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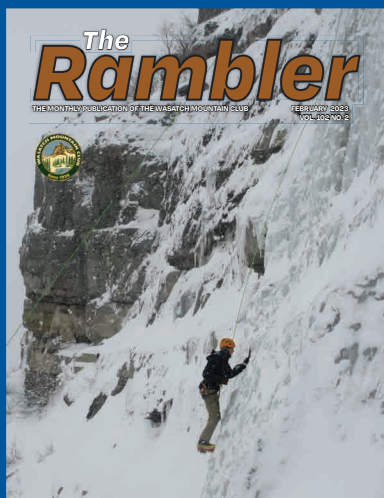


Vince DeSimone having a great time on a recent Empire Pass snowshoe (see trip report on page 28)

ON OUR COVER:

On December 15th, Akiko organized an 'Intro to Ice Climbing' in Provo Canyon. The photo shows Sam climbing.

Photo courtesy of Akiko Kamimura



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.

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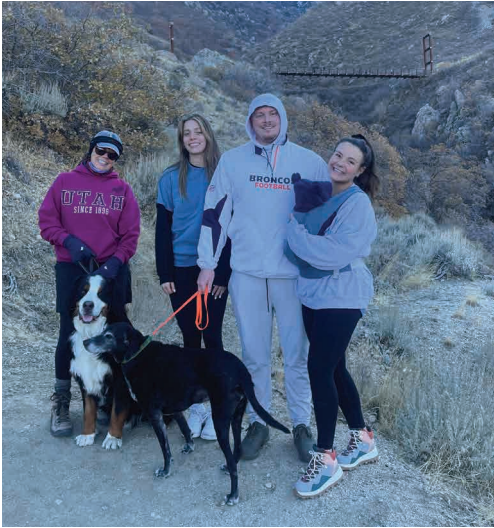
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President's Message



Making that move from Joining the club to Engaging in one or more of the opportunities that come with being a member of the WMC can sometimes be a challenge. The first challenge is just being aware of what may be available to us.

Activities: Most people initially join the club to participate in activities. The WMC has the most robust activity calendar of any outdoor organization I am aware of. If you don't see something that sparks your interest, as a member you can post an activity and/or send an email out to an activity group, and chances are that at least one or two like-minded members will join you. For example, I have some young adults, teens, and little tots in my family, so you'll see a few family oriented activities on the calendar. There is no shortage of adventures to be had.

Speaking of adventures, did you know that the WMC has an adventure travel email group? Yep, log in to the website and update your profile to join the adventure travel group and you'll be part of some wildly fantastic travel opportunities.

Then remember, after participating in a fun club activity, send a trip report and photos into the Rambler editor so we can all share in your fun!

Conservation/Activism: The WMC is dedicated to conservation, a portion of your club membership dues are set aside to support conservation efforts, and the club has a very dedicated conservation group. Again, check your member profile to sign up for the conservation group, and watch the online calendar for anything posted in **GREEN**. Those are conservation-related activities that could be volunteer opportunities, fundraising, or public participation. We cannot leave it to others to shape our outdoor recreation future. These mountains and our vast public lands have been my salvation in times of stress, joy, heartbreak, and celebration. All of us have similar connections with these lands. We must make the effort to be heard.

Socials/Trainings: If we learned anything from a pandemic, we have learned how much we need human connection. Sometimes we can't get out and hike, bike, climb, ski, snowshoe. But we can, and need, to connect with people who share our interests. Watch the online calendar for anything posted in **LIGHT BLUE** to attend a WMC party, take a WMC-hosted training, participate in a book club, attend a WMC meeting, attend a WMC dinner or an outdoor event, take in an adventure film. Some activities are in person, some are virtual. As a club member, you can post a social activity that members might enjoy, and invite others to join you.

The Lodge: The Wasatch Mountain Lodge is a special part of the WMC history. Constructed by WMC members in 1929, it is the only remaining original ski lodge in the Brighton area, and it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. The Lodge was built as an overnight and weekend destination long before a state highway was built through the canyon. Although the Lodge is no longer needed as a resting place for those enjoying the wonders of Utah's mountains, it is a building of historical significance to the WMC and to the community. The Lodge now operates as its own 501c3 and 5% of club dues is dedicated to supporting the Lodge. That annual donation gives the WMC the opportunity to hold trainings and socials at the lodge each year. I have also rented the lodge for a business retreat and a family/friends event. The lodge is approaching its century mark, so there is a big effort underway for much needed capital improvement projects. But with all this snow, what the lodge needs most immediately is help with removing snow off the roof! You will find Lodge activities posted in **RED**.

I hope to see many of you at the February 1st Social/Membership meeting at the Millcreek Library. Let the board, activity coordinators, organizers, or fellow club members help you make that connection from Joining to Engaging!

- Julie Kilgore, WMC President



WELCOME

New & Returning Members



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General Membership Meeting & Social February 1st

Come one, come all!! Plan to join our General Membership Meeting & Social on Monday, February 1st at 6:00 pm. The meeting is at the Millcreek Library meeting room (2266 E Evergreen Ave, Salt Lake City, UT). The agenda is:

6:00-6:30 Member Social & New Member Orientation with refreshments.

6:30-7:00 Board Business: 2022 Award Highlights, and 2023 Board Election.

7:00-7:30 Adventure Presentation - WMC group trek around the famed Annapurna Circuit in Nepal, three-plus weeks, more than 100 miles trekking at elevation up to 17,769' including Kathmandu, Pokhara and Chitwan National Park. Pictures, videos, maps, stories, lessons learned.

7:30-8:30 Q&A, Closing Social

Also, note the following:

The new WMC Book 'Utah's Forgotten Ski Area' by Mark Jones will be available for \$20 & proceeds go to the U of U WMC Education Endowment Fund

Near items from the Outdoor Retailers Show (Welcome Back to UT!) will be available for donations to the WMC Education Endowment Fund

New Qualifiers for the WMC 100-Activity Jacket Challenge will be announced & jackets presented

Hope to see you at the meeting!!

Winter Sports Director's Message

Greetings snow enthusiasts! The snow is falling 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,
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2023 WMC BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATE LIST

The next annual election of the Wasatch Mountain Club Board of Directors **will occur at the membership meeting on February 1, 2023 (see calendar for more details)**. The WMC is a volunteer-run organization including the Board. The candidate list to the right includes the roles to be elected by WMC members at the upcoming membership meeting. Other board roles are appointed by Directors.

The 2023 Nominating Committee members are Donnie Benson, Greg Libeccj, and Giulia Roselli. Each year, this committee oversees the annual election of the WMC Board of Directors. 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 **info@wasatchmountainclub.org** or by leaving a phone message at **801-463-9842**. Your information will be promptly forwarded to the Committee.

New candidates and vacant positions are highlighted.

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Craig Williams	Biking Co-Director (Mtn. Bike)
Cecil Goodrick	Biking Co-Director

Boating

Luke Johnson	Boating Co-Director
Kay Tran	Boating Co-Director

Climbing/Mountaineering

Mark Maier	Climbing / Mountaineering Director
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Conservation

Dennis Goreham	Conservation Director
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Hiking

Andy Payne	Hiking Co-Director
Paula McFarland	Hiking Co-Director

Social

Debbie Olson	Social Co-Director
Nina Shah	Social Co-Director

Winter Sports

Steve Duncan	Winter Sports Director
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Brad Yates	Trustee 2020-2024
Will McCarvill	Trustee 2021-2025
Michael Budig	Trustee 2023-2028
John Veranth	Trustee Emeritus
Zig Sondelski	Trustee 2022-2026




Tuesday Snowshoe, Park City Environs with Vince

Vince DeSimone is organizing a Tuesday snowshoe group (MOD) again this year!! We go places in the Park City area including the Uintas 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 email list (see page 42 for instructions) for automatic notices or updates for all these Tuesday trips throughout the winter.** Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe, shovel) is not required on most trips but may be required depending on location, conditions and weather if noted in the posting in the WMC Snowshoe email listing. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions and info at: vincedesimone@yahoo.com or 435-645-9344.







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More about trails ... Utah Dept. of Natural Resources and Utah State

In 2022, the Office of Outdoor Recreation which was under the Governor's Office of Economic Development was combined with the Department of Natural Resources Division of Recreation to form the Division of Outdoor Recreation. This shows the growing importance of outdoor recreation to the State of Utah. There is a Utah Outdoor Adventure Commission which provides guidance and input to the Division of Recreation. A Utah Outdoor Recreation Strategic Plan is under development through Utah State Institute of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism. In October, I attended a workshop for surveying recreation assets and use of the mountains from Brigham City to Alpine. This winter additional workshops will occur in the rest of our state. At this time, I do not know when a draft plan for public comment will be provided.

Speaking of Utah State, the Central Wasatch Commission (CWC) contracted with the Institute of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism to do a visitor use management survey for the central Wasatch over a year and a half ago. Data collection is complete, and I expect a report to issue somewhere short of April. The purpose of the study was to measure the amount and type of recreation in the Wasatch over 4 seasons through a combination of trailhead surveys and collection of mobile phone data. Apparently, any device that has tracking on will show when and where it was used on our trails. This data will be used with the CWC Environmental Dashboard which is a data base of environmental concerns.

**- Will McCarvill,
WMC Trail Planning
Coordinator**

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Planning for the Worst: Rescue Services & Tips

by Mark Maier, WMC Climbing/Mountaineering Director

We all hope to never have an accident in the mountains requiring our evacuation, but we all know it can happen. Avoiding is better than dealing with one, but everybody should be prepared to deal with an accident. To increase the level of preparedness the WMC sponsored a Wilderness First Aid (WFA) course last year, and we plan to do so again this year. We also investigated adding some rescue service or insurance to the WMC discounts. We did not end up making a deal for any discounts, but we did find some useful information. This article is to provide a brief explanation of some of insurance and services available that you might want to buy. This is a complicated subject and a lot of money could be riding on making a good decision, so don't just take the brief summary here. Be sure to investigate yourself and read the fine print. Many services have complicated exceptions and requirements on how you use them and won't provide the expected benefits if you do not. Calling for rescue can also be more complicated than you think, we'll explain some useful tips at the end of the article.

