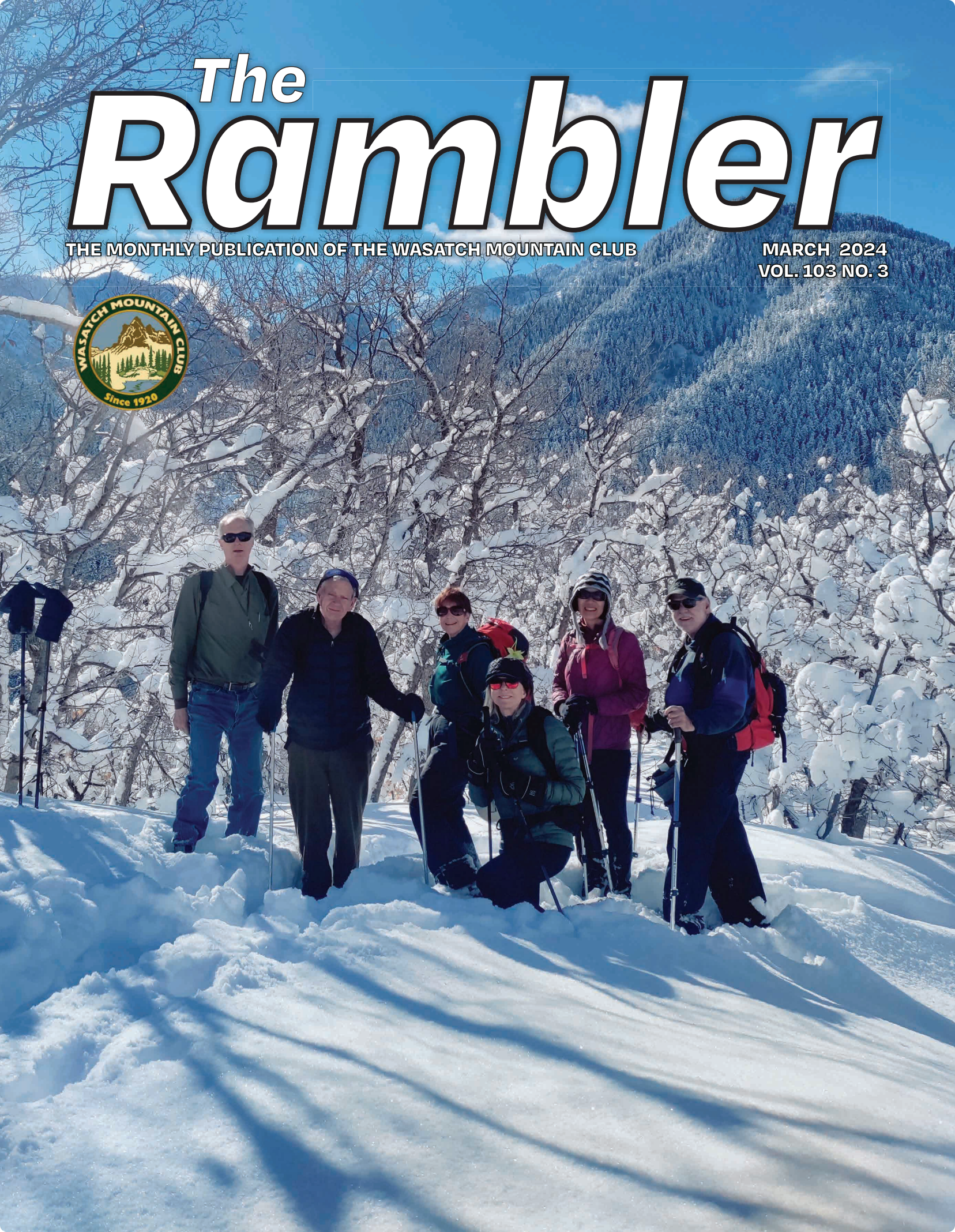


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Phyllis Anderson enjoying a short break during a recent showshoe organized by Vince DeSimone. See page XX for report & photos.

ON OUR COVER:

Enjoying a wonderful hike on the pipeline trail (standing LtoR: John, Russell, Marilyn, Yi, and Rod. Kneeling: Paula). Thanks to Paula McFarland for organizing the outing.

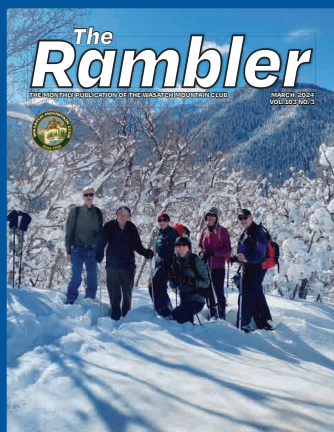


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President's Message

March marks the beginning of a new board year, and I'm excited to serve another term! Board terms are one year, but there are no term limits and many board members have served multiple years in various roles. Please join me in welcoming our newest board members:

- Deanna DiBella, Secretary
- Linda George, Membership Co-Director, supporting returning Membership Co-Director Heidi DeMartis
- Adam Marcus, coming on as the new Publication Director/Rambler Editor
- Frank Bouchard, Hiking Co-Director, supporting returning Hiking Co-Director Andy Payne
- Giulia Roselli, Social Co-Director, supporting returning Social Co-Director Debbie Olsen, and
- Lisa Verzella, Winter Sports Director, replacing outgoing Winter Sports Director Steve Duncan



This year, we also welcome Cheryl Soshnik as the incoming Trustee. Trustees serve 4-year terms that are staggered so that one position rotates each year.

And of course, a huge thanks to all returning board members! In addition to the Co-Directors noted above, our returning board members include the following:

- IT Director Bret Mathews
- Treasurers Tillman Seeborn and Elisa Schvaneveldt
- Biking Co-Directors Cecil Goodrick and Craig Williams
- Boating Co-Directors Kay Tran and Luke Johnson
- Climbing/Mountaineering Director Mark Maier
- Conservation Director Dennis Goreham
- Public Relations Director Dea Nelson
- Trustees Will McCarvill, Zig Sondelski, and Michael Budig (who re-upped last year for another 4-year term!)

I am grateful to the outgoing board members who have contributed so much to the WMC. All of the outgoing board members have been active, engaged, and a joy to work with; and several have served multiple terms in a variety of board positions:

- Steven Gadd (Secretary)
- Constance Modrow (Membership Co-Director)
- Steve and Brenda Leitch (Publications/Rambler Editors)
- Paula McFarland (Hiking Co-Director)
- Nina Shah (Social Co-Director)
- Steve Duncan (Winter Sports Director), and
- Brad Yates (Trustee).

Inside the cover of each Rambler, you will find a list of the current elected board members, supporting coordinators, and other volunteers who keep the WMC humming along. Thank you all, and I look forward to another great year!

- Julie Kilgore, WMC President



WELCOME

New & Returning Members

**Ryker Turner
Blake Sumner
Glen Lewis
Brandon Daniell
Grant Smith
Jonathan West
John O'Brien
Frank Gibney
Deb Walter
Carol Anderson
Adlyn Perez**

**Jacqueline Kennedy
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Russell & Stephanie Cambell
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Kevin & Lori Willeitner**



Good Hiking Practices

by Dave Andrenyak

Inherent to the character of the Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) is the preservation of our natural areas. We strive to respect and protect our forests, deserts, mountains, and waterways as we engage in our activities. To help us continue to practice these values, it is good to review guidelines for good hiking practices at the start of the hiking season. Most essential is to be thoroughly prepared for hiking. Preparation involves having the proper clothing and equipment; being knowledgeable about the terrain, trail conditions, weather conditions, and regulations; being physically fit for the activity. Never leave trash along the trails or in our natural areas. Discarded plant based items such as stone fruit pits, apple cores, citrus peels, banana peels are unsightly, not natural in the places where we hike, and should be packed out. If it is convenient, collect trash along the trail and pack it out for proper disposal. Make good use of trails. Do not shortcut trail switchbacks. Repeated off trail travel to avoid mud and other obstacles can cause erosion and trail damage. Observe and comply with forest, Wilderness, and culinary watershed regulations. In the Central Wasatch culinary watershed areas such as Big Cottonwood Canyon (BCC), Little Cottonwood Canyon (LCC), swimming/wading is prohibited and domesticated animals such as dogs are not allowed. Campsites are required to be at least 200 feet from lakes, streams and trails. Campfires are prohibited at Lake Blanche (BCC), Red Pine Lake (LCC) and Maybird Lakes (LCC). In the Forest Service Salt Lake Ranger District Wilderness areas, the group limit is 10 people.

