockwise about 4.76 miles and completed the loop trail in roughly 4h 17 min. We started our hike at the Pass Lake Trail and encountered many beautiful lakes. We passed Lofty Lake, continued the hike to Cuberant Lake, then Kamas Lake, and dropped down to Scout Lake. We all had a great time. Dogs and owners were all well behaved. Thank you, Donn Seeley!



Clayton Peak Hike

October 2nd

Article & photo by Dave Andrenyak

Clayton Peak is a distinctive mountain top in the Brighton, Utah area. Our Clayton Peak hike started at the Brighton Base parking area. We hiked on the Brighton Lakes and Clayton Peak trails to Snake Creek Pass. Next we walked a short distance on a service road. Then we hiked on the steep established route to the Clayton Peak summit. The weather was fair with some clouds and cool autumn temperatures. The trails were generally dry. Throughout the hike, there were great views of the Wasatch Range. Many of the aspen trees had leaves with their autumn colors. In the Brighton Parking area, we noted the group of aspen trees near the Milly Chalet that had red colored leaves. Looking north from the Clayton peak summit area, we could see the gold colored aspen forest in Mill A basin (below Baker Pass) and other forest areas of aspens with gold colored leaves. The hike participants were Kurt Hiland, Leslie Woods, Michelle Finnegan, Yi Qu, and Dave Andrenyak (organizer). The hike participants were a great group. I am thankful that we all got together and completed the hike.

**Photo taken near the Clayton Peak summit (L to R):
Yi Qu, Kurt Hiland, Michelle Finnegan, Leslie Woods.**



Mt. Olympus Trail Maintenance

September 21st

Organized, report, and photos by Kyle Williams

A while back the WMC adopted the Mount Olympus trail to care for and to raise up in the ways of righteousness. (We have posted a sign at the trailhead about our trail parentage, but someone keeps stealing it!) On Sept 21st, a group of clubbers joined in to help train our child in the way it should go. That nasty steep eroded section at the start has been a hazard for years, and last year the US Forest service hired a contractor to reroute the trail in a long switchback to the south, and did a great job in very tough terrain. The original nasty trail remained, and many crazy folks have continued to use it, (mostly on their way down..) so we teamed up with the Forest rangers to "junk in" the old trail. We built sections of "buck and rail" fence at the top and bottom, and hauled in loads of rocks and brush to fill in the old trail to discourage folks from continuing to use it. It was hard work but we had a great crew and were done by 11 AM. Huge thanks to Wil McCarvill, Dave Andrenyak, Ken Engstrom, Jim Kucera, Tony Zimmer, Chuck Dillard, Geoff Hardies, Bret Mathews, Irene Yuen, Kyle Williams.



Activity Calendar

WMC members should stay informed on current COVID guidelines. Those who are not feeling well, whether COVID symptoms or other illness, should not participate in WMC activities. During a club activity, the use of face masks or carpooling is up to each individual, unless otherwise specified by the organizer. Organizers can opt for a group size they are comfortable with, except for the group size limit of 10 in wilderness areas.

Nov 2 Wed	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Nov 2 Wed	<p>Day Hike - Reynolds Peak – mod <i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at Big Cottonwood Canyon P&R (3865 Big Cottonwood Cyn Rd, Cottonwood Heights, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Jim Kucera jameskucera@aol.com Big Cottonwood Canyon, via Mill D North - unless there is too much snow.</p>
Nov 5 Sat	<p>Trip Organizer And Volunteer Appreciation Dinner <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Location will be on your invitation <i>Organizer:</i> Tonya Karren or Petra Brittner 801-493-9199 socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org Annual Trip Organizers and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. This is an invitation only event, our way of saying thank you to all those who organized 2 activities or 1 multi-day activity, or volunteered in another capacity within the last 12 months. Most of the invitations will be going out via email, so if you think you qualify and you don't see that invite, check your spam, then follow up with your respective activity director. Social hour 6:00, dinner/awards at 7:00 pm. Raffle prizes will be given away. You don't want to miss this event.</p>
Nov 5 Sat	<p>Snowshoe/ski Or Hike - Alta – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe, ski or hike (if there is no enough snow) at Alta, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes/skis. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. If uphill travel is closed at Alta, we will snowshoe/ski somewhere in LCC or BCC. If there is no snow anywhere, we will hike. If there Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 4, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Nov 5 Sat	<p>Hike West Grandeur Via Dragon's Tail – msd- – 4.5 mi Loop – 3,350' ascent <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Grandeur Peak (Face) Trailhead (2900 S Wasatch Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com This is a very steep route to Grandeur (Average Gain per Mile is 1,518 ft.) that passes beneath the prominent bands of limestone cliffs that snake their way up the middle portion of the ridge, giving the appearance of a dragon's tail when viewed from the valley. There are a few options for the return route that we can choose from. We'll take a slow to moderate pace, adjusting as necessary to keep the group together to the summit.</p>