First, we have to define what these services are. We also have to understand how a rescue and evacuation initiation works to see where services fit in. There are three main types of service available:

Travel Insurance	This is insurance to cover costs due to cancelled travel or modified plans. Travel insurance, for example, might refund money you spent on non-refundable airfare if you got sick and missed your flight, or reimbursement for lost luggage costs. With travel insurance you pay a fee in advance and then file a claim for reimbursement. You normally have to pay upfront the costs then put in for reimbursement. Travel insurance is widely available and some coverage comes for free depending on what credit card you use.
Rescue Insurance	If you have an accident or get sick while traveling the costs of rescue are not generally covered by travel insurance. For that you need rescue insurance. This kind of insurance reimburses you for the costs of a rescue and (maybe, read your policy carefully) evacuation after the rescue, possibly back to home. Rescue insurance providers don't carry out the rescue, they reimburse you after the event. Many of them will require that you contact them directly at the time of the accident/rescue and let them do some level of ordering the evacuation service for them to pay.
Rescue Service	<p>These providers go beyond rescue insurance and directly provide rescue and evacuation services. They generally operate by having standing contracts with helicopter, guiding, and medical providers in areas frequented by large numbers of their clients (e.g. Nepal). You are required to contact them directly when calling for rescue and they organize the whole process.</p> <p>Rescue service providers may offer packages of services at varying costs, up to and including security for areas dangerous from conflict and not just accidents.</p>

To understand how these work it is important to understand how the calling-for-help and rescue process works. You also have to understand that the situation in the U.S., especially in a National Park, and outside the U.S. is typically very different.

Rescue Service – In the US

In the U.S., if you have an emergency, are in cell phone range, and call 911 you'll be connected to an emergency operations center (EOC). The EOC will look at the location your phone reports and pass information to the authority responsible for responding. Here in the Wasatch that might be Wasatch Volunteer SAR, Juab County SAR, or various sheriff's office. In a National Park it will be the local



National Park service. If you have a Garmin InReach and hit the SoS button the message will go to the Garmin controlled emergency operations center operated by a company called GEOS. GEOS will determine your position, try to contact you back via InReach messaging, and look up the responsible SAR authority and contact them with your reported position and contact means. Outside of the U.S. GEOS will attempt to do the same thing, but who is responsible for SAR may be uncertain or complicated, depending on where in the world it is. If you have rescue insurance you may need to call the rescue insurance company directly when you call for help. If you subscribe to a rescue service then you are advised to call their EOC directly via phone or InReach where they perform the same service as GEOS does by default for InReach or the 911 center does for 911 calls. Depending on where you are you may call the local rescue service directly, for example calling the Ski Patrol number directly after an accident in a ski resort or Yosemite Search and Rescue (YOSAR) in Yosemite.


In the U.S., the local search and rescue group is generally responsible for getting to you and evacuating you to the nearest trailhead and do not charge for the service. Many of them (though not all) are very competent and deeply experienced. U.S search and rescue services generally evacuate to the trailhead, whether it is done on foot or requires a helicopter. Once they get you to the trailhead you are handed over to a civilian/commercial ambulance or helicopter company for evacuation to a hospital (assuming that is indicated). This is an important point. Getting rescued out of the backcountry can turn from free to thousands of dollars of non-reimbursed expenses at the trailhead. A helicopter ride from the accident site to the trailhead can be free when the onward flight to the hospital can cost more than ten thousand dollars. Your medical insurance may or may not cover helicopter transportation.

Rescue Service – Outside the US

Outside of the U.S., the situation can be very different. In Europe rescue services are very well organized, but charging policies may differ. In South America, Asia or Africa there may be no centrally organized rescue service. There may be available and highly competent resources available (like helicopters and pilots with mountain experience), but they require cash up front to fly a rescue mission.

So do you need insurance? Do you need a rescue service subscription? If so, what kind and with whom? We all do different things in different places and have different levels of financial resources and tolerance for risk (personal or financial), so the right answer for one may be different than from another.

There are a number of providers, especially of travel insurance, but we found that three providers are important to consider for mountain travelers:

GLOBAL  rescue	Global Rescue (www.globalrescue.com) is a full-service rescue service provider with linked insurance. Global Rescue focuses on providing rescue services with their contracted operators in remote areas around the world. They are set up to provide remote medical consultation, intelligence on travel conditions, and direct assistance when evacuation is required.
REDPOINT	Redpoint Travel Protection (www.redpointtravelprotection.com) carries multiple services under the names “Ripcord,” “Cavalry,” and “Harbor.” Ripcord is structured as a rescue service, like Global Rescue. The others are more targeted at travel in urban areas abroad or standard travel insurance. If you are an American Alpine Club member then you are automatically enrolled in some level of protection from Redpoint. The default is reimbursement up to \$7,500, with higher levels available for additional cost.
GARMIN®	Garmin-GEOS (www.garmin.com). As noted above, GEOS runs the EOC for the Garmin InReach system. They now offer a rescue insurance policy that is directly linked to the GEOS operation. Cost depends on what kind of activities you do, needless to say mountain climbing requires the more expensive policy. The primary advantage of this plan is that it is directly linked to the InReach SOS system. If you hit the SOS button on your InReach you connect to GEOS, no need to contact anyone else to invoke the insurance.



Here are some things to consider:

Are you traveling to remote areas?

First, if you travel/recreate in remote areas, whether in the U.S. or abroad, standard travel insurance typically only covers what you pay for the trip, not for extraordinary expenses because of an illness or accident. If you are going to rely on the medical insurance or travel insurance for evacuation expenses (transportation from trailhead to hospital or hospital to home) read the fine print very carefully. It is very likely you are not covered. If you don't have rescue insurance, or you don't invoke it correctly in the event of an accident, you may find you are stuck with a very large bill, even if the immediate rescue itself was carried by Government employees and volunteers and was free.

Are you traveling primarily in the US?

Most rescues in the U.S. are going to be accomplished by established rescue services (National Park service, Fire/Sheriffs Departments, volunteer groups). Your primary concern is likely to be the cost of evacuation from the trailhead, and possibly the cost of getting back home after you have been rescued. All three providers listed above have some form of insurance for these expenses. Be careful to understand activity limitations and cost caps. For example, some policies won't cover things above a specified altitude. The Garmin-GEOs linked solution has the advantage of convenience, since it is integrated with the operation of the InReach system. As discussed later, you may want to use InReach, if you have one, in most mountain emergencies, even when you have cell service. Whether its coverage and service limitations are important you'll have to determine by looking at the service details. The more comprehensive rescue services are relevant in the U.S. both before initiating rescue (via their telehealth consultation capability) and once you've been evacuated to the trailhead.

Are you traveling to less developed area outside the US?

If you are concerned about needing rescue abroad then the ability of the provider to conduct the rescue itself may be important. A major selling point of Global Rescue is that they have established a global network of helicopter providers, medical evacuation capabilities, and rescue and security professionals. While their network cannot be everywhere, it emphasizes the popular places where people adventure travel and where local infrastructure is thin. Global Rescue can be bought on a per-trip basis, or via annual subscription. Global Rescue (and others) also have an available "Security Option" if your concerns extend to political unrest (situations like the current cut-off in internal transportation in tourist areas of Peru due to the political crisis in the country). The Ripcord service from Redpoint addresses similar needs. To make a choice you'll need to understand the extent of the service you are interested in has capabilities in areas you intend to go, if there are activity limitations that would be a problem, and how cost-effective their offerings are. For example, can you buy on a single trip or short time basis or do you have to pay for an annual subscription?

If I need help, is it better to use my cell phone or InReach?

If you have an accident and need to call for help, is it better to use a cell phone (assuming you have signal) or use your InReach? Even in areas with cell service it may be a better choice to use the InReach (just be sure to message out your cell phone number). The problem with calling 911 on the cell phone is two-fold. First, the 911 system will attempt to determine your location. While your phone can report its GPS location the 911 system typically determines phone location by looking at what towers are receiving the cell phone signal. Consider the situation, not uncommon in the Wasatch, where you have no service down in the valley but do have service when on a high ridge line or summit. On those ridge lines you may be connecting to a cell tower a long distance from your actual location, and may be able to see only one tower. In this case the reported location of the phone may be way off the actual location, and the 911 center may contact the wrong group (for example, the fire and rescue service in the valley instead of the mountain rescue service). Second, and related to this, the 911 protocol may force the responders to go to the computed location of the phone and begin search there, which may be far from your actual location. This problem with cellphone reporting locations has resulted in serious delays to help arriving in a few accidents.

An advantage of the InReach system in all backcountry situations is that it operates from your GPS position, which is much more stable than your computed phone position when you are in the backcountry. The InReach EOC protocols will cause them to also attempt to contact you via phone, but they will initiate rescue procedures based on your GPS reported position.



Whichever communication means you choose, be sure you understand who to contact. If you use the InReach SOS feature their emergency operations center (GEOS) will figure out on its own who to contact based on your location. If you want control over who is contacted, for example because you have an insurance program that requires you contact the insurance provider, then be sure you understand how to contact them via your InReach under all conditions. In some places, like a ski resort or a National Park, it would be best to be able to call directly to the local rescue authority (National Park Rangers or Ski Patrol). It is a best practice to have a template for a message. The U.S. military has a highly standardized form for this called a "9-line." While civilian services do not use the exact military form, the 9-line is a good starting point for setting up a standardized form. If you recreate in a variety of areas you should keep a set of call entries for them in your cell phone (assuming you will use the InReach messaging app on your phone to communicate through the InReach). A Zoleo, a popular alternative to the InReach would be used the same way.

In summary, we hope we are never going to need rescue in our mountain activities, but that is not an excuse to be unprepared. Learning first aid, learning to use the right gear are all part of that. So is understanding how to call for rescue if you have to, and to be prepared for the consequences if you do.

WMC's new book is now available!!

