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Winter is here!!!

<http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org>

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- > Hike and Ski Listings and Ratings
- > How to rent the Lodge
- > Online Activities Listing
- > Liability Release Forms
- > Membership Applications
- > How to join email lists

From the President by Michael Budig

The mountains have snow....winter is here- and The Wasatch Mountain Club has a busy and wide range of activities scheduled to allow our members to enjoy the snow, the scenery and the great mountain air. Anytime it is ugly and hazy in the valley, you can be sure the weather is beautiful in the canyons- enjoy it and volunteer to help out by organizing an outing (or more)- or helping with the entertainment or any other committee if you can.

The lodge already had four feet of snow by early December- and unfortunately suffered a frozen waterpipe- shutting off all water going to the lodge. We have a water intake line running underground for about 500 feet from our water source- and usually the snow cover provides enough insulation to keep the water running- however this year we had a problem. The lodge directors (Clayton Rand and Dave Rabiger) and the lodge Caretaker (Todd Nerney) have been working hard and looking at various options to clear up the situation. The lodge should be at full operation by the time this goes to print.

Membership Chair Dudley McIlhenny has been talking to The Recreation Outlet and soon we hope to announce an agreement which will give card-carrying club members to get a 10% discount on all purchases at the store.

We now have nominations for almost all board positions for next year. However, we are still seeking a lodge co-director (to serve with Dave Rabiger who is staying on- Clayton Rand has decided not to run again). And Carol Ann Langford has stepped down from the Membership Co-director position. Dudley McIlhenny has agreed to run again, but could use some help processing renewals and new memberships- this should be eased with the forthcoming website upgrade which will allow online membership applications and renewals if we approve proposed changes to the WMC Constitution.

I want to encourage Mountain Club members to attend the **Annual Nominations/Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 21** at the Jewish Community Center. The event introduces the club to prospective new members of the Board and honors those who have provided great service to the club. And the Jewish Community Center (by the University Medical Center) is an eloquent facility which makes the event more remarkable. This is a unique opportunity to see club members actually dressed up (sometimes hard to recognize)- and we will also have live music.

I also encourage members to attend the **February General Membership and election meeting** (tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 15). This is a chance to hear from and give feedback directly to your board of directors.

WMC Purpose:

(Article II of the WMC Constitution)

The purpose shall be to promote the physical and spiritual well being of its members and others by outdoor activities; to unite the energy, interests, and knowledge of students, explorers, and lovers of the mountains, deserts, and rivers of Utah; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains in behalf of science, literature and art; to explore and picture the scenic wonders of this and surrounding states; and to foster awareness of our natural areas including their plant, animal, and bird life.

FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE



The WMC Governing Board consists of a set of directors and four trustees; all are volunteers who serve for a specified period of time. This is a working board, not just a policy setting body, and they have a GOOD time!

The board has the following positions for the term of March 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007 (Trustees serve a four-year term).

Position Incumbents, nominees, OPEN positions, and challengers for 2006- 2007

President	Michael Budig
Secretary	Patti O'Keefe
Treasurer	Robert Janzen
Membership	Dudley McIlhenny
Hiking	Nominee: Mark Bloomenthal (co-director) Nominee: Steve Duncan (co-director)
Boating	Larry Gwin
Conservation	Will McCarvill (co-director) Nominee: Gretchen Siegler (co-director)
Entertainment	Beverly Emrick (co-director) Vicky McDaniel (co-director)
Lodge	Dave Rabiger* (co-director) OPEN _____ (co-director)
Mountaineering	Peter Campbell
Publications	Vivien Lee (co-director) Nominee: Jennifer Drake (co-director)
Winter Sports	Greg Libecchi
Biking	Audrey Rindfleisch
Information	David Rumbellow
Trustee	Nominee: Donn Seeley
Historian	Mike Treshow

*Requests co-director (please consider volunteering for the Club in 2006- call us!)

If a WMC member would like to run for an open position, or challenge an incumbent please contact one of the nominations committee members listed below, or contact the current director (see inside cover of Rambler) to find out about the position. As you can see, so far there is no challenge to the incumbents from the general membership. This can be taken as a ringing endorsement of the great work being done by the current board.

Nominations Committee:

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From the Winter Sports Director and Ski Coordinator

It's time to "Break into the Backcountry!"

The Wasatch Mountain Club Winter Sports Program will be trying something new this year as a replacement for the "Audrey Kelley Learn to Ski Program". We will still honor the tradition of encouraging those interested in getting out and trying a new sport. There will also continue to be post ski treats and constructive discussion with at least one tenured backcountry ski member. The difference is you do need to know how to ski.

The idea is to provide a TRUE NTD+ backcountry experience for those who are ready to practice with their transceivers, climbing skins, telemark gear (or split boards or randonee gear), and back packs filled with extra layers of synthetic clothing, food, 2 liters of water, hand warmers, map (Wasatch Hiking Trails map will do) and whatever else you think you need. You should have some familiarity with your equipment and know how to use your transceiver. This is your chance to break away from the resort and discover the peacefulness of the backcountry.

You will get a chance to practice transitioning from climbing to skiing and skiing to climbing. We call that "yo-yoing". Maybe there will be some fresh powder and you'll get a chance to break trail. We'll practice and talk about good etiquette and check out the quality of the snow pack and measure the angle of the slope. We'll play with gadgets and talk about safety.

Now here's the trick... People really need to call in to express their interest so we can gather organizers accordingly and list additional "Break into the Backcountry" trips for January. The first one will be held on January 8th. Please look at the activities listings under that date for details. Registration is required and there will be a limit set so call NOW and assure your spot. Advanced backcountry members are asked to accompany organizers on these trips in a support and mentor role. Please validate this commitment by pre-registering for these activities.

Go ahead and GOOGLE 'Backcountry Skiing', check out the Utah Avalanche Center web site at www.avalanche.org and get ready to have some fun! Consider showing up for one of the Thursdays in December and join Jennifer Heineman for a climb up Millcreek Canyon (see Rambler listings).

Consider signing up for one of the many avalanche classes offered by some of the local experts, (see the extensive listing elsewhere in this publication).

Please feel free to call or email me with any ideas or concerns about this new program or anything else that might be on your mind (related to the winter sports program of course;~)

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**Greg in the backcountry
- photo by Tim Bardsley**



Think snow

Safe Backcountry Ski Travel Techniques: **(Copied from the Utah Avalanche Center web site: www.avalanche.org)**

One at a time. There always needs to be someone left in a safe spot to do the rescue. Never put everyone on the slope at once. With large groups, split them in half and stay in visual and voice contact.

Have an escape route planned. Always think avalanche. What will you do if you trigger an avalanche? Have a plan first.

Use slope cuts. Keep your speed up and cut across the starting zone, so that if you do trigger an avalanche, your momentum can carry you off the moving slab into safer terrain. You can do this on skis, snowboards or on snow-mobiles.

Watch out for cornices. They always break farther back than you think. Always give them a wide berth. NEVER, NEVER walk out to the edge of a drop-off without first checking it out. Many people have needlessly died this way.

What are the alternatives? Use terrain to your advantage. Follow ridges, thick trees and slopes with safer consequences. You can almost always go back the way you came. The route got you there, it will most likely get you back as well.

If there's no other choice, go underground. You can almost always weather out a bad storm or bad avalanche conditions by digging a snow cave in a protected area. You may be uncomfortable but you will be alive.

Suggested Backcountry Gear

**Equipment for backcountry skiing or snowboarding that you should have
and know how to use.**

- Randonee skis, telemark skis or split snowboard and appropriate boots (or snowshoes)
- Skins
- Poles
- Transceiver (avalanche beacon)
- Collapsible Shovel
- Probe
- Fleece or liner glove for skinning
- 2 Pairs of waterproof snow gloves or mittens
- Wool (and liner) socks
- Waterproof/windproof top and bottom outer shell
- Fleece insulation layer
- Get cold easy? layer over light/medium weight with expedition weight layer
- Day backpack (sternum and waist strap recommended)
- Non-cotton top & bottom layers (capilene or polypro)
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- Fleece or wool hat and headband (baseball cap for climbing)
- 2 liters of water
- Lunch, snacks and extra food
- Sunglasses & goggles
- Sunscreen
- Ibuprofen and additional items for emergency kit
 - oEmergency Bag, hand warmers, whistle, etc.
- Scraper for snow removal from bottom of skis or skins
- Ski wax (+ glop for warm weather conditions)
- Replacement parts for your gear and repair tools
 - oBinding, buckle, duct tape, pole kit, leather man, etc.
- Helmet to protect the goods!
- Map and Compass/Clinometer combo (measure slope angle)

Introductory Avalanche Classes

Friends of the Utah Avalanche Center

(801) 365-5522

January 14-16, 2006: Level I Brighton 3-Day Avalanche Workshop. (Martin Luther King weekend)

February 18-20, 2006 (Presidents Day weekend)

Sign-up at the Black Diamond Store - 2092 East 3900 South, SLC, UT (call 801-278-02330. Cost is \$200 cash or check only for payment please.