More activities will likely be added to the on-line calendar. Check wasatchmountainclub.org/calendar for updates, and join the activity email list for short notice postings.



Nov 5 Sat	<p>Day Hike To Movie Rock In Draper – ntd+ – 5.5 mi Out & Back – 1800' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at we will meet at Peak View Trail head in Draper <i>Organizer:</i> Da Yang Wipfel 801-635-6189 dayang007@gmail.com</p> <p>Bruce Moore will lead us Hike to Movie Rock leisurely, one of The Devil's Brigade filming locations in 1968. We may have a chance to see wild animals but not guaranteed. The trail is steep, good to have hiking poles, we will have lunch on the Rock, take photos or just relax and enjoy the view. Depends on the weather, may needs spikes. Please Bring the 10E. Everyone is welcome but Participacion must have Covid Vaccines and No Covid symptoms. No Pets please! Please check WMC on-line calendar for changes or updates. Everyone is Welcome!</p>
Nov 6 Sun	<p>Hike - Logan Peak & More – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to hike to Logan Peak (9710 ft) as well as nearby peaks such as Providence Peak (9598 ft) and Cave Hollow Ridge (9214 ft), weather, conditions and situation permitting. There are several routes to Logan Peak. If we take the Dry Canyon route, it would be 8 miles RT with 3500 ft elevation gain (add 4 miles RT if we make two more peaks - not much additional gain) on the maintained trail. Exploratory. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 4, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Nov 7 Mon	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Jacks Peak Trailhead (1830 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>It's officially dark now, Jack's is Back! We will be hiking under the glitter of the stars and above the glitter of city lights. Come out for a brisk 2-hour outing up and down the STEEP route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills (we can only hope), micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. The trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 6pm departure.</p>
Nov 8 Tue	<p>Day Hike - Grove Creek To Battle Creek Canyon Loop (lead By Bruce Moore) – mod – 9.0 mi Out & Back – 2700' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 8:30 am at Grove Creek Canyon Trailhead <i>Organizer:</i> Da Yang Wipfel 801-635-6189 dayang007@gmail.com</p> <p>This 9 miles rugged canyon hike passed 3 waterfalls going through the Deep forest & soft meadows, 2,700 ft elevation gain put us at lush meadow of Indian Camp at the west side of Mt. Timpanogos, where "The first massacre from Mormon settlers in Utah and the Timpanogos Indians who lived there occurred at Battle Creek, Utah. The sleeping Indians were outnumbered and outgunned, and had no defense against the Deseret Militia that crept in and surrounded their camp before dawn on March 5, 1849. Mormon settlement of Utah Valley came upon the heels of the attack at Battle Creek." Bring 10 E's, Covid vaccinated & personal distance 6 ft.</p>
Nov 8 Tue	<p>Social - Virtual Book Club <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at ZOOM <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Book Club in Michigan, which focuses on environmental issues, welcomes participants from Utah. Participants do not need to be members of Sierra Club. The format will be hybrid most likely - some participants will meet in-person in Ann Arbor, Mi while others will be on ZOOM. The November book is Our Biggest Experiment: An Epic History of the Climate Crisis, by Alice Bell. The meeting will be on November 8 Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm MST. If you would like to participate, please contact Akiko for the ZOOM access information.</p>
Nov 9 Wed	<p>Wmc Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info or WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103 <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 president@wasatchmountainclub.org</p> <p>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.</p>