Utah's Forgotten Ski Area

Altus, Utah

A history of early Utah skiing
and the Wasatch Mountain Club
by Mark Jones



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The CWC Seeks Public Feedback on a Transportation and Transit Survey as Part of the BCC MAP

The Big Cottonwood Canyon Mobility Action Plan (BCC MAP) will build upon previous studies to prioritize near- and long-term solutions that will improve mobility in Big Cottonwood Canyon throughout the year. The BCC MAP will lay out an implementation plan for various options, including funding, timeline, and environmental next steps. Critical to the BCC MAP is understanding a variety of perspectives and getting feedback on strategies that have been, or will be, identified. As part of the public engagement facet of the BCC MAP, the Central Wasatch Commission is seeking public feedback on a transportation and transit survey, open today, **January 10, 2023 through Friday, February 10, 2023.**

You can read more and access the survey at this link:

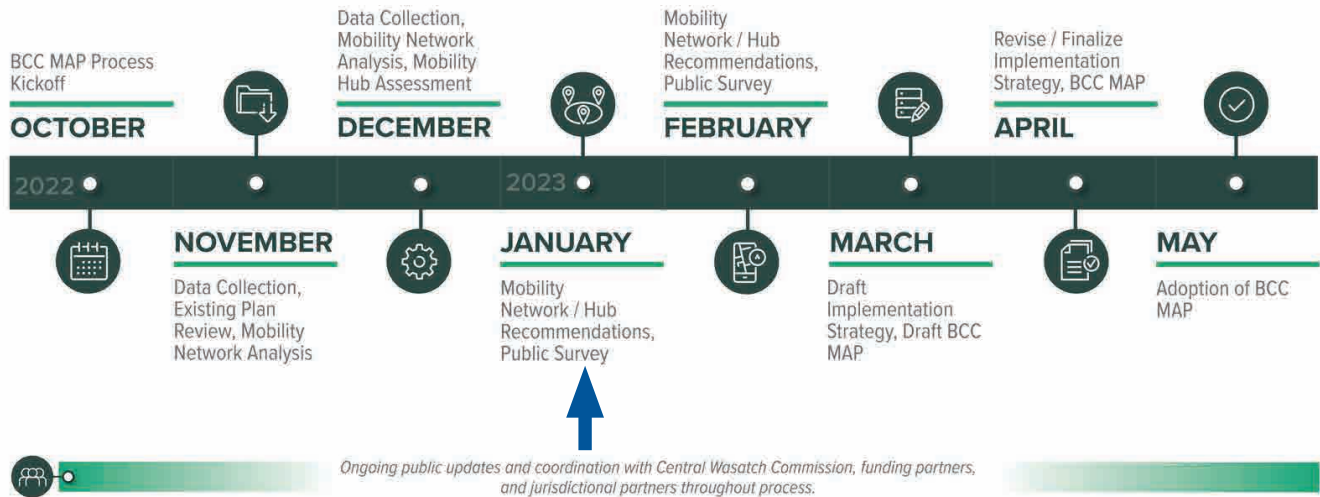
<https://cwc.utah.gov/transportation/big-cottonwood-canyon-mobility-action-plan/>

Survey responses are due by February 10, 2023.





BCC MAP DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE



The primary components of the BCC MAP development process include:

- Evaluate the existing and planned mobility network, identify gaps, and synthesize existing plans and programs to ensure consistency between goals and priorities.
- Develop tailored mobility hub siting criteria, followed by identification of mobility hub locations, features and amenities, and implementation considerations.
- Identify transit investments that improve quality of users' experience, reliability, frequency, year-round service, and service for all canyon users, and protect critical resources.
- Package the aforementioned items into the BCC MAP, which will:
- Define a prioritized list of near-, mid-, and long-term recommendations — including projects, programs, funding, and policy reform/development.
- Lay out an implementation plan for the recommendations with tangible and actionable strategies, including potential funding sources, likely level of environmental analysis and potential lead agencies, equity considerations, and immediate next steps.



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Congratulations!

Mac Brubaker & Tonya Karren have completed their 100 activities and awarded a jacket!



Jacket recipients to-date are:

Sue Baker	Julie Kilgore	Paula McFarland
Steve Duncan	Jim Kucera	Christine Pilgram
Akiko Kamimura	Bret Mathews	Irene Yuen
Mac Brubaker	Tonya Karren	

Great news, there are still 89 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!



Trip Reports

Millcreek Canyon Road Snowshoe Hike, December 2nd



Fresh snow conditions on the Millcreek Canyon Road winter trail. L to R: Frank Bouchard, Deanna DiBella, and Laya.

Article and photo and organized by Dave Andrenyak

On Friday December 2, 2022; Frank Bouchard, Deanna Dibella, Laya (Deanna's dog), and I had a pleasant snowshoe hike on the Millcreek Canyon Road winter trail. We started at the Maple Grove winter gate and traveled up the trail about 4 miles one way. We returned to the winter gate using the same trail. A fast moving snow storm the previous evening dumped several inches of new snow in the Millcreek Canyon area. The trees in Millcreek Canyon were covered with fresh snow and looked beautiful. We also noted scenic snow covered rock formations as we hiked. It is worthy to note how much more snowy it is in early December this season compared to last year. Thank you Frank, Deanna, and Laya for your participation and fellowship.



Dale Benchmark, Waymark Point & Point 6631 Snowshoe, January 8th

Organized & report by Akiko Kamimura
Photos by Akiko Kamimura

We started from the Little Mountain Summit TH to make Dale Benchmark (7,376 ft). We put on snowshoes from the TH. It was a very beautiful morning. On the way to Dale Benchmark, we bagged a small bump, Waymark Point (6,440 ft). It was windy near Dale Benchmark. So most of us stayed below the benchmark. Going down on the deep powder snow from the benchmark was really fun! We bagged Point 6631 on the way back to the TH. We saw birds, a small animal (was unable to identify), and animal tracks. It was a wonderful 5-hour snowshoe.



INSET: Group photo at Waymark Point.
From left – Don, Deb, Bob & Akiko

BACKGROUND: Bob, Deb & Don enjoying
a beautiful morning.

Lookout Mountain Hike, November 26th



**Organized by Kurt Hiland
Photos by Laura Peterson**

Sights from today's hike up Lookout Mtn. There was just enough snow up top for it to look like winter (and to post-hole through) but it was a rather pleasant Autumn day.



Peak 8443 Snowshoe, December 3rd

Organized & report by Akiko Kamimura
Photos by John Jones & Akiko Kamimura

We started from the Holbrook TH in Bountiful and took the Holbrook Ridge Trail. We did not need to use snowshoes at the beginning but put them on when the snow became deeper. The views from the ridge were very beautiful. We could see mountains in Nevada. As we were gaining elevation, it became very windy. While our original destination was Holbrook Peak, we decided to change the destination to Peak 8443. Al and Ed were not interested in going to Peak 8443 and waited below the peak. The rest of us – Brandon, John, Sandra, Lynda, Trent and Akiko made the peak. Although it was very windy, we enjoyed the time at the summit. This snowshoe took 6 hours and 25 minutes in total including breaks (distance – 6.9 miles, elevation gain – 3,458 ft).



ABOVE: Group photo. From left – Trent, Lynda, Brandon, John, Sandra, Al, Ed & Akiko.

RIGHT: Ed enjoying snowshoeing.

BELOW: The views from the ridge line were stunning.



Avalanche Safety Workshop & Snowshoe, December 11th

Organized & report by Akiko Kamimura
Photos by Akiko Kamimura

An avalanche safety workshop and snowshoe were held at Lambs Canyon this time. At the winter gate, we discussed weather and avalanche forecast and risk factors for avalanches. Then, we did beacon check before we left the gate. On the way to the summer TH, we checked slope angles and talked about how other factors could affect avalanche dangers. At the summer TH, we reviewed the AIARE's Avalanche Rescue Quick Reference and checked avalanche safety gear – a probe and a shovel as well as a beacon. We divided the group into three sub-groups and did mock rescues by burying an extra beacon as a mock victim. Each group shared what they learned from their mock rescue. For example, Group 1 took much time to get a probe ready. So they practiced deploying a probe after the mock rescue. Group 2 pointed out communication issues – one of them did not hear what others in the group were doing. Group 3 had a hard time finding a mock victim because they captured two beacon signals although there should be only one signal from the mock victim. They found that some beacons automatically switch from a search mode to a send mode. After the mock rescues, we discussed how to carry avalanche safety gear in a pack. Because winter storms were approaching, we did not do snowshoe tour and went back to the winter gate.



Checking slope angles using an inclinometer. Maegan, Sandra, Al & Jim B

Natasja & Maegan putting avalanche safety gear together.



Group2 mock rescue team. Maegan, Jim B & Jisun.



Group 1 preparing for a mock rescue. James G, Natasja & Sandra.



Millcreek Canyon Pipeline Trail Snowshoe Hike, December 18th

Organized, Article, and Photo by Dave Andrenyak

The heavy snow storms during December 2022 dumped a large load of snow on a snowpack that was weakened by a cold dry spell in November. This created dangerous avalanche conditions on northeast to north to northeast facing slope even at relatively low elevations. Initially, a snowshoe hike on the north facing Bowman Fork trail to White Fir Pass was scheduled. However the dangerous avalanche conditions on the north facing slopes prompted a change in plans. Instead, we hiked on the south facing Millcreek Canyon Pipeline trail from the Burch Hollow trailhead to Elbow Fork. We returned to the Burch Hollow by traveling on the Millcreek Canyon Road winter trail. In addition to traveling on safer terrain, we benefited from the warm sunshine on the cold morning. The forest scenery was great and featured snow covered trees. Throughout the hike, there were great views of the Millcreek Canyon area. The hike participants were Connie Mondrow, Deanna Dibella, Kianouch Sadre-Bazzaz, Lisa Lewis, Susan Horn, Susan's dog Kiya, and Dave Andrenyak (organizer). Thank you participants for sharing in the wonderful experience.