When the need to eliminate solid digestive waste occurs during a hike or other activity in our natural areas, please follow principles of no trace. Make and use a hole that is 6-8 inches deep into the mineral soil and is at least 200 feet from water sources and trails. Toilet paper should be packed out. A better practice is the use of WAG bags for solid digestive waste transport and disposal.

Visitation to our public lands continues to increase. Parking areas, trailheads and trail are very crowded especially on weekends and holidays. Be considerate of other hikers and visitors. Park vehicles respectfully and follow parking regulations.

During the hiking season, the WMC collaborates with public land management agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service and advocacy / outreach organizations such as the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation and Save Our Canyons to do volunteer trail work. These activities provide effort to help protect and preserve our public lands. In addition, they are excellent opportunities to learn more about the Wasatch area and trails in general. Please check the Rambler and the WMC activity calendar for information about these events.

The WMC continues our agreement with the Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Department to maintain the Mount Olympus trailhead. Our work there involves cleaning up trash, disposal of the trash bags near the start of the trail, and graffiti mitigation. This trailhead is a great example of the intersection between the urban/civilized and natural/Wilderness environments. It is uplifting that our efforts are appreciated by many Mount Olympus trailhead users. If you would like to help with this important service work, please contact Ronna Cohen (ronna@ronnacohen.com).

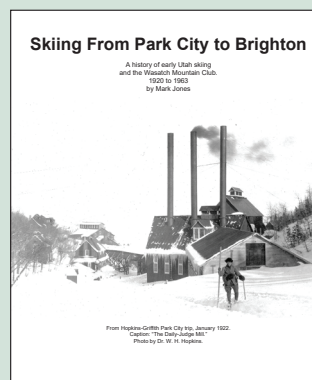
These guidelines are very familiar to the WMC membership and we consistently recreate responsibly. Every year when I write this article, I feel like I am being redundant (preaching to the choir?). However responsible practices as well as safety should be paramount in all of our activities. Let us keep going and have a great summer season. Thank you for your attention and your good actions.





Our natural public lands are treasures. Let us continue to protect them.

WMC's newest book is now available!!



Cost: \$20 and proceeds will go to the U of U WMC Education Endowment Fund

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Winter Sports Director's Message

by Steve Duncan, Winter Sports Director

The Utah Avalanche Center is a valuable resource for the safety of WMC members and thousands of others who enjoy winter backcountry recreation throughout our state. They provide not only daily avalanche forecasts filled with valuable information but have a variety of educational opportunities available through their website: <https://utahavalanchecenter.org>. See additional information below.

The Wasatch Mountain Club will be matching donations to the UAC up to \$50 per person and \$1,000 total for the 23/24 season. Just email me a copy of your donation receipt and I'll get it submitted for matching dollars.

UAC / Avalanche Safety Training

There are many ways to get training for winter travel in the backcountry. On a basic level, the Utah Avalanche Center (UAC) offers free Know Before You Go (KBYG) courses at various locations throughout the winter season. In addition to their daily avalanche forecasts, the UAC website has links to lots more free educational material and there are many informative videos on their YouTube channel.

Keep up your rescue skills! The Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) offers beacon practices and there are local beacon practice parks located at Snowbird, Solitude, Canyons / Park City, Powder Mountain, and Snow Basin.

And increase your knowledge. The WMC is now offering backcountry activity organizers a new perk of up to \$100 tuition reimbursement for backcountry safety courses. The program will be effective immediately and run through the end of the 2024 ski and snowshoe season. Here's how it works:

- Complete one of the approved avalanche safety courses listed below.
- After completion of the course, organize up to four backcountry ski or snowshoe activities.
- The WMC will reimburse \$25 per winter backcountry activity organized after course completion up to \$100.
- To receive reimbursement, organizers must submit (1) A completed Reimbursement Request Form, (2) Course Completion Certificate, and (3) a list of backcountry activities organized.
- Reimbursement is limited to one avalanche safety course per member and may not be applied retroactively or to any courses not previously approved by the Winter Sports Director.

Current approved courses are:

Level 1 - from various providers ([Other classes - Utah Avalanche Center](#))

Backcountry 101 – from the UAC ([Classes & Education – utahavalanchecenter](#))

Backcountry 201 – from the UAC ([Classes & Education – utahavalanchecenter](#))

Online Course - [Mountain Sense Comprehensive Guide To Avalanche Safety](#)

Other courses pre-approved by the Winter Sports Director



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Congratulations!

to those members who completed their 100 activities and received a jacket!



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Mac Brubaker	Tonya Karren	Bret Mathews	Kathleen Waller
Steve Duncan	Julie Kilgore	Paula McFarland	Irene Yuen
			Joel Winter

Great news, there are still 83 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!



Wasatch Back Snowshoe with Vince

Vince is invites you to snowshoe this winter!!

Meet at 9:00 am at various locations every Tuesday the rest of winter when Vince will again be organizing snowshoe outings to many Wasatch Back locations. We go where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect friendly conversation: you will feel welcome. For meeting location and last-minute details, join the WMC snowshoe e-mail list or check the WMC Calendar. **Vince prefers cyberspace for questions and info. Email: vincedesimone@yahoo.com or text: 435 645-9344.**



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Julie Kilgore
Wasatch Mountain Club

Dear Julie,

Thank you for your generous support of the Wasatch Mountain Club Centennial Scholarship for the Parks Recreation and Tourism Program. This scholarship is advancing the College of Health's mission to redefine the human health span – adding more years to our life and life to those years. We are deeply grateful for your investment in the success of our students in the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism.

As 2023 draws to a close, I couldn't be prouder of our students. They are thriving as they represent a wide variety of professions that are transforming health.

The Wasatch Mountain Club Centennial Scholarship for the Parks Recreation and Tourism Program is one of 62 scholarships in the College of Health that are changing the lives of our students and our communities.

But you don't have to take my word for it. Dania, a sophomore at the College of Health, shares the impact of the scholarship she received:



"Pursuing a college education is difficult in many ways. However, with donors like you, students can achieve the dreams that they thought would never be possible. I come from a family of six and this scholarship is a gift that I will cherish forever. It has allowed me to pursue what I love. This past year I was able to complete both Fall and Spring with a 4.0 GPA and be on the Dean's list. I could not thank (my scholarship donor) enough for the amazing support to pursue my dreams!"

I am so grateful that you and other donors have stepped up to support students like Dania. The world is ready like never before for what students in the College of Health have to offer. Thank you for your investment in their success and our mission.

With gratitude,



Kelly A. Tappenden, PhD, RD, FASPEN
Dean and Professor

Wasatch Mountain Club Centennial Scholarship for the Parks Recreation and Tourism Program

Activity

Fiscal Year July 1–June 30	2021	2022	2023
Distribution The distribution is the investment income made available to the department for expenditure	\$977.90	\$1,229.74	\$1,699.09
Gifts New contributions to the endowment	\$12,965.00	\$5,128.43	\$11,542.13
Ending Market Value Market value represents the book value of the endowment plus unrealized gains or losses on investments, less distributions to the fund purpose and fees	\$33,781.15	\$35,655.46	\$47,851.43

Purpose

To help defray educational costs for undergraduate students in the College of Fine Arts at the University of Utah.



WMC Scholarship Celebrate the Legacy by Giving



The WMC SCHOLARSHIP supports undergraduate students in the University of Utah's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism who have an interest in community-based, muscle-powered outdoor recreation studies. Scholarship recipients are eligible for a one-year complimentary membership to the Wasatch Mountain Club, which includes a subscription to the Rambler, the monthly WMC publication.

