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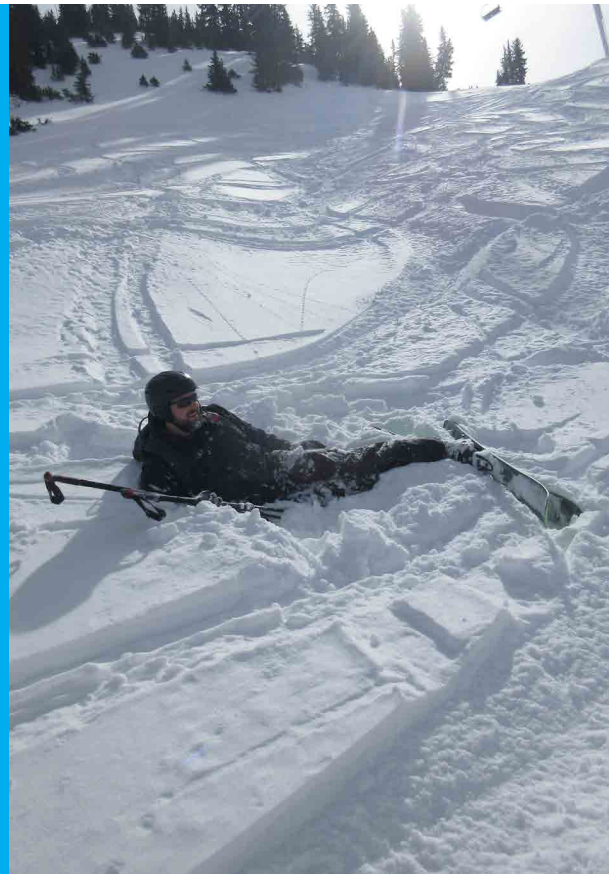
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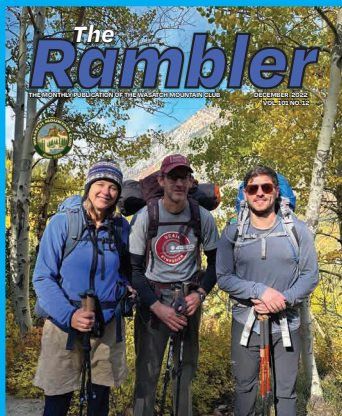


Winter is here...see the Winter Sports Kick-off at Alta trip report on pg. 22

ON OUR COVER:

On October 8-9th, Ari Tepper organized an overnight backpack trip to White Pine Lake. It was a wonderful fall weekend! Group photo (L to R) - Deanna, Ed, and Ari. See trip report on pg. 27.

Photo courtesy of Deanna Dibella



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WELCOME

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Gretchen Vetter
Linda Doman
Steven Buttram
Marshall Robison
Sam Clinard
Brad Lundahl
Maegan Dillman
Peter Beckman
Anna Nagel
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2023 WMC BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATE LIST

The next annual election of the Wasatch Mountain Club Board of Directors will occur at the membership meeting in February 2023. The WMC is a volunteer-run organization including the Board. The candidate list to the right includes the roles to be elected by WMC members at the upcoming membership meeting. Other board roles are appointed by Directors.

The 2023 Nominating Committee members are Donnie Benson, Greg Libecchi, and Giulia Roselli. Each year, this committee oversees the annual election of the WMC Board of Directors. Serving on the WMC Board of Directors is a worthwhile and rewarding undertaking.

The WMC is most grateful to its current and former Board of Directors and encourages its members to consider filling a position. If interested in serving on the Board, please contact the Nominating Committee by email at

info@wasatchmountainclub.org or by leaving a phone message at **801-463-9842**. Your information will be promptly forwarded to the Committee.

New candidates and vacant positions are highlighted.

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Julie Kilgore	President
Steven Gadd	Secretary
Merilyn Kessi	Co-Treasurer
Tillman Seeböhm	Co-Treasurer

Administration

Bret Mathews	Information Technology Officer
Heidi DeMartis	Membership Director
Dea Nelson	Public Relations Director
Steve Leitch	Publications Co-Director
Brenda Leitch	Publications Co-Director

Biking

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

Boating

Luke Johnson	Boating Co-Director
Vacant	Boating Co-Director

Climbing/Mountaineering

Mark Maier	Climbing / Mountaineering Director
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Conservation

Dennis Goreham	Conservation Director
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Hiking

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

Social

Vacant	Social Co-Director
Vacant	Social Co-Director

Winter Sports

Steve Duncan	Winter Sports Director
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Trustees

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



2022 Organizer / Volunteer Appreciation Banquet



The 2022 Organizer / Volunteer Appreciation Banquet was a huge success!!

It celebrated those club members who organized at least 2 activities or a multi-day trip, along with many volunteers (Board members, Mt. 'O' Trash Angels, etc..) during the past year.

Additionally, the following awards were presented:

- 1) **Alexis Kelner** - WMC Lifetime Achievement Award
- 2) **Walt Haas** - 2022 Pa Parry Award
- 3) **Phyllis Anderson** - 2020 Pa Parry (delayed due to Covid)
- 4) **Council Member Richard Snelgrove** - Alexis Kelner Award (recognizing his years of service in preservation of many areas of Salt Lake County). Unfortunately, Richard could not attend.

We enjoyed great company, food, and a wonderful raffle!

Many thanks to **Laura Peterson** for all the wonderful photos!!



