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Cheryl Krusco skiing the burn. Who would have ever thought a burned forest would offer such fun skiing!. Photo by Brad Yates. See page 15 for details.



ON OUR BACK COVER:

What a jewel we have in Carol Masheter!! See page 10 for details.



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Enjoying the air on Mt. Olympus before dropping into the inversion. See page 22 for details.

Outgoing President's Message

by Julie Kilgore

The annual winter WMC membership meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on February 13, 2025, at Millcreek Library meeting room (2266 E Evergreen Ave, Salt Lake City, UT). After 8 years serving as your President, this will be the last time I address the membership in that capacity. I didn't intend to stick around that long. My how time flies.

In March 2016, I transitioned from Hiking Director to President, replacing Will McCarvill who stepped down to take a position with the Sierra Club. Will McCarvill returned to the WMC board a few years later as a Trustee, and here we are 8 years later, and (subject to membership approval at the February meeting) it looks like I'll once again be moving into Will's position as he rolls off as Senior Trustee and I replace him as the junior Trustee. It's funny how things play out sometimes.

What an exhilarating ride since 2016 with the Centennial celebrations, COVID, establishing the scholarship endowment, transitioning the Lodge, and oh so many more accomplishments mixed in with a lot of WMC adventures. Our membership has grown to over 1,200, and our volunteer organizers keep the activity calendar full of a variety of outdoor activities.

It has been an honor and a joy serving as the WMC President, and I'm excited for a new chapter for the club under Mark Maier's leadership (subject of course to membership approval at the February meeting). Mark has been serving as the WMC Mountaineering Director for the last few years, and he will be a great President. He has extensive experience in leadership positions with outdoor recreation clubs similar to ours.

I thank you all for your support and encouragement over the years. I look forward to seeing many of you at the February 13th membership meeting, and I hope to continue seeing many of you on a mountain!



Historian's Message

by Debra Frank

On a club hike a couple of months ago, I was asked if I might provide writing tips for trip report writers. I'm still mulling that over, but in the meantime, I thought I'd offer inspiration with some "greatest hits." Having read just about every trip report ever written for the club, I've accumulated some favorites.

Here's one:

Mt. Deseret May 17, 1953; by Carl Bauer

Our Mt. Deseret Safari began with a fine turnout—thirty persons including some new friends who may have actually been headed for choir practice. We proceeded from the West Entrance of the Temple Block to the parking area in South Willow Canyon, south and west of Grantsville, where the last car was left precariously perched over the edge of the dugway.

The trek proceeded upward over trail and substantial snowbanks, with the summit attained in good time by a goodly number. Then, we pioneered a new descent route, which is to be especially recommended for anyone interested in a trip to Las Vegas. Also, worthy of note was a Spencerian snowslide engineered to test a new ice ax, and the latest in survival suits, the seat of which failed to make the grade. The uneventful day was rounded out with a Shane-engineered rescue of the wayward Pontiac.

(Carl describes the day as uneventful, and yet, 70 years later, it feels vivid and relatable. And it's funny, which is always a good thing.)

Please Help Me Find These Former Members!

(They are featured in my upcoming book *Faint Heart Never Climbed Mountain*, and I'd like to notify them, collect biographies, etc.)

Last month, I begged you all for photos. This month, I'm looking for any contact info you might have for former members who have moved away or become inactive with the club. If you know the whereabouts of any of the following people, please contact me at debwfrank@gmail.com. Thank you.

- Ilka Allers
- Bert Baltzer
- Catherine Bee
- Guy Benson
- Clayton Benton
- Sue Berg
- Frank Bernard
- Harold Bingham
- Betty Bottcher
- Clix Byrne (same as Jim Byrne?)
- Curtis Camp
- Ed Christy
- Peter Clein
- Carl Cook
- David Cook
- Clare Davis (Sundwall)
- Dee Ann Dorman
- Jean Frances
- Rick (Richard) Holmer
- Keith Hubbard
- Nancy Inaba
- Bert Jensen
- Lee Jenson
- Ernest Katten
- Kathleen Kellett
- Michael King
- Patrick King
- Susan Lavery
- Charles Lesley (Leslley?)
- Ed Myers
- Jim Nichol
- Don and Jeanne Pearson
- Grace Peterson
- Janet Roberts
- Kurt Rosenfeld
- Paul Schettler
- Mary Schmitt
- Ed Schneider
- Wayne Slagle
- John Sloan
- Dixon Smith
- Orson Spencer descendants
- Charles Springer descendants
- Rob Thompson
- Guy Toombs (relatives or descendants?)
- Max Townsend
- Jack White descendants
- Ron Weber
- Jack Wolfe descendants
- June Whitehead descendants
- June Wickham descendants
- Howard Wilkerson
- Marge Yerbury



2025 WMC Board Election Candidate List

The next annual election of the Wasatch Mountain Club Board of Directors will occur at the membership meeting in February 2025. 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 2025 Nominating Committee members are Paula McFarland, Dave Rabiger, and Jennifer Dearing. 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 nominations@wasatchmountainclub.org or by phone at 801-463-9842. Your information will be promptly forwarded to the Committee.

New candidates and vacant positions are highlighted.

President	Mark Maier
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Congratulations!

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



Sue Baker Frank Bouchard Mac Brubaker Mike Budig Vince Desimone Steve Duncan	Paul Gettings Kurt Hiland Akiko Kamimura Tonya Karren Julie Kilgore Jim Kucera	Mark Maier Bret Mathews Paula McFarland Christine Pilgram Kerry Regan Robert Turner	Sharon Vinick Kathleen Waller Joel Winter Brad Yates Irene Yuen
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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 and organize or co-organize!



Report on the Mountain Trails Foundation

by Craig Williams, WMC Biking Director

Hey Wasatch Mountain Club! There is a wonderful organization based in Park City called the Mountain Trails Foundation (MTF). Knowing more about the MTF will benefit the WMC and all active, outdoor, recreation-oriented people. The WMC and the MTF have the same objectives in the utilization, appreciation, and preservation of outdoor spaces. The pictures and information included with this report are taken from the MTF Facebook page. They give us an idea of the incredible service MTF provides regarding winter trail maintenance. MTF uses a snowcat to groom trails for skate and classic Nordic skiers. A snowmobile is used to groom single track for fat tire bikers and snowshoers. As you can tell from the pictures below, MTF staff get up at super dark-thirty AM to groom about 50km of trails in Round Valley up in Park City, fat bike single track and snowshoe trails in Wasatch County in the Jordanelle Ridge Trail System, as well as trails at Wasatch State Park. Besides their Facebook page, there are two websites: **www.mountaintrails.org** and **www.wasatchtrails.org**. In addition to updated trail reports, they also offer helpful outdoor recreation 'Rules of the Road' which define best practices in outdoor and trail etiquette.

Here's a recent excerpt from the Facebook page: *"This is your grooming report for Jan. 5th 2025. It is currently 9:50am and it's 23°F at Quinn's area. Round Valley got most of a full groom this morning with the exception of upper quarry rd, middle earth, the Hwy 40 side of Barrel Roll, and the lower section of yellow brick rd along the fence line. Hanscom's got a grooming lap, however be aware of some thin spots on barrel roll going up. The single track did not get a groomed this morning, but should still be in good condition from the laps put in over the last few days ..."*



My Mountaineering Odyssey

By Carol Masheter

Wasatch Mountain Club member Carol Masheter, Ph.D., is a late bloomer. She started high altitude mountaineering at age 50, after her life fell apart. She says, "I was broken. In the mountains, I must face my fears and manage them. Mountaineering gave me new focus, a sense of exhilaration, and yet humility and inner peace. Mountaineering saved my life."

In 1997, Carol went to the Bolivian Andes and learned mountaineering skills including crampon technique (flat foot, duck foot, cross-over step, front pointing), how to climb with ice tools, how to be a responsible rope team member, and what to do if she or another rope team member fell into a crevasse. From 1997 to 1999, she summited several Bolivian glaciated peaks (Eslovenia, Piramida Blanca (twice), Pecanyo Alpamayo (twice), Huanya Potosi, Illimani, Janko Uyu, Culim Thoj). In 2002, she began a new profession as an epidemiologist for Utah Department of Health to pay for her expensive new passion high altitude mountaineering. In 2003 and 2004, she summited Ecuador's three highest peaks, Cayambi, Cotopaxi (twice) and Chimborazo. Carol wanted one last big climb, a Himalayan peak. In 2005, she summited Cho Oyu, the world's sixth highest peak, at age 58 years 11 months and 15 days.

After Cho Oyu, people asked Carol whether she wanted to climb Everest. She replied, "No. From what I have read and seen, there are too many people with too much money, oversized egos and not enough fitness or appropriate skills attempting Everest. They put others at unnecessary risk, especially Sherpas, many of whom climb because they need the money, not because they love mountaineering. I don't want any part of that circus."

However, after one of the four climbers with whom she summited Cho Oyu also summited Everest, Carol thought, "If they can do it, perhaps I can. I won't know, unless I try." As "warm up" climbs, she summited Aconcagua, the highest peak in South America, and Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa. After many



On the summit of Everest, May 24, 2008, 6:45 AM local time. Photo by Tendi Sherpa, her climbing partner, who later died in an avalanche on Mt. Himlung, Nepal, in the fall of 2013



challenges, Carol summited Everest in 2008 and survived a blind descent from the South Summit to the highest Camp at 26,000 feet. When she returned home, an ABC4 reporter asked, "What's next?" Carol mumbled something about finishing the Seven Summits, the highest peak in each continent, more to have something interesting to say than from real commitment.

After regaining lost muscle mass and replenishing her financial resources, Carol wanted to climb more mountains, so why not finish the Seven Summits: Denali in Alaska, Elbrus in Russia, Vinson Massif in Antarctica and Kosciuszko in Australia? Because the mountaineering community does not agree on what constitutes a continent and its highest peak, Carol also summited Carstensz



Nearing the summit of Carstensz Pyramid, July 11, 2012. Photo by Pal Tande, fellow climber

Pyramid (also known as the Eighth Summit) and Mont Blanc, the highest peak in the Alps, so no one could say she did the "wrong" list. Since 2012, Carol has held the record for being the oldest woman in the world to summit the Carstensz Pyramid list. After seven years, the Guinness Book of Records finally acknowledged her achievement in their 2019 edition. Carol is also the only woman known to summit all nine peaks while in her 60s.