How to support the Scholarship Fund:

- **Donate to the Scholarship / Education Endowment Fund:**
Create a lasting legacy at the University of Utah. There are limited quantities of Centennial Thank-You gifts still available if you want to contribute to the Education Endowment. Use this form to receive Thank-You gifts, or donate on-line. Those who want to make a donation to the endowment generating the scholarship should click on the "Education Endowment" link on the WMC website.
- **Advertise in the Rambler:** If you or someone you know would like to reach our 1,000+ members plus hundreds of readers, email: rambler@wasatchmountainclub.org

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Trip Reports

Bells Canyon Hike, December 30th

Organized, report, and photos by Paula McFarland

We had a great turnout and a fun time on our December 30th Bells Canyon NTD hike. The group met at the Preservation Trailhead. Joining the hike were club members (in alphabetical order) Susan Allen, Shane Andrus, Heidi DeMartis, Greg Lott, Paula McFarland (organizer), Bob Myers, Russell Patterson, John Peterson, Yi Qu, and Ellen Sherk. We were also joined by guests Lily and Susan's sister Beth. It was a great day and we hiked at a conversational pace. The trail was in good condition, with mixed dirt and some patches of ice. Poles and micro spikes were helpful. Susan had recently seen mountain goats in the area, so we looked for them along the way, but didn't spot any. We were entertained by several decorated trees along the way. At about the 2-mile mark, the group split up, with Shane, Heidi, Greg, Russell, John, and Ellen continuing to the lower falls and the rest turning around to head back to the cars. Those making it to the lower falls were treated to a beautiful frozen waterfall, proving yet again that Bells Canyon is a wonderful hike at any time of the year.



Heidi, Shane, John, Russell, Ellen, and Greg at the Bells Canyon Lower Falls



Tunnel Springs to Ensign Peak, December 22nd



Organized, report, and photos by Frank Bouchard

A group of club members took advantage of an unusually warm Friday morning to go on a hike from Tunnel Springs Park to Ensign Peak. Other than some patches of thick mud getting stuck to our feet, the conditions were great.



Toll Canyon Snowshoe, January 30th



Organized and report by Vince DeSimone / Photos by Dea Nelson

Eighteen people, including three non-members, arrived for this snowshoe to the secluded forested trail along a flowing stream: Jim Kucera, Greg Lott, David Bean, Bill McKee, Diane Wellborn, Phyllis Anderson, Hong Duong, Ellen Sherk, Cindy Crass, Renea & Neal Olsen, Robert Day, Dea Nelson, Leslie Woods, Tracey Schmidt, Steve Duncan, Chris Winter and trip organizer Vince Desimone

We followed the trail from the trail from the Milner Lane parking lot across rolling hills to enter Toll Canyon and climb to the "bench" for lunch break. Friendly conversations abounded.

On the way back half of the group went back the way we came. The others followed Toll Creek down to housing development and turned up hill and then across the rolling hills we first traversed. The trip was about six miles over four hours.



Little Mountain Snowshoe, January 15th



Organized and report by Steve Duncan / Photos by Yi Qu and Tracy Schmidt

I had a nice group of five on my Little Mountain snowshoe today. We enjoyed lots of sunshine, no crowds and good conversation. This snowshoe was Tracy's first outing with the WMC.



Snowbasin Ski, January 16th



Organized, report, and photos by Dea Nelson

On January 16th, a group of six enthusiastic club members embarked on a skiing adventure at Snowbasin (Don Tillman, Sandra and Al Berzini, Diana Wellborne, Dick, and me). Little did we know that amidst a relentless two-week winter storm, a perfect blue bird day waited for us, transforming our outing into an extraordinary experience.

As we set out on the slopes, the snow-covered mountains welcomed us with clear skies and unparalleled conditions, surrounded by crisp mountain air and awe-inspiring vistas. The snow conditions were nothing short of perfect providing an ideal canvas for us to carve our way through the powder and groomed runs. Despite a chilly morning to kick-start our day, the thrill of the slopes and the radiant sun soon warmed both bodies and spirits. The frigid temperatures were quickly forgotten as we embraced the thrill of the downhill adventure (of course, riding in the Gondolas also helps when the temperature is low). It was a moment of discovery as the newcomers fell in love with the unique charm that Snowbasin had to offer.

The day unfolded with great talks, shared stories, and a sense of community that only the slopes can foster. At lunchtime in John Paul's Lodge, we shared our highlights, recounting the thrilling descents and the breathtaking vistas. It was a day that showed us how much joy nature, adventure, and friends can bring into our lives.



Eds Peak Snowshoe (w/ Ed), December 17th

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

After the huge winter storms that continued more than several days, we finally enjoyed being outside. We started late in case the winter storms were not over. But the roads were dry. We met at the Keysville East Mountain Wilderness parking lot to snowshoe to Eds Peak with Ed. Ed grew up and has lived in Keysville most of his life. Although Eds Peak was named after different Ed, Eds Peak is located in the Ed's backyard. Making Eds Peak usually short and simple. However, due to deep fresh snow, we were very slow by breaking the trail. It was very cold when we started. The weather turned into very nice later. We saw an eagle and other birds. We reached the meadow at the bottom of the peak and decided to turn around. Although we did not make the summit, it was a nice day, especially after the storms.



Sandra & Al during ascent



Group photo (LtoR): Don, Al, Sandra, Ed & Akiko. Eds Peak on the back

Alpine Ski Tour - Uintas / Slate Creek January 27th



Lisa and Paris ascending just above the gully section of our preferred line. Castle Peak area is seen in the background.



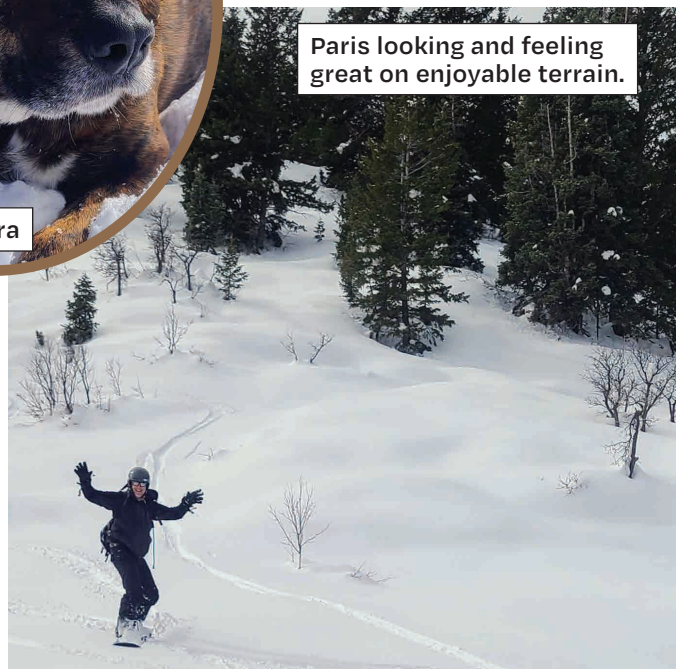
Rick skiing near the bottom of the gully section of our line



Lisa shreds with the best and always with a huge smile on her face.



Cora



Paris looking and feeling great on enjoyable terrain.

Organized, report, and photos by Kathleen Waller

Lisa, Paris, Rick, Kathleen, and Cora (dog) enjoyed a warm day of skiing. We used the Slate Creek Up MTB trail to access a line Kathleen refers to as the pillow gully. We dug a pit and observed avi conditions are on the mend.



Mountaineering - Pico de Orizaba & Iztaccihuatl, Mexico

Dec. 27th - Jan. 4th

Organized & report by Akiko Kamimura

Photos by John Jones, Eric List, Allan Obregon & Akiko Kamimura

Our primary purpose was climbing the third highest peak in North America – Pico de Orizaba – and the third highest peak in Mexico - Iztaccihuatl (a.k.a. Ixtaccihuatl, Izta, or Ixta). For most of us, these were the first 5,000m peaks. It involved over a year preparation including training together.