Alexis Kelner receives the WMC Lifetime Achievement Award



Dennis presents the Conservation Award given to SLC Councilmember Richard Snelgrove



Walt Haas receives the 2022 Pa Parry Award



Phyllis Anderson receives her 2020 Pa Parry Award (delayed presentation)



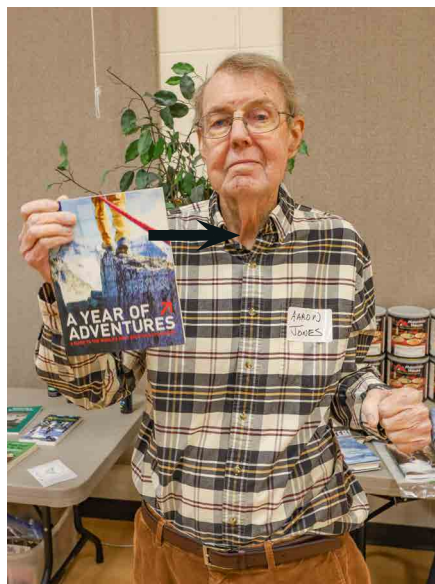
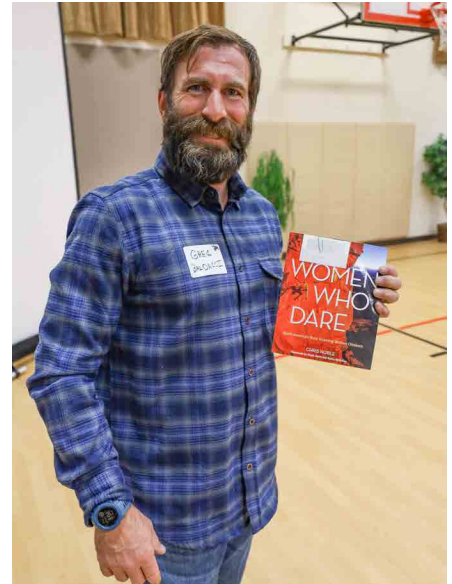
Raffle - So Many Great Items & Happy Winners!



A huge shout-out and thank you to **Outdoor Recreation, Ouray Sportswear, and All Trails** for their generous donations for the Organizer/Volunteer Raffle!!

So many wonderful items to thank everyone for service to the WMC!



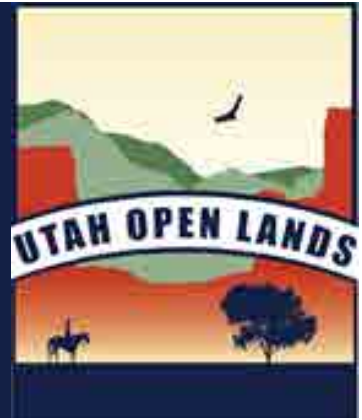


Great Food & Company!!





Blood Lake Riparian and Trail Maintenance October 21st



Dear Wasatch Mountain Club team,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Utah Open Lands I extend our gratitude for your help in making our recent restoration event at Bloods Lake a huge success.

All told, the restoration we have accomplished on the Bonanza Flat Conservation Area this year included almost 100 enthusiastic volunteers. We simply wouldn't have had such a success without your support.

Some of the comments that we received from volunteers demonstrate how meaningful restoration events like this are. Here are just a few of the comments made by volunteers following the event:



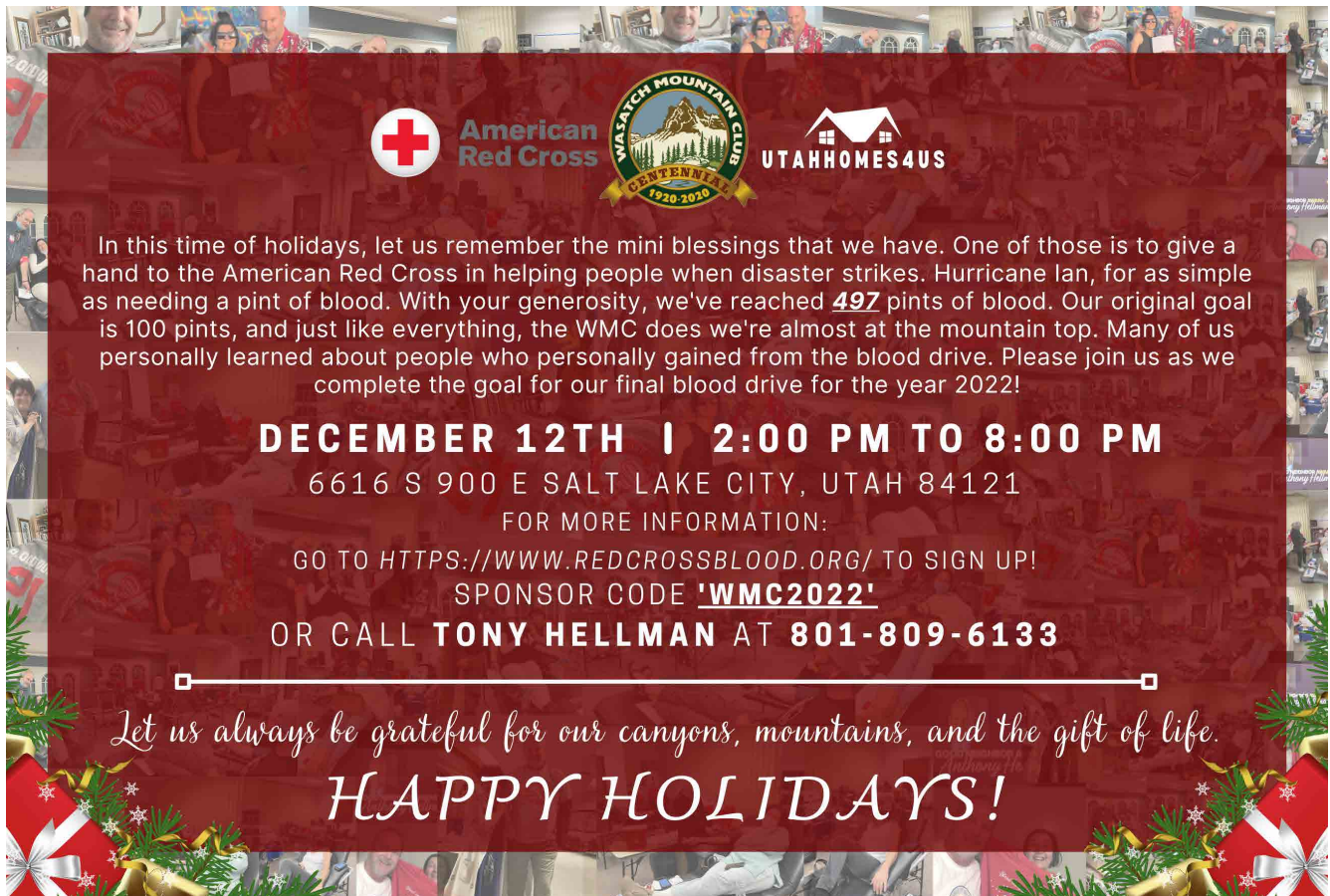
- "It was a great group of people, a wonderful team experience. We all worked together. I loved it and will be more than happy to help when needed."
- "It was really nice and satisfying to work on something and see the progress of what was being done. The people around were all very nice. I felt like my volunteer work was appreciated. It was also just a beautiful area to help give back to nature and restore it. I hope to see it continue to progress!"
- "I made such meaningful connections with fellow volunteers. I'm going through some difficult transitions now, and this is just what I needed today!!"