Though Carol has been saying, "one more high mountain" for the past 20 years, high places keep calling her. Since 2013, she has summited Island Peak and Lobuche in Nepal, Meru and Kilimanjaro (second time) in Tanzania, Hvannadalshnjuker (Iceland's highest peak) with five Wasatch Mountain Club friends, Mongolia's highest peak Khuiten and second highest peak Nairamdal, Diablo Mudo in Peru, Fuya-Fuya, Imbabura, Cayambe (second time) and Cotopaxi (third time) in Ecuador.



Using a Tyrolean traverse to cross a 100 foot deep 60 foot wide gap in the summit ridge near the summit of Carstensz Pyramid, "The Eighth" of the Seven Summits. Photo by Dan Zokaites, expedition leader

In October 2022, Carol attempted Mera Peak in Nepal but turned back at 20,000 feet due to 60+ mph cross winds and pneumonia that collapsed part of her left lung. After a slow and uncertain recovery, summiting Pico de Orizaba (18,491 feet) in Mexico, which is the highest volcano and third highest peak in North America, on December 31, 2024, marked her return to mountaineering. *That* was to be Carol's last big peak. However, she has been invited to join a Wasatch Mountain Club group to hike and climb in Bolivia in May and June 2025 for a few more "last" peaks. Her mountaineering odyssey continues.

During her 34 years as a WMC member, Carol has organized several Club activities: a yurt trip in the Tetons for several days of backcountry skiing, a trip to climb Iceland's highest peak and day hikes up local favorites including Mt. Olympus, Gobblers Knob, the Pfeifferhorn, Timpanogos, West Grandeur, and Pilot Peak near the Nevada border. Carol has participated in some of the Club's demanding classics, such as the Beatout, Wildcat Ridge, the Nebo Ridge and the Triple Traverse. Carol has served as an instructor for avalanche beacon use and as a first responder when fellow participants have been injured on Club activities. Other Club members have taught her rock climbing, basic mountaineering, and free-heel backcountry skiing, for which she is grateful. She has coached several people interested in climbing Everest and other peaks she has summited. They all succeeded.



Carol has written two books, "No Magic Helicopter: An Aging Amazon's Climb of Everest" and "Brightest of Silver Linings: Climbing Carstensz Pyramid in Papua at Age 65". Each book describes her decision to climb a particular mountain, how she prepared, what the climb was like, the challenges and joys she experienced and powerful life lessons she learned. Carol is working on a third book about climbing the Seven Summits in her 60s. She also gives presentations about her climbing experiences to inspire others to achieve more than they think they can.

Carol (in red) and her guide, Alfonso (Poncho) Martinez, on the summit of Pico de Orizaba (18,491 feet elevation), Mexico, the highest volcano and third highest peak in North America, on New Years Eve day, 2024, at about 10:30 AM after 10 hours of climbing. See page 24 for the full trip report.



WMC Participates at the First Annual Central Wasatch Symposium

by Dennis Goreham, WMC Conservation Director

The Central Wasatch Commission sponsored a conference focused on issues facing the Wasatch on January 9 and 10 at Millcreek City Hall. The Symposium spotlighted the four interdependent systems of economy, environment, recreation, and transportation in the Central Wasatch. These systems were defined during the Mountain Accord process that members of the WMC were very involved with.

The two-day event offered a wide range of speakers and exhibits, all focused on the Central Wasatch Mountains. Terry Tempest Williams provided the keynote address. She spoke about the connection between the Wasatch Mountains and the Great Salt Lake and her love for our mountains and the threats facing them. Of these mountains, she said, “they are not a commodity, they are our home.”

Other presenters included Ralph Becker, former Salt Lake City mayor and legislator, who spoke about the need for the Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Act. Passing this legislation will give us certainty for what will happen in the Wasatch and provide a framework for building consensus in solving problems and managing these lands.

A variety of break-out sessions addressed threats to our water, transportation in the canyons, our climbing legacy, backcountry skiing concerns and avalanche forecasting, history of wilderness in Utah, Forest Service Management Plan and the NEPA processes, wildfire mitigation, and other issues concerning our mountains.

Symposium attendees also heard from a panel of mayors and city officials discussing the opportunities and challenges of the Central Wasatch Mountains. Alta mayor Roger Bourke said we can't just keep packing more people into the canyons, we must find ways to limit growth.

There was also a panel where managers of the four ski resorts in the canyons talked about issues they are facing. Dave Fields of Snowbird talked about challenges caused by climate change and problems such as dust and quality of the snow due to the shrinking Great Salt Lake.

Lindsey Nielson, the Executive Director of the Central Wasatch Commission and her staff and volunteers put on a remarkable event.

The WMC had a table at the event that provided us an opportunity to meet many new people, answer questions, and hand out copies of the Rambler and other materials.



Wasatch Mountain Lodge Transformed Into Brighton Resort Holiday House

Report and photos by Brad Yates

Brighton Resort turned the old Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge into the Brighton Holiday House for five days before Christmas as a free public event. Hopefully they will do more of them in the future. On December 23rd I skied up to Dog Lake and a bit beyond then skied down to the Lodge. I was able to share a few stories of the Lodge's history with folks and employees on hand and got my photo with Santa!



Activity Reports

Wolf Creek Pass Ski Tour - Dec. 8, 2024

Organized by Kathleen Waller, report, and photos by Brad Yates

Upon arrival at Wolf Creek Pass in the Uintas, we noticed the scant snow coverage and much of the forest burnt from the Yellow Fire that had raged in late September and much of October. We skinned to the top of the knoll west of Wolf Creek Pass and the campground, found a ski line that looked like it might go, got a few good turns and hit a few bad rocks! We finished that line in the completely burnt forest but what was above us looked rather intriguing, so up we went for another run! A few good turns, some scratchy crust, a few more rocks, then some fun powder. We did a few more runs, found some fun powder, more rocks and burnt down timber to ski over. I must say it was a rather surreal experience skiing though the contrasting black and white landscape. Participants: Kathleen Waller and her fun loving canine companion Cora, Michael Courdreant, Eric and Katie List, Andrew Jarvis, Vickie Turner, Cheryl Krusko, and myself Brad Yates.

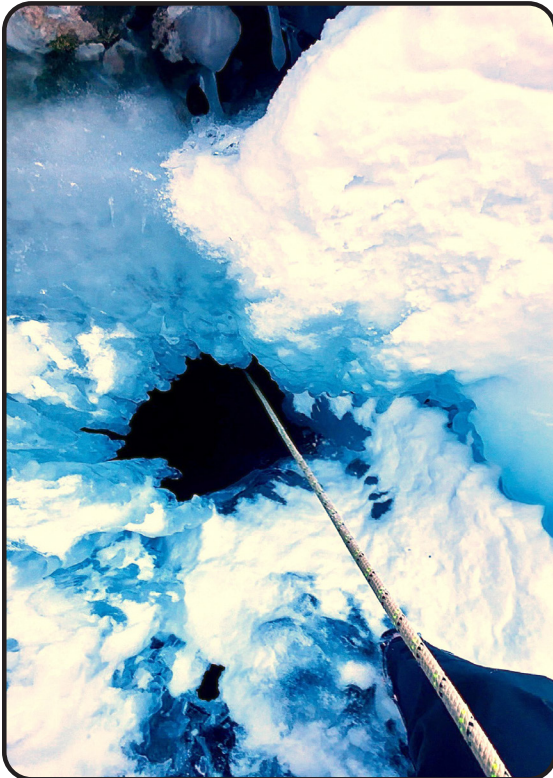
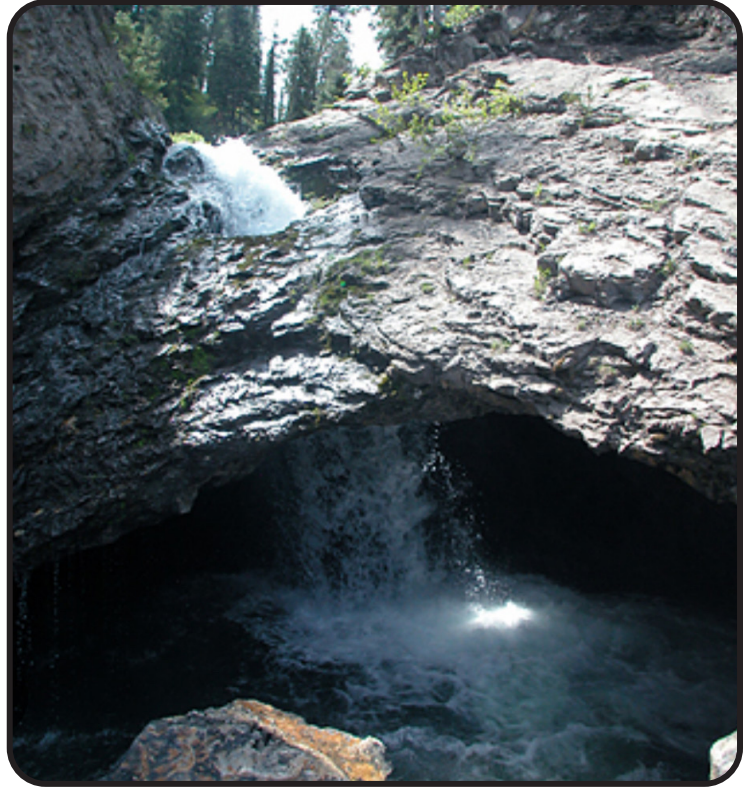


Donut Falls Canyoneering - Dec. 7, 2024

Organized, report and photos by Tonya Karren

When Joe Adamson made the invite to go rappel Donut Falls in Big Cottonwood Canyon, during freezing temperatures, I thought he was nuts! Why risk getting wet and possibly turning hypothermic in conditions like that, I thought to myself. But I knew him to be a skilled and competent canyoneer, from canyons we had done together before, so I figured he knew best how to get it done safely. And the more I thought about rappelling down through that donut hole into the cave, the more enticing it became. So I joined in on his crazy adventure and boy am I glad I did, because we had a blast!