Content includes avalanche rescue, terrain management and safe travel, snow pack stability evaluation, and the human factor. The course is based out of the Wasatch Mountain Clubs Lodge at Brighton, and lodging is included in the cost. Instructors include Utah Avalanche Center forecasters. Students can spend the night at the lodge; bring a sleeping bag and a sleeping pad, earplugs, along with your own pots, pans, dishes and silverware. For further details call Colleen at 801-365-5522

Exum Utah Mountain Adventures

(801) 550-EXUM (3986)

January 13-14, 2006: Basic Avalanche Awareness as above

February 10-11, 2006: Basic Avalanche Awareness as above.

March 10-11, 2006: Basic Avalanche Awareness as above.

January 20-22, 2006: Level I Course \$180.00 per person. Friday and Saturday evening lectures, Saturday and Sunday field classes.

Please contact Exum Utah Mountain Adventures for more information at 550-EXUM (3986). Or visit our website at <http://www.exum.ofutah.com>. **REI Salt Lake City** <http://www.rei.com> **(801) 486-2100**

January 10, 2006: Science of Avalanches Tuesday, 7:00 PM. **FREE.** By Bruce Tremper, Director of the Forest Service Utah Avalanche Center.



LEFT: Rick Gamble Snowshoes in fluffy Powder - photo by Cheryl Soshnik

ABOVE: A ski tour lead by Cheryl Krusko and photo by Tim Bardsley

My Newbie Year on Search and Rescue! WHAT A TRIP!...by Vickie Ashby

Most people know the story behind my application to be a team member of Search and Rescue (SAR)– the Vivien Lee story! I won't go into it because she hates it when I get emotional. Suffice it to say, I was present when Vivien had her sledding accident and gained a huge respect for her and several members of Search and Rescue. So much in fact that I decided to try to join.

I barely made the application deadline of December 31, 2003. I had to finish my medical first responder course as soon as possible. I then waited . . .

The next step was an interview. Sweaty armpit type. I sat at the head of a table surrounded by approximately fifteen people. I can't remember my responses, just laughter. I hoped I could get out of the room without falling or passing out from being so nervous. I then waited . . .

Next I filled out a stack of papers for a Sheriff's Department background check. I then waited . . .

The medical examination was the next step. They are very thorough. I then waited . . .

FINALLY, on June 8, 2004 I received a phone call from the Commander – I made it! Our first newbie meeting was June 10th. I was sworn in as a probationary member of Salt Lake County Sheriff's Search and Rescue. I met the other 9 new members and received my equipment including pager, radios, helmet, rope, floatation device, and other items I wasn't sure I recognized! Several of the new members were extremely qualified. One had already been on a SAR team, another was the size and as fit as a Navy Seal, another climbed competitively. Then there was the professional guide who specializes in the Tetons and South America, and a Snowbird pro-patroller. Hmmm, why did they include me?

My first training was Saturday, June 12th. It was a scree "evac" training at Storm Mountain. I was so nervous I actually drove by the group! What was I thinking??? I couldn't do this! Well it turned out to be a great day except for the two stitches in my arm. But I was hooked.

I babysat my pager for the next few days, willing it to go off! Then the following Wednesday at 10:00 p.m. it did! Fallen climber at the S curve! I was just getting out of the shower after a couple hours at the gym so the combination of being tired from my workout and my first adrenaline rush left me extremely shaky! It was a scree evac with a rockslide and everything. I helped carry the victim until the rocks started to fly, then (I admit) I ditched to the side! I was disappointed I got nervous and felt I hadn't really helped so I drove home in tears!



Over the next few months I attended all the trainings and spent as much time as possible with the team members. I was often frustrated by my lack of technical skill but soon learned my knowledge of the trails in the Wasatch also added value to the team. All that hiking and snowshoeing paid off! The team was great. I may have been frustrated, but they continued to offer training and opportunities to gain the technical skills. They truly believed I could learn everything I needed to know to be a valuable member of the team. Since the person writing this report is very different from the person that applied for SAR, I would say they are correct. I have a whole new set of technical skills and am gaining the confidence to rely on them. As several WMC climbers know, climbing was a challenge. I was terrified of heights and had smashed my hand in a previous climbing accident. Thanks to the WMC climbers and more recently several SAR members, I'm officially addicted to climbing. The Swiftwater Technician course I had to take gave me a whole new respect for the WMC river addicts. You are a crazy bunch. By the third day I almost wanted to drown rather than swim another rapid. However, we had another swiftwater training involving boats in the pool at Raging Waters at night – great fun.

To wrap, I made it past the probationary period and passed the technical skills test including patient packaging, anchors, haul systems, ascend/descend passing a knot with a prusik and belay device, knot use and strength, etc. There were ten original probationary members, five of us made it. I was very happy to receive that shiny badge and become a permanent member.

I'll never forget the first time I really felt I was helping save a life. It was up Coal Pitch Gulch and I helped with the highline. When I looked up and saw the patient coming across the line, I just couldn't believe I was helping save someone as I had watched the team save Vivien months before! What a rush! I could go on and on about the over 60 callouts I've attended since starting with the team – my first heli ride, my first all night callout, my first hug from a victim's family, my first body recovery, my first avalanche probe line, etc. The callouts combined with the training seem like a lot of donated time. However, overall I can honestly say I've gained more than I've ever given.

I guess I want to encourage any WMC member in-

terested in Search and Rescue to apply. The variety of technical skills combined with the backcountry knowledge of WMC members would greatly benefit SAR and it is a great opportunity for club members to give back to their community. For more information, go to www.slsheriff.org/html/org/sar/index.html or email me at vjahiker@yahoo.com.



More WMC Climbing shots - but these are just for fun.

Will, Tosh and Kyle were braving the season's cold weather and got in one last climb of the season. Obviously, it was not so cold as to contain Will's enthusiasm. Photos by Kyle



BOATING DIRECTOR'S MESSAGES

We'll be having the Permit Party on Tuesday January 10. Please be sure to send in and get your permit applications. Stay tuned to the Rambler and the Boating Email for any additional information. We need a big turn out so we have a number of people applying for permits. No permits No Boating. We will also be setting an agenda for the Scheduling party. Below is a list of where to apply for permits.

Colorado River, West Water Canyon & Delores River – Westwater River Permits; Bureau of Land Management, (BLM); Grand Resource Area; 82 E Dogwood #G, Moab, UT. 84532-2968, 435-259-2196

Colorado River, Cataract Canyon, Canyonlands National Park; Cataract Canyon Permits; 2282 S West Resource Blvd, Moab, UT 84532-8000, 435-259-4351

San Juan River, San Juan River Permits, BLM, San Juan Resources Area; PO Box 7; Monticello, UT.84535, 435-587-2144

Colorado River, Grand Canyon River Permits, Grand Canyon National Park; Box 129; Grand Canyon, AZ. 86023; 520-638-7843

Green River, Canyon of Ladore River Permits; Dinosaur National Monument; 4545 Hwy 40, Dinosaur, CO. 81610, 970-374-2468

Yampa River, River Permits, Dinosaur National Monument; 4545 Hwy 40, Dinosaur, Co. 81610; 970-374-2468

Green River, Desolation/Gray Canyons Wilderness River Permits; BLM, Price River Resource Area; 125 South 600 West, Price, UT 84501; 435-636-3622

Middle Fork of the Salmon River Permits and Info; Middle Fork Ranger District, PO 750, Challis, ID. 83226, 208-879-4112

Main Salmon River Permits and Info, North Fork Ranger District, PO Box 180, North Fork, ID. 83466; 208-865-2725

Salmon River :Lower River Permits, BLM Route 3, Box 181, Cottonwood, ID. 83522,

Rogue River Tioga Resources Inc. PO Box 5149, Roseburg, OR. 97470, 541-672-4168, tioga@gears.efn.org

Salt River, Upper Permits, Tonto National Forest, 2324 E McDowell Rd. Phoenix, AZ. 85006, 602-225-5200

Verde River, River Permits, Verde Ranger Station, Prescott National Forest, Star Route 1, Box 1100, Camp Verde, AZ. 86322, 520-567-4121

THIS YEARS BOATING ACTIVITIES:
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New MSR snowshoes \$95. vincedesimone@yahoo.com or call 435 649 6805.