Nov 9 Wed	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Nov 11 Fri	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Nov 12 Sat	<p>Hike - Mendon Peak & More, Logan – msd- – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Mendon Peak (8,766 ft), three Hawkwatch Peaks - North (8,401 ft), Middle (8,462 ft) & Main (8,585 ft) via Deep Canyon TH near Logan, weather, conditions and situation permitting. I have hiked in the area but not to those peaks. For Mendon Peak - 6 miles RT with 5400 ft gain (short but steep). Other three peaks are small bumps on the ridgeline (add 3 miles RT for the 3 bumps). Exploratory. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 11, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Nov 12 Sat	<p>Pink Flamingo Party <i>Meet:</i> 3:00 pm at 1111 W Mead Ave Salt Lake City; Park at Jordan Park or an adjacent street and walk the parkway. <i>Organizer:</i> Dianne Budig 801-864-7443 pdbudig@gmail.com Boating Social- Pink Flamingo Party! All Are Invited -November 12 Join us for Boating's annual end of season Pink Flamingo Party. Wear pink and remember that outrageous costumes are encouraged. There will be games and prizes. BYOB, a chair and a side dish to share. As a part of our environmental mission we also ask that everyone bring their own dishes and silverware. Meat will be provided. It's a little late in the season, so watch the weather and dress accordingly, the party will be outside. We are on a dead end street so parking at our home is very limited. Please park on adjacent streets or at Jordan park and take a short walk on the Jordan River Parkway trail to our home. The party will be in the detached garage. Organizer: The Boating Directors with help from Tonya Karren</p>
Nov 12 Sat	<p>Exploratory Loop Hike Connecting: Trail Of The Eagle To Little Willow – mod+ – 10.0 mi Loop – 3900' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Bear Canyon Suspension Bridge TH (12625 Highland Dr, Draper, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Only the connector is exploratory. If there is snow on the ground and we can't find it, we'll loop the other way and come back down Cherry Canyon. Plan on a solid 7 hours of hiking time.</p>
Nov 13 Sun	<p>Hike - Reynolds Peak In Bcc – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to bag Reynolds Peak in BCC, weather, conditions and situation permitting. We may also go to Tom's Hill. Please bring 10 Es as well as micro-spikes (if there is snow). If there is lots of snow, we may also need to use snowshoes. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 11, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Nov 14 Mon	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Jacks Peak Trailhead (1830 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Come out for a brisk 2-hour outing up and down the steep route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. It's dark, it's cold, and the trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 6pm departure.</p>



Nov 14 Mon	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Nov 16 Wed	<p>Day Hike – Mount Wire – mod</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Jim Kucera jameskucera@aol.com</p> <p>Via Georges Hollow. We may continue northeast on the divide between Red Butte and Emigration Canyons if time and conditions allow it. Contact me for meeting place and time.</p>
Nov 16 Wed	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Nov 19 Sat	<p>Frary Peak Leisure Day Hike – mod – 7.5 mi Out & Back – 2400' ascent – Slow pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 8:15 am at Frary Peak Trail Head at Antelope Island State Park.</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Da Yang Wipfel 801-635-6189 dayang007@gmail.com</p> <p>Frary Peak is the highest peak at Antelope Island State Park, has the most deserted beauty, it's one of the best place for landscape photographers, we may see Antelopes, Buffalos, big horn sheep, owls or Coyotes if we are lucky, Pace is 1.0-1.5 MPH. Leisurely hike to the peak & have lunch. After hike, welcome to join us at "Little taste of Britain" to have the best fish & chips! Please Note: This is NOT a cardio work out hike. Bring 10 E's, plenty of water, hat & bug stuff maybe. Fully Covid Vaccination required, please keep 6 ft for personal distance. Note: Entrance fee: \$15 per vehicle up to 8 people; Senior entrance fee (65 years of age): \$10 per vehicle up to 8 people; NO Pets!</p>
Nov 19 Sat	<p>Hike - Jeep Benchmark (& Maybe More), Centerville – mod+ – 9.0 mi – 2,200' ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to bag Jeep Benchmark (8650 ft) and maybe BM 7946 and Point 8246, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring 10 Es as well as micro-spikes (if there is snow). If there is lots of snow, we may also need to use snowshoes. There is a trail most of the way. The last part to the peak will be off-trail. If there is not much snow, the last part maybe bushy. Exploratory. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 18, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Nov 20 Sun	<p>Snowshoe/ski - Scotts Pass & Guardsman's Pass In Bcc – mod – 7.0 mi – 2,000' ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to snowshoe to Scotts Pass and Guardsman's Pass in BCC, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes/skis. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. If there is not enough snow, we will hike somewhere in BCC. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 19, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>