Whether we're protecting clean water, healthy air, outdoor recreation, or scenic vistas, Utah Open Lands will continue to do our part for a better and healthier future for our children and our grandchildren and we thank you for doing yours.

Sincerely,


Wendy Fisher, Executive Director








**American
Red Cross**





In this time of holidays, let us remember the mini blessings that we have. One of those is to give a hand to the American Red Cross in helping people when disaster strikes. Hurricane Ian, for as simple as needing a pint of blood. With your generosity, we've reached **497** pints of blood. Our original goal is 100 pints, and just like everything, the WMC does we're almost at the mountain top. Many of us personally learned about people who personally gained from the blood drive. Please join us as we complete the goal for our final blood drive for the year 2022!

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BEARS IN TORPOR DON'T EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANT MUSCLE ATROPHY. THIS IS MOST LIKELY DUE TO THEIR ABILITY TO ABSORB THEIR URINE AND RECYCLE IT INTO A PROTEIN THAT PRESERVES MUSCLE MASS.

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Cent. Reusable Silicone Cup	\$10	X		=	
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__S __M __L __XL __2XL	\$20	X		=	
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__S __M __L __XL __2XL OUT	\$20	X		=	
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Cent. Baseball Cap, White	\$20	X		=	
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Ski History of Utah AUTOGRAPHED	\$30	X		=	
Donation (NO GIFT NEEDED)	PLEASE SPECIFY			=	
SPONSORED PRODUCTS					
Sandal-toe Socks PAIR	\$5	X		=	
Wasatch Hiking Trails Map NEW	\$14	X		=	
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Neoprene Toe Warmers PAIR	\$10	X		=	
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Buff® Neck Gaiter	\$15	X		=	
Glacier Gloves PAIR Limited Stock	\$20	X		=	
Heater Headband	\$20	X		=	
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DONATION GRAND TOTAL:					
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Avalanche Safety Workshops (December & January)

see WMC calendar for more details

Snowshoe & Avalanche Safety Workshop - December 11, 2022

We will snowshoe to a place where there is sufficient snow and then practice with avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel), probably in BCC (but it depends on snow conditions). Please bring snowshoes, micro-spikes, and 10Es. Please bring avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) if you have. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If you have extra avalanche safety gear or lack avalanche safety gear, please indicate it when you register. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 9, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. WMC members only. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 10.

Organizer: Akiko Kamimura

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Avalanche Transceiver Practice And Terrain Seminar

**(Alpine Ski Tour) -
January 8, 2023**

Taking a different approach on this seasons Backcountry Skiing beacon practice. This will be an actual ski tour. We will ski a few miles into a select location as a large group where we will discuss technique and practice beacon search and rescue. We will then break up into four different tours where experience leaders will take participants into avalanche terrain to discuss safe travel techniques, and terrain issues relating to avalanches. We will also get a few laps in for the fun of it. This is not a beginners tour, you will need to be able to ski moderate backcountry terrain with mixed snow conditions, be familiar with the usage of your equipment and be have a beacon shovel and probe.

Organizer: Brad Yates





Congratulations!



Jim Kucera, Bret Mathews, Christine Pilgram, and Irene Yuen
have completed their 100 activities and awarded jackets!

Jacket recipients to-date are:

Sue Baker	Jim Kucera
Steve Duncan	Bret Mathews
Akiko Kamimura	Christine Pilgram
Julie Kilgore	Irene Yuen

Great news, there's still 92 jackets available! Grab that centennial journal, notebook, or calendar, and track your WMC activity participation. The first 100 club members to participate in 100 posted club activities will receive a WMC “Activity Challenge” jacket.

Here are a few rules:

- Starting January 1, 2022, start recording any activity you participate in that is posted on the WMC calendar.
- Any activity that is posted on the calendar will count. That includes club socials, membership meetings, singalongs, board meetings, boating permit parties, trainings, etc. If it's posted on the calendar (which means the activity is an approved WMC activity), it counts. No fair backdating an activity, or only give an hour notice! Stay within the spirit please.
- For multi-day activities, each day the activity is posted on the club calendar can be counted as a separate activity. You'll be doing something fun and different every day, right? If the travel day is included in the post, that counts too. It's an important “activity” of sharing resources, planning, and camaraderie.
- Take your time. All 100 activities do NOT have to be completed by the end of this year.
- Activities prior to 2022 do not count, EXCEPT the activities that enthusiastic clubbers recorded from January 1, 2020, through March 22, 2020, when the original Centennial Activity Challenge was launched.
- Once you record 100 activities (or 100 days of activities, if you participate in multi-day events), submit your documentation to the board. You will be highlighted in the Rambler, and you will get your prize at the next membership meeting.

The more club activities you participate in, the sooner you reach the goal. If you don't see an activity that suits you, jump in an organize or co-organize!



Thank You!

October 2022 Activity Organizers

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

Akiko Kamimura
Alfred Kessi
Ari Tepper
Barb Gardner
Brad Yates
Bret Mathews
Donnie Benson
Da Yang Wipfel
Dave Andrenyak
Dea Nelson

Donn Seeley
Frank Bouchard
Giulia Roselli
Julie Kilgore
Kerry Regan
Kurt Hiland
Mac Brubaker
Martin McGregor
Mike Ondeck
Paul Gettings

Paul McFarland
Robert Turner
Shane Wallace
Stanley Chiang
Steve Duncan
Sue Baker
Taylor Prokest
Tonya Karren
Will McCarvill
Yanli Jiang

Organizer's Raffle (2022-23)

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

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

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



ORGANIZER RAFFLE



Boating Co-Directors' Message

Hello, boaters!

Well, the year is over, and it's time to start thinking about next year! Did you realize that permit applications will be opening soon? Watch for that. Our annual virtual permit party is also on the schedule, and our in-person planning party is in the works..