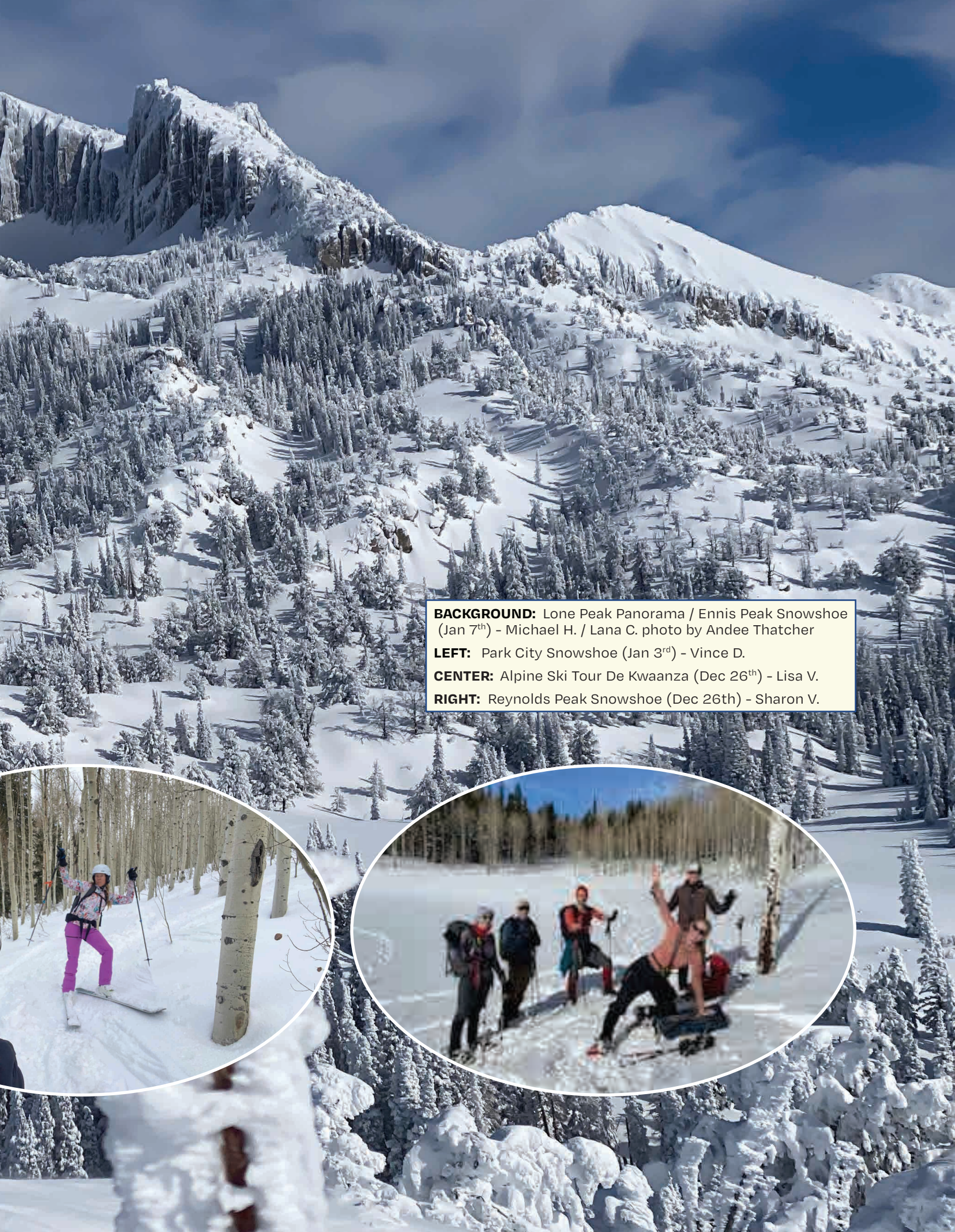


At Elbow Fork, we had a snack break. L to R: Connie Mondrow, Lisa Lewis, Deanna Dibella, Susan Horn, Kiya, and Kianouch Sadre Bazzaz. Check out the snow covered trees.



WMC - Winter Fun!





BACKGROUND: Lone Peak Panorama / Ennis Peak Snowshoe (Jan 7th) - Michael H. / Lana C. photo by Andee Thatcher
LEFT: Park City Snowshoe (Jan 3rd) - Vince D.
CENTER: Alpine Ski Tour De Kwaanza (Dec 26th) - Lisa V.
RIGHT: Reynolds Peak Snowshoe (Dec 26th) - Sharon V.



Traverse Ridge Winter Hike, January 8th



Organized by Julie Kilgore
Report by Julie Kilgore / Photos by Javaid Lal (inset above)

Beautiful but windy day on Traverse Ridge. I like taking the old service road along the entire length of the ridge, all the way out to the Point of the Mountain, or as far as we can get until we reach the edges of the gravel pit. But not this time. The wind was howling, so we dropped down a new trail I hadn't been on before - the Traverse Traverse. Now, that might look like the same word twice, but we old time locals know that you say them differently 😊. But no matter how you say it, it was nice to drop out of the wind (as in a windy day) and wind around (like winding road) and connect Anne's Trail to Maple Hollow and make a nice 4-hour loop out of it. We were breaking trail most of the way, but it was nice to have the mountain pretty much all to ourselves.



Thanks to Greg, Javaid, Dianna, Sue and Bruce for a great day on the mountain



Had to take turns breaking trail.



Frary Peak Hike, November 19th

**Organized by Da Yang Wipfel
Led by Bruce Moore**

Frary Peak has the most deserted beauty. We hiked past many Bison on the trails. Unfortunately, we didn't see big horned sheep nor owls this time. The faster hikers going down first, the slower hikers were looking for wild animals and taking photos. After the hike, we feasted on delicious fish & chips at Little Taste of Britain for dinner. We all had a great time!!



**Group at Peak: Front Row - Da Yang, Bruce Moore, Robert Wipfel
Back Row - Deanna Dibella, Michael Horward, Dea Nelson, Phil Nelson,
Hong Duong, Javid Lae**



Da Yang on the ridge



Empire Canyon Snowshoe

December 9th



Organizer: Vince Desimone
Report and photos: Irene Yuen

Participants: Ellen Sherk, Rick Kirkland, Gerri Barkey, Brianna Barkey, Irene Yuen, Bret Mathews, Jen Heineman, Greg Lott, Jim Kucera, Vince Desimone

The original plan by Vince was a NTD snowshoeing activity above Deer Valley on gentle rolling terrain in Bonanza Flats. Due to high winds, Park City canceled the free bus service that would have taken us to the trailhead once again. With a wealth of knowledge about trails in her neighborhood, Ellen Sherk implemented plan B. She led all 10 of us WMC snowshoers through the scenic Ontario Bypass beginning at Daly Trailhead above Deer Valley. Our adventure took us approximately 2.5 hours with 800 feet vertical gains to complete the 3 miles of aerobic experience or one can say it's just a not-too-difficult hike in the terrain of snow covered slopes and rises. The group stayed together. On our return, it was so much fun plunging and sliding through soft snow among the trees to meet the trail. Thank-You, Vince and Ellen, for organizing and leading the way.



Bonanza Flats Snowshoe

December 16th

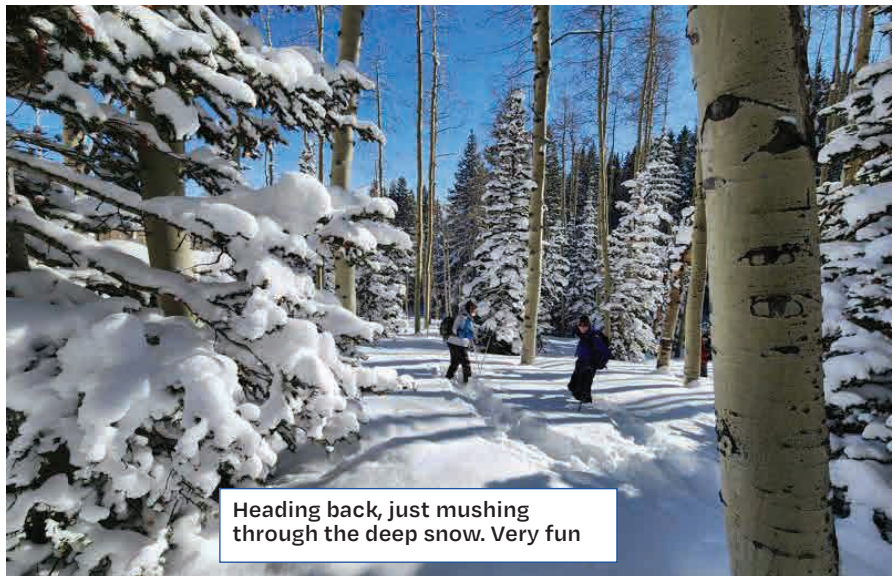
Empire Pass...heading toward Clayton Peak and 10,420

Organized by Vince DeSimone
Report & Photos by Cheryl Soshnik

Lovely snowshoe today from Empire Pass to Bonanza Flats. Courtesy shuttle from town to the pass, called 'Transit to Trails', a new free shuttle service Park City began offering this year...just give your driver a tip. Well OK! A great group of 7 Wasatch Mtn Clubbers enjoyed the brisk air but amazing sunshine! Happy!!!