ALPINE SKIS FOR SALE: Atomic C:9. Length 180cm. (106/64/96) Atomic Device:412 bindings. Mint Condition. Used less than 10 days. Price: \$290. No need to remount bindings. Skis can be seen at <http://www.freewebs.com/slipre/>. Call Ira at 944-5946 or email oursblanc7@yahoo.com.

The WMC Lodge

The WMC club lodge is located at the top of Big Cottonwood Canyon. The lodge is used for a variety of WMC social functions, but can also be rented out for personal use (Full or half-day basis). Recent renovation to the lodge include the installation of flush toilets and shower. The two dormitory-style rooms on the second floor provide sleeping accommodation for about 20 people. The kitchen contains a stove and refrigerator, but is not stocked with utensils or culinary items. **All** users of the lodge are expected clean up the lodge after use. Contact Julie Mason at 278-2535 for reservations.

WMC Club Member Rates

October 1 - May 31 = \$250/24 hour period
June 1 - September 30 = \$300/24 hour period

Non WMC Member Rates

October 1 - May 31 = \$300/24 hour period
June 1 - September 30 = \$350/24 hour period

Weddings and/or Wedding Receptions

WMC members \$400/24 hour period
Non-WMC members \$500/24 hour period



It's winter again - Look for emails asking for help shoveling snow off the lodge roof.



**The
WMC
Wants
you!**

The Lodge needs constant care and WMC members have come to the rescue since 1929. Do you share to keep this club tradition in working condition. Come use your carpentry skills, or just help clean. Call Clayton Rand at 288-0251 or David Rabiger 964-8190 or send email caretakerwmc@yahoo.com to volunteer. Ask for a list of very specific items that need your help and attention and the hand tools and equipment needed to get the job done. We look forward to seeing you at the Lodge!

Club members can earn a \$50 voucher by participating in lodge service projects.

Directions to The Lodge

Go up Big Cottonwood canyon, (up 7200 S) to Brighton, drive to the back of the BIG parking lot (near the Brighton Manor Motel). Walk up the hill past the boulders, bear left across the stream and up the trail through the trees (100 yards). Wear walking shoes, carry a flashlight for the hike down,

Lodge Email list.

There is a new club email list, wmc-lodge, for use of the lodge committee and anyone interested in supporting the WMC lodge. To join this list, send an email to: majordomo@haas.dsl.xmission.com containing the text subscribe wmc-lodge You will receive a message asking for confirmation, which you must reply to before you are on the list.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB ACTIVITIES

Only activities approved by the appropriate WMC director. can be listed in The Rambler. Direct submissions to the Editor are NOT accepted. To submit my activity to the club, send your proposed activity for approval to the appropriate director for inclusion in their activity schedule. The deadline is 6:00 p.m. on the 10th of the month.

Rules and regulations:

1. **Dogs and children** are not allowed on WMC activities, except when specifically stated in the activity description.
2. **Car pool rates:** Gas plus \$0.15/mile, shared by everyone in the vehicle (including the driver) on 2WD roads, OR gas plus \$0.25/mile on 4WD roads.

Notice to Non-Members: Most WMC activities are open to prospective members except when specifically stated in the activity description.

Find out about unofficial activities on our email lists.

A lot of activities are planned on the spur of the moment because of a good dump of snow! Don't be left out of the cold! Get on a list! NOTE: Activities formed with these lists are for members only. Lists are to be used **only** for the scheduling of outdoor activities. Any use of this service for any other purpose, such as advertising, SPAM, jokes, etc, will result in the loss of privilege.

To subscribe : WMC club email lists: Send an email to: majordomo@wasatchmountainclub.org with the text (not in the header section):

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LIMITS ON GROUP SIZES IN WILDERNESS

Some National Forest ranger districts have policies limiting the sizes of groups hiking in wilderness areas. For hikes where we understand that there are wilderness group size limits, we have appended the hike listing with a 'Limit' note indicating the maximum number of participants (not including the organizer). Please help out our organizers on hikes with group size limits by arriving promptly and behaving nicely if you can't be accommodated on the hike because of a limit.

*****Participation in any WMC activity can be dangerous. It is your responsibility to evaluate your own preparedness and ability to safely participate in any activity. Please be sure to read and re-read the release forms in the back of this publication, as well as on the sign-up sheets at the beginning of each activity!!!!**

Rating Difficulty Range:

0.1-4.0 > **Not Too Difficult** (NTD)= lightly strenuous
4.1-8.0 > **Moderate** (MOD)= Moderate to very strenuous
8.1-11.0 > **Most Difficult** (MSD) > Very strenuous, difficult
11.1+ > **Extreme** (EXT) > Very strong, well-seasoned hikers.

B > Boulder fields or extensive bushwhacking
E > Elevation change in excess of 5,000 feet
M > Round trip mileage in excess of 15 mi.
R > Ridgeline hiking or extensive route finding
S > Scrambling
X > Exposure
W= Wilderness area, limit 14



WHAT ARE 10Es?

The 10 Essentials are: :Map/compass, flashlight, pocketknife, matches/ firestarter, sunscreen/bugspray, sunglasses, candle, first aid kit ,extra clothes, food and water.

Wasatch Mountain Club Proposed Constitutional Change

In the next few months, hopefully sometime in April, the WMC website will be upgraded. One new feature will be the ability to apply for membership, and renew your current membership, on-line with a credit-card. It would be convenient if new applicants could instantly be welcomed as new members once their application form was filled out and their credit card billed. This requires a minor change in the WMC constitution since currently a board vote approves new members once a month. The new (on-line) member would be probationary and remain unable to vote in general elections, lead activities or server on the WMC board until voted in as a full member at the next board meeting. These votes are necessary to protect the club from outside takeover of groups not aligned with our conservation and wilderness policies - as has almost happened to wilderness clubs in other states.

A current copy of the WMC constitution, policies and by-laws can be obtained on our website at <http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/information/>

To change the constitution the proposed changes must be presented (printed in the Rambler) to the club 10 days prior to a general membership meeting. The board voted at the December board meeting to supported this proposed change and present it to the club at the General Membership Meeting on February 15th.

The following represents as replacement for Article III section 2 of the constitution:

Section 2. Rights and Privileges. As outlined in the Bylaws, any person meeting the admission requirements for a specific membership, whose fees and annual dues are paid, shall be a member of the Club. To receive full rights and privileges, a member shall obtain a favorable majority vote from the Governing Board. Full rights and privileges of members shall include but not be limited to: voting, holding office, attending Club functions at member rates, and examining Club books and records at reasonable times. The Bylaws shall specify what abridged rights and privileges are granted to members who have not yet received a favorable vote by the Governing Board.

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WMC Annual Awards Banquet

**Where: Jewish Community Center
2 North Medical Drive.**

**When: Cocktails at 6:30 (please BYOBeverage)
Dinner at 7pm**

Cost: \$26.00

Entertainment: music and dancing with Tony Summerhays

**RSVP by January 14th with check payment to
Beverly Emrick c/o WMC
1390 South 1100 East, #103
SLC, UT 84105**

**Questions: Beverly Emrick - 599-8744 (bemrick@networld.com)
or Vicky McDaniel - 576-0160 (mcdaniel@xmission.com)**

Come out and enjoy an evening with the club. We're not suggesting you hire a tux and gown, but indeed some members might be hard to recognize all gussied up. Two members will be honored for their service to the club.

The **Alexis Kelner Award** is to thank a member for dedication to wilderness conservation.

The **Pa Perry Award** thanks a member for overall service to the club, including serving on the board, leading activities, working at the lodge or behind the scenes in so many other ways.



Activities Listings :



Is Iceland in your future? Only 4 degrees of separation from the Arctic circle, moderated by the Gulf stream and midsummer nights of only a few hours. Dudley wants to go this summer and check out the thermals, sea kayaking, hiking and people. Early indications are that this will run in the range of \$3,000 for 8 days plus airfare and ??? for extra time in Reykjavik. And, as in the past, if we round up enough to qualify for a tour leader's discount, he'll fold this back to reduce costs for all but if you're counting pennies, don't count on him. Next step would be to get together and review options, then commit and do it. Call Dudley at 733-7740 if you are interested.