December 27: Salt Lake City to Mexico City

John, Eric, Jim and Akiko met at an airport hotel.

December 28: Mexico City to Tlachichuca, Puebla

Dallin arrived at Mexico City. We went to Tlachichuca, Puebla (4-hour drive), had a tour of a historical lodge for climbers, and did a short walk in the town of Tlachichuca. We stayed at the lodge.



Dinner at the lodge in Tlachichuca. From left – Dallin, Frank, Jim, Eric, John & Akiko



The town of Tlachichuca



December 29: Tlachichuca to Piedra Grande (14,000 ft)

Two-hour drive on the 4WD road from Tlachichuca to Piedra Grande which is a base camp of Pico de Orizaba and has a small hut. Some climbers used the hut while others spent the night in tents.

December 30: Acclimatization

We did an acclimatization hike to be ready for climbing Pico de Orizaba. It was very windy and cold. While a lot of people attempted the summit, as far as we know, only five climbers reached the top. Jim became sick (probably traveler's diarrhea) and went back to the town of Tlachichuca. We stayed at Piedra Grande.

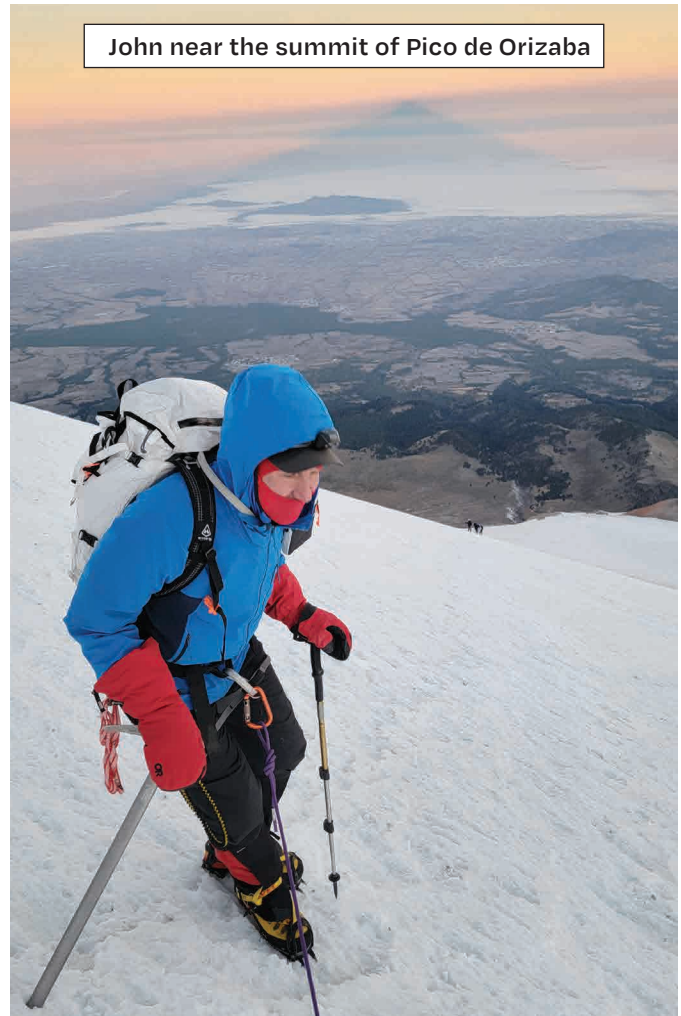
December 31: Summit day of Pico de Orizaba (18,491 ft)

Alpine start at 1 am. We took the normal route (Glacier Jamapa). The sky was clear but it was very windy and cold. Frank turned around due to high wind. Akiko also turned around because of hand and foot problems associated with the windy cold conditions. John, Eric and Dallin made the summit in such difficult conditions. We went back to Tlachichuca and stayed at the lodge.





Eric acclimatization hiking. The Piedra Grande Hut on the back



John near the summit of Pico de Orizaba



Summit photo. From left – John, Dallin, Eric, and Allen (guide)

January 1: Rest day in Tlachichuca

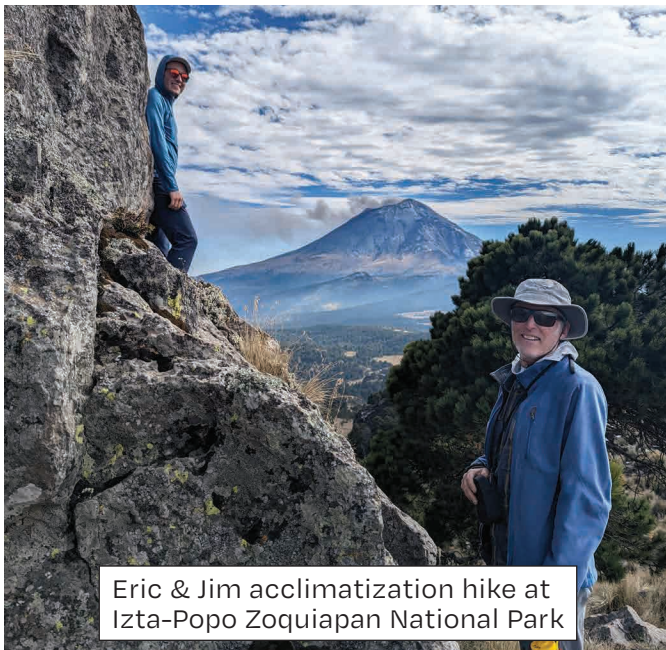
It was very noisy outside all the night to the morning for New Year's celebration (fire works and parties). Then, the town became very quiet. Most stores were closed. We spent most of the time at the lodge and spent the night at the lodge.

January 2: Tlachichuca to Izta-Popo Zoquiapan National Park

Five-hour drive to Izta-Popo Zoquiapan National Park. Alessandro and Martin joined group on the way to the national park. Popo is the second highest peak in Mexico but is currently not climbable due to eruptions. We set up camp at La Joya TH in the national park.

January 3: Summit day of Iztaccihuatl (17,159 ft)

We started at 1 am from the La Joya TH. Dallin did not feel well and so did not join the summit bit. The weather was clear but high wind above the ridge. We had three groups: 1) Fast pace group (John, Eric, Alessandro, Martin); 2) Moderate pace group (Jim, Akiko); and 3) Slow pace group (Frank). A guide was with each group. We took the standard route (La Arista del Sol). After almost endless steep climbing, we finally reached the Ayoloco glacier where we encountered hard ice. We carefully stepped on the icy sections with crampons. The fast pace group took 7 hours to get to the summit, went to a small nearby bump (Cabeza), and walked back to the summit to wait for the moderate pace group. The fast and moderate pace groups celebrated at the top together. The slow pace group did not make the summit. After we descended to the TH via a different route - probably the Totonacos route, we were back to Mexico City and completed this remarkable adventure trip.



Eric & Jim acclimatization hike at Izta-Popo Zoquiapan National Park



John, Eric, and Dallin on the way to the summit of Pico de Orizaba



Campsite at the La Joya TH



Akiko stepping on the top of the mountain



The summit on the right



Alessandro on the summit



Summit photo. From left – Eric, Akiko, Alessandro, Martin, John and Jim

Relaxed Pace Family Hike, January 28th



Organized, report, and photos by Jamie Nolan

Early morning relaxed paced family hike with the club. Baby Andrew supporting the WMC in his cute little sweater. We didn't make it to the suspension bridge because it was too icy but we had a wonderful walk with great company.