Vince, our organizer, in the steep spot. Many snowshoes pack it down nicely though



Heading back, just mushing through the deep snow. Very fun



Steve & Paula



Cheryl enjoying the day



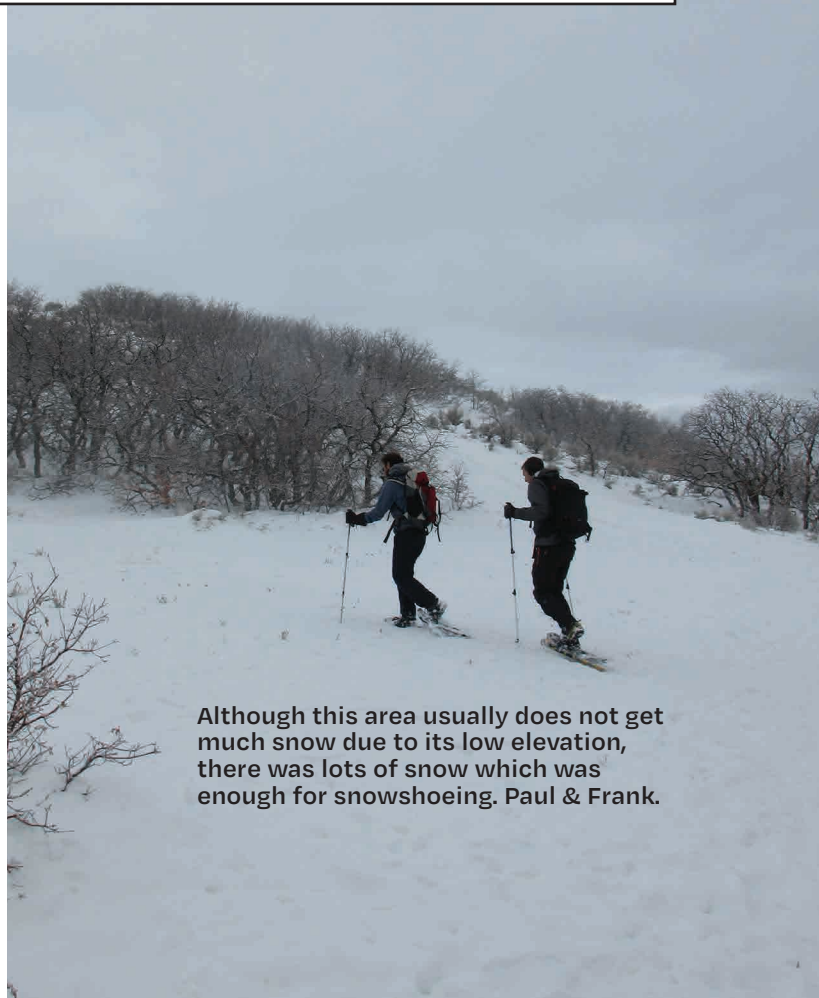
Christmas Eve Snowshoe / Hike – View Benchmark & 3 bumps in Draper, December 24th



Organized & report by Akiko Kamimura
Photos by Akiko Kamimura

It was snowing when we started hiking from Maple Hollow Trailhead Park in Draper. We aimed at bagging View Benchmark (6,682 ft.) and bumps. But, due to low visibility, it was difficult to figure out the direction. A local gentleman who was walking with his dog kindly explained to us the direction to View Benchmark. On the way to View Benchmark, we put on snowshoes and made Alien Tower (6,684 ft.). At View Benchmark, the sky cleared up for a moment. We could enjoy beautiful sceneries. We went back to the south bottom of Alien Tower and took another ridgeline to bag Peak 6562. Then, we continued to make our last peak – SW View (6,388 ft.). We saw four deer. After we enjoyed the views from SW View, we went back to the TH. It was the first club activity for Paul and a wonderful 4-hour hike/snowshoe.

At View Benchmark. From left – Frank, Paul and Akiko.

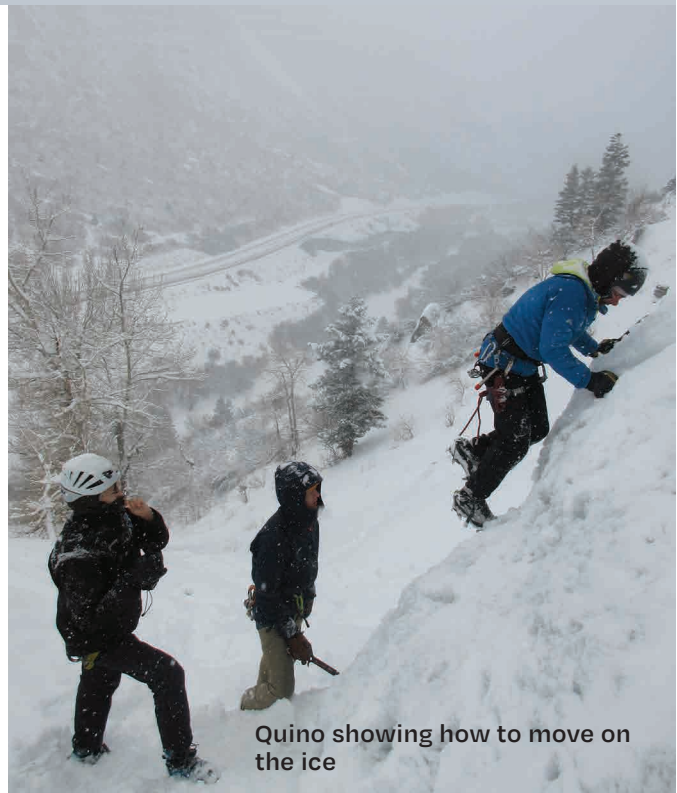


Although this area usually does not get much snow due to its low elevation, there was lots of snow which was enough for snowshoeing. Paul & Frank.

Introduction to Ice Climb, December 15th

Organized & report by Akiko Kamimura
Photos by Akiko Kamimura

It was a snowy day. We took an extra 30 minutes to get to the meeting place at Nunn's Park in Provo Canyon due to the road conditions. For all of us – Heidi, Sam and Akiko, it was the first to do ice climbing. We had Quino as an instructor. After we learned front-pointing, effective ice tool swinging, various ice tool placements, and efficient movement, Quino placed a top rope. We climbed WI-3+ grade routes. It was very cold and was challenging to keep hands and toes warm during climbing. Heidi left early. Sam made a longer route and a route with mixed ice and rock. When we were finishing the class, the sky became clear. Due to the weather and snow-covered ice, the conditions were not ideal. But we learned a lot and had a great time together



Quino showing how to move on the ice



Sam, Akiko & Heidi.



Heidi climbing



Fremont Island Bike, December 31st



Organized, report, and photos by Frank Bouchard

Biking to Fremont Island is one of my all-time favorite rides, so I was excited to put it on the calendar this year. What little interest there was from club members completely disappeared when the weather forecasted strong winds and cold rain. I still gave it a go.

Below-freezing temperatures are critical for this ride or else you'll be slogging through knee-deep mud. So when it was 45 on arrival, I didn't have high hopes. Nonetheless, I set off into Ogden Bay Waterfowl Management Area towards Fremont. One mile later my suspicions were confirmed. Biking was out of the question and it was even too sloppy to walk.

A hunter witnessing my plight told me about a nearby ten mile loop on gravel roads to do instead. That probably would have been more pleasant had I not already unnecessarily caked my bike in mud. I rode the loop anyway, my drivetrain emitting crunching/grinding sounds the whole way.

I still want to get out to Fremont this year, so I'll be watching the temperatures through January and February. If I do decide to go, I'll throw it up on the WMC calendar. But it might be very last minute so if you are interested please contact me so I can let you know directly of any plans. With the right conditions, I promise its an incredible trip.



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.

Feb 1 Wed	<p>General Membership Meeting And Social <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Millcreek Library meeting room (2266 E Evergreen Ave, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 president@wasatchmountainclub.org</p> <p>The Wasatch Mountain Club is directed by its By-Laws to hold two general membership meetings a year, so we make them useful, informative, and fun! The schedule is as follows: 6:00-6:30 Member Social & New Member Orientation with refreshments; 6:30-7:00 Board Business: 2022 Award Highlights, and 2023 Board Election; 7:00-7:30 Adventure Presentation - WMC group trek around the famed Annapurna Circuit in Nepal, three-plus weeks, more than 100 miles trekking at elevation up to 17,769' including Kathmandu, Pokhara and Chitwan National Park. Pictures, videos, maps, stories, lessons learned; 7:30-8:30, Q&A, Closing Social.</p>
Feb 1 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>
Feb 2 Thu	<p>Evening Hike - White Fir Pass/millcreek – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Terraces Picnic (6752 Mill Creek Canyon Rd, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com</p> <p>Prompt 5:45pm departure from the terraces entrance gate in Millcreek Canyon. We will start at Terraces and will turn around at the first saddle of white fir pass. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared with a working flashlight, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. You should also have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes. Thank you.</p>
Feb 3 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</p> <p>I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 8 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</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</p> <p>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>
Feb 4 Sat	<p>Snowshoe/ski (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. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, February 3, 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>
Feb 5 Sun	<p>Relaxed Pace Winter Family Hike – ntd – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at TBD <i>Organizer:</i> Paige Williams 801-244-3323 paigehw3@gmail.com</p> <p>We'll watch the weather and pick a winter hike appropriate for a 2 to 3 hour relaxed pace winter hike. Check the website for updates.</p>



Feb 5 Sun	<p>Snowshoe/ski (or Hike) - Location Tba – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu 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. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, February 3, 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>
Feb 6 Mon	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Workout Hike - Jack's Mountain – mod- – 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 A bit more daylight each day! But still, bring a headlamp and dress in layers. There are a few different routes to choose from on this brisk 2-hour hike behind the "H" rock, but they are all STEEP. If there is snow on the foothills, micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. If inversion is in, we'll move the hike into Millcreek to get above it. Dogs are ok. Prompt 5:45 pm departure.</p>
Feb 6 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>
Feb 6 Mon	<p>Tricanyons Trails Master Planning Listening Session 3 Of 3 <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Millcreek Library meeting room (2266 E Evergreen Ave, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 will@commercialchemistries.com The TriCanyons Trails Master Plan is Rolling Out. This plan will define recreation in the Wasatch for the next decades. This is your chance to shape the future of your enjoyment of our mountains. You can go to www.tricanyontrails.org to provide input but better yet you can attend Forest Service listening sessions. It is critical that your concerns regarding single use versus multiuse trails, trail head amenities, parking, transportation, ecological concerns, watershed preservation, user conflicts, increased visitation, overcrowding.....well, you get the picture... be made known to the Forest Service. The Wasatch Mountain Club is counting on each and every one of our members to do their part whether you are a climber, hiker, skier, snowshoer or just love being in the mountains. The FS Listening sessions will be held at three different locations from 6 to 8 pm on January 11, January 26, and February 6. Today's listening session location is listed below.</p>
Feb 6 Mon	<p>Day Hike - Avenues Twin Peaks – mod- <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Jim Kucera jameskucera@aol.com We will hike the Avenues Twins (6291') north of the University of Utah. Be prepared for snow, ice, mud. Meet where the Bonneville Shoreline Trail crosses entrance to Red Butte Gardens Visitor Center at 9 AM. Please let me know you are coming ...</p>
Feb 7 Tue	<p>Snowshoe - Park City Environs – mod <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Location disseminated via the Snowshoe email list <i>Organizer:</i> Vince DeSimone 435-645-9344 vinedesimone@yahoo.com We go places in the Wasatch Back/Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. 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. Avalanche gear is not mandatory for this gently sloped area but if you have avalanche gear we may practice its use.</p>
Feb 7 Tue	<p>Evening Hike - Bell Canyon To First Waterfall – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Bell Canyon Preservation Trailhead (3400 Little Cottonwood Rd, Sandy, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com A prompt 5:45pm departure. We will hike up about one hour up Bell Canyon to the first waterfall. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared with a working flashlight, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. You should also have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes. Thank you.</p>
Feb 8 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, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Carpool:</i> 5:45 pm at Pre meeting appetizers at Fiddler's Elbow (1059 E 2100 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <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>
Feb 8 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>

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.