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Nov 21 Mon	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike And Optional Social - Jack's Mountain <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Jacks Peak Trailhead (1830 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>Come out for a brisk 2-hour outing up and down the steep route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. It's dark, it's cold, and the trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 6pm departure, and optional food and beverage at the Bombay house after the hike.</p>
Nov 21 Mon	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek - ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Nov 26 Sat	<p>Snowshoe (or Hike) - Location Tba - mod+ - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to snowshoe (or hike if there is not enough snow) in BCC/LCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City, the Uintas, American Fork or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 25, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Nov 27 Sun	<p>Snowshoe (or Hike) - Location Tba - mod+ - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to snowshoe (or hike if there is not enough snow) in BCC/LCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City, the Uintas, American Fork or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 25, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Nov 28 Mon	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain - ntd+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Jacks Peak Trailhead (1830 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>There are a few different routes to choose from for this brisk 2-hour outing up and down the steep route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. It's dark, it's cold, and the trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 6pm departure.</p>
Nov 28 Mon	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek - ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Nov 30 Wed	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek - ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>



Dec 5 Mon	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Dec 7 Wed	<p>Wmc Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info or WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103 <i>Organizer:</i> 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.</p>
Dec 7 Wed	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Dec 11 Sun	<p>Snowshoe & Avalanche Safety Workshop <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We will snowshoe to a place where there is sufficient snow and then practice with avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel), probably in BCC (but it depends on snow conditions). Please bring snowshoes, micro-spikes, and 10Es. Please bring avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) if you have. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If you have extra avalanche safety gear or lack avalanche safety gear, please indicate it when you register. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 9, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. WMC members only. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 10.</p>
Dec 15 Thu	<p>Introduction To Ice Climb – ntd <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We will have a professional guide who will teach the introduction to ice climbing. No experience necessary. The cost/person will depend on how many people will sign up. Limit 4. Priority will be given to WMC members. Please contact the organizer for details. Update (9/15): \$225=tax per person for a group of 4 climbers. 2 spots are available.</p>
Feb 4 Sat – Feb 10 Fri	<p>Death Valley Winter Escape - Bike - Hike - Car Camp – ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Cheryl* Soshnik 435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com The annual Bob Wright Death Valley Winter Escape is a week of camping, biking, hiking, exploring historic sites, Dutch Oven cooking, dark skies, and relaxing under the warm sun. Bring your pup tent, your Taj Mahal tent, pickup camper, RV, or motor home and join us in the Furnace Creek Campground. Individuals can band together for group road rides or hikes, or you go off and do things on your own. Form cooking groups with your friends, or pool our resources and do community Dutch Oven meals. We have reserved some tent-only sites in the shade of the mesquite trees, and many more people reserve their own camp sites as well. The one guaranteed is an afternoon happy-hour, where the day is relived, and plans are made for the following day. If you are thinking of going, we recommend securing your campsite NOW, as early February is a popular time of the year and the sites are going fast. Contact me for further information, and to let me know if you have reserved your own sites. Note - if a site is only available beginning Feb 5, that's OK too...you are more than welcome to show up any time that week.</p>