In other news, Dianne and I will be stepping down as your co-directors, and our very own Luke Johnson is stepping up.

Luke says...

I've had the pleasure of paddling with a few of you and look forward to sharing adventures with some new faces. The WMC boating program is what really drew me into the club and I'm stoked to give something back. I've got a few floats I'd like to do, but the vibrancy of the club depends on everyone! So bring your ideas and your stoke and let's get wet!

Luke would love a co-director, and maybe a coordinator or two to help out. If you think you could give him a hand, contact Donnie Benson or another member of the nominating committee

See you on the water!

Kelly, Dianne and Luke

Join us for our 4th Annual Virtual Permit Party!

Be sure you are signed up for boating emails!

January 8 -20 (via email)

Stay tuned for planning party information!

Questions?
Luke Johnson
huckleberry78360@gmail.com



In Memoriam **Emily Hobart Hall**

July 20, 1925 - October 29, 2022

Emily Hobart Hall was a remarkable woman who was passionate about life. She shared her love for nature and her spirit of adventure with family and friends. As a community activist, she was a steadfast advocate for environmental conservation and land-use planning.

She was born in Evanston, Illinois, to Dr. Marcus and Helen Hobart. Her paternal grandfather was a Methodist missionary in China and her maternal grandfather was a U.S. Congressman. She graduated from Wellesley College with a degree in Zoology which laid the groundwork for her environmental activism. She married Dr. Charles Chauncey Hall in 1946, the beginning of 76 years together.

In 1956, she moved with her husband to Salt Lake City. Part of the incentive for their move was reading a New York Times article about the beauty and deep powder skiing at Alta. This proved to be a suitable move for Chauncey who practiced orthopedic surgery, and survives her. They have five children (Helen Kolff, David Hall, Lucy Leaver, Janet Hall and Marcus Hall), twelve grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

As an avid outdoor enthusiast and athlete, she enjoyed skiing, horseback riding, tennis, sailing, and was an accomplished ice skater earning her gold level in the solo dance category.

Emily loved meeting new people and exploring distant landscapes, being able to visit all seven continents. She kayaked remote wild rivers in Alaska, snorkeled in Palau, walked among penguins in Antarctica, trekked in the Himalayas, and avoided hippos and crocodiles along the Omo River in Ethiopia.

Part of every summer was spent in Waupaca, Wisconsin, at her family farm surrounded by spring-fed lakes, forests, streams, and wetlands. Emily worked to protect this land in perpetuity through a local land trust.

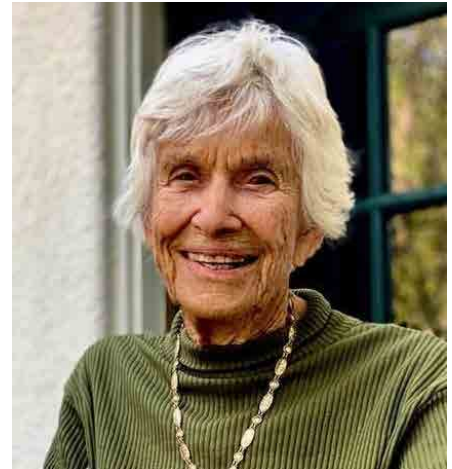
She was an advocate for environmental issues such as land use planning, water and air quality. She was active in the League of Women Voters of Utah, serving as President for two years. One of Emily's strengths in the League was her ability to attract volunteers in the environmental area and harness their energies. She was a board member of the Utah Environment Center, Jordan River Parkway, Antelope Island Foundation. She also served on the Salt Lake County Water Quality Citizen Advisory Committee, the Governor's Advisory Task Force on Transportation and Air Quality, and Salt Lake County's Canyon Master Plan Citizen Advisory Committee. She was appointed by Governor Scott Matheson to the Utah State Air Conservation Committee where she served for ten years. Emily ran as a Democratic candidate for the Utah House of Representatives in 1976.

We are grateful to her good friends, and those who helped her during the end of her life, including Intermountain Hospice. A celebration of her life will be held on December 29th.

"Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts." -Rachel Carson

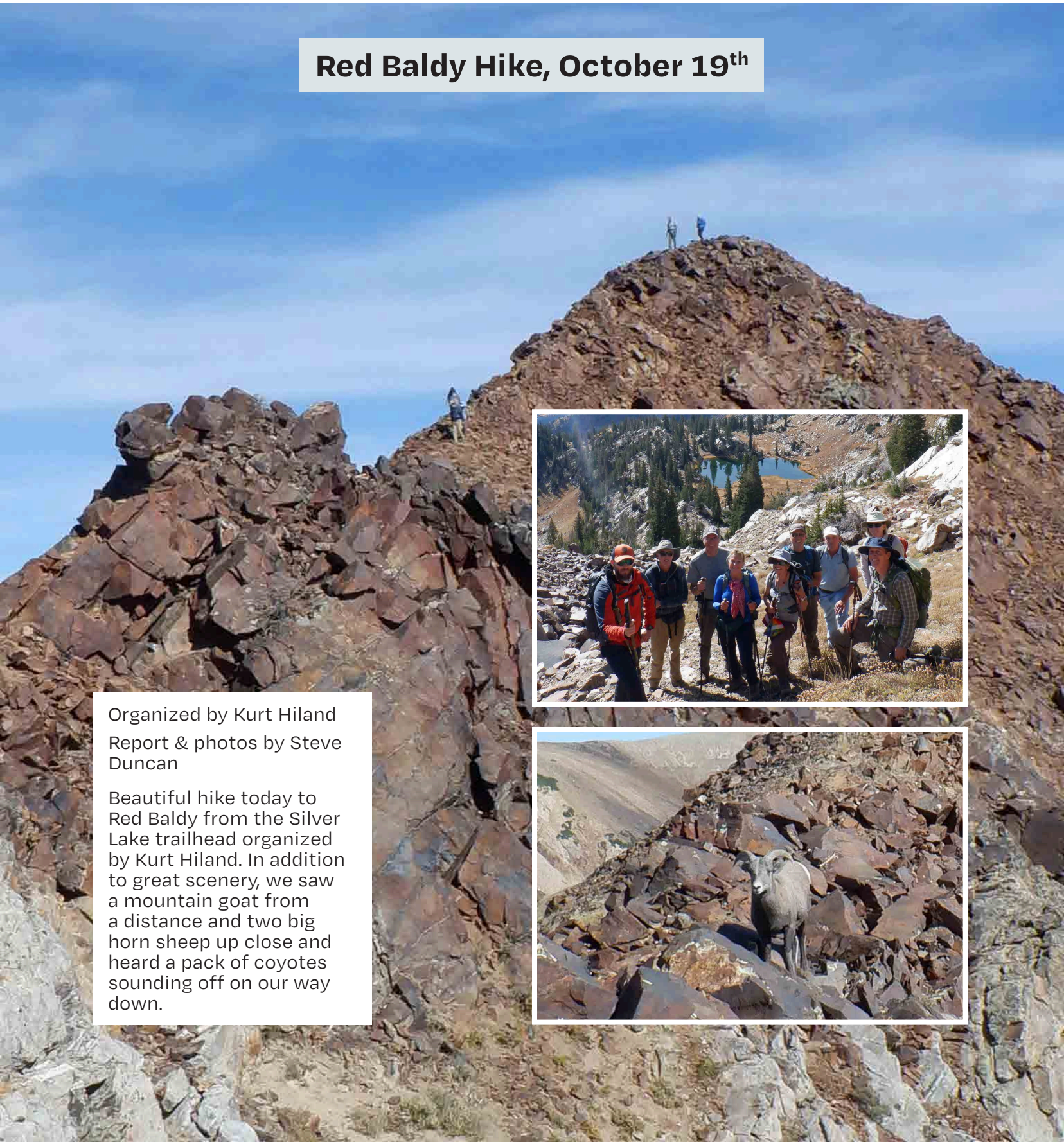
In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donating in Emily Hall's memory to Save Our Canyons or the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA).