Feb 9 Thu	<p>Evening Hike - Porter Fork – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Millcreek Canyon, Porter Fork Road (Google Map link will appear here) <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com Prompt 5:45pm departure from the Porter Fork road gate near the Burch Hollow Trailhead parking lot in Millcreek Canyon. We will turn around at the end of the road near the wilderness sign. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared with a working flashlight, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. You should also have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes. Thank you.</p>
Feb 10 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 8 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Feb 10 Fri	<p>Snowshoe - White Fir Pass, Millcreek Canyon – ntd+ – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 1,400' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 8:15 am at Olympus Cove Park & Ride (3880 Wasatch Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> David Andrenyak 801-907-1325 andrenyakda@aim.com This hike was planned in mid December but was changed because of dangerous avalanche conditions. We will start hiking on the Terraces Picnic area road to the Bowman Fork trailhead. We continue on the Bowman Fork trail to White Fir Pass. Depending on the conditions, we may hike a little beyond White Fir Pass to a sunny spot for a snack break. The hike distance is for round trip. The hike is not long, but has steep sections. The hike features great forest scenery and nice views of the Millcreek Canyon area. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. Fit dogs and their owners are welcome. Please note that February 10, is an on leash day as per Millcreek Canyon regulations. If you are planning to attend, please send me an email so I will look out for you.</p>
Feb 11 Sat	<p>Snowshoe/ski (or Hike) - Location Tba – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu 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. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, February 10, 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>
Feb 12 Sun	<p>Mountaineering - Alpine Ice Workshop <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu This workshop will be for those who want to learn how to break into intermediate level mountaineering on big mountains (e.g. Mt Rainier DC/Emmons/Ingraham Direct/Kautz - grade II with heavily glaciated terrains & high altitude, Mt Baker North Ridge - grade III). Specifically, this workshop will focus on skills and techniques for alpine ice (an alpine ice route in the rugged glaciated terrain). Details about the workshop context will be posted later. We will have an instructor from the U's Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism. Previous ice climbing and/or snow mountaineering experience required. Required gear: climbing helmet, ice axe (ideally, 2 ice tools), harness, carabiners, 10-point or 12-point steel crampons, belay device, mountaineering boots compatible with your crampons. There will also be optional gear (e.g. ice screws, pickets, runners) and (maybe - depending on the workshop location and conditions) additional gear (e.g. snowshoes/skis, poles with snow baskets, avalanche safety gear). Some participants may have extra gear that can be shared with other participants. There are also local rental shops if you need to rent some gear. Instruction donation - \$25-30/person. Limit 15 participants. Approximately 8 am-2 pm. Location TBA. Registration is required. When you register, please include the information about your experience in ice climbing (e.g. WI level) and snow mountaineering (e.g. peaks and routes that you have made), what gear you have (please be specific as much as possible), and what big mountains that you want to climb in the next several years. WMC members only. Registrants will receive more detailed info.</p>
Feb 13 Mon	<p>Alpine Ski Tour- Mod + Tbd – mod+ – Out & Back – 3,500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Cheryl Krusko 801-554-7833 ckrusko@gmail.com Mod+ Alpine Ski Tour. Plan to be out 3-4 hours with 3500+ vertical. Destination to be chosen based on snow and road conditions. Level 1 Avy course, beacon, shovel and probe. Registration required.</p>
Feb 13 Mon	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Workout Hike - Jack's Mountain – mod- – 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 Be my valentine and join me for this steep brisk 2-hour hike behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills, micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. If inversion is in, we'll move the hike into Millcreek to get above it. Dogs are ok. Prompt 5:45 pm departure.</p>
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Feb 14 Tue	<p>Snowshoe, Park City Environs – mod <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Location disseminated via the wmc-snowshoe email list <i>Organizer:</i> Vince DeSimone 435-645-9344 vinedesimone@yahoo.com We go places in the Wasatch Back/Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. For meeting location and last-minute details, join the WMC snowshoe e-mail list for automatic notices or updates for all these Tuesday trips all winter. Avalanche gear is not mandatory for this gently sloped area but if you have avalanche gear we may practice its use.</p>



Feb 14 Tue – Feb 20 Mon	<p>San Ignacio Lagoon Camp And Whale Trip <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>I have a WMC group joining me for one of my favorite adventures, and we have a few spots open. I've done this trip several times with family, friends, and fellow WMC members. We just have to get to the Hacienda Hotel in old town San Diego. The Pure Baja Travels team takes full care of us from there. The San Ignacio World Heritage Biosphere Reserve is Latin America's largest wildlife sanctuary, and is located about half way down the Pacific side of the Baja Peninsula.</p> <p>San Ignacio Lagoon is one of only two undeveloped nursery and breeding grounds of the Pacific gray whale worldwide. I choose this particular time of year because the lagoon has 300 or so mama, baby, and juvenile whales that very interested in and interactive with we humans :-). This is NOT whale "watching", this is a whale experience! This is a very remote and rugged area. There are only about a half a dozen outfitter/camps at the edges of this lagoon, some more glampy than others. I always go to the same place with the same naturalist, Jose Sanchez. The Pure Baja Travels cost is \$3,450/person and is all inclusive from the time we are picked up in San Diego until we are returned to San Diego. Let me know if you were interested and I will put you in direct contact with the owner to secure your spot. Give me a call or drop me an email if you have questions.</p>
Feb 14 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 February book is An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us, by Ed Yong. The meeting will be on February 14 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>
Feb 15 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>
Feb 17 Fri – Feb 20 Mon	<p>Ice Climb @ Ouray Ice Park In Colorado <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <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>
Feb 17 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</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>
Feb 18 Sat	<p>Snowshoe - Little Water Peak – mod+ – 2300' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Jim Kucera jameskucera@aol.com</p> <p>If weather permits, we will hike from Mill D North to Little Water Peak. Avalanche gear (beacon, probe, shovel) is optional but may be required depending upon conditions.</p>
Feb 19 Sun	<p>Snowshoe - Draper Trails – ntd+ – 5.0 mi – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 8:30 am at Andy Ballard Arena (1600 Highland Drive, Draper, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> David Andrenyak 801-907-1325 andrenyakda@aim.com</p> <p>This activity avoids travel in BCC and LCC during the crowded Presidents Day weekend. Meet at the north end of the Andy Ballard Equestrian Center Parking lot just east of the restroom. We will discuss the hike at the meeting place and choose trails that are appropriate for the conditions. I am thinking the hike will be 4-5 miles with elevation gain of less than 1000 feet. If you are planning to attend, please send me an email so that I will look out for you. Avalanche safety equipment is not required.</p>
Feb 20 Mon	<p>Wmc Blood Drive, Red Cross 1-7 Pm, Feb 20, 2022 <i>Meet:</i> 2:00 pm at American Red Cross, Cottonwood Room (6616 S 900 E, Murray, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Anthony Hellman 801-809-6133 utahhomes4us@gmail.com</p> <p>The WMC Centennial BloodDrive efforts continue. We are at 507 pints and want to continue giving back to the community and possibly even the gift of life to some of our members. The WMC delivers Again For Utah Hospitals & Patients! December Blood Drive stats: 19 donations equal 57 Patients impacted by your generosity! Thank you :)</p>
Feb 20 Mon	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Workout Hike - Jack's Mountain – mod- – 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>Just a two more weeks for this steep brisk 2-hour winter hike behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills, micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. If inversion is in, we'll move the hike into Millcreek to get above it. Dogs are ok. Prompt 5:45 pm departure.</p>



Feb 21 Tue	<p>Snowshoe, Park City Environs – mod</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Location disseminated via the wmc-snowshoe email list</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Vince DeSimone 435-645-9344 vincedesimone@yahoo.com</p> <p>We go places in the Wasatch Back/Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. For meeting location and last-minute details, join the WMC snowshoe e-mail list for automatic notices or updates for all these Tuesday trips all winter. Avalanche gear is not mandatory for this gently sloped area but if you have avalanche gear we may practice its use.</p>
Feb 22 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>
Feb 22 Wed	<p>Relaxed Pace Night Hike With The Owls Of Telegraph Trail – ntd – Loop – Slow pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Deer Ridge Drive Trailhead. Turn west at the 4-way stop of Traverse Ridge Road and Suncrest Drive. That becomes Deer Ridge Drive. Go to the end of the road to meet at the trailhead. Prompt 6 pm departure.</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Paige Williams and Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>A big snowstorm stopped kept us from our destination when we tried this is December, so let's give it another go. The group will set a relaxed pace to keep the group together, hiking under the cover of darkness and listen intently for the hoot of owls often heard along the Telegraph Trail. Dress in layers, maybe a warm drink, and a bring head lamp with RED lights which are best for night vision.</p>
Feb 23 Thu	<p>Evening Hike - Mt Olympus To The Stream – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Mount Olympus Trailhead (5432 Wasatch Blvd, Holladay, UT)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinlarkspur@gmail.com</p> <p>Prompt 5:45pm departure for heading up Mt O about one hour to the stream crossing and then turning back. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared with a working flashlight, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. You should also have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes. Thank you.</p>
Feb 24 Fri	<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 8 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Feb 25 Sat	<p>Snowshoe/ski (or Hike) - Location Tba – mod+ – 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 (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. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, February 24, 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>
Feb 26 Sun	<p>Snowshoe/ski (or Hike) - Location Tba – mod+ – 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 (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. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, February 24, 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>
Feb 26 Sun	<p>Brisk Early Morning Hike - West Granduer – msd- – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3200' ascent – Fast pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 7:30 am at Grandeur Peak (Face) Trailhead (2900 S Wasatch Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>Bust out an early hike and be back in time to enjoy the rest of the day. The West Grandeur trail is one of the steepest in the the Wasatch. The goal is the summit, but we'll go as far as microspikes will take us.</p>
Feb 27 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>
Feb 27 Mon	<p>Final Jack's Mountain Foothills Winter Workout Hike & Optional Post Hike Social</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Jacks Peak Trailhead (1830 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>This will be the final Jack's Mountain Winter Workout out for this season. Prompt 5:45 pm departure. After the hike, the group can gather for apps and beverages at a nearby restaurant.</p>