JAN 1 SUN SKI (RIDE) BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD). Lisa wants to wish everyone a Happy New Year with a ski/ride day. If you have questions please call Lisa Verzella at 554-4135. Otherwise meet at Butler for a 9 AM departure. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's.

JAN 1 SUN SNOWSHOE: MID-MORNING NEW YEAR 'SHOO (NTD). How about working off last night's party with a nice stroll up to Dog Lake with Louise Rausch. The pace will be casual for this first snowshoe trip of 2006 on a 'nobody left behind' tour. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 10:00 AM. Call Louise with any questions: (801) 583-3305.

JAN 1 SUN SNOWSHOE: LATE-MORNING NEW YEAR 'SHOO (MOD). Start the New Year right! Let your party-weary body sleep until a decent hour of the morning, then go to Butler Elementary school for a prompt 11:00 AM departure for an invigorating New Year's workout. Phone Rick Kirkland at (801) 486-0909 to get more information. Bring your winter safety gear, 10'E's. Beacons advised.

JAN 2 MON SKI BACKCOUNTRY: HELI-FREE MONDAYS (MSD+). Join Robert Athey, the legendary 'Wizard of the Wasatch', as he explores multiple drainages in the tri-canyons without interference from helicopters. Tour is dependant on mountain and weather conditions. Plan on a long day with an early start. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear including transceiver and prior avalanche search training required. Group size will be limited and pre-registration is required. Contact Robert at wizowash@yahoo.com.

JAN 3 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD). Call or e-mail Chris Proctor to verify conditions and for details (485-1543) (Proctorgtr@aol.com). Moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually but not always in the tri-canyons, with 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear, snow safety and avalanche search training, and safe winter travel skills are essential. Transceivers are required for this trip.

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JAN 3 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD). Vince DeSimone will organize a "Tuesday Group" again this year, leaving at 10:00 AM. They go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal (healthy) pace with great conversation. For meeting location and last minute details, join the WMC Snowshoe email list for automatic notices and updates for all Tuesday Snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver. Vince prefers cyberspace at vincedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at (435) 649-6805.

JAN 5 THUR SKI TOUR: MILLCREEK CANYON ROAD NIGHT SKI (NTD to MOD). Meet Jen Heineman for a 6 PM start at the winter closure gate, which is approx. 4 miles up Millcreek Canyon. We will turn-around at or before the Big Water summer parking. Almost any cross country or backcountry ski can be used. And don't forget your headlamps, skins or wax and dry change of clothes. Join Jennifer for an NTD pace or ski ahead if you are after a faster (MOD) pace. Dogs are welcome with owners that adhere to the Millcreek leash laws and clean-up requirements. Email Jen at JHeineman28@yahoo.com with any questions.

JAN 5 THU SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD-MOD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will organize a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 AM. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where snowshoeing is an adventure. Join the "over the hill" bunch and expect a pace suitable to all and a destination determined at the time of departure. To confirm the outing (i.e. In case of bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Norm ahead of time. Meet at the Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road) at 9:15 AM. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 7 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: BEAR TRAP (MOD+). Join Greg Libecchi for a fun long day in the Wasatch. Remember to bring your 10Es, transceiver, climbing skins and a team spirit. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and prior snow safety and avalanche search training

***Participation in any WMC activity can be dangerous. It is your responsibility to evaluate your own preparedness and ability to safely participate in any activity. Please be sure to read and re-read the release forms in the back of this publication, as well as on the sign-up sheets at the beginning of each activity!!!!

suggested. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel and skins. Email or call Greg to register. glibecchi@yahoo.com or 435-645-9699

JAN 7 SAT SNOWSHOE: SILVER FORK (NTD). Robert Turner (547-0420...this is a new phone number, change your black books). Is organizing today's kinder gentler paced snowshoe in Big Cottonwood Canyon. He's hoping for Silver Fork, but if there is any avalanche danger, we'll go somewhere else. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 10:00 AM. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 7 SAT SNOWSHOE: WHITE PINE LAKE (MOD). Tom Walsh (487-1336) is going into Little Cottonwood Canyon today, final destination White Pine Lake. This may be a fairly long day, as snow conditions may make for slow travel on the 10-mile route. Make sure to bring lunch and a thermos of tea or other winter-warming beverage. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

JAN 7 SAT SNOWSHOE: MAYBIRD GULCH (MOD). Larry Nielssen (572-3964) is organizing today's MOD snowshoe trip, guided by the spirits of the ancient Maybird. Larry warns us now, there are no whiners allowed ("This is hard" "I'm cold" "Are we lost again?" "My nose is running"). We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 8 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: BREAK INTO THE BACKCOUNTRY - MILL F (NTD+). Try out this beginner ski tour with a beginner organizer Hokulani (Hoku) Pritchett. Steve will be there as well to lend a hand and share his knowledge. This is a new twist on the "Audrey Kelley Learn to Ski Program". Plan to have standard backcountry gear - skins, shovel, beacon, probe (optional) along with you typical skis/splitboard, food, water, clothing etc. Please call Hoku to pre-register ASAP @ 415-9857. Spots will go fast!

JAN 8 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZER CHOICE (MOD). Call or e-mail Walt Haas to register (534-1262) (haas@xmission.com) for an organizers choice tour. Otherwise meet at Butler Elementary for a 9 AM departure. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's.

JAN 8 SUN SNOWSHOE: DAYS FORK LOWER MEADOW (NTD). Carol Anderson (485-0877) is organizing this trip in Big Cottonwood Canyon. The pace will be casual and all members and prospective members are invited to join us today on this 'nobody left behind' activity. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:30 AM. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 8 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). Leslie Woods (274 - 2670) will check out the weather and snow conditions today, for her moderate snowshoe. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 8 SUN SNOWSHOE: BEARTRAP LOOP (MOD+). Mo-

hamed Abdallah (466-9310) is organizing today's brisk paced snowshoe trip in Big Cottonwood Canyon. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

JAN 9 SKI BACKCOUNTRY DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY TRIPS: ORGANIZERS NEEDED!! Call or e-mail Steve Pritchett to register (415-9857) spritchett@motek.com Consider dates for January, February and March. All proposed trips for January must be emailed to Steve by this date in order to make the publication deadline. Thanks in advance for volunteering.

JAN 9 MON SKI BACKCOUNTRY: HELI-FREE MONDAYS (MSD+). Join Robert Athey, the legendary 'Wizard of the Wasatch', as he explores multiple drainages in the tri-canyons without interference from helicopters. Tour is dependant on mountain and weather conditions. Plan on a long day with an early start. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear including transceiver and prior avalanche search training required. Group size will be limited and pre-registration is required. Contact Robert at wizowash@yahoo.com.

JAN 9 TUE SNOWSHOE DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY RAMBLER. For February Rambler, we are scheduling snowshoe activities for February 13 thru March 12, 2006. All proposed snowshoe activities must be sent to Cheryl Soshnik (csoshnik@yahoo.com) (435-649-9008, 801-641-4512) by this date.

JAN 10 TUE BOATING: PERMIT PARTY. The Permit Party will be held at the Mt Olympus Church at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006. We need your attendance. No permits no trips.

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JAN 10 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD – MSD). Vince DeSimone will organize a “Tuesday Group” again this year, leaving at 10:00 AM. They go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal (healthy) pace with great conversation. For meeting location and last minute details, join the WMC Snowshoe email list for automatic notices and updates for all Tuesday Snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. The club strongly recommends you wear transceiver. Vince prefers cyberspace at vincedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at (435) 649-6805.

JAN 12 THUR SKI TOUR: MILLCREEK CANYON ROAD NIGHT SKI (NTD to MOD). Meet Jen Heineman for a 6 PM start at the winter closure gate, which is approx. 4 miles up Millcreek Canyon. We will turn-around at or before the Big Water summer parking. Almost any cross country or backcountry ski can be used. And don't forget your headlamps, skins or wax and dry change of clothes. Join Jennifer for an NTD pace or ski ahead if you are after a faster (MOD) pace. Dogs are welcome with owners that adhere to the Millcreek leash laws and clean-up requirements. Email Jen at JHeineman28@yahoo.com with any questions.