Note, obituary reprinted from The Salt Lake Tribune.



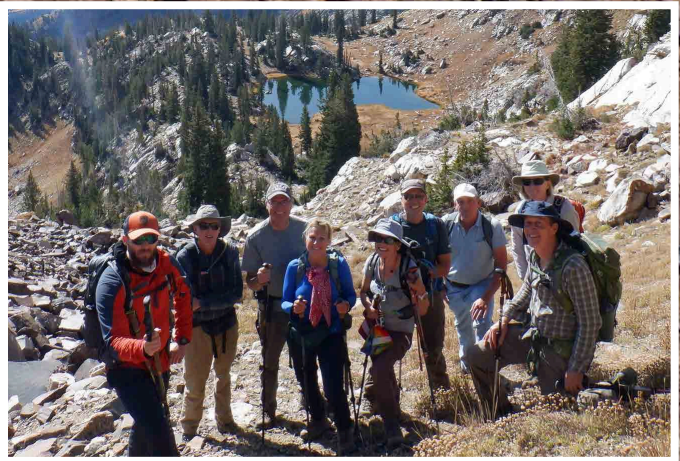
Trip Reports

Red Baldy Hike, October 19th



Organized by Kurt Hiland
Report & photos by Steve
Duncan

Beautiful hike today to Red Baldy from the Silver Lake trailhead organized by Kurt Hiland. In addition to great scenery, we saw a mountain goat from a distance and two big horn sheep up close and heard a pack of coyotes sounding off on our way down.



Dirt Road Bike & Hike - Jeremy Ranch Road, October 21st

Organized, report, and photos by Frank Bouchard

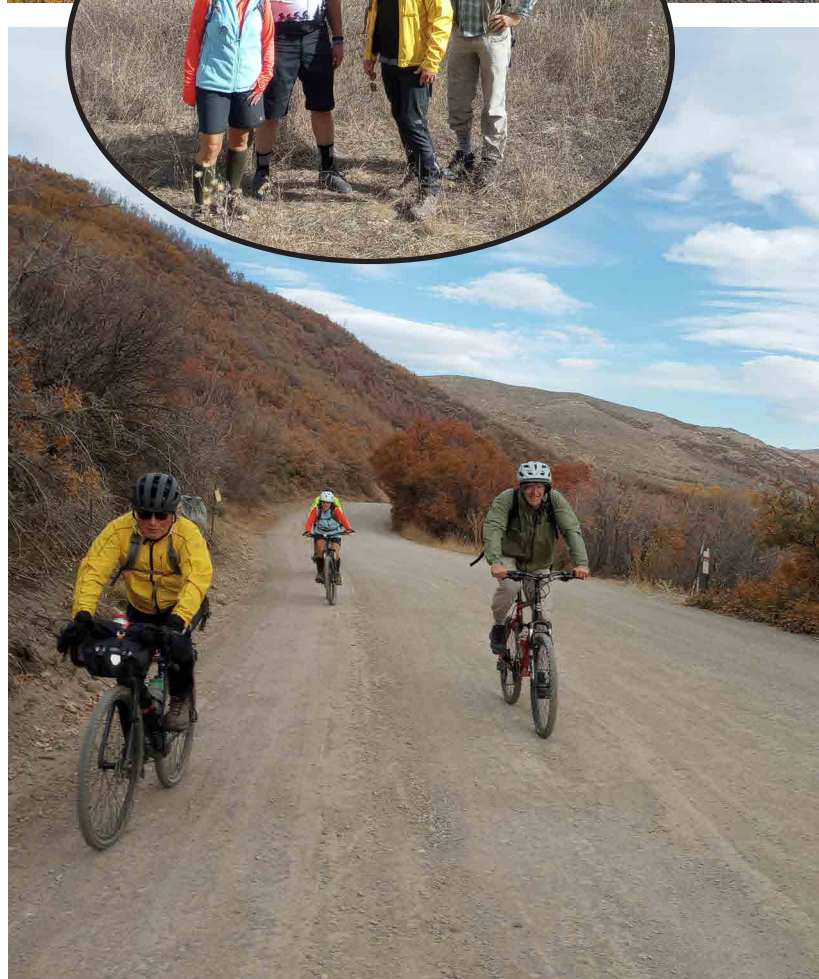
If you haven't had a chance to bike Jeremy Ranch Road, you are missing out on a local hidden gem. Situated just north of I-80, it includes 7 miles of relatively smooth, not too steep dirt road through a spectacular canyon. Although the road is open to cars, it gets very little traffic.