Joe, Brandy Pauff, Ami White and I (Tonya Karren) met up at the trailhead near the meadow, to hike



up the snow covered trail to the falls together. It was beautiful in the woods that day, with white frosted trees and sun glittering off the hillsides covered in hoarfrost! Looked like millions of sparkling diamonds embedded in the snow. The view alone was worth the trip. We spike hiked our way up the winding trail through the trees, crossed over the stream on a couple of fallen logs that were suspended between the riverbanks and continued up trail to our destination. Once there, we used fixed hand lines to descend the icy slope to the riverbed at the base of the falls. Much of the surface of the falls was frozen over in a cascade of sparkling ice. We could see and hear water flowing beneath us, as we scrambled up the slippery mountainside. We stopped at the cave entrance, midway up and ducked inside to inspect the route of our planned rappel. It felt like a walk in refrigerator in there. We





discovered that the larger donut hole in the ceiling of the cave was mostly frozen over with thick ice, from the constant spray of falling water, but was not completely sealed shut. There was still a small gap in the ice just big enough for a small human to wriggle down through. So our plan was a go and we put on our waterproof layers and harnessed up. I stayed at the cave to belay the first person down. Joe resumed climbing the mountainside, using his ice pick and spikes, rigged a rappel from a tree above the falls and tossed the belay end of the rope down through the hole in the roof of the cave, for me to grab. Joe was first to rappel. I couldn't hear him coming from inside the cave, over the din of the waterfall crashing against the cave floor, but I could feel the tension on the line, when he weighted it. Drifts of powdery snow started shooting through the gap in the ice, as he got nearer. I saw feet poke through first,

like a breech birth and then the rest of him slipped through the hole quickly, into the flow of the waterfall. He yelped as his feet hit the freezing water pooling below on the cave floor and high-stepped it to the other side of the cave, where the ground was higher and dryer. It was pretty entertaining! Brandy and Ami were next and we all took turns ascending to the anchor tree, with the help of a hand line and then rappelling back down through the donut hole into the cave, until it was time to head back down trail. We all left with huge smiles on our faces, after such a fun adventure with awesome friends!



Alta Ski Touring - Dec. 19, 2024

Organized & report by Katherine Thom

The sun was shining brightly and it had not reached maximum inversion warmth, so the snow quality was very manageable. Frank, Eli and I skinned up the summer road. We would have taken the shortcuts on the long corners, but they were steep and not yet well developed. Grooming had only occurred on the road itself. We used shortcuts up to the third layer of summer road and had some rocks to navigate around, but it was still pretty easy. Unfortunately, we were too far south and had to backtrack on the summer road towards the Grizzly Gulch approach. After a quick snack we got to experience the gnarly skinny section going east



around the gulch. There wasn't much room in there for up or down but at least the snow was still nice. Once on the plateau, we followed some groups and enjoyed warming back up in the sunshine to the final destination, Twin Lakes Pass. After we transitioned, we agreed to go very slow and keep an eye on each other. That was the understatement of the day because if you wanted to avoid rocks, the only speed was slow. After regrouping at the mouth of the gulch, we got to see how truly narrow the approach path was. It was an exercise in very controlled side slipping around mogul bushes with some snowplow turns for good measure. Once we were back out in the sunshine on the west-facing slope, it opened up and we had some soft, slightly-mushy turns. From there we were sick of dodging rocks, so we took the easy groomed summer road the whole way back. It was a great day out and we look forward to heading out again once more snow arrives.

Participants: Kathleene Thom, Eli Vallejo, Frank Ryburn



Mixed Climbing Training for Mountaineering - Dec. 21, 2024

Organized by Akiko Kamimura, report and photos by Maegan Dillman and Akiko Kamimura

The instructors from the School for International Expedition Training (SIET) Josh, Nate and Damian – gave us wonderful training on mixed climbing for mountaineering. Due to the dry conditions, it was dry tooling. But the skills that we learned are very useful for mixed climbing.

Group 1 (instructor – Josh, climbers – Andrew, Dallin, Eric, Lawrence & Akiko) and Group 3 (instructor – Damian, climbers – Amy, Chase, Derek, Jay, Jessica & John) practiced near Ledgemere Picnic Area. Group 1 focused on practice for climbing 6,000+m peaks in Bolivia. Group 1 climbers discussed and practiced techniques that would be used in Bolivia. Group 3 learned basics of mixed climbing and dry tooling. Group 3 instructor, Damian, guided in Bolivia for 10 years and gave Group 1 climbers very helpful tips for climbing in Bolivia.

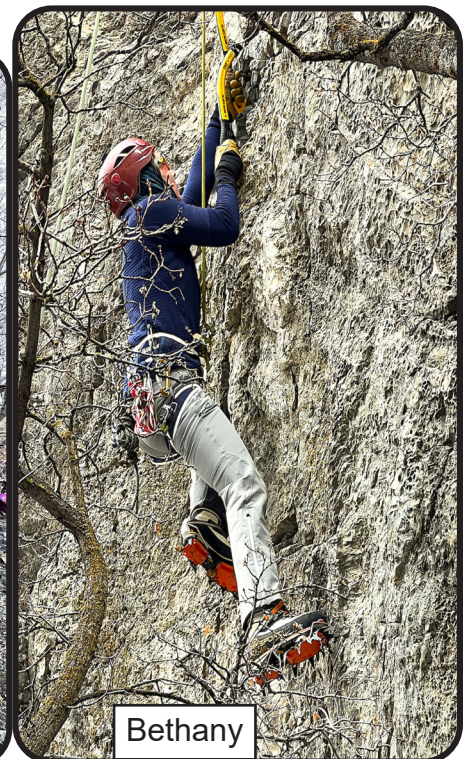
Group 2 (instructor – Nate, climbers – Bethany, Brandy, Garrett & Maegan) drove to the climbing area called the Scrap Yard and hiked to the rocks. After putting on helmets, the climbers began a discussion on the ice tools. They had a bouldering demonstration and practiced getting out tools on the rock. Then, they put on crampons while Nate set up a top rope. After a talk about appropriately fitting crampons to our boots, belaying and expectations, they then went over dry tooling techniques and attempted the first climb. After a bit, Nate set up another top rope in an area with a different climbing style - where it was easier to use one tool or none. Once tired out from climbing, they switched to a review on different repel types and why they might be used.



Dallin & Eric



Brandi & Garret



Bethany



Beaver Dam Mountains Trail Running, Rock Climbing, Caving and Biking - Dec. 20-23, 2024

Organized, report and photos by Frank Bouchard

Over the weekend we had an amazing trail running, rock climbing, caving, and biking adventure in the Beaver Dam mountains. As is usual for this time of year, temperatures in the Wasatch and northern Utah have dropped and snow has accumulated, making many of our favorite activities like camping, climbing, and trail running more challenging. But there is a part of Utah where you can do these things and more all through the winter. The Beaver Dam range, just east of St. George, is the lowest elevation mountain range and hence the warmest place in the state. Day time temperatures made it up to 72 degrees and there was no snow in sight.

On Friday, three of us did a long run/bike ride and some hiking in the Beaver Dam wash area, covering about 12 miles of desert landscape packed with zany-looking Joshua trees. We camped next to Kelly's Rock climbing crag and a few others arrived that night.



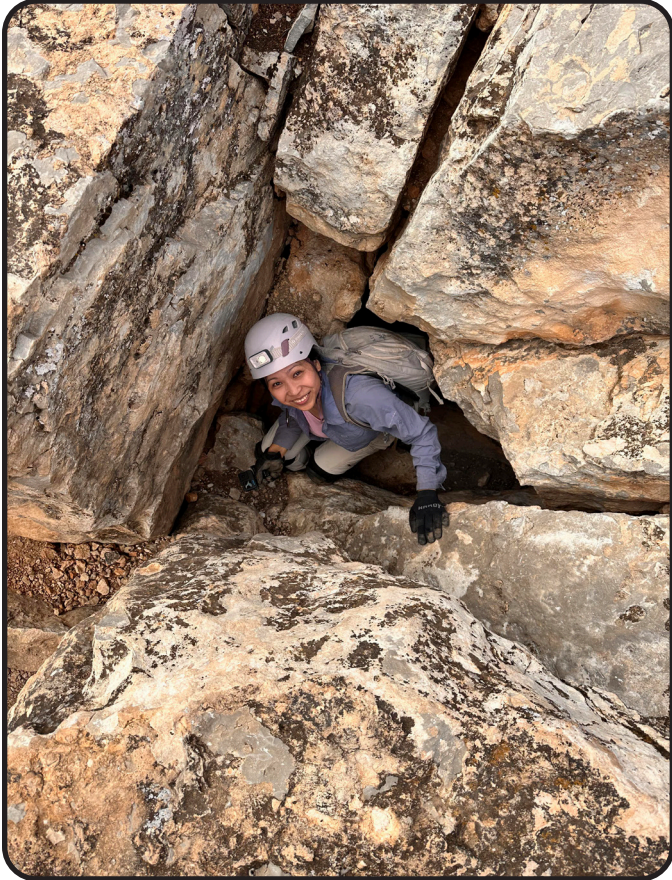
On Saturday, we headed to Bloomington Cave, a good introduction to spelunking. The BLM issues permits to go in self-guided and spend as much time as you want exploring the many subterranean passages. On the first day, our group of six completed the easiest of the routes which is a loop that took about 3 hours. There are a few tight spots and tricky climbs, but it's easy

to navigate. After that we returned to camp and did a little bit of climbing at Kelly's Rock. Then we settled in for a campfire and dinner.

On Sunday, half the group chose to do another long run while the other half wanted to tackle a more challenging section of the cave. While the runners completed a 15-mile loop on dirt roads, the cavers made it to the more advanced passage known as the Outer Limits. This involved an 80-foot rappel within the cave, lots of tight, awkward squeezes, and exciting climbs.

We all met back in the parking lot, ate a late lunch and drove back to Salt Lake.





Mount Olympus Winter Ascent - Dec. 21, 2024

Organized and report by Julie Kilgore, Photos by Ray Durelle

The inversion was setting in, as it often does in December, but it didn't take long for the group to get above it, and it was a beautiful hike the rest of the way. The trail was dry all the way to the stream crossing and if one was careful, much of the snow and ice could be managed without spikes up Blister Hill. Microspikes were definitely needed from there on up to the saddle, though there was still a lot more rock and dirt than usual for late December. All these years of hiking up that trail, and it was a surprise when Jim pointed out the trail markers posted by Dale Green back in the 1960s! Half of the group had planned to go just to the saddle, which is a good haul on its own, and where we would have all stopped if there were snow and ice in the chute to the summit. But we had been getting reports from the hikers coming down that conditions were great above the saddle, so the rest of the group headed for the summit. There was no snow or ice in the chute at the critical spots, so it was a pleasant push to the top. It was a great day to be on the mountain. Congratulations to Rahul for his first Mount O summit (the hike was posted at his request), and he tackled it in the winter!



Dale Green Trail marker



Ed's Peak Snowshoeing - Dec 22, 2024

Organized, report and photos by Akiko Kamimura

Ed's Peak in Kaysville is known for the Dec 18, 1977 plane crash and is a wonderful snowshoe destination. For Travis and Robert, it was the first time to go to the peak. Due to the low snowpack of this winter, the snow was only deep enough for snowshoeing at the last part to the summit. We saw the debris from the plane crash that occurred 47 years ago near the summit. It was mostly cloudy and warm. We had a long lunch break at the summit and went back the same way. We were above the inversion and did not see any other people. Despite being very close to the city, it is a great place to enjoy wilderness.