Feb 28 Tue	<p>Snowshoe, Park City Environs – mod <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Location disseminated via the wmc-snowshoe email list <i>Organizer:</i> Vince DeSimone 435-645-9344 vincedesimone@yahoo.com We go places in the Wasatch Back/Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. For meeting location and last-minute details, join the WMC snowshoe e-mail list for automatic notices or updates for all these Tuesday trips all winter. Avalanche gear is not mandatory for this gently sloped area but if you have avalanche gear we may practice its use.</p>
Mar 2 Thu – Mar 5 Sun	<p>Motel Car Camp: Yellowstone Wolves, Wildlife, & Winter Activities – ntd <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Robert Turner and Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com The north entrance into Yellowstone is open! Join us for wildlife watching and general winter activities in the northeast corner of Yellowstone Park. Sightings of wolves, foxes, coyotes, bighorn sheep and eagles are common. We'll motel it in Gardiner, MT, where we have secured the entire bottom floor for group meals and socializing. We'll drive into the Park each day on the only road kept open in Yellowstone in the winter. Some will get going very early each morning (about 5:00am), while others can linger and mingle over breakfast. There are also lots of opportunities for cross country skiing and snowshoeing, so bring your skis or snowshoes if you want to enjoy some time trekking around in Yellowstone's spectacular winter wonderland. The drive to Gardiner in the winter is about 500 miles since we can't go through the Park to get there. Another option is to fly into Bozeman. e-mail Julie for more details, to register, and get instructions to reserve a room at the lodge.</p>
Mar 4 Sat – Mar 7 Tue	<p>Mountaineering - Mt St Helens, Wa – msd <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu 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>
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Mar 8 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, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Carpool:</i> 5:45 pm at Pre meeting appetizers at Fiddler's Elbow (1059 E 2100 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <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>
Mar 10 Fri – Mar 13 Mon	<p>Maze Car Camp – mod+ – Out & Back <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> John* Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com Meet in Hanksville Friday morning, drive to Maze Overlook campsite. Saturday day hike to Harvest Panel and beyond. Sunday move to Teapot Rock campsite and day hike. Monday return. As with all early-season trips be prepared for the weather.</p>
Mar 10 Fri – Mar 11 Sat	<p>Nordic Ski Tour: Kings Peak – msd – 26.0 mi Out & Back – 4500' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Michael Berry 801-750-1915 mcber.ut@gmail.com The 50th annual Kings Peak ski tour will be organized this year by Mike Berry and Steve Swanson. The outing will convene on Friday night (March 10th) for snow camping along the road to the Henrys Fork Campground. On Saturday, checking in at the Henrys Fork parking area before starting the ski tour and checking out at completion of the day are mandatory. Standard backcountry ski touring gear that you have been using all winter season is best. Essential equipment and supplies include high quality sunglasses, high SPF sunscreen, 2- 3 liters of water, a headlamp with fresh batteries, and for those planning to go above Gunsight- it is mandatory to carry a two-way radio or 'Spot' device. Information will be available later on the type of radios and the channel to use. An excellent gear list for this type of adventure can be found at: thegrandtraverse.org/ski/. Many skiers start before dawn (~5:00 am) and some may end after dark. We generally take the 'creek bed' route and NOT the Kings Peak summer trail. Everyone must follow the chosen ski route out and back for safety. Skiers may travel independently from the vehicles to the high basin and back. Elkhorn Crossing is a good, scenic MOD destination, 6.0 to 9.0 miles from the vehicles depending on access road plowing. Gunsight Pass, 4.5 miles farther up is an MSD destination. Typically, less than a third of participants go above the pass. We generally leave our skis below Gunsight Pass and climb the peak (if the weather is favorable) by booting up with Vibram-type soles. In that situation, leaving the ski poles and traveling with a light ice axe in self-belay mode can be more efficient for the two sections of 30 to 40 degree slopes (usually hard, wind-blown) ahead. Anyone attempting the peak (2.5 miles more) needs to be teamed-up with other participants (the 'buddy system') and should be starting across the traverse above Gunsight NO LATER than 12:30 pm. Mandatory turn-around time is 3PM, no matter where you are on the route. Driving directions and more information can be obtained from Mike Berry or Steve Swanson, srs swanson_581@hotmail.com (801) 272-5750. *SNOWSHOERS WELCOME*</p>



Mar 14 Tue	<p>Potluck - Tell Kings Peak Tour (march 11) Survival And Conquest Tales <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Constance Modrow modrowsky@gmail.com 3.14 Pie Day party! Create your dish in a big casserole, a pie pizza pan (can use my oven or Cuisinart toaster oven), a cast iron pan, a dutch oven, or a pyrex pie pan. We love homemade! Come prepared to recite as many digits as possible..... Come help me with a jigsaw puzzle or play chess or other board games. Take Trax and then the #9, #4, #509, or 513 bus, see rideuta.org or give me a holler. Share tales of the Kings Peak tour (March 11th this year and other years) and other tall tales. Be prepared to sit on the floor or bring your own.</p>
Mar 14 Tue	<p>Snowshoe, Park City Environs – mod <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Location disseminated via the wmc-snowshoe email list <i>Organizer:</i> Vince DeSimone 435-645-9344 vincedesimone@yahoo.com We go places in the Wasatch Back/Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. For meeting location and last-minute details, join the WMC snowshoe e-mail list for automatic notices or updates for all these Tuesday trips all winter. Avalanche gear is not mandatory for this gently sloped area but if you have avalanche gear we may practice its use.</p>
Mar 15 Wed	<p>Boating Season Planning Party <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Millcreek Library meeting room (2266 E Evergreen Ave, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Luke Johnson 801-755-7575 huckleberry78360@gmail.com This is our annual meeting where you will get a chance to share permits and non-permitted trip plans, as well as sign up to learn more about other people's trips. Please consider leading or co-leading a trip this year. We have lots of great resources to help you with this! We are meeting at Millcreek Library Meeting Room. Pizza will be provided, please bring your own beverage, dining plates, utensils, cup. Questions? Email Luke at huckleberry78360@gmail.com or Kay at ktranvt@comcast.net</p>
Mar 21 Tue	<p>Snowshoe, Park City Environs – mod <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Location disseminated via the wmc-snowshoe email list <i>Organizer:</i> Vince DeSimone 435-645-9344 vincedesimone@yahoo.com We go places in the Wasatch Back/Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. For meeting location and last-minute details, join the WMC snowshoe e-mail list for automatic notices or updates for all these Tuesday trips all winter. Avalanche gear is not mandatory for this gently sloped area but if you have avalanche gear we may practice its use.</p>
Mar 28 Tue	<p>Snowshoe, Park City Environs – mod <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Location disseminated via the wmc-snowshoe email list <i>Organizer:</i> Vince DeSimone 435-645-9344 vincedesimone@yahoo.com We go places in the Wasatch Back/Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. For meeting location and last-minute details, join the WMC snowshoe e-mail list for automatic notices or updates for all these Tuesday trips all winter. Avalanche gear is not mandatory for this gently sloped area but if you have avalanche gear we may practice its use.</p>
Apr 21 Fri – Apr 24 Mon	<p>Escalante State Park Car Camp – ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Martha Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com This developed campground is an excellent base for a weekend of hiking, biking, or birdwatching in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument area. Save the date. Details to follow, but expect similar to the past two year's successful events. \$25 per person deposit to register.</p>
May 19 Fri – May 21 Sun	<p>White Water Beginner Trip – class III – 8.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Luke Johnson 801-755-7575 huckleberry78360@gmail.com Swasey's Beach BOATING Class-II III. Besides being a fun river trip this trip introduces you to WMC Boating trips. On a commercial boating trip the guides do everything for you (inflate the boats, make the meals, guide you down the river, cook your meals) but on Club trips there are no paid guides. Hence everybody on the trip contributes to completing the tasks that need to be done. Club members will share with you what they know about running rivers. This should include how to "read the river", throw a throw bag, right a flipped raft, paddle a paddle boat/paddle a duckie (inflatable kayak)/row an oar rig, what it's like to swim a rapid, and other safety skills. Non-river skills you will learn about are what personal gear works well on river trips, how to make group meals using the WMC boating's kitchen, what gear the club owns (and is available for cheap private rentals when it's not being used on a club trip). This trip is done on the Green River Daily-Gray Canyon. That's the stretch of the Green River that's just North of the town of Green River. It's the last part of a Desolation river trip. We will be camping in Green River at the State park at a group site. For information, contact Luke Johnson: huckleberry78360@gmail.com or Kay Tran: ktranvt@comcast.net.</p>
May 29 Mon – Jun 4 Sun	<p>Mountaineering - Mt Hood & South Sister/adams, Wa/ore – ext <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu 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/Aams; 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 8 Sat	<p>Mountaineering – Mt Baker, Wa – ext <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We will attempt Mt Baker (10,781 ft) in Washington State. Due to the washout on the road to the TH, we will do a 3-day climb. The schedule (July 4-8) includes a road trip and a 3-day climb. Add one extra day before and after the schedule if you do a two-day drive. The group will divide into teams to ascend Mt Baker by the Coleman-Deming route (grade II), or North Ridge (grade III), depending on group capabilities and interests. 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). A professional instructor(s), who already has a permit for Mt Baker and is not affiliated with the club, will be there for the North Ridge climb. But this entire trip is operated as a group of club members (friends) who want to enjoy together. All members should have gear suitable for a multi-day glacier climb (own or rent) and plan to bring their own food (or work out sharing arrangements with other members). If interested, please contact the organizer with a description of your fitness level and your climbing resume and to receive more detailed information. WMC members only.</p>
Jul 19 Wed – Jul 22 Sat	<p>Hike – Co 14ers In The Sawatch Range – msd <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to make class 2 CO 14ers in the Sawatch Range. The planned schedule is: July 19 W Road Trip. July 20 Th Shavano (14,230 ft) & Tabeguache (14,158 ft) (11 miles 5600 ft gain, class 2). July 21 F La Plata (14,344 ft, 9.25 miles, 4500 ft, class 2). July 22 Sat Road trip. We may hike to different peaks depending on weather and conditions. Due to a high possibility of afternoon thunderstorms in CO, we will start a hike very early. The hikes will be exploratory. WMC members only. For more details, please contact the organizer.</p>
Jul 22 Sat – Jul 24 Mon	<p>Hike – Mt Of The Holy Cross (14,007 Ft) In Co – msd – 12.0 mi – 5600' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to summit Mt of the Holy Cross (14,007 ft) in Colorado (class 2). The planned schedule is: July 22 Sat Road trip; July 23 Sun hike; and July 24 Mon Road trip. Due to a high possibility of afternoon thunderstorms in CO, we will start a hike very early. The plan may change depending on weather and conditions. This hike will be exploratory. WMC members only. For more details, please contact the organizer.</p>
Aug 18 Fri – Aug 28 Mon	<p>Yellowstone Car Camp – ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Michael* Budig 801-403-7677 mlbudig@gmail.com</p> <p>There has been a change in the reservation system for car camping in Yellowstone. Reservations previously were all made through Reserve America. Recently this was changed for Yellowstone's larger campgrounds (Grant Village, Madison, Norris, Bridge Bay and Canyon). Now reservations for these campgrounds must be made through Xanterra. The good news is that reservations can now be made for more than one year in advance (and hardly anyone is aware of this yet, so you can pretty much reserve what you want for next summer now). Reservations require a deposit of something like 25%, but this is refundable, as I understand it, if the reservation is cancelled prior to something like a month before the date of the scheduled camp. So, for next year, I went ahead and reserved campsites at Grant Village for August 18-21, Canyon Village for Aug 21- 25 and Madison for Aug 25-28. I had to put down about 25%, I think, but it is refundable if cancelled up till July or so of next year. So, I reserved a site for myself and encourage anyone interested in joining us to reserve their own site through the Xantera website. We will meet sometime in July to discuss different hike options. Let me know if you are interested in joining- but you will need to reserve your own campsite. When I made my reservations, my campsite numbers were not revealed. If you have questions, please email or text me.</p>
Dec 28 Thu – Jan 4 Thu	<p>Mountaineering – Pico De Orizaba & Iztaccihuatl, Mexico – ext <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>Pico De Orizaba, Mexico (18,491 ft) is the third highest peak in North America. We will also climb Iztaccihuatl (17,159 ft), the third highest peak in Mexico. Due to the complexity of the trip logistics, we will have a local company that will help us the trip logistics and route finding. Participants must 1) have excellent physical condition with previous mountaineering experience (rope travel, glacier travel, the use of crampons, and ice axe arrest); 2) have no history of altitude sickness at 14k peaks (We will do a short acclimatization hike before Orizaba); and 3) be willing to buy/rent required individual gear if necessary. The estimated cost for the local company is \$1,300 that includes meals, lodging, local transportation, and guide services (does not include tax, tips, some fees). The additional cost will be for international flights, travel insurance, hotel in Mexico City (one night), etc. If interested, please contact the organizer with a description of your fitness level and your climbing resume and to receive more detailed information. WMC members only. Note (1/4): There is a slight possibility that this trip will be sometime in March 1-10, 2024. The schedule will be finalized in spring 2023.</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.