JAN 12 THU SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD – MOD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will organize a “Thursday Group” this year, leaving at 9:30 AM. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where snowshoeing is an adventure. Join the “over the hill” bunch and expect a pace suitable to all and a destination determined at the time of departure. To confirm the outing (i.e. In case of bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Norm ahead of time. Meet at the Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the ‘Porcupine’ and across the street on the north side of the road) at 9:15 AM. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 13 FRI SOCIAL: “LUCKY THIRTEEN” SING-A-LONG & POTLUCK, definitely NTD. Don't be spooked by the date, just bring a snack or drink to share and join the gang at Patti O'Keefe's house for a rousing night of song, socializing and general silliness! The fun starts at 6:30 PM and lasts until ??? Dust off the old vocal chords (and any musical instruments tucked away in your closet) and bring them to 1724 Bunkerhill Road. Directions: From Murray-Holliday Rd. (approx. 4800 So.) turn south. On Kingsrow Road (1660 East); Bunkerhill is 1st street on left. 1724 is 2nd house from the end on your right. Need more encouragement?? Call Patti at 424-9215.

JAN 13 FRI SNOWSHOE: BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON FULL MOON SNOWSHOE (NTD). Knick Knickerbocker (272-2485) invites you to join him on a full moon adventure somewhere up Big Cottonwood canyon by moonlight. Since the moon has to make it's way above the Wasatch Crest, let's meet at Butler Elementary at 7:30 PM. Bring a thermos of warm tasty beverages and a flashlight, just in case the clouds cover the moon. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

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JAN 14 SAT SKI TOUR: ORGANIZERS CHOICE XC SKI (NTD to MOD). Leslie Woods is putting on the cross-country skis once again. She is expecting to meet at Butler Elementary and depart at 9:00 AM. Show-up and see who else will cross the line! Transceivers and 10 Es are required for this tour. If you have questions, call Leslie at 266-3317 or e-mail woodslk@aol.com.

JAN 14 SAT SNOWSHOE: CARDIFF FORK (NTD). Barry Quinn (801-272-7097) says that you can practice with your beacon. He says he's slower than he used to be (maybe I can keep up with him now) and especially encourages seniors to join him. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at reasonable time of 12:30 PM. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 14 SAT SNOWSHOE: SHINGLE CREEK OR CO-OP CREEK, UINTAS (MOD). Cheryl Soshnik (435-649-9008) invites you to join her in the Uinta Mountains today, for a fairly long but not terribly steep moderate paced adventure. Make sure to bring plenty of lunch, water, and a thermos of hot beverage, as well as your 10E's. SLC folks, meet at the Parleys Way K-Mart to carpool at 8:00 AM. The organizer will meet you at the Kamas High School at 9:00 AM. Plan for a long day of fun and exercise. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 14 SAT SNOWSHOE: GRIZZLEY GULCH TO CATHERINE'S PASS (MOD). Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) is organizing today's fast-paced snowshoe tour in Little Cottonwood Canyon. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 15 SUN SNOWSHOE: WHITE FIR PASS (NTD). Tony Barron (272-8927) is going up Mill Creek Canyon today, final destination White Fir Pass. The pace will be relaxed and easy, and all members and prospective members are invited to join us today on this ‘nobody left behind’ activity. We'll leave from Skyline High School parking lot at 10:00 AM. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 15 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (TURTLE). Nancy Phillips (942-8953) is organizing a TURTLE snowshoe this morning. So, what's a TURTLE hike? Slow and steady, and we will go the distance, often times a greater distance than regular NTD trips. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:30 AM. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.



JAN 15 SUN SNOWSHOE: NEFF'S CANYON TO THE MEADOW (MOD). Barb Hanson (485-0132) is repeating the new tour she began last year that gains almost 2,500' in 3 miles. This is one of her favorite trips, to a bowl of jagged limestone cliffs with a great view of the Salt Lake Valley below. This trip begins at lower elevations, so hopefully there will be enough snow. Bring a transceiver and shovel if you have 'em. This tour is in the Mt. Olympus Wilderness Area, so there is a limit of 10 in a group. Above 10, we would need to split out a second group and ask for a volunteer to be an organizer on another trip. Arrive early to assure you don't get bumped from the tour. Meet Barb at the Skyline High School parking lot at 9:30 AM. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 15 SUN AFTERNOON SNOWSHOE STROLL: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD). Robert Turner (547-0420) says to go ahead and sleep in, read the newspaper, and then come to Butler Elementary at 1:00 PM for a "decent afternoon start time" like 1:00 PM. He will choose an appropriate destination in the Cottonwood Canyons based on snow and weather conditions. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 16 MON SKI TOUR: RED PINE CANYON TO SOUTH FORK WEBER RIVER TRAVERSE (UINTAS)(MOD+). After setting up a car shuttle, this tour begins at the Thousand Peaks Ranch gate with the Smith and Morehouse road 'kick 'n glide' southbound and then turns southwest to climb along the narrow and steep Red Pine Canyon. Eventually it loops into the South Fork of the Weber River trail. The distance is about 14 miles total with 2,200-foot elevation gain. Beacon and shovel required. Light backcountry gear (double-cambered, metal-edged) works best in the rolling Uintas. Contact Mike Berry (mberryxc@earthlink.net, 583-4721) to register and for meeting place/time. Carpool rate is .15 per mile per vehicle plus gas. The club recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 16 MON SKI BACKCOUNTRY: MONDAY BLUES SKI TOURS (NTD – MOD). Start the workweek right! Call Brian for a relatively laid back tour. Destination and length of tour to be dependent on snow conditions and participant expertise. As

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most people will be worn out from the weekend, we'll shoot for a start time of noon. Transceivers, shovels, skins required. Call Brian Barkey @ (801) 394-6047.

JAN 16 MON HIKE: ANTELOPE ISLAND (NTD+). Robert Turner will either do the 9 mile loop not much elevation gain, or Fairy Peak depending if there's snow or not. He's going rain, snow, or shine; weather conditions will not cancel this trip today. Meet at 10:30 AM at the Parking Lot by the entrance

booth at the Antelope Island causeway. To get there, take the I-15 exit #335 and go West 7 miles. The parking lot is on the left just before the entrance station. We'll car pool from there to the island; there is a \$6 or so per car entrance fee that we'll share.

JAN 17 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD). Call or e-mail Chris Proctor to verify conditions and for details (485-1543) (Proctorgr@aol.com). Moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually but not always in the tri-canyons, with 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear, snow safety and avalanche search training, and safe winter travel skills are essential. Transceivers are required for this trip.

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JAN 19 THUR SKI TOUR: MILLCREEK CANYON ROAD NIGHT SKI (NTD to MOD). Meet Jen Heineman for a 6 PM start at the winter closure gate, which is approx. 4 miles up Millcreek Canyon. We will turn-around at or before the Big Water summer parking. Almost any cross country or backcountry ski can be used. And don't forget your headlamps, skins or wax and dry change of clothes. Join Jennifer for an NTD pace or ski ahead if you are after a faster (MOD) pace. Dogs are welcome with owners that adhere to the Millcreek leash laws and clean-up requirements. Email Jen at JHeineman28@yahoo.com with any questions.

JAN 19 THU SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD – MOD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will organize a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 AM. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons

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JAN 21 SAT SOCIAL ANNUAL WMC AWARDS BANQUET. The WMC encourages everyone to mark his or her calendars and save the date for this great evening. To be held at the Jewish Community Center, 2 North Medical Drive. Cocktails at 6:30PM. Bring your beverage of choice. Dinner will be at 7PM. We’ll have the awards, followed by an evening of music and dancing to the sounds of Tony Summerhays. Dinner will be \$26.00 per person. Please send to Beverly Emrick at 1390 South 1100 East, #103, SLC, UT 84105 before January 14th. For further questions please call: Beverly Emrick – 599-8744 or (bemrick@networld.com) or Vicky McDaniel - 576-0160 or (mcdaniel@xmission.com)

JAN 21 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: BREAK INTO THE BACKCOUNTRY- MILL D (NTD+). Try out this ‘backcountry entry level’ ski trip with veteran Walt Haas. Skiing powder in the backcountry is different than skiing at the resorts. You will practice transitioning from climbing to skiing and skiing to climbing. Working the layers of clothing and skinning up. Plan to have standard backcountry gear with some knowledge of use - skins, shovel, beacon, probe (optional) along with your typical skis/splitboard, food, water, clothing etc. Call or e-mail Walt to pre-register 534-1262 or haas@xmission.com. Act now, spots will go fast!

JAN 21 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: CROSS CANYON TRIP (MOD+). Join Tim Bardsley for a fun long day of yoyo’ing and cross canyon travel, mountain and weather conditions allowing. Bring your transceiver, 10 Es, probe and avalanche skills. Registration required so call or e-mail Tim at 557-3783 or Tim.Bardsley@ut.usda.gov.