Ed putting on snowshoes. Travis & Robert decided not to use snowshoes



Summit photo: From left - Akiko, Travis, Ed, and Robert



Mexico Expedition - Pico de Orizaba, La Malinche and Sierra Negra - Dec. 26 2024 - Jan. 2, 2025

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura. Photos by Andrew Monks, Gil McBrien, and Akiko Kamimura

Our primary purpose was climbing Pico De Orizaba (18,491 ft), the 3rd highest peak in North American and the highest peak in Mexico. Besides climbing, we enjoyed hiking, sightseeing, and a New Year's Eve party. We had six participants – Andrew, Carol, Gil, Jimmy, Kevin and Akiko.

Dec 26: SLC – Mexico City: Arrived at Mexico City and stayed at an airport hotel.

Dec 27: Pyramids - Malintzi: We stopped by the Teotihuacan pyramids on the way to RESORT IMSS Malintzi.

Dec 28: La Malinche (14,569 ft): We hiked to La Malinche – the 6th highest peak in Mexico – for acclimatization. We started at 3 am so we could be checked-out of our hotel by 11 am. There were lots of other hikers although we started very early. On the way down, many more hikers were coming up. Very popular mountain. Out of 6 hikers in our group, Carol and Gil decided not to continue to the summit. Andrew, Jimmy, Kevin and Akiko made the summit but not at the same time – no group photo at the summit. After the hike, breakfast, and check-out, we went to the hostel in San Miguel Zoapan.

Dec 29: Basecamp for Pico De Orizaba: We went to the base camp for Pico De

Orizaba and stayed in tents. Our original plan was to do a summit push on Dec 31., but changed it to Dec 30. Carol decided to follow the original schedule so she would have one more day to prepare.



Pico de Orizaba from our hostel window

Dec 30: Pico De Orizaba summit!: Alpine start! Nice weather – sunny and light wind. It was very cold on the glacier. The glacier was in good conditions (not icy). Jimmy, who is very fast and started at a later time by himself, had not

yet reached the summit when we took summit photos. Andrew, Gil, Kevin and Akiko took summit photos together. On the way back to the base camp, we saw





Pico de Orizaba Summit photo
Kevin, Akiko, Andrew & Gill

Jimmy still climbing up on the glacier and Carol preparing for a summit day with her guide. We went back to the base camp and the hostel in San Miguel Zoapan.

Dec 31: New Year's Eve Party: Rest day for those who made the summit of Pico De Orizaba on Dec 30. Summit day for Carol. Jimmy and Kevin went to a nearby town Tlachichuca for sightseeing. Andrew, Gil and Akiko waited to hear from Carol at the hostel.

Carol Masheter became the oldest woman who made the summit of Pico De Orizaba at age 78 on December 31, 2024 with her guide, Alfonso Martinez "Poncho." The former record was age 75 made by an American climber on March 2, 2024. There was a New Year's Eve Party at the hostel in the evening. Fireworks, live music and special dinner. Carol came back to the hostel right before the party started.



Jan 1: Sierra Negra (15,026 ft) We hiked to Sierra Negra – the 5th highest peak in Mexico.

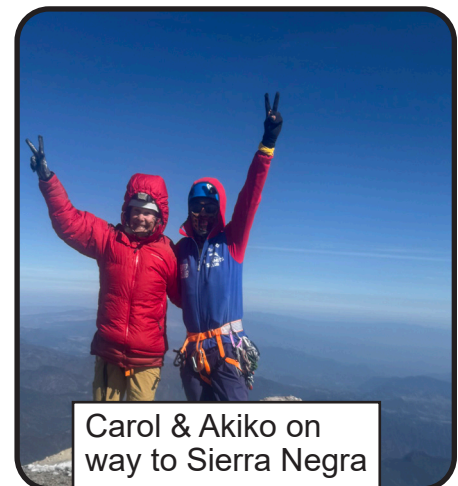
It's a short but steep hike. There were lots of other hikers, including a group of US guides as well as local hikers celebrating New Year on the mountain.



Group photo at Sierra Negra: Carol, Jimmy, Akiko, Gill, Kevin & Andrew

Jan 2: San Miguel Zoapan – MEX – SLC: We had a great time in Mexico. All of us made the summit of Pico De Orizaba and were in good health. Carol broke the world record of the oldest woman who made the

summit of Pico De Orizaba. Very happy ending to this trip and the beginning for the next adventure.



Carol & Akiko on way to Sierra Negra



Enniss Peak Snowshoeing - Jan. 1, 2024

Organized and reports by Michael Hannon

New Year's Day 2025. A strong team showed grit and determination in reaching the frosted windy summit of Enniss Peak, more or less the halfway point to Lone Peak. Participants included Don Tillman, Kurt Hiland, Jim Kucera, Lubka Skumatova, Sally Aerts, Hong Duong and Lana Christiansen.

With an early start at 7:45 (early considering the date!) we clomped onto the summit boulders after 5+11 of dedicated hiking. The Peak View TH, empty before our group arrived, provided a pleasant if not attention-grabbing 24-degree start. Wearing micro-spikes for the first 1,200' of elevation gain we navigated a mixture of frozen brittle snow and numerous drifted sections under overcast skies. Views of Box Elder Peak, Timp and the eye-popping chain of the southern Wasatch peaks reminded us of an Ansel Adams photograph straight out of one of those large coffee table picture books.

At the wilderness sign (7,000') it was time for snowshoes. The trail beyond the sign had been snowshoed the day prior by David Kolbo but only to an elevation of 7,800'. At the sign, as we were swapping out footwear, two frustrated trail runners came down the trail to report that they had abandoned their attempt to bag Enniss when knee-deep post-holing became the norm! Why had they even attempted this without snowshoes? It's anybody's guess.

So up we went, the post holes more a hinderance than a help. At about 8,400' we were suddenly beyond the cavernous postholes and indulging in pure trail breaking. At 8,650' the southwest wind picked up with a rudeness that only reminded us how capricious Mother Nature insists on being. After taking a short break there - only our second one of the morning - we resumed, taking a track straight up the ridge leading to Enniss Pass rather than following the summer switchbacks which would have positioned us under a threatening slope.

The summit push was a 50-minute ordeal in 10-15 mph winds which brought the wind chill down into the teens. An ordinary group might have become discouraged and thrown in the towel but not this one. Each member seemed to become stronger, ever more eager to gain the summit boulders which looked strangely like a towering batch of dinner rolls which had been covered in white icing like the kind featured on wedding cakes.

Trees and boulders were a fantasy land of rime ice, blown snow and frosted filigree. The summit's north side provided welcome shelter from the wind and we took advantage of the respite to eat, drink and prepare for the 3-hour descent and return. Snow had been forecast for the later afternoon but we were blessed with dry conditions all the way back to the parking lot. Our elapsed time for the successful adventure was less than 9 hours, respectable considering the gear changes and trail requirements.





Little Water Peak Snowshoeing - Dec. 29, 2024

Organized, report and photos by Frank Bouchard

Jim led a couple of us snowshoers to the top of Little Water Peak (9,602') on Sunday. We got a lucky break in the weather, which had been raining and snowing most of the weekend. Some of the route was tracked out by snowshoers and skiers, but we eventually had to break our own trail, sometimes sinking to our thighs. The summit was cold and windy so we snapped our picture and moved on. We descended down the other side which took us through a beautiful aspen forest. The whole loop was 8 miles.



Solitude Resort Skiing - Jan. 7, 2025

Organized, report and photos by Katherine Thom

I have talked to a few club members with Ikon passes who were looking for folks with which to ski, so I thought I'd put a trip together. We met at Moonbeam Lodge in the morning and took one or two laps on each of the lifts that were open except for Powderhorn. It was cold and the sun was shining, making for wonderful conditions for fast laps and a few soft snow patches. We eventually made our way over to Sunrise, which had the best snow by far and a few interesting spots in the trees to take a soft powder turn or two. We stopped at Last Chance Lodge for lunch, as planned, and ran into John Martin who was also out enjoying the sunshine and smooth conditions. Sandra and I had never skied together before so it was nice to get to know each other and talk about some of our common interests in adventurous traveling.



Jordan Ridge Trail Snow Biking - Jan. 11, 2025

Organized, report and photos by Kathleen Waller

We rode on the east side of the Coyote trails from the Cutthroat trailhead. There are ride options from 3 to 12 miles and we rode a few miles on bikes with 4" tires and low psi. The awesome trail dog Lulu joined us and made some doggy friends along the way. Kathleen went down on one turn but found the crash to be pleasant landing in the soft powder. These trails are maintained by the Wasatch Trail Foundation and conditions are frequently reported on their social media pages. We sent them a few dollars via Venmo to contribute to the winter grooming.



Snowshoe Christmas Tree Farm - Jan. 11, 2025

Organized, report and photos by Akiko Kamimurar

When we left Holbrook Trail Parking Lot in Bountiful, we did not believe we would make the original destination (Point 8399) due to snowy weather. Also, we didn't know where our destination was! After hiking on the Holbrook Creek Trail about a half mile, we met two local hikers coming down. We had a long enjoyable conversation with them. Based on their recommendation, we decided to go to an area called Christmas Tree Farm. We turned onto the Bonneville Shoreline Trail from the Holbrook Creek Trail. The Bonneville Shoreline Trail met the trail that leads toward Christmas Tree Farm. The forests in the area were very beautiful. Snow conditions were great for snowshoeing. It was snowing during the entire time. But it made the scenery more beautiful and conditions even better.



Ed, Travis, Ron & Akiko



Alpine Ski Tour - Slate Canyon - Jan 12, 2025

Organized, report and photos by Kathleen Waller

The group met at Kamas Food Town to carpool into the Uintas. We drove to the Yellow Pine parking lot on Mirror Lake Highway. It was a perfect temperature with beautiful skies. We did a departure check including: gear, plans, communication, and transceiver check. Gear includes avalanche equipment (beacon, shovel, probe), personal gear (food, layers, etc.), and group gear (first aid, navigation, etc.). Plans and communication includes discussion of the UAC forecast, sharing of flight plan, discussion of radios and satellite devices, meeting locations, etc. The UAC forecast was low (green) below treeline where we would be skiing, moderate (yellow) near treeline, and considerable (orange) on north to SE aspects above treeline. We used the DBEST model to do our transceiver check. All participants were asked to confirm that they could read the displays (D) on their beacons and call out their battery (B) percent. The person with the lowest battery kindly bought the group a wonderful plate of nachos after the tour. We all checked that other electronics (E) were all more than 10 inches from our beacons (phones, radios, dog e-collar controllers, etc.). All but one person went into search (S) mode and moved to get dynamic readings of the one transmitting beacon. Then all but one person went into transmit (T) mode and the one person dynamically read out the distances for each transmitting beacon before switching back to transmit.