A group of five of us embarked on this morning excursion. Kurt and I began our journey back in Salt Lake when we decided to use public transportation to get there. We biked to Sugar House and hopped on the 902 bus, which stops at Jeremy Ranch. For the sake of spontaneity, I opted not to research the return details or even verify that it would actually be running, figuring that would be an issue for our future selves to deal with.

At the south end of the dirt road, we met with three other club members. The beginning of fall temperatures had arrived, so the first hour of riding was chilly. The peaks surrounding us were painted with fall colors. The road is bumpy at times and at minimum a hybrid bike is recommended, if not a mountain bike with suspension. It didn't take us long to get to East Canyon and turn back.

Seeing as the weather was perfect, we chose to stop at Mormon Flats, lock the bikes and go on an extra credit hike. The humble trail that begins there turns out to be a common section of a number of historic routes including the Mormon Pioneer trail, the Pony Express trail, and the California trail. We soaked in the now-warm sun as we rambled along in the legendary footsteps of Buffalo Bill, Brigham Young, and the Donner Party. We made it to a historic site where the pioneers are known to have camped, then turned back. The rest of the bike ride was pretty pleasant.

Kurt and I returned to the bus stop, expecting no more than a half hour wait for a ride home. Unfortunately the 902 is significantly less frequent than anticipated and we would have to wait another two hours for the next one. We made a minimal effort to hitchhike into town, but two passengers with their bikes is a big ask. We passed the time with gas station pizza and people-watching and eventually got on the bus home.



Winter Sports Season Kick-off at Alta, October 29th

Organized, report, and photos by Akiko Kamimura

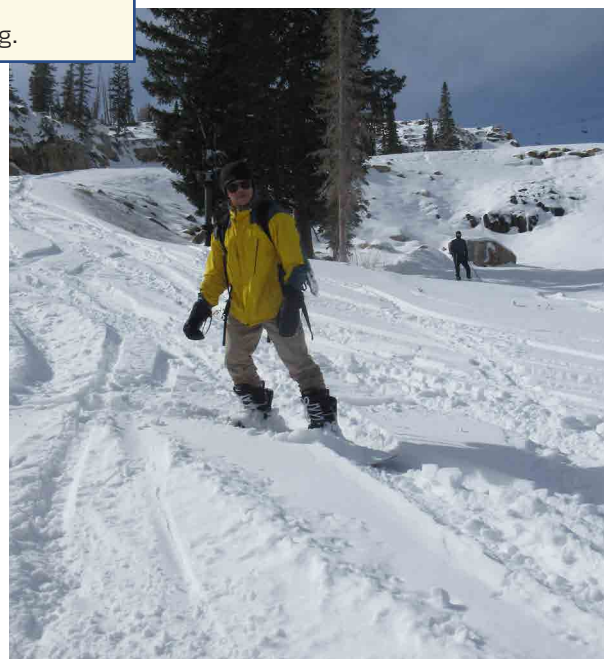
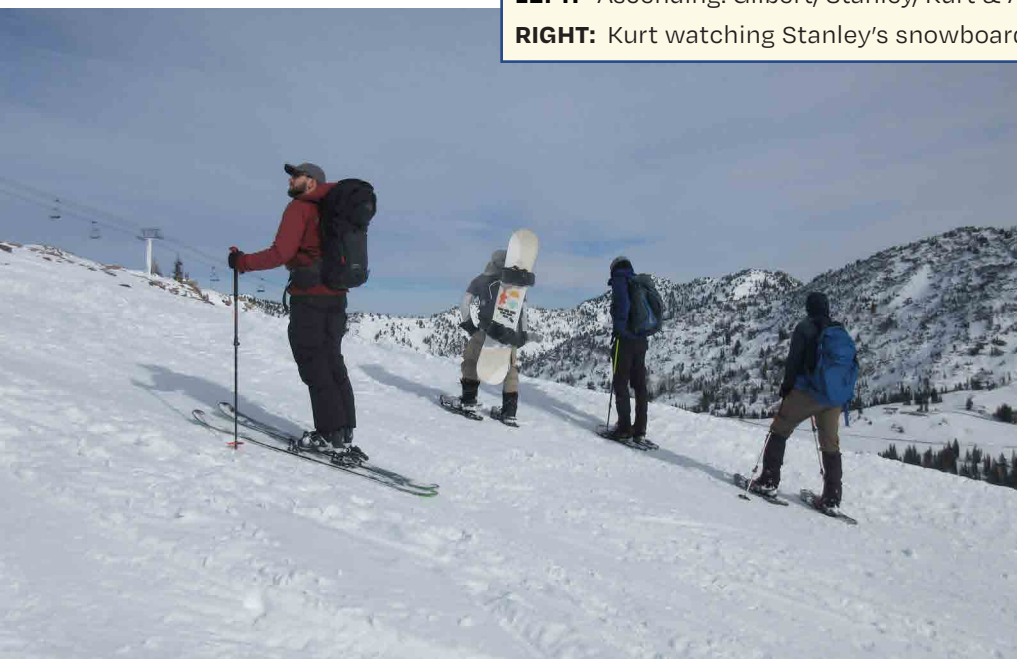
Four snowshoers, one skier and one snowboarder enjoyed the beginning of the winter sports season at Alta. After the long dry summer, we finally got snow. Alta had excellent snow coverage. We could use snowshoes/skis from the parking. It was a beautiful day. We took relaxed pace to get to the top of the Sugarloaf chair lift. We socialized with other groups of skiers/snowboarders. Gilbert (skiing) and Stanley (snowboarding) were obviously much faster than the rest of the group (snowshoers) during descending. But we had a wonderful time together.



ABOVE: Group photo. From left – Al, Sandra, Stanley, Kurt, Akiko & Gilbert.

LEFT: Ascending. Gilbert, Stanley, Kurt & Al.

RIGHT: Kurt watching Stanley's snowboarding.