JAN 21 SAT SNOWSHOE: DOG LAKE (NTD). Jim Piani (801-733-0627) says bring your beacon, shovel and 10Es. We’ll

leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, meet at 9 AM.

JAN 21 SAT SHOWSHOE: LONE PEAK (MSD/EXT). Very fit snowshoers with a taste for adventure are invited to join Richard Randall for a long day in the wilderness and a chance to summit this extraordinary peak. An ice ax and skill in its use are mandatory. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver. Contact Richard for more information or to register. Telephone 553-9090 or email (preferred) thegrizz@xmission.com.

JAN 21 SAT SNOWSHOE: USA BOWL (TURTLE). Ellen Jenkins (801-293-9198) is organizing a TURTLE snowshoe this morning. So, what’s a TURTLE hike? Slow and steady, and we will go the distance, often times a greater distance than regular NTD trips. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver. We’ll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 10 AM.

JAN 22 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: BEAR TRAP (MOD): A MOD trip at a moderate pace. I would prefer a group of 6 people so call or e-mail to register and to find out the meeting place and time. Bring your lunch, 10 Es, transceiver and knowledge of safe backcountry travel. Expect to be in the backcountry till 4pm. Contact Heidi at heidi@biochem.utah.edu or 792-7765.

JAN 22 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER’S CHOICE (NTD). Clayton Rand (801-897-8911) is going to choose going to Dog Lake or Green’s Basin, show up with a good attitude, engage in good conversation, and we’ll have fun. We’ll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9 AM. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 22 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZERS CHOICE ABOVE BOUNTIFUL (MOD+). Join Zig Sondelski and enjoy some new trails and scenery in the Wasatch. Ever been up North Canyon, Sessions Ridge, Mueller Canyon, Grandview Ridge, City Creek West Ridge, Holbrook Ridge or Parrish Creek to name a few? Expect great views of the valley and lake, all points west and frequently moose. Most trails connect with the Great Western Trail with views to the east as well. Bring the appropriate 10-E’s for snowshoeing. Departure time will be at 9 AM and the meeting location will depend on the trail chosen so con-



Cheryl’s tour in the backcountry - Photos by Tim Bardsley.

tact Zig for more details at 292-8332 (H), 299-6623 (W) or zig.sondelski@hollycorp.com. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 22 SUN SNOWSHOE: NORTH WILLOW LAKE, STANSBURY MOUNTAINS (MOD+). Peter Hartley (435-882-7439 HARTLEY660@MSN.COM) is going into the Stansbury Mountains in the Tooele valley today. He is starting from Medina flats, which is a long but not very steep outing into some very spectacular scenery. We will have to walk the forestry road up to Medina flats so be prepared for a long day. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver. We'll be meeting 8:30 AM at the Maverick in Stansbury Park, but please call ahead to register and to discuss the trip details.

JAN 23 MON SKI BACKCOUNTRY: HELI-FREE MONDAYS (MSD+). Join Robert Athey, the legendary 'Wizard of the Wasatch', as he explores multiple drainages in the tri-canyons without interference from helicopters. Tour is dependant on mountain and weather conditions. Plan on a long day with an early start. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear including transceiver and prior avalanche search training required. Group size will be limited and pre-registration is required. Contact Robert at wizowash@yahoo.com.

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JAN 24 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD). Call or e-mail Chris Proctor to verify conditions and for details (485-1543) (Proctorgtr@aol.com). Moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually but not always in the tri-canyons, with 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear, snow safety and avalanche search training, and safe winter travel skills are essential. Transceivers are required for this trip.

JAN 24 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD). Vince DeSimone will organize a "Tuesday Group" again this year, leaving at 10:00 AM. They go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal (healthy) pace with great conversation. For meeting location and last minute details, join the WMC Snowshoe email list for automatic notices and updates for all Tuesday Snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at vincedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at (435) 649-6805. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.



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JAN 26 THUR SKI TOUR: MILLCREEK CANYON ROAD NIGHT SKI (NTD to MOD). Meet Jen Heineman for a 6 PM start at the winter closure gate, which is approx. 4 miles up Millcreek Canyon. We will turn-around at or before the Big Water summer parking. Almost any cross country or backcountry ski can be used. And don't forget your headlamps, skins or wax and dry change of clothes. Join Jennifer for an NTD pace or ski ahead if you are after a faster (MOD) pace. Dogs are welcome with owners that adhere to the Millcreek leash laws and clean-up requirements. Email Jen at JHeineman28@yahoo.com with any questions.

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JAN 28 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD). Call or e-mail Walt Haas to register (534-1262) (haas@xmission.com) for an organizers choice tour. Otherwise meet at Butler Elementary for a 9 AM departure. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's.

JAN 28 SAT SNOWSHOE: WILLOW LAKE (NTD). Mary Ann Losee marlos@xmission.com will meet at 9:00 AM, Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 28 SAT SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD or MOD). Judy Elizondo and Andy Beard (801-824-9440) say, "bring your peeps and we'll have fun." We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 28 SAT SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). Cassie says let's "snowshoe up Willow Fork and down Beartrap." The club recommends you wear a transceiver. Call Cassie Badowsky 278-5153, Meet at 9:00AM Butler Elementary School located at 2700 E 7000 S. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

JAN 28 SAT SNOWSHOE: BROADS FORK (MOD). Steve Duncan (801-474-0031) is organizing today's tour up Broad's fork. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 10:00 AM.

JAN 29 SUN BACKCOUNTRY SKI: CARDIAC BOWL (MOD+). Mark Borges will organize this weather and conditions dependant trip. Please contact him to register and discuss details. Bring your 10 Es, transceiver, shovel and knowledge of safe backcountry travel. E-mail Mark at mborges@aros.net.

JAN 29 SUN SKI TOUR: LAKE CREEK (EXPLORATORY) (DANIEL'S AREA) (MOD). A new route, which follows Lake Creek, between the forest road and Timber Lakes Estates to get to the high country below Heber Mountain. We will be able to take in the scenery of the Wasatch back and Mount Timpanogos.

This tour begins at the snowmobile parking area 9 miles east of Heber, but don't expect to see many (any) snowmobiles in the lower creek drainage access to the high country. We field checked this route as a fall hike, and the creek bottom (wide, but steep-sided) is very pristine. There was very little evidence of footprints or pathways through the summer underbrush along this perennial stream. At 5 miles (10 mile RT) in on the trail we will have climbed 1,750 feet to the open hills and aspen groves and the views should be great. Then we will have an ideal 350-foot per mile glide down the uptrack. Contact Mike Berry by Friday, January 27, (mberryxc@earthlink.net, 583-4721) to register and for meeting time/place & information.

JAN 29 SUN SNOWSHOE: MILL D TO BUTLER FORK VIA REYNOLD'S PEAK (MOD). Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) is organizing today's brisk paced snowshoe. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

JAN 29 SUN SNOWSHOE: DESOLATION LAKE (MOD).

Join Knick Knickerbocker (272-2485) for this snowshoe tour today, weather and avalanche conditions permitting. Knick plans on a pleasant (not a race) pace to this great destination. Come prepared and we'll relax by the lake before returning. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver. Meet at Butler Elementary, which is located on 2700 East about 7000 South, at 9:00 AM.

JAN 29 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZERS CHOICE

ABOVE BOUNTIFUL (MOD+). Join Zig Sondelski and enjoy some new trails and scenery in the Wasatch. Ever been up North Canyon, Sessions Ridge, Mueller Canyon, Grandview Ridge, City Creek West Ridge, Holbrook Ridge or Parrish Creek to name a few? Expect great views of the valley and lake, all points west and frequently moose. Most trails connect with the Great Western Trail with views to the east as well. Bring the appropriate 10-E's for snowshoeing. Departure time will be at 9 AM and the meeting location will depend on the trail chosen so contact Zig for more details at 292-8332 (H), 299-6623 (W) or zig.sondelski@hollycorp.com. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

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FEB 4 SAT SNOWSHOE: ALBION BASIN (NTD+). Doug Stark (801-277-8538) will be going to Albion Basin "at a leisurely pace". We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, meet AT 9 AM. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

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FEB 4 SAT SNOWSHOE: MAYBIRD (MOD). Cassie Badowsky 278-5153, Meet high energy Cassie and head up to Maybird (conditions permitting). Meet at 9:00AM Butler Elementary School 2700 E 7000 South. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

FEB 5 SUN SOCIAL: 19TH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER Vincenzo and Linda DeSimone invite you to an evening of Italian cuisine and fellowship. Cost \$5 for food and hot drinks (bring other drinks of choice). Time: 6 pm (no early arrivals please). Directions: I-80 to Park City exit Hwy 224 toward Park City, turn left on Meadows Dr. just past the large white barn on the right. Turn left on Mountain Top Lane; go up to Mountain Top Drive at the "T" intersection on top and turn right to the sounds of fun. No pets or children please. The Super Bowl will not be on. Questions: 435 649 6805 vincedesimone@yahoo.com RSVP not required.