From the parking lot, we skinned about 1.5 miles on the Slate Creek MTB trail with about 700 feet of elevation gain. The group stayed close together with skiers familiar with the area taking the lead (Kathleen) and sweep positions (Neil) and keeping the rest of the group in between. We got to know each other better as we talked about our first experiences in the backcountry and any unique items we each carried in our packs. The last quarter of a mile took us through an area with steep slopes above and below. We spread out and made sure no one stopped in this area. The group gathered at the bottom of a small pillow gully and discussed where best to dig a pit. We decided that further up the gully would give us an analysis similar to what we would ski. Greg and Cheryl set a skin track up lookers left of the gully. With a group of seven people, we chose to dig two pits so all would get a chance to participate. Both pits were dug to the ground and depth was about one foot over the length of a full shovel. All got a chance to poke the layers with fingers and fists. We found a PWL of faceted snow at the ground. This layer was about half as tall and slightly more compact as it was one week ago. We cut columns with rope saws and tapped our columns. Neither column released. Both pits were filled back in. We continued skinning up out of the gully and along a short ridge until scrub oak and aspens became dense. Kathleen and Cora were the first to drop. The group spread out appropriately and all knew the meeting location where the MTB trail crossed the bottom of the gully. Cora was exhausted from her dog paws punching through the soft snow and was not up for another lap. Most of the group got three laps. Between laps, Kathleen set up a beacon burial drill using a spare beacon brought by Neil. As the group gathered back at



the meeting spot, Kathleen announced a beacon drill and asked the group to react as if a person was buried in the area after an avalanche. The group reacted very quickly. One person reacted by simulating the effort to get out an emergency alert. A quick eye scan of the terrain was conducted and all beacons were switched to search mode. Numbers were yelled as the group converged on the buried beacon. While the closest person did a fine search, others prepared their shovels and probes. The beacon was found quickly and the group made sure everyone understood how to conduct the fine search. Congrats to Jess for having the buried beacon in hand in under three minutes. Kathleen rewarded Jess with a beverage after the tour.

Food and drink were enjoyed at the Notch Pub in Samak. The group debriefed at the restaurant by discussing our choices and anything we should have done differently. This tour was a success because everyone was within their physical and sense of safety comfort zones. This tour was a success because we had a lot of fun while discussing and practicing safe behavior.

Participants included Greg C, Lub K, Neil S, Kathleen W, Maegan D, Jess O, Cheryl K, and Cora the dog.



Summit Park Peak Snowshoeing - Jan. 14, 2025

Organized, report and photos by Vince Desimone

I was joined by Ellen Sherk, Dea Nelson, Al Berzinis, Greg Lott, Jim Kucera, Renea, and Neil Olson. We started at the Short Stack trail, climbing 1300 feet and going 4 miles round trip. At the summit, we observed several moose. Conditions were great on the untracked snow, allowing us to plunge our way back down.



Photo by Ellen Sherk



Looking NE from Summit Park Peak. Photo by Dea Nelson



Thank You December Activity Organizers!

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

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Kathleen Waller
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Kurt Hiland
Mac Brubaker
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Randall Mawhinnie
Ray Daurelle
Sharon Vinick
Tony Calderone
Vince DeSimone

PLEASE HELP: Red Cross Blood Drive - Feb. 11, 2025

by Tony Hellman, WMC Blood Drive Coordinator

On January 9th, the Red Cross reached out to the WMC to help with an urgent need for blood drives. As a Red Cross Partner, our members will receive a \$15 gift card for helping out.

As the wildfires continue to burn and affect air quality, the number of Red Cross blood drive cancellations has grown, impacting 5,500+ units of lifesaving blood donations. Plus, dangerous snow and ice conditions in other parts of the country have resulted in lost donations. Donors of all blood types — particularly type O negative blood donors and those giving platelets — are needed to help save lives. Where it is safe to do so, we encourage people to schedule a blood donation appointment or help organize a Blood Drive using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org), or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Our last blood drive in December resulted in 30 pints donated with at least 10 donors giving platelets. In 2024, the WMC was recognized by the Red Cross as an esteemed Partner in support. Since the WMC Centennial, the Club drives have donated close to 800 pints! WMC members are the best!

Use the Sponsor Code "Gratitude" when using the Red Cross website to find our event. Here's to a happy, safe, and rewarding 2025 for everyone. Remember, your donation will count towards your 100 Activity Jacket.



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 Sat	<p>Snowshoe/Ski (Or Hike) - Location TBA <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe/ski (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. Whether avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is required, not required or optional will be determined based on the location, conditions and weather. Most likely, we will pick the location where avalanche safety gear is optional or not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear if someone wants to practice/use. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, January 31, 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 2 Sun	<p>Snowshoe/Ski - West Uintas – mod+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe/ski in the West Uintas, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location in the West Uintas will be selected when it gets closer to the date. Please bring 10 essentials, micro-spikes, and snowshoes or skis. Avalanche safety gear recommended but not required. If this changes, I will send an update to registrants. I have two extra sets of avalanche safety gear. If we have snowstorms on the day, the location will be changed to somewhere closer to SLC/ Park City. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Jan 31, 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 3 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>
Feb 4 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 where 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, his contact info is below. If avalanche gear is recommended it will be included in the email.</p>
Feb 4 Tue	<p>Rock Climb - Evening Momentum Millcreek <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com Evening indoor climbing to get strong for the summer. Top rope or bouldering, depending on what people want to do. I'll be in the top rope or bouldering area, so come find the group and join in.</p>
Feb 5 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>
Feb 5 Wed	<p>Alpine Ski Resort- Snowbird – mod – 13.0 mi Out & Back – 12000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Snowbird Center, 3rd level, Plaza Deck front of Christy Sport <i>Organizer:</i> Da Yang Wipfel 801-635-6189 dayang007@gmail.com Friendly Social skiing gathering, come prepared and ready to take the lift or tram. Helmet/poles/skis/goggles/lift pass, Ikon pass works. We will ski together, depends on the group, we will decide the terrains, need be comfortable on Snowbird's blue runs. UTA bus is the best option travel to Snowbird Center, 2nd stop at Snowbird, take elevator to 3rd level, we will meet on Plaza Deck front of Christy Sport. I will be in Salmon colored jacket with gray helmet/goggles. Looking forward to ski with you all! We probably ski 2-3 hours depends on the group, very casual & easy... like friends outing!</p>
Feb 5 Wed	<p>Training - Winter Indoor Snow Gear Set Up <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Mark Maier 703-408-6912 maiermw@gmail.com This is part of a series of winter evening indoor ropework workshops focusing on technical skills. They will be indoors in my basement, except for one or two oriented to snow equipment and skills. This one will cover selecting and configuring gear for snow and ice climbing. Required equipment is a pair of boots you plan to use in snow and ice climbing. If you have crampons, ice axes/ tools, an alpine harness and other relevant gear bring it. Cover your sharp points before you come in my house. We'll cover over gear selection, fitting, packing, and maintenance. I'll have some extra gear for people to experiment with. Contact me for time and place, limited to 6 people.</p>
Feb 5 Wed	<p>Trail Running - Mueller Park – mod – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1200' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Mueller Park Trailhead <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com This will be a no drop run, no runner is left behind. All levels of fitness are welcome. Bring a headlamp and microspikes. It's a great run for anyone who is looking for running partners or is new to trail running. Let me know if you want to join this run or others in the future.</p>



Feb 6 Thu	<p>Alpine Ski Resort - Let's Ski Park City <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Dea Nelson 832-679-2146 formidable.ser@gmail.com</p> <p>Adventure Awaits at Park City! Calling all snow chasers and trailblazers! Let's hit the slopes and explore Park City's hidden gem trails like the pros we are (or think we are)! Bring your skis, snowboards, or even that wild spirit for adventure because we're carving out an epic day together! And what's a snow day without hot cocoa and laughs at the lodge? Warm up, sip up, and soak in the cozy vibes with your favorite crew of snow-loving friends. Let's meet before the traffic at the Red Pine Gondola at 9am (Canyons Village) Don't let this powder-perfect adventure slide by-gear up and join us for a day of unknown trails and unforgettable memories. Let's shred! (PS: First one to spill their cocoa owes the group a round.) We will check the weather the day before to make sure that we have all the wear we need for cold or warm weather To ski at a resort, you'll need the following equipment: Skis, bindings, and poles You can rent these at the resort, but it's recommended to bring your own if you ski often. If you do bring your own, make sure your bindings are adjusted to your weight and skill level. Ski boots Well-fitting boots are essential for control and performance. You can try on boots at a rental shop or with a boot fitter. Goggles Good goggles are important for visibility, especially at night or on sunny or white-out days. Helmet and back protector These can help minimize the risk of injury. Gloves or mittens These are important for keeping you warm and comfortable. Mittens are a good option if you get cold easily. Ski socks Made of wool or synthetic material, these should keep your feet dry. Bring at least two pairs per day. Jacket and pants These should be made of insulating material that keeps you warm but doesn't restrict your movement</p>
Feb 6 Thu	<p>Social - Book Club - Salt Lake City 6-7:45pm <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Chase Tharp 801-891-6908 chaser.tharp@gmail.com</p> <p>(No food is allowed at this location) This will be the first meeting of a book club focused on outdoor and adventure stories. Attending this meeting will determine if we try to maintain this group, it will also allow you to vote on the next book!</p> <p>The first book will be <i>Starlight and Storm</i> by Gaston Rebuffat. First published in 1954, this climbing/mountaineering focused book documents climbing 6 of the great north faces of the Alps. It's a quick read, available for order at the local bookstore, King's English. Also available at thriftbooks for a used copy.</p> <p>This meeting is to gauge interest and socialize, not everyone will see this in time to read the book beforehand. Joining will give you priority to the next meeting in March to discuss <i>Starlight and Storm</i>.</p> <p>The location will be sent to those who register, capacity is 15 people.</p>
Feb 6 Thu	<p>Rock Climb - Evening Momentum Millcreek <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com</p> <p>Evening indoor climbing to get strong for the summer. Top rope or bouldering, depending on what people want to do. I'll be in the top rope or bouldering area, so come find the group and join in.</p>
Feb 7 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. *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>
Feb 7 Fri - Feb 9 Sun	<p>Canyoneering-Fire & Ice <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com https://www.meetup.com/wasatch-mountain-club/events/305490379/</p>
Feb 8 Sat	<p>Snowshoe/Ski (Or Hike) - Location TBA <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to snowshoe/ski (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. Whether avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is required, not required or optional will be determined based on the location, conditions and weather. Most likely, we will pick the location where avalanche safety gear is optional or not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear if someone wants to practice/use. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, February 7, 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 9 Sun	<p>Mountaineering - Alpine Ice Workshop <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>This workshop will be for those who want to learn how to break into intermediate to advanced level mountaineering on big mountains that involve steep icy slopes. This is not an ice climbing class. Specifically, this workshop will focus on skills and techniques for alpine ice (an alpine ice route in the rugged glaciated terrain). This is not an ice climbing class. We will have an instructor from the U's Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism. Previous ice climbing and/or snow mountaineering experience required. Topics to be covered: Water ice v. glacier ice, Movement skills on steep ice slope, Basic ice anchors, Rappelling, Route management skills, Gear. 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. In addition, bring the following gear if you have: ice screws, slings, quick draws, alpine draws, V-thread tool, PAS/tether, and single dry ropes. 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 - \$20/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 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 10 Mon	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me. *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>