Wolf Creek Alpine Ski, January 6th





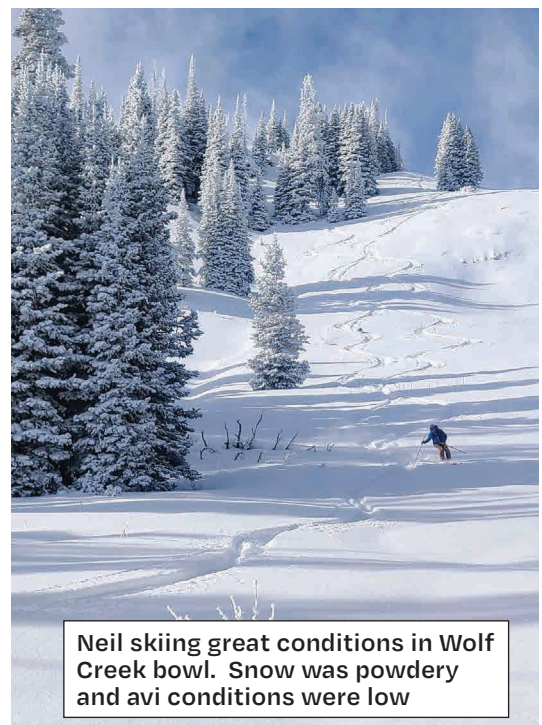
Neil skinning up to the base of Wolf Creek bowl in the Uintas on a beautiful January day

Organized and report by Kathleen Waller / Photos by Neil Schmidt & Kathleen Waller

Neil, Kathleen, and Cora (Dog) met up in Kamas and carpooled up SR-35. Wolf Creek bowl is a roadside attraction with short and gentle to moderate terrain. Avi conditions were low and fresh powder was very enjoyable. We skied in amazing conditions. The weather was mild and the sky was beautiful. Due to low avi conditions we were able to ski the steeper lines to the looker's right of the nose. Powder was exceptionally deep in the tree runs off the north end of the bowl. We enjoyed a late lunch at Mirror Lake Diner in Kamas. Food and service were good quality for good prices. With more snow in the days just after our tour, the road to Wolf Creek area is now closed at Nobletts. We hit this area just in time.



Kathleen and Cora excited about the view from the Wolf Creek area. The high Uintas (including Bald, Watson, and Hayden) can be seen in the background



Neil skiing great conditions in Wolf Creek bowl. Snow was powdery and avi conditions were low

California / Pony Express / Mormon Historic Trail Snowshoe, January 16th



Organized, report, and photos by Vince DeSimone

Blue skies, sunshine, fresh snow, cold temps and good camaraderie were enjoyed by 10 WMC members snowshoeing to above Aflec Park in East Canyon on the California/Pony Express/Mormon historic trail. Participating were Greg Lott, Phyllis Anderson, Liz Cordova, Tim Tutte, Jim Kucera, David Andrenyak, Rick Kirkland, and Mark Gardener. On the return, we were joined by Susan Allen and Bob Myers who started late.

The snow on the East Canyon Road beyond the parking area is groomed for skate skiing, double track skiing, snowshoeing and fat tire bikes. We chose to follow the historic route in the forest below the road that had been used by pioneers. We encountered all of these users as we crossed the road on the single track trail.





Alex Peak Snowshoe, January 23rd

Organized and report by Vince DeSimone / Photos by Jim Kucera and Greg Lott

Above freezing temperatures, a mixture of sunny and cloudy skies and great camaraderie accompanied a delightful six and a half mile six hour snowshoe to Alex Peak for Jim Kucera, Greg Lott and Vince Desimone. We climbed to near the summit of Alex Peak at 7696' and had lunch in trailside chairs overlooking the Snyderville Basin, Deer Valley, Park City and the Uinta Mountains in the distance.

On the way down we left the Meeks trail and plunged down through untracked snow in a thickly forested area. Jim pointed out many squirrels and birds sharing information about each.



Mt. Olympus Winter Hike, January 27th



At the saddle

Organized by Julie Kilgore / Report & Photos by Steve Duncan

A near perfect day to be out on Olympus. Without fresh snow to kick steps, Julie worried the crux would be icy and we settled for the saddle. I don't think anyone in the group minded. We had a new member Calob join and picked up a couple more for lunch and the way down, Katrina and her dog Bently. Thanks to Julie Kilgore for organizing.



Calob, Julie, and Amy



Carol & Amy heading down



Carrington Island Hike, February 11th

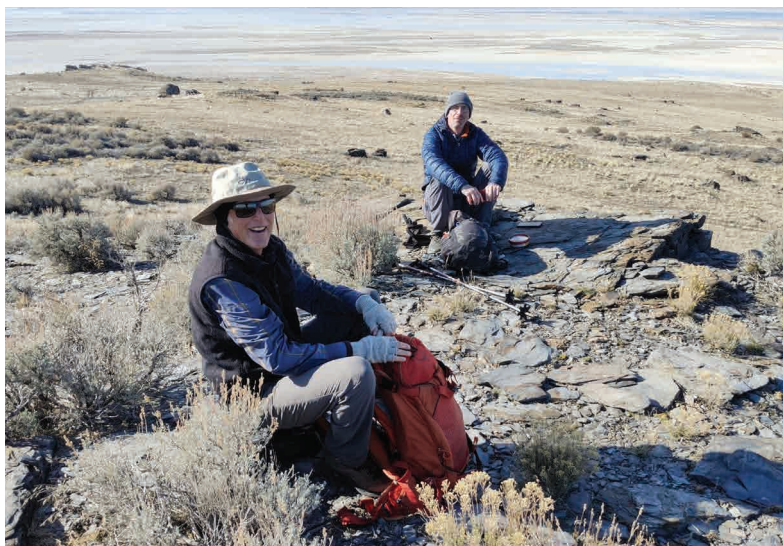
**Organized & report by Dennis Goreham
/ Photos by Jim Kucera**

Carrington Island is a near perfect destination for a hike this time of year. There were a few wet spots to walk around, otherwise it was a nice dry walk all the way out to the island. Because of recent hot dry years, it is no longer an island. It is easily accessible just west of the north tip of Stansbury Island.

This is the optimum time to do this hike because the brine shrimpers will soon be done and lock the gate out to Badger Island for the year. It gets cold at night so the ground and standing water are frozen with an early start, making for nice walking. It started cold but hit close to 40 degrees by the time we got done. It was clear and calm and we could not have had a better weather day.

Four of us did the hike; Jim Kucera, Kevin Sullivan, Matt Goreham and me. We met on the frontage road at the I-80 MP84 off ramp. Then drove a good gravel road along the west side to the north end of Stansbury Island to regroup at the kiosk and parking area. Then two miles of rougher road to the start point at Badger Island.

Carrington Island is about a 10-mile hike round trip. Probably 4.5 miles are dead flat across mud flats and sand bars, and then a gain of about 500 feet in the last 1/2 mile to the high point of the island. At the top of Carrington Island is an outcrop named Lambourne's Rock (4727 feet); named after Alfred Lambourne the famed Utah artist and writer. At that point, you are 5 or 6 miles off the north tip of Stansbury Island. It seems like the middle of the Great Salt Lake, with unbelievable views in every direction. The island is strewn with large boulders and since it was used for target practice in WWII there are a few bomb craters (Jim liked standing in these), shrapnel, and bomb parts. This hike took less than 5 hours. Not quite long enough to excuse us from having to watch the Super Bowl, so next year we need to find something longer. We all agreed it was a wonderful place for a winter hike.



Thank You!

January 2024 Activity Organizers

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

Akiko Kamimura

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Kathleen Waller

Keith Markley

Mac Brubaker

Mark Maier

Michael Berry

Michael Hannan

Paula McFarland

Steve Duncan

Sue Baker

Terry Baker

Vince DeSimone

Volunteer Raffle (2023-24)

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**.



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.