Red Baldy / American Fork Hike, October 16th



Organized and report by Barb Gardner

The morning greeted us with barely above freezing temperatures. Some debated if they packed enough clothing for the cool crisp air. Monika encouraged the group to quit pondering and took off up the trail at a brisk pace. Soon we were all warm and stripping down some of our layers. The trail starts out in a dense aspen forest that was on display with brilliant shades of yellow and orange. Further along the trail we switchbacked up thru brunt orange oaks until we reached silver lake. After a short break at this gorgeous alpine lake we climbed to silver glance lake that lies directly below an open bowl. The official trail ends here. The ridge that separates American Fork canyon from Little Cottonwood canyon lies above us and is a straightforward steep climb through low growing vegetation and rocks. Once on the ridge you are rewarded with amazing views. White Baldy looms to the west and beyond a stunning view of the Pfeifferhorn dominates the western horizon. Our destination was close as we traversed the ridge to a red peak we thought may be Red Baldy but quickly realized we needed to negotiate a narrow passage with a few class 3 moves to attain the official Red Baldy summit. We retraced our steps back to the car after a well deserved lunch. A glorious day was had by all!



Top: Summit from left: Russell, Sharon, Richard, Jim, Barb, Monika
Bottom: On the ridge: Sharon, Monika, Michele, Russell, Jim, Richard



Participants: Russell Porter, Monika Dietz, Sharon Vinick, Jim Kucera, Richard Schwarz, Michele Stancer.



2022 Canyoneering Rendezvous in Capital Reef - 4 Days, Oct 6th



Organized by Shane Wallace / Report & photos by Irene Yuen

Stegosaur Slot Canyon, South Fork - 1st Day

Dana Fisher led our group of 8 canyoneers trekking, traversing, down climbing, stemming, and squeezing through skinny narrow sections of the canyon. We took 7.5 hours and 3 rappels to complete our loop the first day out. We all had a great time participating in route finding, anchor setting, cleaning up and carrying ropes. So happy nobody got wet stemming over those ankle deep pools of water.

Canyoneering Cassidy Arch - 2nd Day

With 84 canyoneers attending the rendezvous, there were about 10-12 groups going out to various canyons each day. With our permit, Sandy Montanya mentoring, encouraging, advising the group throughout the route, she took our group of 6 and completed the canyon in approximately 6.5 hours through amazing scenery of arches, natural bridges, and 8 rappels. We would have finished sooner if not having to wait about 90 minutes for our turn at the 1st rappel. Regardless, we got back to camp in time to the fabulous incredible perfect potluck and gear raffle event.

Canyoneering Sunflow Trail, West Fork - 3rd Day

Dana Fisher led our group of 8 climbers meandering and route finding to arrive at the canyon bottom entrance to the trail. It took us about 8 hours to traverse, scramble, downclimb, and rappel 5 raps to complete our canyoneering rendezvous excursion. This was yet my most thrilling trip because of encountering water at the last three rappels even though they were not more than waist deep. Besides Dana and Bret, it was our first time for the rest of the group to get on a guided rappel, and then using a meat-anchor to slide/rappel down the towering canyon wall for the exit. With excellent teamwork, we were all happily hugging and saying good-byes to complete our final day of the trip. Huge thank you to Dana and Bret for their guidance and leadership!







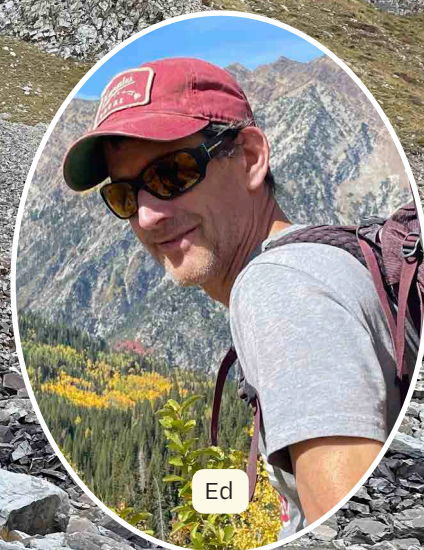
White Pine Lake Overnight Backpack October 8-9th

Organized by Ari Tepper
Photos by Deanna DiBella

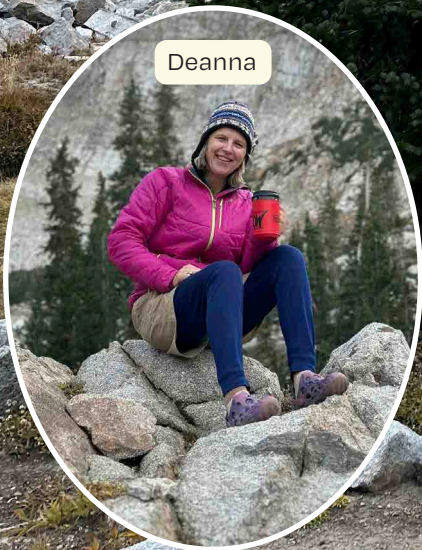
A great overnight backpack to White Pine Lake! Beautiful fall weather and a wonderful trip. Participants were: Ari Tepper, Ed and Deanna DiBella



Ari



Ed



Deanna



Alpine Rock Class, October 12th

**Organized, report & photos by
Akiko Kamimura**

Six enthusiastic climbers learned alpine rock skills with an instructor, Quino. After a brief meeting at the BCC Park & Ride, we drove to Reservoir Ridge. At Reservoir Ridge, we practiced rope management, anchors and placements with active protection, belaying in alpine setting, knots for the alpine, and running belays. Since three of us were planning to do the West Slabs of Mt Olympus several days later, we also learned specific skills and route navigation for the West Slabs. Then, we went to the next location – Dogwood Crag. There, we practiced lowering and lifting techniques and talked about the strategies for simul-climbing. We learned lots of skills and techniques for alpine rock. It was a great day.



James setting up anchors. Heidi, Sam, Brandy & Quino watching.