Feb 10 Mon	<p>Evening Indoor Rock Climbing - The Front – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at The Front Climbing Club (4140 S Main St, Millcreek, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Frank Bouchard 352-246-5304 fabouchard@gmail.com We'll be climbing at the Front's South Main location at 6:30 every Monday. Note that there are two locations. We are at the Millcreek location. Multiple people have gone to the wrong place, don't do that. If you don't know me, look for my bright orange hat and come introduce yourself. We usually meet at 6:30 around the benches on the east side of the first floor. If you come later, we can usually be found on the first floor, but you can also call or text. All levels are welcome. We generally have a group of around 15 people each week including top-rope, lead climb, and bouldering so there's always someone to climb with. Feel free to contact me beforehand and I can let you know what the best option for you is.</p>
Feb 10 Mon	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Workout Hike - Jack's Mountain – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 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.</p>
Feb 11 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 where 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, his contact info is below. If avalanche gear is recommended it will be included in the email.</p>
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Feb 11 Tue	<p>WMC Blood Drive, Red Cross 1-7 PM, February 11, 2025 <i>Meet:</i> 1:00 pm at American Red Cross, Cottonwood Room (6616 S 900 E, Murray, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Anthony Hellman 801-809-6133 utahhomes4us@gmail.com The Red Cross needs help. Due to the catastrophic fires in California and snow/ice storms in states, hundreds of blood drives were cancelled. Be a Valentine's gift by donating and Saving A Life. This is our first Blood Drive of the Year. The WMC Centennial plus 4 years Blood Drive efforts continue the tradition of the WMC core values of contributing to the community by "Giving the gift of Life". The critical need drives us "Onward and Upward" to reach 800 pints by end of 2024. Please note: we may be in back NW corner of Red Cross building.</p>
Feb 12 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>
Feb 12 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 Emigration Cafe (1700 E 1300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> WMC Board 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 12 Wed	<p>Porter Fork Sledding Evening Hike – mod – Out & Back <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Millcreek Canyon, Porter Fork Road <i>Organizer:</i> Alex Walton 801-866-9946 alexwalton3@gmail.com Hike up the road to the Wilderness sign and sled down! Meet at the Porter Fork road gate near the Burch Hollow Trailhead parking lot in Millcreek Canyon. 1.5 miles up with 800 ft gain (that's what makes it such a fun sled down!), moderate pace. Bring your own sled or borrow one of mine, I have several extras to share. I also have extra helmets and gloves and such. We will be hiking in the dark, so bring warm clothes and a headlamp, spikes/Yaktrax can help on icier nights. Please email me for an RSVP so I can get a headcount and can watch for you. You'll see me at the road gate with the funky ski/sled contraption!</p>
Feb 12 Wed	<p>Trail Running - Mueller Park – mod – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1200' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Mueller Park Trailhead <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com This will be a no drop run, no runner is left behind. All levels of fitness are welcome. Bring a headlamp and microspikes. It's a great run for anyone who is looking for running partners or is new to trail running. Let me know if you want to join this run or others in the future.</p>
Feb 13 Thu	<p>Membership Meeting And Presentations <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Millcreek Library meeting room (2266 E Evergreen Ave, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Debbie Olson 801-372-6814 debbieaolson63@gmail.com 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 with refreshments, New Member Orientation, and Shop Merch for Endowment Donations with refreshments; 6:30-7:30 Board Business, 2024 Award Highlights, 2025 Board Election, Book Signing for WMC History Books, Activity Challenge Jackets, Member Benefits, Volunteer Opportunities, and more! 7:30-8:30 Adventure Presentation by Carol Masheter, Closing Social.</p>
Feb 13 Thu	<p>Rock Climb - Evening Momentum Millcreek <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com Evening indoor climbing to get strong for the summer. Top rope or bouldering, depending on what people want to do. I'll be in the top rope or bouldering area, so come find the group and join in.</p>
Feb 14 Fri	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me. *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>



Feb 15 Sat – Feb 17 Mon	<p>Snowshoe/Ski & Snow Camp (Probably) In The High Uintas <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe or ski (choice of each participant) and camp (probably) in the High Uintas, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Day 1(Feb 15 Sat): Road trip, snowshoe/ski to the campsite, and set up a campsite. Day 2 (Feb 16 Sun): Snowshoe/ski. Day 3 (Feb 17 Mon - President's Day): Take down the campsite, snowshoe/ski to the TH & road trip. Those who prefer a shorter trip may go home on Day 2. Please email before Friday, 3 pm, February 14, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. WMC members only. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Note (11/4/24): I will post the specific location later when I know the snow conditions better.</p>
Feb 15 Sat – Feb 17 Mon	<p>Mountaineering Training - Snowshoe/Ski & Snow Camp <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu This activity is also posted under snowshoe. I have organized a similar activity before and found it was useful for mountaineering training, in particular for expedition skills. We plan to snowshoe or ski (choice of each participant) and camp (probably) in the High Uintas, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Day 1(Feb 15 Sat): Road trip, snowshoe/ski to the campsite, and set up a campsite. Day 2 (Feb 16 Sun): Snowshoe/ski. Day 3 (Feb 17 Mon - President's Day): Take down the campsite, snowshoe/ski to the TH & road trip. Those who prefer a shorter trip may go home on Day 2. Please email before Friday, 3 pm, February 14, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. WMC members only. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Note (11/4/24): I will post the specific location later when I know the snow conditions better.</p>
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Feb 19 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>
Feb 19 Wed	<p>Training - Winter Indoor Climbing Ropework - Top Managed Belay <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Mark Maier 703-408-6912 maiermw@gmail.com This is part of a series of winter evening indoor ropework workshops focusing on technical skills. They will be indoors in my basement, except for one or two oriented to snow equipment and skills. This one will cover the top-managed belay, aka the "guide belay" used by the leader to bring up one or two followers. Required equipment is a harness, 2-4 locking carabiners, 2-4 regular carabiners, belay device with a guide-mode attachment, prussik loop, and a selection of slings and cord you commonly use. You should know how to tie basic knots like Figure 8 on a bight. I'll have some extra gear for people to borrow. Contact me for time and place, limited to 6 people.</p>
Feb 19 Wed	<p>Alpine Ski Resort- Ski Alta – mod+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 8:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6520 Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Cheryl Krusko 801-554-7833 ckrusko@gmail.com Lets Ski Alta!!! Plan to either meet to carpool or at the resort (Goldminers). Lifts start running at 9:15am. Please register if you are planning to meet up to ski!</p>
Feb 19 Wed	<p>Foothills Winter Night Hike - Dragons Tail – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Grandeur Peak (Face) Trailhead (2900 Wasatch Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Starting at the West Grandeur parking lot, it generally takes about 1 hour of STEEP hiking to get to the base of Dragons Tail. Dogs conditioned for cold weather ok. 5:30 prompt departure. Headlamp, microspikes, and cold-weather layers are mandatory even if it turns out we don't need them.</p>
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Feb 20 Thu – Feb 23 Sun	<p>Snowshoe Bryce Canyon <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Zig* Sondelski 801-230-3623 zig.sondelski@gmail.com Join us for snowshoeing (and maybe hiking) in and around Bryce Canyon. Make reservations at Ruby's Inn using their Winter Warmer Special (\$60 per night) for a room with 2 queen beds and a great breakfast buffet included. https://www.rubysinnc.com/rubys-inn-deals/ This trip is being co-organized with Tonya Karren (801-493-9199 tonya.karren@gmail.com). Registration will get you on the email list for more information and to find a carpool or room share. Trails to be taken will be decided the night before or morning of and will depend on trail and weather conditions. Expect multiple groups with different activity levels going to different locations. Plan on happy hour each evening and pot luck dinner one evening. (Some people will be arriving earlier or staying later. Note that the special is only for a 2 or 3 night stay, so additional nights must be a separate reservation.)</p>



Feb 20 Thu – Feb 23 Sun	<p>Gold Butte National Monument Car Camp, Day Hikes – mod – 6.0 mi Loop – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Dennis Goreham 801-550-5169 dgoreham@gmail.com Plan a few days to explore the southern part of Nevada's Gold Butte National Monument. We are still putting the itinerary together but plan to do Bonelli Peak (5335 ft), the high point in that part of Monument, (5-6 miles, 2000 feet elevation gain) and several more peaks in that area. Bonelli has great views of Nevada, Arizona, Lake Mead and the lower end of the Grand Canyon. The trip is planned for travel on Thursday and Sunday and hikes on Friday and Saturday, although some of us may go a day or two early to snag a good camp site. We also will plan to see other highlights, petroglyphs, and other interesting features in the area. We are getting pretty familiar with this area but have not been to all destinations so at least part of this trip will be exploratory. This is a remote area. We will be camping in an undeveloped area so bring everything you need including plenty of water. Register by email with Dennis to get logistic details. Limit 8.</p>
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Feb 24 Mon	<p>Evening Indoor Rock Climbing - The Front – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at The Front Climbing Club (4140 S Main St, Millcreek, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Frank Bouchard 352-246-5304 fabouchard@gmail.com We'll be climbing at the Front's South Main location at 6:30 every Monday. Note that there are two locations. We are at the Millcreek location. Multiple people have gone to the wrong place, don't do that. If you don't know me, look for my bright orange hat and come introduce yourself. We usually meet at 6:30 around the benches on the east side of the first floor. If you come later, we can usually be found on the first floor, but you can also call or text. All levels are welcome. We generally have a group of around 15 people each week including top-rope, lead climb, and bouldering so there's always someone to climb with. Feel free to contact me beforehand and I can let you know what the best option for you is.</p>
Feb 24 Mon	<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>
Feb 24 Mon	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Workout Hike - Jack's Mountain – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Jacks Peak Trailhead (1830 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Just a two more weeks for this Monday Night steep brisk 2-hour winter night 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.</p>
Feb 25 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 where 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, his contact info is below. If avalanche gear is recommended it will be included in the email.</p>
Feb 25 Tue	<p>Rock Climb - Evening Momentum Millcreek <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com Evening indoor climbing to get strong for the summer. Top rope or bouldering, depending on what people want to do. I'll be in the top rope or bouldering area, so come find the group and join in.</p>