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Mar 2 Sat – Mar 6 Wed	<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 2, climb on Sunday March 3, Monday March 4, or Tuesday March 5, fly back/road trip on Wednesday March 6. 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.</p>
Mar 5 Tue – Mar 11 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 I'm putting together another group to join me for one of my favorite adventures. 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. 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 200 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 about \$3,500/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>
Mar 5 Tue	<p>Snowshoe With Vince - Wasatch Back – mod – Out & Back – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Disseminated via the <wmc-snowshoe> email list <i>Organizer:</i> Vince DeSimone 435-645-9344 vinedesimone@yahoo.com Meet at 10:00 am at various locations every Tuesday the rest of winter when Vince will be organizing snowshoe outings to many Wasatch Back locations. We go where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect friendly conversation and you will feel welcome. For meeting location and last-minute details, join the WMC snowshoe e-mail list. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions and info. E-mail vinedesimone@yahoo.com or text at 435 645-9344. Avalanche safety gear recommended, but not required.</p>
Mar 6 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> 5:40 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 6 Wed	<p>Ikon Pass Holders Ski Snowbasin: Alpine Ski Resort <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Philip Nelson 832-679-2146 formidable.ser@gmail.com Come enjoy the newest addition to Snowbasin, the 13-slope DeMoisy Express. We will meet at the Earl's Lodge at 8:30 to start the day at 9:00 a.m. on the Needles Gondola. If the weather cooperates, we will start the day at Strawberry.</p>
Mar 9 Sat	<p>Snowshoe/Hike - Holbrook Peak & Peak 8583, Centerville – mod+ – 9.0 mi – 3100' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe/hike to Holbrook Peak (8,722 ft) and Peak 8583, weather, conditions and situation permitting. There is a trail all the way, except the last part to the summit. The route involves steep sections. 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. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, March 8, 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>
Mar 9 Sat	<p>Day Hike - BST From West Grandeur Th To Sl Overlook (Pipeline Trail) – ntd – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1000' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Grandeur Peak (Face) Trailhead (2900 Wasatch Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paula McFarland 801-657-2818 pmcfarland82@msn.com This is a newer section of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. We'll meet at the West Grandeur trailhead parking area located at the north end of Wasatch Blvd. This section of the BST is not very steep and provides great valley views as we make our way over to the Salt Lake overlook at the end point of the Pipeline trail at Millcreek Canyon. We'll stop at the overlook for a snack or lunch before heading back the way we came. This trail can get muddy, so bring micro-spikes. Distance and elevation gain are estimates.</p>
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Mar 14 Thu	<p>Potluck - 3.14 Pi Day Near Jordan River Downtown SLC</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Constance Modrow modrowsky@gmail.com</p> <p>Join us for savory and delicious pies. Challenge: recite Pi digits. Share tales of one or more of the 50 annual Kings Peak tours (on xx this year (function of weather and conditions)) and other adventures. BYOB, cup, and a pie to share. My oven is available and if you make the filling I'll make the crust. We love homemade! Diversity is fun, and bringing someone new is good too. RSVP required. My first pie party was in Fairbanks Alaska, put on by my roommate. We had deep dish vegetable pie, pie made in cast iron pans, or casseroles, fruit pies, Shepard and meat pies too.</p>
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Mar 20 Wed	<p>Hiking Meeting/Social GPS Tech Session</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Ray Daurelle 801-652-2554 rmdaurelle@gmail.com</p> <p>At my house we'll discuss use of GPS programs. Google Earth, MyMaps, Gaia, topics of your choice. Bring your laptop and questions. Last year people said another session would be useful. Call or email in advance with particular questions or topics of interest. 6-8 pm. Sandy, near Bells Canyon.</p>



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Mar 23 Sat – Mar 24 Sun	<p>Canyoneering Skills Workshop <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com https://www.meetup.com/wasatch-mountain-club/events/299001202/?isFirstPublish=true</p>
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Mar 25 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. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.</p>
Mar 26 Tue	<p>Snowshoe With Vince - Wasatch Back – mod – Out & Back – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Disseminated via the <wmc-snowshoe> email list <i>Organizer:</i> Vince DeSimone 435-645-9344 vinedesimone@yahoo.com Meet at 10:00 am at various locations every Tuesday the rest of winter when Vince will be organizing snowshoe outings to many Wasatch Back locations. We go where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect friendly conversation and you will feel welcome. For meeting location and last-minute details, join the WMC snowshoe e-mail list. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions and info. E-mail vinedesimone@yahoo.com or text at 435 645-9344. Avalanche safety gear recommended, but not required.</p>
Mar 27 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. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.</p>

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Mar 28 Thu – Apr 1 Mon	<p>Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument Car Camp – mod+ – 12.0 mi Out & Back – 1500' ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com</p> <p>This exploratory trip will visit a remote area south of St George that was declared a National Monument in 2000. It lies east of Gold Butte National Monument and north of Grand Canyon National Park, and has scenery that's reminiscent of both places. We'll visit the Grand Wash Cliffs area, including the Grand Gulch Mine, and we'll check out rugged gorges such as Pigeon Canyon. We'll drive down on Thursday and return on Monday. The roads here are terrible, so we'll need to carpool in high clearance 4x4 vehicles. You can expect off-trail hiking in the desert, at peak spring flower time.</p>
Mar 29 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 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. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.</p>
Mar 30 Sat	<p>Snowshoe (Ski/Hike) - Location TBA – mod+</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Farmington, American Fork, the West Uintas or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer to the date. Please bring 10 Essentials, microspikes, and snowshoes. In addition, bring poles and gaiters if there is sufficient snow for snowshoeing. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. If this changes, I will update the information. 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, Mar 29, 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>
Mar 31 Sun	<p>Snowshoe (Ski/Hike) - Location TBA – mod+</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Farmington, American Fork, the West Uintas or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer to the date. Please bring 10 Essentials, microspikes, and snowshoes. In addition, bring poles and gaiters if there is sufficient snow for snowshoeing. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. If this changes, I will update the information. 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, Mar 29, 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>
Apr 3 Wed	<p>WMC Board Meeting</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info, or WMC Office (1390 S 1100 E, Salt Lake City, UT)</p> <p><i>Carpool:</i> 5:40 pm at Pre meeting appetizers at Fiddler's Elbow (1059 E 2100 S, Salt Lake City, UT)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 president@wasatchmountainclub.org</p> <p>Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the Board's attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting.</p>
Apr 12 Fri – Apr 14 Sun	<p>Yellowstone Bike Ride And NTD Winter Hike – ntd – 40.0 mi Out & Back – Slow pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>Join this annual pre-season road bike trek into Yellowstone the weekend before the park is open to cars. The park service is preparing for the season so the roads will be plowed, but being flexible is key. Plan A is a SLOW MEANDERING bike ride from West Yellowstone to Terrace Springs or Gibbon Falls, intentionally taking about 4 hours for the 40-mile round trip. Plan B will be dictated by whatever Mother Nature is dishing out that morning. Come prepared for every combination of sun/snow/rain/wind/hot/cold. Sunday morning, the group will head out for a snowshoe/ski/microspike trek to look for moose, muskrat, and swans, departing for home in the early afternoon. Base camp is the Kilgore cabin compound in Island Park. Because of the limited space, RSVP priority will be given to WMC members.</p>
Apr 20 Sat	<p>Boat Shed Opening Work Party</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Boat Shed - 4340 S 300 W (4340 Commerce Dr, Murray, UT)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Bret Mathews, Donnie Benson 801-831-5940, 801-809-1854 bretmaverick999@yahoo.com, dmbenson13@gmail.com</p> <p>Come help us get the boating gear ready for a new season. It's the usual stuff - get the rafts out / inflate them / look them over / roll them up; a little cleaning; and check over the rest of the gear.</p>