FEB 5 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD). Meet Carol Masheter at the Butler Elementary School at 9 AM to discuss plans for the day and arrange carpooling. If you have any questions call Carol at 801-466-5729. Don't forget your 10 Es, transceiver, shovel, lunch and a good understanding of safe backcountry travel.

FEB 5 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: PFEIFFERHORN (MSD). Join Walt Haas for a classic tour to the magnificent Wasatch jewel, The Pfeifferhorn. Call or e-mail Walt Haas to register (534-1262) (haas@xmission.com) for an organizers choice tour. Bring your 10 E's, transceiver and shovel. Be ready for a long day.

FEB 5 SUN SNOWSHOE: GREEN'S BASIN OR DAYS FORK (TURTLE). Ellen Jenkins (801-293-9198) is organizing a TURLTLE snowshoe this morning. So, what's a TURTLE hike? Slow and steady, and we will go the distance, often times a greater distance than regular NTD trips. Ellen will decide location depending on conditions. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:30 AM. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

FEB 5 SUN SNOWSHOE: WHITE FIR PASS (NTD). Chris Lyons (435-649-8811) will meet you at Skyline High school parking lot at 9 AM. Come prepared for a fun day. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

FEB 5 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZERS CHOICE ABOVE BOUNTIFUL (MOD+). Join Zig Sondelski and enjoy some new trails and scenery in the Wasatch. Ever been up North Canyon, Sessions Ridge, Mueller Canyon, Grandview Ridge, City Creek West Ridge, Holbrook Ridge or Parrish Creek to name a few? Expect great views of the valley and lake, all points west and frequently moose. Most trails connect with the Great Western Trail with views to the east as well. Bring the appropriate 10-E's for snowshoeing. Departure time will be at 9 AM and the meeting location will depend on the trail chosen so contact Zig for more details at 292-8332 (H), 299-6623 (W) or zig.sondelski@hollycorp.com. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

FEB 5 SUN SNOWSHOE AND HOT TUB: PARK CITY

BEFORE THE SPAGHETTI FEED (NTD). Planning on coming up to Vince and Linda's Spaghetti Feast tonight? Need to stomp around in the snow for a couple hours in the afternoon to whet your appetite and hang out prior to the magical time? Well, friends, let's go snowshoeing! Meet Cheryl Soshnik (435-659-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com) at 1:30 PM at the parking lot on the East side of Hwy 224 across from the big white barn that you see as you are driving into Park City. We'll either leave from there or carpool to some other local trailhead for a couple hours of exercise. When we're done, we can hang out at my house in old town to visit, share beverages, or soak in the hot tub until the magic departure time of 5:45 PM. Bring a suit and towel if you want to hot tub, plus beverages and snacks for the wait.

FEB 6 MON SKI BACKCOUNTRY: HELI-FREE MONDAYS (MSD+). Join Robert Athey, the legendary 'Wizard of the Wasatch', as he explores multiple drainages in the tri-canyons without interference from helicopters. Tour is dependant on mountain and weather conditions. Plan on a long day with an early start. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear including transceiver and prior avalanche search training required. Group size will be limited and pre-registration is required. Contact Robert at wizowash@yahoo.com.

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FEB 9 FRI - 13 MON BIKE ROAD/MOUNTAIN: DEATH VALLEY. If you would like to escape from the wintertime chills, smog, and have a great time too, come on the Death Valley bike ride with the old ranger, Bob Wright. There will be biking, hiking, swimming, and just hanging with your friends. We will stay at the Furnace Creek campground as before, and do day rides from there. It is comfortably warm during the

day and not too cold at night. Precipitation is usually minimal except for last year when the desert bloomed like never before. We can visit many of the local attractions such as Scotty's Castle, Ubehebe Crater, Titus Canyon, Badwater, Stovepipe Wells, and surrounding canyons. We will car pool as much as possible. It is a 545-mile drive each way via Las Vegas. We will do group cooking, estimated cost is \$45.00 per person for camping and food. Transportation and park entry is not included. We will have a planning meeting on Thursday, Jan. 26 at Bob and Denna Wright's house, 1832 Meadow Moor Rd. (5000 South) at 7:00 PM. Call Bob to register at 801-274-0756 or E-mail at bobanddenna@msn.com.

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FEB 9 THU SNOWSHOE: DEADLINE FOR MARCH RAMBLER. For March Rambler, we are scheduling snowshoe activities for March 13 thru April 9, 2006, the end of the Snowshoe season. All proposed snowshoe activities must be sent to Cheryl Soshnik (csoshnik@yahoo.com) (435-649-9008, 801-641-4512) by this date.

FEB 11 SAT SNOWSHOE: SALT LAKE OVERLOOK (NTD). Carol Anderson (801-485-0877) will take a "slow and easy pace" to the overlook. Meet at Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at slightly later time of 9:30 AM. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

FEB 11 SAT SNOWSHOE: POWDERPARK #1 (MOD). Make a good trail with Cassie Badowsky 278-5153. Meet at 9:00AM - Butler Elementary School located at 2700 E 7000 S. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

FEB 11 SAT SNOWSHOE: BOUNTIFUL PEAK VIA FORD CANYON NORTH RIDGE (MSD). Gene Dennis (higene27090@yahoo.com) is organizing this 11+mi with 4000+ elevation change Wasatch Front excursion. Participants will meet at 8:30 am at the trailhead at 1825N east end in Centerville. We will ascend the seldom-used north ridge of Ford Canyon trail to where it meets Skyline Drive below Bountiful Peak. Weather permitting; we will make the short climb to the top, look over, then proceed S on Skyline Drive to the Parrish Ridge trail, which

we will descend to its Bountiful trailhead, and take a shuttle vehicle back to the Centerville trailhead. We can expect to walk the first .5 mi, and possibly encounter strong winds and cold on Bountiful Peak. On the way we will pass thru scrub oak, aspen, pine forests and we may encounter deer, moose, and eagles. There is no avalanche danger or exposure here, but expect a long day! The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

FEB 12 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: BREAK INTO THE BACKCOUNTRY- MILL D (NTD+). Try out this 'backcountry entry level' ski trip with veteran Pete Mimick. Skiing powder in the backcountry is different than skiing at the resorts. You will practice transitioning from climbing to skiing and skiing to climbing. Working the layers of clothing and skinning up. Plan to have standard backcountry gear with some knowledge of use - skins, shovel, beacon, probe (optional) along with your typical skis/splitboard, food, water, clothing etc. E-mail Pete to pre-register at pmimmack@googlemail.com. Act now, spots will go fast!

FEB 12 SUN SNOWSHOE: DOG LAKE (NTD). Christel Sysak (801-943-0316) will meet at Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9 AM. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

FEB 12 SUN SNOWSHOE: WHITE FIR PASS (NTD). Robert Turner (801-547-0420 rturner@uofu.net) invites you to meet him at Skyline High school at 1 PM. After enjoying the morning come out and play in the snow. The club strongly recommends you wear a transceiver.

FEB 12 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). Leslie Woods (801-274-2670) will choose a destination appropriate for conditions.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

MAR 2 THU – MAR 5 SUN WINTER CAMPING: SNAKE RIVER HOT SPRINGS IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK (NTD). Celebrate the spring month by skiing into a backcountry site for 2 nights near the remote Snake River Hot Springs group. The hot springs soaking will take the chill out of the crisp winter air. The plan is to drive up to Jackson on Wednesday morning, stay at a motel that night, and get a hearty breakfast and then pick up the permit the next morning, and start the ski from the Flagg Ranch Bridge to cross the Snake River. Contact Mike Berry (mberryxc@earthlink.net, 583-4721) to register and for more information.

APR 15 SAT SKI TOUR: DRY LAKE FORK (STANSBURY MOUNTAINS) (MOD). Mike Berry (mberryxc@earthlink.net) organizes this trip to the Stansbury Range. This outing will climb approximately 2,800 feet over 4.5 miles to listen and watch (from a safe distance) for the annual spring snow slides releasing from the east cliffs of Deseret Peak. This tour follows the drainage and does not stay on the summer trail to the peak. Sturdy touring or backcountry skis are suggested. Skins may be useful. Beacon and shovel required. Contact Mike Berry (mberryxc@earthlink.net, 583-4721) by Thursday, April 13 to register and for meeting time/place & information.