Feb 26 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>
Feb 26 Wed	<p>Alpine Ski Resort @ Snowbird – mod+ – 12.0 mi Out & Back – 10000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Snowbird Center, 3rd level Plaza Deck front of Christy Sport <i>Organizer:</i> Da Yang Wipfel 801-635-6189 dayang007@gmail.com Let's have some fun! Friendly Social skiing gathering, come prepared and ready to take the lift or tram. Helmet/poles/skis/goggles/lift pass, Ikon pass works. We will ski together, depends on the group, we will decide the terrains, need be comfortable on Snowbird's blue runs. UTA bus is the best option travel to Snowbird Center, 2nd stop at Snowbird, take elevator to 3rd level, we will meet on Plaza Deck front of Christy Sport. I will be in Salmon colored jacket with gray helmet/goggles. Looking forward to ski with you all! We probably ski 2-3 hours depends on the group, very casual & easy... like friends outing! Limited 8</p>
Feb 26 Wed	<p>Porter Fork Sledding Evening Hike – mod – Out & Back <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Millcreek Canyon, Porter Fork Road <i>Organizer:</i> Alex Walton 801-866-9946 alexwalton3@gmail.com Hike up the road to the Wilderness sign and sled down! Meet at the Porter Fork road gate near the Burch Hollow Trailhead parking lot in Millcreek Canyon. 1.5 miles up with 800 ft gain (that's what makes it such a fun sled down!), moderate pace. Bring your own sled or borrow one of mine, I have several extras to share. I also have extra helmets and gloves and such. We will be hiking in the dark, so bring warm clothes and a headlamp, spikes/Yaktrax can help on icier nights. Please email me for an RSVP so I can get a headcount and can watch for you. You'll see me at the road gate with the funky ski/sled contraption!</p>
Feb 26 Wed	<p>Trail Running - Mueller Park – mod – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1200' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Mueller Park Trailhead <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com This will be a no drop run, no runner is left behind. All levels of fitness are welcome. Bring a headlamp and microspikes. It's a great run for anyone who is looking for running partners or is new to trail running. Let me know if you want to join this run or others in the future.</p>
Feb 27 Thu	<p>Group Paced Winter Night Hike - Bell Canyon – ntd+ – Out & Back <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Bell Canyon Preservation Trailhead (3400 Little Cottonwood Rd, Sandy, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com We'll set a pace that keeps the group together as we hike above the city lights. Winter layers, microspikes, and headlamps required. This is a protected watershed, so no dogs tonight. Meet at the upper parking lot.</p>
Feb 27 Thu	<p>Rock Climb - Evening Momentum Millcreek <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com Evening indoor climbing to get strong for the summer. Top rope or bouldering, depending on what people want to do. I'll be in the top rope or bouldering area, so come find the group and join in.</p>
Feb 28 Fri	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me. *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 1 Sat – Mar 7 Fri	<p>Annual Bob Wright Death Valley Winter Escape Hike, Bike, Car Camp <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Cheryl* Soshnik 435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com Last year most everyone got rained out from our annual Furnace Creek outing, so this year we are moving the date to early March in hopes of tracking down better weather and still not too hot. This trip is open to all, whether you are planning on road riding, hiking, peak bagging, going on Ranger led tours, just relaxing, or all of the above. We have already reserved a set of shared shady tent-only camping spots at the Furnace Creek campground, and there are a few spots to join for members only. No car, van or RV camping are allowed in these special sites. However, feel free to reserve a site for your tents and RVs on your own, and join in the daily activities, happy hours, and a variety of breakfasts and dinners for the group. Details will follow on that, but sites are filling up fast, so if you are reserving a site at the campground or the nearby motel or the Ranch Cabins or Fiddler's Campground, do so NOW, then let me know and I will add you to the group communications. There will be a small fee for the shared amenities, and the cost will vary depending on group meals and the shared tent sites. Contact me for further details. Rating for the car camp = NTD and varies for each of the group activities. Get your lodging at either https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232496 or https://www.oasisatdeathvall. Note - Sunset campground across the road is another option, but is in the open for sun, wind, and rain, and reservations are not taken for that campground. ey.com/lodging/</p>
Mar 7 Fri – Mar 11 Tue	<p>Mountaineering (Snowshoe/Ski) - Mt. Bierstadt (& More), Colorado – msd <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to climb to Mt Bierstadt (14,066 ft) in Colorado (10.25 miles RT, 3,550 ft gain). Some participants may continue to Mt Blue Sky from Mt Bierstadt. We also plan to do the Grays (14,275 ft) & Torreys (14,272 ft) combo (14.25 miles RT, 5,050 ft gain). We will have a snowshoe group and a ski group. We will carry crampons, ice axe, and a helmet, in case. While the route does not involve avalanche terrain, avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe, and shovel) is required. I have two extra sets of avalanche safety gear. Trip schedule: fly out/road trip on Friday March 7, Mt Bierstadt (& Mt Blue Sky option) on Saturday March 8, rest/weather day on Sunday March 9, Grays & Torreys combo on Monday March 10, return trip on Tuesday March 11. This is non-technical mountaineering. But participants must: 1) have excellent stamina; 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 12 Wed	<p>WMC Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info, or attend in person at the WMC Office (1390 S 1100 E, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Carpool:</i> 5:40 pm at Pre meeting appetizers at Emigration Cafe (1700 E 1300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> WMC Board 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>

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.



Mar 14 Fri – Mar 17 Mon	<p>Motel Car Camp: Yellowstone Wolves, Wildlife, & Winter Activities – ntd Meet: Registration required Organizer: Robert Turner, Julie Kilgore 801-560-3378, 801-244-3323 r46turner@gmail.com, jk@wasatch-environmental.com 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 6:00am), 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 Robert or Julie for more details, to register, and get instructions to reserve a room at the lodge.</p>
Mar 14 Fri	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) Organizer: 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 19 Wed	<p>Training - Winter Indoor Climbing Ropework - Glacier Rigging Meet: Registration required Organizer: Mark Maier 703-408-6912 maiermw@gmail.com This is part of a series of winter evening indoor ropework workshops focusing on technical skills. They will be indoors in my basement, except for one or two oriented to snow equipment and skills. This one will cover rope essentials for glacier travel, including rigging for crevasse falls, rigging prussiks, and the drop-loop crevasse haul drill. Required equipment is a harness, 2-4 locking carabiners, 2-4 regular carabiners, belay device with a guide-mode attachment, prussik loop, and a selection of slings and cord you commonly use. You should know how to tie basic knots like Figure 8 on a bight. I'll have some extra gear for people to borrow. Contact me for time and place, limited to 6 people.</p>
Mar 27 Thu – Mar 31 Mon	<p>Mesquite Area Car Camp – mod+ – Moderate pace Meet: Registration required Organizer: Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com We'll check out canyons and summits in the Virgin Mountains south of Mesquite, Nevada, and/or the East Mormon Mountains north of Mesquite. There are spectacular cliffs and narrow gorges in both ranges. Hikes will usually be cross-country and exploratory with some chance of scrambling.</p>
Apr 11 Fri – Apr 13 Sun	<p>Trail Running - Zion Races (Multiple Distance Options) Meet: Registration required Organizer: Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com The Zion Ultras are a race event that includes a half marathon, 30k, 60k, 100k, and 100 miler! Several club members are planning to drive down, camp, and run the race or support runners. The race is a good objective to keep yourself training through the winter. Feel free to signup for one of the distances and join our group for camping. If you don't want to race but still want to be involved, there will be runners needing crew and pacers. Doing this costs no money at all but still allows you to hang out and see the running community in action. Let me know if you would like to be part of this.</p>
Apr 27 Sun	<p>Mountaineering Workshop – mod+ Meet: Registration required Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu 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 2 Fri – May 4 Sun	<p>Mountaineering - La Sal Mountains – msd Meet: Registration required Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to make Mt Tomasaki (12,239 ft), Manns Peak (12,272 ft), Haystack Mt (11,641 ft), and Burro Peak (11,641 ft). There are additional peaks that we may want to climb - Dry Peak (11,849 ft) and Peak 11,926 ft. The distance and elevation gain will depend on how many peaks that we will actually climb. But if we do all the peaks (not including the additional ones), the distance will be approximately 10 miles in total. The TH elevation is approximately 10,538 ft. We plan to have a ski group and a non-ski group. Trip schedule: road trip (approximately 4 hours from SLC) & hike to the summer TH (approximately 3.4 miles) for camping on May 2 Friday; climb on May 3 Saturday; and hike back from the summer TH & road trip on May 4 Sunday. We will camp in the summer 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 10. WMC members only.</p>
May 21 Wed – Jun 8 Sun	<p>Mountaineering - Sajama & More, Bolivia – ext Meet: Registration required Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu 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 Uturunco (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. Uturunco 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 \$4,420 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>