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Feb 17 Fri – Feb 20 Mon	<p>Ice Climb @ Ouray Ice Park In Colorado</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We will ice climb at the Ouray Ice Park in Colorado. The Ouray Ice Park is a mecca of ice climbing and the largest man-made public ice climbing park in the world. It has a wide variety of routes for beginners to advanced climbers. Trip schedule: Feb 17 Fri - Road trip; Feb 18 Sat - ice climbing; Feb 19 Sun - ice climbing; Feb 20 Mon - ice climbing & road trip. Previous ice experience not required. However, top roping experience (ice or rock) is required. If you do not have ice climbing gear (e.g. steel crampons with front points, mountaineering or backcountry ski boots, harness, belay devices, helmets), you need to rent. Ice tools are good to have but they are easy enough to share. The park does not have an entrance fee. We will share the cost of lodging and gas. Accommodations will be around \$230-260 for 3 nights per person at a rental vacation home. For more details, please contact the organizer (please include your ice/rock climbing experience). Limit 8. WMC members only. Co-organized with Parker Winkel.</p>
Mar 4 Sat – Mar 7 Tue	<p>Mountaineering - Mt St Helens, Wa – msd</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to do a day climb to Mt Saint Helens (8,333 ft), one of the Washington's volcanoes. We will have a snowshoe group and a ski group, though a snowshoe group may not need to use snowshoes. Trip schedule: fly out/road trip on Saturday March 4, climb on Sunday March 5 or Monday March 6, fly back/road trip on Tuesday March 7. This is non-technical mountaineering. But participants must: 1) have excellent stamina (especially if you are in a snowshoe group) for 12 miles RT with 5500 ft gain on snow in one day; 2) be willing to buy/rent/lend required individual gear if necessary; and 3) have at least basic mountaineering skills (e.g. how to use crampons, ice axe etc). For more details, please contact the organizer (please include your current fitness level and snowshoe/ski/mountaineering experience). Limit 10. WMC members only. Co-organized with David Baumann.</p>
May 29 Mon – Jun 4 Sun	<p>Mountaineering - Mt Hood & South Sister/adams, Wa/ore – ext</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to make Mt Hood (11,239 ft), the highest mountain in Oregon. Additionally, some of the participants plan to bag South Sister (10,358 ft) or Mt Adams (12,276 ft). We will have three sub-groups: 1) Hood only; 2) Hood & South Sister; and 3) Hood & Adams. Schedule - May 29 M (Memorial Day): Road trip; May 30 Tue: Hood Back-up #2; May 31 W: Hood Climb Day; June 1 Thu: Hood Back-up #1; June 2 F: Road trip to home/South Sister/Adams; June 3 Sat: Climb Day for South Sister/Adams; June 4 Sun: Road trip for home. Participants must: 1) have stamina to hike/climb long hours a day; 2) have previous snow mountaineering experience and necessary skills (e.g. proper use of crampons and ice axe, self-arrest, belaying, moving as a rope team); 3) be willing to buy/rent required individual gear if necessary. For more details, please contact the organizer (please include your current fitness level and mountaineering experience). Limit 8. WMC members only. Co-organized with David Baumann.</p>
Jul 4 Tue – Jul 9 Sun	<p>Mountaineering Workshop @ Mt Baker, Wa (tentative Schedule) – ext</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>This trip will be a combined instructional and self-supported attempt on Mt Baker (10,781 ft) in Washington State. The group will be accompanied to the high camp by instructors for the U of U's Dept of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. We plan to devote one day to instruction and practice of glacier mountaineering techniques. Then the group will divide into teams to ascend Mt Baker by the Coleman-Deming route (grade II or French Alpine grade F), or possibly other routes such as North Ridge (grade III), depending on group capabilities and interests. While professional instructors will be on the trip this is not a guided trip. Only those who are capable of ascending the Coleman-Deming route as part of an independent rope team can attend (ice axe and crampon use, roped travel on a glacier mandatory). This will be a self-supported trip. All members should have gear suitable for a multi-day glacier climb and plan to bring their own food (or work out sharing arrangements with other members). There will be an instructional cost of \$200-\$400 (determined by group size). If interested please contact the organizer with a description of your fitness level and your climbing resume and to receive more detailed information. The exact schedule is subject to change. WMC members only.</p>





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

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

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- 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: _____

* Your birth date is only used to verify you are at least 18 years old and membership age statistics.



WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgement of Risk and Release from Liability

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature 1 _____ Date: _____

Signature 2 _____ Date: _____

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Membership Director
Wasatch Mountain Club
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Nov. 22-26
THANKS-
GIVING SKI TOURING IN MONTANA - Dennis and Karin Caldwell are going touring in the Absaroka and Beartooth Mountains on Thanksgiving weekend, and have agreed to take along a limited number of WMC members. It's a long drive, but this spectacular country offers consistent snow and numerous opportunities for skiing. Participation is by special appointment only; call [...] for details.

Nov. 27
Mon. JOINT MEETING WITH THE SIERRA CLUB - The speaker will be Bill Cline, a conservation-oriented forester from Ogden, who proposes that the solution to the automobile / parking lot problem in Little Cottonwood Canyon is an electric narrow gauge railroad. There is developing interest in this idea, particularly in light of the success achieved in European countries. Bill has made a detailed study of this possibility and would like our thoughts on it. It is a vital issue to anyone interested in the future of the canyons and WMC members should certainly be informed. The meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church Auditorium, 569 South 1300 East.

ESCALANTE by Don Colman

On Friday, October 6, an even half dozen backpackers assembled more or less on time, stowed themselves and sundry gear into one station wagon and headed south. That load consisted of our leader Kermit Earle, Marilyn Bateman, Karen Weatherbee, Fran Flowers, Virginia Hilliard, and Don Colman. The highlights of that drive were: 1. The limerick contest. 2. The chat with Escalante's main constable about the relative merits of observing anything close to the speed limit. 3. Seeing Stewart Roberts and Paula Mickle drive slowly by as we were still being frisked by the above mentioned police person. 4. Being witness to a most heroic and masterful exhibition of driving skill as displayed by Kermit in keeping us going through mud, goo, slime, washouts, one minor abyss, and you should pardon the expression, rocky bottoms. We finally caught Stew's Chevrolet Blazer stopped on the near side of a final and complete washout. With no delay, both cars were moved to high ground, as it was still raining hard, and had been for three days. The ground was absolutely sodden so we "camped" in the cars. A cold and sleepless night was enjoyed by all, for it was impossible to reach through the tangle of reposed bodies to retrieve jackets, sleeping bags, or anything warm. Did you ever wake up and find a perfect size 8 Vibram print on the left half of your face?

Saturday - dawn arrived, still cold, still raining, but spirits were high. Do you believe strawberry wine at a buck a throw? Stewart was able to navigate the Blazer around, up, over, and down the washout. We then deposited eight full packs, and eight dripping wet people into one four-wheel drive "Godsend", and even got the doors closed. The road was difficult where it wasn't washed away; the rest was worse. The dangerous sections were run "solo", so that passengers popped in and out with great regularity. We abandoned the car within a mile or so of the head of Hurricane Wash. Now our adventure could begin. The rain stopped as we prepared to plunge into the wash. The gods had been appeased. An unhurried pace brought us to Coyote Wash exactly at lunchtime. The canyon was growing both more beautiful and deep. The weather was turning fair. A few miles downstream we met three survivors of the scheduled Sierra Club trip, who reported some difficulty with flooding around their camp site. Another 200 yards revealed Jacob Hamblin Arch, only part of the great beauty to be found in every direction. Farther down the canyon, we found our camp site, a large alcove, with a huge domed roof, well above the river, and a level sand floor. We had six inches of organic evidence that the itinerant cows favored this resting spot also. Fran and I were clearing individual sleeping spots by flipping cow dung aside with sticks. As our sticks crossed, an historic moment was met. The new and exciting game of "Poo-lo" was born. At this writing it is being considered for inclusion in the Olympic Games. The rules are still a bit sketchy, pending development of a more durable type of puck. Some of us enjoyed a good meal, some merely ate. An excellent after dinner drink, apricot nectar, orange juice, shredded kumquat, and bourbon, was supplied by Karen. You could drink it, eat it, wear it, or as Virginia did, apply it to your blisters, like a poultice. We slept like babies. [...]



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