Apr 28 Sun	<p>Mountaineering Workshop – mod+</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>This workshop will provide some very focused skill development for Mt Rainier or other mountains in the North Cascades, or other big mountains (e.g. Denali), depending on participants' interests. We will have an instructor from the U of U's Department of Recreation and Tourism. Topics to be covered are included, but not limited to, glacier travel, team rope travel, crevasse rescue, running belay on snow, snow travel skills on steep slopes (45-65 degrees), and preparation for climbing glaciated peaks. Approximately 8:00 am-2pm. Location TBA. Participants are expected to have basic knowledge and skills of mountaineering (e.g. how to use crampons and ice axe). This is also a great refresher class for those who have mountaineering experience. Instruction donation - \$20/person. Limit 15 participants. Registration is required. Priority will be given to WMC members. Max 15. Registrants will receive more detailed info including the list of required and optional gear.</p>
May 3 Fri – May 5 Sun	<p>Mountaineering - Mt. Waas Loop – msd</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to make the Mt Waas Loop that includes Mt Waas (12,331 ft), Pilot Mt (12,000 ft), Green Mt (12,163 ft), Castle Mt (12,044 ft), and La Sal Peak (12,001 ft). We may do Horse Mt (11,130 ft) and Mineral Mt (11,608 ft) as well. Mt Waas is a Grand County's high point. The loop involves 8.9 miles with 4,163 ft gain. If we add the other two peaks, we will have extra distance and elevation gain. Trip schedule: road trip (approximately 4 hours from SLC) & hike to the TH on May 3 Friday; climb on May 4 Saturday; and hike back from the TH & road trip on May 5 Sunday. We will camp at the TH. The schedule may be adjusted depending on the conditions. This is non-technical mountaineering. But participants must: 1) have excellent stamina; 2) be willing to buy/rent/lend required individual gear if necessary; 3) know how to use crampons & ice axe; and 4) no history of altitude problems above 12,000 ft. Back-packing experience strongly desired. For more details, please contact the organizer (please include your current fitness level and mountaineering experience). Limit 8. WMC members only.</p>
May 4 Sat	<p>New Member Spring Social And Multi-Sport Event</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Hidden Valley Park (2860 Wasatch Blvd, Sandy, UT)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Debbie Olson, Nina Shah 801-372-6814 socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org</p> <p>Are you new, newish, or renewed to the WMC and want more information about how to engage? Join some current and former WMC board members, coordinators, and activity organizers to sample a WMC activity, followed by a picnic at Noon, sharing of club information and resources, and answer questions. Bring a dish to share. We'll have small bites and finger food on hand. PLEASE RSVP SO WE CAN PLAN FOOD ACCORDINGLY</p>
May 17 Fri – May 19 Sun	<p>White Water Rafting Beginners Trip – class II+ – 7.0 mi</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Luke Johnson 801-755-7575 huckleberry78360@gmail.com</p> <p>Beginner Whitewater Training Trip-- Moab Daily - May 17, 2024 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, ...) 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). Experienced boaters--we need you to help make this a successful learning experience!</p>

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May 24 Fri – Jun 9 Sun	<p>Mountaineering - Illimani & Huayna Potosi, Bolivia – ext <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>Illimani (21,122 ft) is the second highest peak in Bolivia. We will also plan to climb Huayna Potosi (19,974 ft) and Pequeno Alpamayo (17,643 ft). In addition, we will trek at Lake Titicaca and Sun Island and hike to Pico Austria (17,480 ft) for acclimatization. Participants must 1) have excellent physical condition with previous mountaineering experience (rope travel, glacier travel, the use of crampons, and ice axe arrest) and have skills in crevasse rescue; 2) have no history of altitude sickness at 14k peaks; 3) be willing to buy/rent required individual gear if necessary; and 4) ice climbing experience (tip rope) or be willing to learn ice climbing before the trip. Mountaineering training sessions will be offered in winter-spring to prepare for this high altitude expedition, in collaboration with the School for International Expedition Training (nonprofit organization) and the U of U's Department of Park, Recreation and Tourism. Due to the complexity of the trip logistics and demanding alpine climbing, we will use a local company's package that has a fixed fee. The estimated cost for the local company is approximately \$2,210 including ground local transportation, meals in the mountains, certified guides (1:2 ratio), hut/camps in the mountains, camping gear, full base camp infrastructure and services, donkeys/porters, hotels in La Paz, tickets to museums, and entrance to mountains. The additional cost will be for international flights, compulsory travel insurance, personal expenses, personal equipment, and gratitude. Each participant will pay directly to the company. 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 22 Mon – Jul 26 Fri	<p>Hike - CO 14ers & Car Camp 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 22 Monday Road Trip. July 23 Tue Mt Princeton (from the 2 WD TH 13,25 miles RT with 5,400 ft gain; from the 4WD TH 6.5 miles with 3,200 ft gain; class 2). July 24 W Hot Springs (Mt Princeton Hot Springs \$40 for a day pass). July 25 Thu Hike - Mt Antero (from the 2WD TH 15.5 miles RT with 5,200 ft gain; from the 4WD TH 7 miles RT with 2,400 ft gain; class 2). July 26 F Road trip/ to the next campground. 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. We will stay at a developed campsite. Partial participation is fine. Limit 8. WMC members only. For more details, please contact the organizer. Note (10/25/2023): The campground reservations have not started for the dates. I will update details about cost etc. after I make a reservation.</p>
Jul 26 Fri – Jul 28 Sun	<p>Hike - Mt. Of The Holy Cross (14,007 Ft) & Car Camp 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 28 F Road trip; July 29 Sat hike; and July 30 Sun 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. We will stay at a developed campground. Limit 8. WMC members only. For more details, please contact the organizer. Note (10/25/2023): The campground reservations have not started for the dates. I will update details about cost etc. after I make a reservation.</p>
Aug 20 Tue – Aug 21 Wed	<p>Grand Teton National Park Lake Solitude Backpack – mod+ – 19.0 mi Loop – 3800' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Michael Budig 801-403-7677 mlbudig@gmail.com</p> <p>This is perhaps the most scenic backpack in Grand Teton National Park. It is moderately strenuous and will be limited to 8 people. \$10 fee for the permit- a nonrefundable deposit to organizer Michael Budig is required to secure a spot. Please contact by text or email only.</p>
Aug 22 Thu – Sep 2 Mon	<p>Yellowstone Car Camp – ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Michael* Budig 801-403-7677 mlbudig@gmail.com</p> <p>We will camp at the following campgrounds on the following dates: Grant Village :Aug 22-25, Bridge Bay: August 25-28, Canyon Village: August 28-31 and Madison Campground: August 31- September 2. We will be doing different hikes every day and getting together for food and drinks at night. You can join us for part or all of the trip, but you need to make your own campground reservations --- through Xanterra's Yellowstone website. You should make reservations ASAP if you want to come as the campground reservations will fill up as we get closer to the actual date. You can get a full refund of your deposit up to one month before the reservation date. Campsite numbers will not be revealed by Xanterra until the date of the reservation, but we should be able to get campsites in the same general vicinity. Please contact me by email.</p>