Thank You!

December 2022 Activity Organizers

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

Akiko Kamimura

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Michael Berry

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Sharon Vinick

Steve Duncan

Steven Gadd

Sue Baker

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Vince DeSimone

Volunteer Raffle (2022-23)

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 organizer at least two activities or one multi-day activity. This year, the banquet will include a raffle. Everyone who qualifies for an invitation to the Banquet will get a raffle ticket. Throughout the year, we'll collect a variety of fun and interesting prizes.

Let's show our volunteers & 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**.



50th Annual Kings Peak Ski Tour

A **preliminary** date for the 50th Annual Kings Peak Ski Tour has been set: March 11, 2023. Go big, or ski awhile & then go home. Snowshoers welcome! Check the WMC calendar for more details / registration information.







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Activity **'How to'** Guide

How to Sign-up for an Activity

Step 1

Visit our Website

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Click on 'Calendar' Button
to view all the activities

Step 2

Select an Activity

Click on the activity you
want to do and review
description and registration
requirements

Step 3

Register for the Activity

If registration is required,
email the organizer. Show
up and have a great time!

Note: Non-members are welcome to sign-up for activity to experience the WMC

How to Sign-up for Email Activity Alerts

Step 1

Visit our Website / Log-on

wasatchmountainclub.org
Log on to the website and
click on the 'Members'
button

Step 2

Select Email List

Click on 'Email List
Subscribe / Unsubscribe
Button

Step 3

Select your Activities

Check / select the
activities you wish to
receive email alerts of
new activities. Click on
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button to record your email
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How to Organize an Activity

Step 1

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'Members' button

Step 2

Complete the Activity
Description
Click on the
'Volunteer to Organize
an Activity' button
and fill-out the
activity description
/ details. Submit for
approval

Step 3

Activity Approval

After you submit the
activity, it can take
2-3 days for approval
and addition to the
calendar. You will
receive an email
confirming activity is
approved. You are
ready to go!

Step 4

Sign-up Sheet

Download the sign-
up sheet from the
website. Have all
participants sign
in. After the activity,
upload the activity
to the website (3
easy steps via
cellphone)





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- 700+ Activities per year
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- Trail Maintenance (USFS, San Rafael Swell, etc)
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- Mt. Olympus trail adoption



- Subsidized Activity Organizer training
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Attend a club activity listed in the Rambler or our website: **WasatchMountainClub.org**. If you like what you see or do, then join the club on-line or by mailing the application which can be downloaded from the website.

- THE RAMBLER, WMC's monthly publication has articles and scheduled activities.
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WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Do not use for renewals.)

Please read carefully and completely fill out both sides of the page. Print legibly, *please*.

I am applying for membership as: _____ Single _____ Couple

Name: Applicant 1: _____ Birthdate*: _____

Name: Applicant 2: _____ Birthdate*: _____

Street: _____

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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) 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.

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: _____

* 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: _____

Mail completed application to:

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50 Years Ago in The Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

club activities for feb 1973 [...]

- Feb. 10 GOBBLER'S KNOB SKI TOUR – Intermediate (3,3) – This tour is new this year, but looks
Saturday like a good one. We will ascend Mill D North and follow the ridge to Gobbler's Knob. The
view of Twin Peaks and its neighbors is spectacular all the way. The descent will either
be the same route or down into Butler Fork, depending on snow conditions. Nordics
should be aware that the snow on the ridge is often quite wind-blown and the descent
into Butler is quite steep in spots. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Steve Swanson [...]
- Feb. 18 MILL D TO MILL CREEK NORDIC TOUR – Intermediate (3,2) – This tour follows the route
Sunday to Desolation Lake for almost three miles and then branches off to the left to the head
of Mill Creek Canyon. The lunch stop will be on a peak between Big Cottonwood, Park
City, and Mill Creek with spectacular views of the Wasatch, Uinta, Oquirrh, and other
mountains. About eight miles of gradual downhill bring you to Log Haven, hopefully
without encountering too many of those noisy beasts that sometimes frequent the
area. Meet at the Movie at 8:00 a.m. for car spotting. Leader: Al Wickham [...]

LEAVES FROM THE OLD WASATCH: THE BUCKETS

In July 1903 a company known as Continental Alta Mines was formed out of the older Lavinia & Grizzley Mining Co., Regular Mining Co., and Darlington Mining Co. The new company's general manager, Henry M. Crowther, undertook to add an improvement of an unusual nature in the Alta mining community: an aerial tramway extending from the company's workings all the way down the canyon to Tanner's Flat where he was building a water powered mill to work the company's ore. The tram was to solve all the thorny transportation problems that plagued the company's predecessors; if the problem of transporting ore down canyon from Alta wasn't enough, the main workings of the Con Alta were high in Grizzley Gulch and getting ore down to Alta was as big a task as taking it the rest of the way down the canyon. The tram, however, could carry ore summer and winter, caring little about road conditions or individual temperament of the teamsters.

While the Con Alta tramway is all but forgotten today, it deserves to go down as one of the many monumental achievements in Wasatch Mountain history. It was four and one-half miles long and paralleled the old mule tramway on the north side of the canyon. It had 62 wooden towers with fixed cables carried on top of the arm of each tower, and moving cables carried in sheaves hanging under the arm. Each ore bucket was carried on a hanger, which, in turn, had pulley wheels that rode on the fixed cable. The moving cable was attached to the hanger to keep the bucket from running wildly down the tram, and to pull it back up again. [...]

The year 1918 found rich new strikes being made in the Michigan Utah mines and tramway shipments approaching 100 tons per day. The following year the mining business slowed, but the tram continued to run. From that time the Alta mining business went downhill faster than the buckets. In 1923 Michigan Utah was making assessments on its stock to keep the mines and tramway in repair. Then the buckets stopped. [...]

Then, in 1938, a new era dawned upon Alta. A small group of men saw Alta as a skier's Mecca and decided to do something about it. The abandoned and neglected tramway fit into their plans nicely; they bought it for \$1,500. Twice that amount was spent to dismantle, move and restore the equipment, build new wooden towers and install the salvaged parts to create a new kind of a tramway. They called it a ski lift – the Collins ski lift. It was only 2,740 feet long, much less than one mile, and the buckets were gone, but the old tramway had a new lease on life and carried skiers up the mountain for many years. [...]

[While I am not a fan of the current gondola proposal for Little Cottonwood, I find it interesting to reflect on the fact that a hundred years ago, there was a 4-mile aerial tramway in the canyon. History doesn't repeat itself but it often rhymes, as Mark Twain apparently never said. – Donn]



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