Jul 12 Sat	Annual Oldtimers Social And Potluck At The Historic WMC Lodge <i>Meet:</i> 2:00 pm at Wasatch Mountain Lodge (8465 S Mary Lake Lane, Brighton, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Cheryl* Soshnik 435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com Come one, come all...although we are celebrating us 'oldies' and Life Members of the WMC, everyone is welcome to attend our afternoon Social get-together at the historic WMC lodge at Brighton. Come early for a leisurely hike up to the Lady Lakes (Mary, Martha and Catherine) at a relaxed pace if you like. The Social gathering and Pot Luck will run from 2 to 5 PM. WMC will provide burgers and fixins. Bring a picnic dish to share, and your favorite beverages. No RSVP needed, just show up at the lodge at 11AM if you want to hike, or at 2PM for just the social gathering and shared dining. If you're new to the club, come and meet the legendary Life Members, and everyone, let's enjoy this activity at the Lodge, one of the two scheduled events there for the summer. Life members, if you need a ride to the lodge or assistance getting to it, please contact me and we'll try to get arrangements made for you
Jul 21 Mon - Jul 23 Wed	Hike & Car Camp - Mt. Columbia (14,075 Ft) In Colorado – msd – 12.0 mi – 4250' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Mt Columbia (14,075 ft) - class 2, 12 miles RT with 4,250 ft gain. Due to a risk of rock falls, helmets are required. I have two extra helmets in case you want to borrow. The planned schedule is: July 21 Monday Road Trip, July 22 Tue hike, July 23 Wed rest day for those who will continue the adventure. 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 FF developed campsite. The main group will stay there from July 21 M to July 27 Sun (including hiking to Mt Massive and Mt Elbert). Partial participation is fine. To register, please email kamimura@umich.edu. Limit 8. WMC members only. For more details, please contact the organizer.
Jul 23 Wed - Jul 25 Fri	Hike & Car Camp - Mt. Massive (14,427 Ft) In Colorado – msd – 14.5 mi – 4500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Mt Massive (14,427 ft) - class 2, 14.5 miles RT with 4,500 ft gain. The planned schedule is: July 23 W rest day for those who hiked to Columbia or road trip for those who will come for this hike, July 24 Thu hike, July 25 F rest day for those who will continue the adventure. 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 FF developed campsite. The main group will stay there from July 21 M to July 27 Sun (including hiking to Mt Columbia and Mt Elbert). Partial participation is fine. To register, please email kamimura@umich.edu. Limit 8. WMC members only. For more details, please contact the organizer.
Jul 25 Fri - Jul 27 Sun	Hike & Car Camp - Mt. Elbert (14,438 Ft) In Colorado – msd – 9.8 mi – 4500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Mt Elbert (14,438 ft) - class 1, 9.75 miles RT with 4,500 ft gain. The planned schedule is: July 25 F rest day for those who hiked to Massive or road trip for those who will come for this hike, July 26 Sat hike, July 27 Sun road trip. 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 FF developed campsite. The main group will stay there from July 21 M to July 27 Sun (including hiking to Mt Columbia and Mt Massive). Partial participation is fine. To register, please email kamimura@umich.edu. Limit 8. WMC members only. For more details, please contact the organizer.
Sep 6 Sat - Sep 17 Wed	Bike Touring -Bike Spain In September – mod+ – 30.0 mi Loop – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Philip, Dea Nelson 385-391-2626 formidable.ser@gmail.com We are full as January 2025 - You can be waitlisted if we have an open space later during the year. Thank you. Join Us for an Amazing 8-Day Cycling Adventure in Spain! Dear Club Members, Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime! We're excited to invite you to join us on a 8-day cycling trip through the heart of Spain, exploring beautiful towns, stunning landscapes, and rich history - all while enjoying the fresh air and great company! When: First week of September (after the peak season is over, great weather in Spain) starts Sept 8th Here's what you can look forward to: 8 days of cycling through picturesque Spanish countryside and charming towns. Bed & Breakfast accommodation each night - no need to worry about where you'll stay! Luggage and bike transportation will be taken care of by this trusted company, so you can focus on enjoying the ride. The Trip Itinerary : This trip is perfect for anyone who enjoys cycling and discovering new places, whether you're an experienced cyclist or just love to explore at a steady pace. It's all about having fun, getting some exercise, and soaking in the beauty of Spain! Important details: Cost: The trip includes your B&B accommodations (they suggested 3 and 4* start local hotels) and luggage/bike transportation. Meals and your arrival costs are separate. Fitness level: Expect a mix of short and long cycling days, so a moderate fitness level will make this trip more enjoyable. Sign-up deadline: March 15 - let us know if you're in! Spaces are limited, so don't wait too long to reserve your spot. It's going to be an unforgettable journey, and we'd love for you to be a part of it! We can have a zoom meeting with all the interested people that want to join. If you're ready to cycle through Spain with us, just reply to this email, and we'll get you all the details you need! Let's ride! Best regards, Dea and Philip Nelson -Formidable.ser@gmail.com
Oct 8 Wed - Oct 12 Sun	2025 Capitol Reef Canyoneering Rendezvous <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com 7th annual rendezvous. Details to follow on Meetup.

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The Central Wasatch Commission's 2025 Short-Term Projects Grant is Open

The Central Wasatch Commission is pleased to announce the launch of the 2025 Call for Ideas for projects specific to the project area of the Central Wasatch Commission, which includes Millcreek Canyon, Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons, and the Wasatch Back. This Call for Ideas is specifically focused on projects that protect the ecosystems or watershed originating in the project area, improve canyon transportation or transit, steward year-round recreation, and sustain the economic vitality of the Wasatch Canyons. These were the tenets laid out during Mountain Accord and form the basis for the work of the Central Wasatch Commission.

The Call for Ideas will be open from January 13, 2025, through February 9th, 2025. The Central Wasatch Commission will begin to disperse funding to selected projects in May 2025.

Background

The Central Wasatch Commission formed in 2017 through an interlocal agreement and is composed of eight jurisdictions along the Central Wasatch Front and Back: Summit County, Park City, Salt Lake City, Millcreek, Cottonwood Heights, Sandy City, Town of Brighton, Town of Alta, with the Utah Transit Authority and the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy as ex officio members. Solitude Mountain Resort and Save Our Canyons serve as Special Advisors to the Commission. Its mission is to implement the Mountain Accord which laid out plans for addressing four major issue areas specific to the Central Wasatch Mountains: transportation, economic vitality, environmental sustainability, and recreational stewardship.

Following the 2019 retreat of the Central Wasatch Commission Board, the Commission created the Short-Term Projects Committee that would help further the goals of the Central Wasatch Commission by identifying projects that implement transportation and transit solutions, protect the ecosystems that originate in the Central Wasatch, steward recreational access, and sustain the economic vitality of the Cottonwood Canyons.

Purpose

The purpose of this Call for Ideas is to explore short-term project ideas in the Central Wasatch Commission project area that are largely “shovel-ready” for the Central Wasatch Commission to consider for funding. The project should:

- Address one or more of the areas of focus for the Central Wasatch Commission: canyon transportation/transit, environmental protection, recreational stewardship, or economic sustainability.
- If the project is proposed to occur on Forest Service land, the project should not require NEPA analysis or be a project for which NEPA is already completed.
- Be implemented within 12 months of contract.
- Not request more than \$20,000 total from the Central Wasatch Commission. Projects with dedicated funds from the applying entity, or community partners will be given increased weighting during the review process.
- Be proposed by a non-profit organization, a community group, or Utah residents.

Please Note

- This Call for Ideas is not a commitment to contract.
- Selected applicants will be invited to submit a full project proposal including a project budget, timeline, and record of decision if NEPA was required for the project and has already been completed to the Central Wasatch Commission for consideration to fund.

How to Submit Your Idea

Go to <https://cwc.utah.gov/projects/>

ABOUT THE CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION

The Central Wasatch Commission is an inter-governmental entity with jurisdictions in the Town of Alta, the Town of Brighton, Cottonwood Heights, Millcreek City, Park City, Salt Lake City, Sandy City, and Summit County, with Utah Transit Authority and Metropolitan District of Salt Lake and Sandy as ex-officio members. Building on the work of Mountain Accord, the Commission seeks to engage the public, build consensus, and coordinate action in the Central Wasatch Mountains. Learn more at cwc.utah.gov.



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- \$25 for Student Membership (Annual dues \$20 plus \$5 paper application fee, printed Rambler not included)
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- \$12 for OPTIONAL annual PRINT subscription to WMC's "The Rambler" newsletter,
mailed to you 12x/year (digital subscriptions are included with membership at no additional cost)

Enclosed is \$ _____ for first year's dues, application fee, and optional Rambler subscription. 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: _____

Mail completed application to: WMC Membership Director
1390 South 1100 East #103
Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2462

Leave blank for office use:

Check # _____ Amount Received _____ Date _____ By _____



50 Years Ago in The Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

Club activities for February 1975 [...]

FEBRUARY 15 Saturday	TONY GROVE IN LOGAN CANYON. If you have wanted to get out of the Wasatch and do a fine nordic tour, this is it! It is a 7 mile gradual ascent, then an easy coast back if the snow is right. Call leader, Yukio Kachi [...]
FEBRUARY 23 Sunday	NEFFS CANYON – advanced tour. This tour is most suitable for alpine equipment or strong Nordic skiers. Call leader for details and to register. Leader Alexis Kelner [...]

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN by Dale Green

[...] At our January 8th Board meeting, a motion to increase annual dues from \$6.00 to \$7.00 did not have enough votes to carry. Dues will remain as before. Therefore, the Board will decrease its spending, mainly by slightly reducing the Rambler's size.

CONSERVATION CORNER by Mike Omana

[...] The Utah State Legislature opened in early January and with over 300 bills to consider, it's going to be a busy session. An example of bills that will interest us are: 1) The Coyote Eradication Bill. This bill gives the Department of Agriculture power to exterminate with poisons the coyote, but it is so poorly written that they could wipe out any or all predatory animals they choose. 2) The Agriculture and Wildlife Damage Prevention Act. This bill (and this is only one of its bad points) gives the Department of Agriculture the power to destroy any predatory or non-predatory animal by any means they want, anywhere they want, i.e. on private property or on public land. Some of the predatory animals listed in this bill are bear, mountain lion, bobcat, and coyote. Not listed but included are the fox, eagle, wolf and any other animal that dares to live in the wild (it could even include man). This mess would be funded by taking a large chunk of the Division of Wildlife Resources budget, resulting in the probably closing of fish hatcheries and important wildlife programs. [...]

Old dam projects never die; they always come back to haunt again. There has been a new proposal for the China Meadows dam. This time it is three miles downstream from the previous site, and it's just as bad as before. This one's just getting started again but public hearings are bound to come along soon. [...]

LODGE by Phil Nelson

Lodge users, note well: the water supply froze up around Thanksgiving, not to thaw again until spring. However, this has deterred neither the WMC nor the renters as water is available in the stream if you shovel around a bit.

[The] lodge is functioning well, so take advantage of the WMC-hosted weekends and the Brighton snow. Or call me if you wish to use it during the week.

[The board followed through on the promise to shrink the Rambler – the December 1975 Rambler was a mere 12 pages. Dues increases have always made board members cringe, although a boost to \$7 doesn't feel very expensive these days. The "Coyote Eradication" bill, HB 18, did not pass; the "Agriculture and Wildlife Damage Prevention Act" appears to have passed, although I can't identify the bill number. The East Fork Smiths Fork in the Uintas was indeed dammed below China Meadows in 1977 to make Stateline Reservoir. And the stream next to the lodge has often supplied water to the lodge when pipes were frozen. – Donn]



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