Aug 22 Thu – Aug 25 Sun	<p>Rock Climb- City Of Rocks Climbing Palooza – ntd</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 3:00 pm at Breadloaves Group camping site City of Rocks Idaho</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Parker Winkel 330-941-0502 paw123321@gmail.com</p> <p>I have the bread loaves group site at City Of Rocks Idaho reserved Thursday 8/22-Sunday 8/25 for up to 25 people. City of Rocks is the best cragging style climbing within 3 hours of Salt Lake with something for everyone (and I will fight you on that fact). Trad, sport and bouldering of every grade. Show up and find a partner or bring one with you. All I ask is you are a safe and proficient outdoor climber. The cost will be dependent on how many go but less than \$10 per person per night. If you have a pop up for shade please bring it. Helmets required. Registration Required. Please email me.</p>
Aug 23 Fri – Aug 25 Sun	<p>Car Camp -Dinah-Soar Days... Vernal, UT. -Bike - Hike - Kayak – mod– 7.7 mi Out & Back – 620' ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 1:00 pm at Vernal Utah. Camping on Reed Fleet State Park or McCoy Flats.</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Dea & Phil Nelson formidable.ser@gmail.com</p> <p>Our plan involves camping at Red Fleet State Park or if we decide as a group, BLM camping is available at McCoy Flats (9 miles from Vernal) . On Friday evening, we'll head into Vernal to experience the vibrant display of Hot Air Balloons (NIGHT GLOW) along Main Street, they have food vendors and live music. For the second day, post the spectacle of the Hot Air Balloon launch, we intend to hike towards Jones Hole, aiming to reach the banks of the Green River. In the afternoon, we'll catch the Car Show on Main Street. As the day winds down, we'll explore downtown Vernal. On the third day, we'll catch the third Air Balloon launch. Then, we'll return to our campsite, taking the opportunity to kayak on Red Fleet reservoir and explore the dinosaur tracks through a hike or bike.</p>
Dec 26 Thu – Jan 2 Thu	<p>Mountaineering - Pico De Orizaba & La Malinche, Mexico – ext</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><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 hike to La Malinche (14,640 ft), the fifth highest peak in Mexico, for acclimatization. There is an optional Izta (the 3rd highest peak in Mexico) extension - add 2 extra days to Jan 4 if you want to do Izta. For Pico De Orizaba, we will have skiers and non-skiers. Due to the complexity of the trip logistics, we will have a local company that will help us with the trip logistics. 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. If you want to ski Pico De Orizaba, you must be an expert skier and mountaineer who can ski on the steep hard ice slope. The cost for the local company per person is \$652 that includes all transportation in Mexico, all meals except in Mexico City, the lodging except in Mexico City (3 nights), camp assistant at the Piedra Grande (3 days), guides for Orizaba (for those who want a guide), and national park entrance fee for Orizaba. Additional cost for the Izta extension - \$840 per GROUP (max 4 climbers per group) - the cost/person will depend on how many climbers want to do Izta. The additional cost will be for international flights, travel insurance, hotels in Mexico City, meals in Mexico City, national park entrance fee (for Izta - only for those who will do Izta), tax, and tips. The schedule includes international travel. 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>
May 22 Thu – Jun 8 Sun	<p>Mountaineering - Sajama & More, Bolivia – ext</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to climb five 6,000m peaks in Bolivia including the highest peak in the country - Sajama (21,463 ft). Other 6,000m peaks that we will attempt are Uturuncu (19,751 ft), Acotango (19,856 ft), Parinacota (20,807 ft), and Pomerape (20,610 ft). In addition, we will do a Uyuni (the world's largest salt flat) tour for acclimatization. Uturuncu and Acotango can be done as a hike. Participants must 1) have excellent physical condition with previous mountaineering experience (rope travel, glacier travel, snow/ice anchors, the use of crampons, crevasse rescue, and ice axe arrest); 2) have no history of altitude sickness at 14k peaks; 3) be willing to buy/rent required individual gear if necessary; and 4) can climb comfortably 60 degree ice slopes, 45 degree snow ice slopes, and 55 degree mixed ice and rock slopes. Backpacking experience is strongly recommended since climbing Sajama involves multi-days. Mountaineering training sessions will be offered in winter-spring to prepare for this high altitude expedition, in collaboration with the School for International Expedition Training (nonprofit organization) and the U of U's Department of Park, Recreation and Tourism. Due to the complexity of the trip logistics and demanding alpine climbing, we will use a local company's package that has a fixed fee. The estimated cost for the local company is approximately \$3,675 including ground local transportation, meals, certified guides (ratio depending on a mountain), lodging/camps in the mountains and towns, camping gear, full base camp infrastructure and services, donkeys/porters, and hotels in La Paz. The additional cost will be for international flights, compulsory travel insurance, personal expenses, personal equipment, and gratitude. Each participant will pay directly to the company. 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>



In Memoriam: Ellie Lenatsch

7/20/1936 - 9/30/2023

"We're born, we live a little while, and we die."

Charlotte to Wilbur from
Charlotte's Web

"Earth's the right place for love. I don't know where it's likely to go better."

from Birches by Robert Frost

How fortunate I was to have a life so full of love and kindness, the only things that really matter. How grand were my two families - my recent family of Bill, Billy and Chris, Nick and Judy - and my birth

family of John, Dora, Carol, Mother, and Dad. Life also brought to me precious friendships that I treasure. You are all deep in my soul.

I do not want a funeral or a memorial service. My ashes will be in the mountains. Come visit from time to time.

Please work to take care of our earth, our open spaces and wild places. Please give to the organizations protecting these places in our beautiful Utah. My favorite: Save Our Canyons (PO Box 112017, SLC, UT 84147) 3690 Fort Union Blvd, Suite 101, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121. Website: saveourcanyons.org

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- 700+ Activities per year
- Activities include: hiking, backpacking, skiing, snowshoeing, canyoneering, biking, boating, mountaineering, etc...
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- Trail Maintenance (USFS, San Rafael Swell, etc)
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- Helping to protect the Lodge which is on the National Register of Historical places.
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Try Us Out / Become a Member

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.

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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: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Applicant 1: Main phone: _____ Email address: _____

Applicant 2: Main phone: _____ Email address: _____

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

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

PHOTOS: I understand that photos taken during a WMC activity may be used on WMC social media sites and in The Rambler.

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

Signature 1 _____ Date: _____

Signature 2 _____ Date: _____

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50 Years Ago in The Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

Club activities for MARCH 1974 [...]

MARCH 2 LAKE BLANCHE SKI TOUR. Advanced (3,5). Conditions will determine the destination
Saturday of this ski tour, but we will try to go over Mount Superior and down to Lake Blanche.
Call the leader for details. Avalanche probes and cords will be required. Probes are
available for rent at Timberline and for sale by the Ski Touring Director. Leader: Larry
Swanson [...]

MARCH 16 ALEXANDER BASIN SKI TOUR. Advanced (3,5). This tour will follow the east drainage
Saturday of Butler Fork to the ridge and then to the head of Alexander Basin. The lower part
of this canyon is quite steep and narrow, so be prepared to make some turns. Please
register, since the leader needs a ride. Avalanche probes and cords will be required.
Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Charlie Lesley [...]

ROVERing through AFRICA by Carol and Del Wiens

[...] We had bought a shiny new Land Rover in London and had spent many frustrating days outfitting and gathering visas before heading south through France, Andorra and Spain. Our entourage included our three daughters ages 5, 8, and 10. Now we would cross the Strait, see a bit of Morocco and continue on to Algiers to meet the Viavants who were arriving via Yugoslavia and Israel.

In Algiers we all did last minute shopping. We never did locate any flashlight batteries in that enormous city but we did accidentally happen upon Suzanne and Herman Hertel, WMC members of a few years ago. Finally, the moment of truth had come and we headed south toward the heart of the Sahara. It was now September 11, and just beginning to be cool enough for safe desert travel. We were well equipped with spare parts, tools, seven jerry cans for gas and five for water. We had an enjoyable two weeks traveling with the Viavants through a beautiful variety of desert scenery, from oasis to oasis each with a welcome melon and cold beer supply. Then as you probably have heard, car trouble forced them to remain behind at Tamanrasset and we continued after sad goodbyes. [...]

In southern Niger we joined up with two young Australian couples who were driving an old British army ambulance and traveled with them for many weeks. Together we continued south through Nigeria then east through Cameroon and the Central African Republic and the Congo (which was renamed Zaire one night as we lay in our tent listening to the BBC). We had some exciting border crossings, such as a near shoot-out at the southern Algeria border and the smuggling of two visa-less Australians into Nigeria (until crossing a border began to seem like trying to pass GO). Through the Congo basin the roads were terribly muddy and there were many nervous moments. We crossed big rivers on some unbelievable "ferries", and had a delightful visit at a rubber-coffee-coconut oil plantation. And eventually we stood on the continental divide looking with great awe upon the Rift Valley. [...]

We stayed in Kenya for four months, taking numerous trips out of Nairobi. Kenya is our favorite African country because of the great variety of scenery, the many colorful tribes, and the political stability which promotes well-managed game parks.

In mid-March we packed up and continued south to Cape Town. The absolute highlight of this leg of the trip was Serengeti National Park in Tanzania. It is in rolling savannah country, dotted with flat-topped acacias and thousands of animals Hemingway's Africa. We continued on through Zambia to Malawi (another ugly border scene), then back into Zambia when the Frelimo guerrilla activity made us decide to bypass Mozambique and go through Rhodesia to Botswana (one more border problem). Botswana was another favorite spot, there were 11 miles of paved road in the whole country! We took a little-used route across the northern edge of the Kalahari Desert and came out in South West Africa. From there to Cape Town the country was very much like parts of Utah.

We were in and out of Cape Town for the next four months so had many pleasant visits with Nick and Marie Strickland. During the four months we saw much of South Africa and Madagascar. Then exactly one year from the day that we had left London, we and the Land Rover took a ship to Perth. And the next four months we spent Rovering through Australia. [...]



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