MAY 12 FRI - 14 SUN FAMILY CAR CAMP: ARCHES. We need help with the annual Mother's Day family car camp to Arches National Park. Noel de Nevers has the group campground permit, but can't go. If someone else will take over the trip, we can have it. Otherwise it will have to be cancelled. If you are interested in learning what is required, call Noel, 581-6024 office, or 328-9376 home.

NON-WMC EVENTS

JAN 1 AVALANCHE SAFETY CLINICS: check out the section in this Rambler for extensive list of available dates and classes or go to www.avalanche.org. You should "Know Before You Go"!

JAN 1 SKI CLINICS: There are many available, try this link for a start http://www.freeridemagazine.com/uploads/6_Clinics.htm. As an example, the link for www.babesinthebackcountry.com can be followed to find a Dec 3, 2005 backcountry sampler clinic at Alta. Or you can select "ski fitness classes" to learn about conditioning classes like Wasatch Telemark Dryland Training.

JAN 10 TUE REI FREE AVALANCHE TALK: "Science of Avalanches" 7:00 PM. By Bruce Tremper, Director of the Forest Service Utah Avalanche Center and author of the book, "Staying Alive in Avalanche Terrain." 3285 East 3300 South, Salt Lake City, (801) 486-2100.

JAN 30 – FEB 5 BACKCOUNTRY AWARENESS WEEK: In order to bring the safety, fun, exercise, and beauty of Utah's Backcountry to everyone the Friends of the Utah Avalanche Center in conjunction with Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort will be hosting a "Backcountry Awareness Week" January 30th to February 5th, 2006. The purpose of this event is to encourage families to become educated about the safe and efficient ways to travel on snow utilizing snowshoes, skis, and split boards. Check out the web site www.backcountryawareness.com or call 801-933-2147. Check out the calendar of events and sign up early.

FEB 3 FRIENDS OF UTAH AVALANCHE CENTER FUNDRAISER: Join in the fun and excitement at one of the season's best events. The Snowbird Cliff Lodge will host this gala event. Last year these tickets sold out quickly. Check out the "calendar" under this web site www.backcountryawareness.com or call (801) 933-2147.

REI COMMUNITY CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT FOR JANUARY

SANDY CITY -

Thursday, January 12th, 7pm INTRODUCTION TO NORDIC SKI WAXING

Thursday, January 19th, 7pm ATLAS "EXPLORE WINTER" WOMENS SNOWSHOEING WORKSHOP:

Thursday, January 26th, 7pm EXPLORING COLORADO'S ZIRKEL & RAWAH WILDERNESS AREAS:

SALT LAKE CITY -

Tuesday, January 10th, 7pm THE SCIENCE OF AVALANCHES

Tuesday, January 17th, 7pm SKI & BOARD TUNE & WAX

Wednesday, January 18th, 7pm ATLAS "EXPLORE WINTER" WOMENS SNOWSHOEING WORKSHOP

Tuesday, January 24th, 7pm SKI MOUNTAINEERING AD-

VENTURES IN PATAGONIA

Tuesday, January 31st, 7pm BREAKING TRAIL; A CLIMBING LIFE

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Saturdays & Sundays December 17th through March, 10am SNOWSHOE WITH A NATURALIST

Sunday, January 1st, 10am-3pm THE UTAH NORDIC ALLIANCE DEMO DAY

Saturday, January 14, 10am RAIL TRAIL 5K SNOWSHOE STOMP

Saturday, January 21st WASATCH CITIZEN SERIES

Saturday, January 28th, 9am-3pm REI GPS NAVIGATION DAY

January 30th through February 5th BACKCOUNTRY AWARENESS WEEK

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please read carefully and fill out all three (3) pages completely.
I am applying for a

New Membership
 Single Couple

Reinstatement (please do not use this form for yearly membership renewal)

Name of applicant (1) _____ Birth date _____

Name of applicant (2) _____ Birth date _____

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City, State, Zip _____

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Rambler Phone (2) _____ Work Phone(2) _____ Email(2): _____

How did you learn about the WMC? _____

Privacy Information: The WMC publishes member's names, address and phone numbers in the The Rambler, twice a year to facilitate membership communication. We also occasionally release our address list to WMC-board approved wilderness and/or conservation organizations for one-off mailings under the stipulation that they do not continue to use the list or provide it to others. Please select from the following:

- Please publish my address in The Rambler and provide to board approved organizations.
- Please publish my address in The Rambler but do not provide to other organizations.
- Please do not publish my address in The Rambler, and do not provide to other organizations.

Do you wish to receive The Rambler (club publication) yes no.

Membership dues:

\$40.00 for single membership (\$35.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)

\$55.00 for couple membership (\$50.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)

\$25.00 for student membership (\$20.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee; must be full-time student, age 30 and under)

Enclosed is \$ _____ for application fee and first year's dues. Check and money orders only. Make checks payable to Wasatch Mountain Club.

Mail completed application to:

Membership Director
Wasatch Mountain Club
1390 South, 1100 East
Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2443

Leave blank for office use:

Receipt/Check # _____ Amount Received _____ Date _____ By _____

Board Approval Date _____

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE?

The Wasatch Mountain Club is a volunteer run organization. Events are published monthly in the Rambler, providing contact details, meeting times and places as well as a guide to the difficulties of the activity. Members can join other in a variety of activities, or lead an activity of their own by contacting the director in charge of the particular kind of event. Directors' contact information can be found in the front of the Rambler. Members can also subscribe to a series of email lists found on our web page, www.wasatchmountainclub.org. These lists provide more spontaneous communication between members heading into the backcountry.

What kinds of activities are you interested in?

Hiking: ___ easy hike, ___ moderate hike, ___ challenging hike, ___ car camp, ___ backpack, ___ family hikes

Boating: ___ rafting, ___ kayaking, ___ canoeing,
___ trip leader, ___ instruction, ___ equipment, ___ sailing

Biking: ___ mountain biking, ___ road biking, ___ camping tour

Winter Sports: Snowshoeing: ___ easy tour, ___ moderate tour, ___ challenging tour

Skiing: ___ easy, ___ moderate, or ___ challenging x-country ski

___ easy, ___ moderate or ___ challenging backcountry ski

___ yurt trips

Climbing: ___ wasatch Climb, ___ out-of-town trip, ___ winter mountaineering

Other: ___ caving, ___ rollerblading, ___ scuba, ___ canyoneering, ___ other: _____

The Wasatch Mountain Club needs you!

In addition to the outdoor

President, V.P., secretary and four trustees are elected to the board on a yearly basis at the annual membership meeting in February. In addition, committees are often formed to share the work load. It's easy to get involved.

Conservation: ___ Air & Water Issues, ___ Telephone tree, ___ Trail clearing,
___ Trailhead access, ___ Wilderness

WMC Lodge @ Brighton: ___ General Repair, ___ Skilled Labor

Information: ___ Public relations, ___ Instruction, ___ Web site

Social: ___ Social host, ___ Party assistance, ___ Lodge host

Rambler: ___ Word processing, ___ Mailing, ___ Advertising, ___ Computer support

Membership: ___ Help, ___ Recruiting

Would you like to participate on an activities committee? Which one? _____

Is there a special trip you would like to lead? _____

Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC)

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledge of Risk and Release from Liability

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION: I acknowledge that my participation in and WMC activity is voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I am aware the WMC activities involve risks, and could result in injury, illness, death and damage or loss of property. These dangers include nature, the inherent dangers, agencies. The WMC is not, nor does it provide a professional guiding 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 responsibilities for any and all risks of injury, illness, death, or damage and loss to my property.

I verify this statement by placing my initials here _____.

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

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE: I agree that I, my heirs, and personal and legal representatives hereby do release and hold harmless from all liability, and promise not to bring any suit or claim against the Wasatch Mountain Club, its leaders or 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 certify that I have sufficient insurance to cover and bodily injury or property damage that I may incur while participating in any WMC activity. If I have no such insurance, I certify that I am capable of paying for all such expenses and liabilities.

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 am at least 18 years old.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Witness:

I certify that _____ has alleged to me that he/she has read and understands this document.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Check the Web at
www.wasatchmountainclub.org

Utah Avalanche Forecast Center
801-364-1581
<http://www.avalanche.org/~uac/>

Annual Awards Banquet
Jan 21st @ JCC
\$26 RSVP by 14th.

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