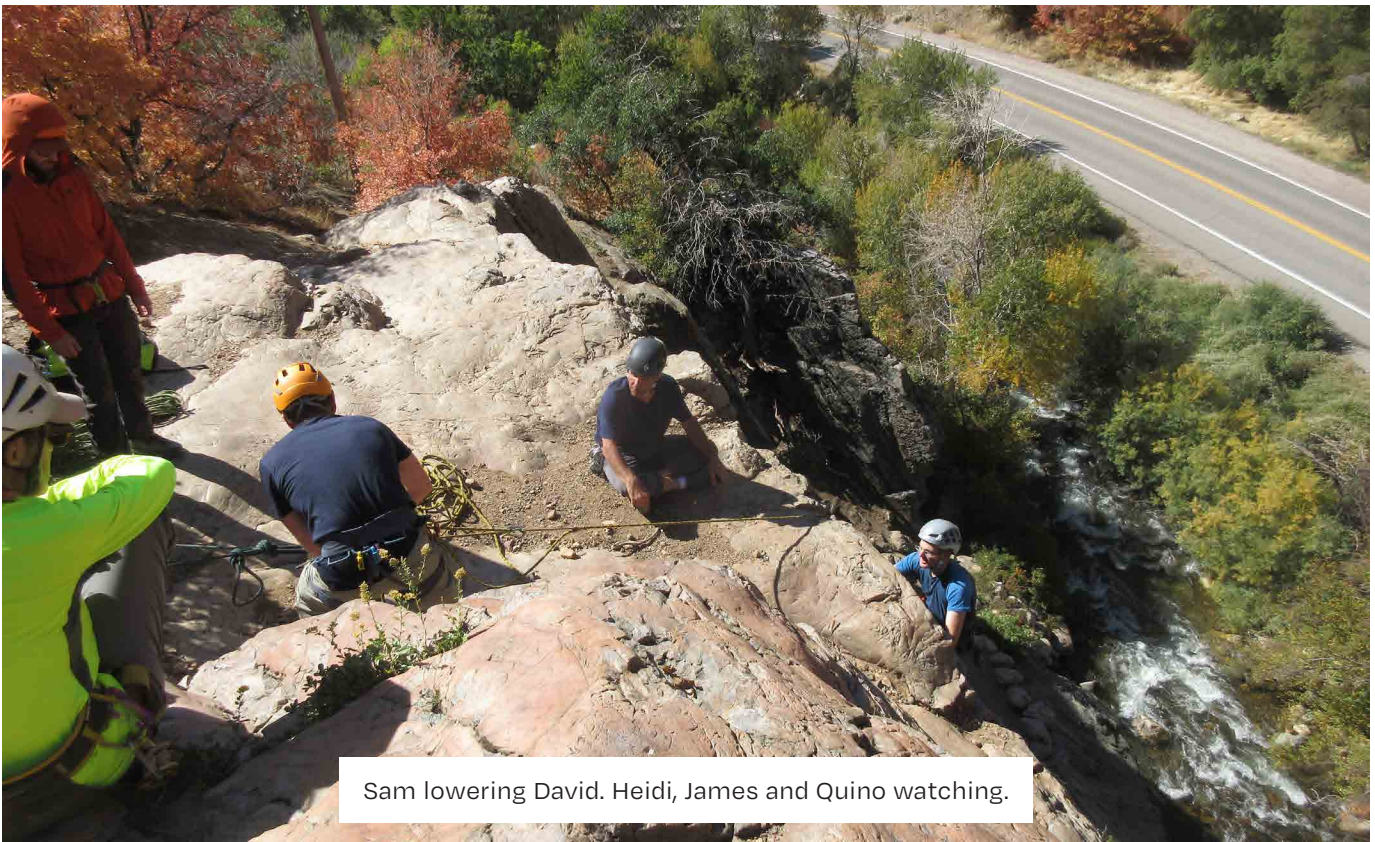


Group photo. From left – James, Brandy, Sam, David, Heidi, Quino & Akiko

Heidi lowering Brandy. Quino talking to Brandy.



Sam lowering David. Heidi, James and Quino watching.



West Slabs of Mt. Olympus, October 16th



Group photo at the top of the West Slabs. From left – David, Lily, Frank, Paul & Akiko.

Organized & report by Akiko Kamimura
Photos by Akiko Kamimura

While the West Slabs of Mt Olympus is a grade 5.5 trad climbing route, the majority of people do it as free solo. We used trad climbing gear for safety. We were the only group using climbing gear as far as we saw other climbers. But we agreed we should have protections. For Lily, Frank and Akiko, it was the first multi-pitch climbing. Since the route is not difficult for rock climbing, it was great to learn multi-pitch climbing. We had two rope teams. Rope Team 1 had Paul as a leader and Frank and Akiko as followers. David led Rope Team 2 and Lily followed. We used 70 m ropes that worked well for rappelling. The ascent went well, though we were slow due to using climbing gear. It was a 10-pitch climb. We did not start the climb very early and did not have time to go to the summit. We aimed at descending via Apollo Couloir but it looked like we ended up descending via the gully between the West Slabs and Apollo Couloir. It was very clear that the gully had been used by climbers/hikers. But the gully route had challenging parts. We rappelled 5 times and were very careful to do down climbing on class 3 sections. As a result, the descending took much longer than the ascending. We were back to the TH 8 minutes before midnight. None of us was tired. We were smiling all the time. It was a quite 15.5 hour adventure.



Paul & Frank preparing for the next pitch



Sardine Peak & Ogden Canyon Overlook Hike, October 15th

Organized & report by Akiko Kamimura
Photos by Steven Wolfe & Akiko Kamimura

We hiked from the Maples TH in Snowbasin Ski Resort in Ogden to Ogden Canyon Overlook (7,159 ft) and Sardine Peak (7,485 ft). The route was on the maintained trail, except the last part to the summit of Sardine Peak where we bushwhacked. The peak itself was bushy. But it was not difficult to find the highest point. We made a clockwise loop to go back to the TH. We had perfect weather to enjoy beautiful fall colors. It was the first club hike for Mellissa. The hike took approximately 5 hours (distance – 9 miles, elevation gain – 2,700 ft).

Summit photo at Sardine Peak. From left – Akiko, Ed, John, Sadie, Steve, Mellissa, Jana & Ray (Jana's dog).



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.

Dec 1 Thu	<p>Evening Hike - Road To Elbow Fork To Pipeline Trail – mod- – Loop – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Meet at the Burch Hollow trailhead in Millcreek Canyon <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com Prompt 5:45pm departure. We will head up the road to Elbow Fork and take the pipeline trail back to the Burch Hollow trail-head. Please come prepared: Bring a working headlamp, microspikes, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you. Thank you.</p>
Dec 2 Fri	<p>Snowshoe - Millcreek Canyon – ntd+ – 5.0 mi Out & Back – 1,400' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 8:15 am at Olympus Cove Park & Ride (3880 Wasatch Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> David Andrenyak 801-907-1325 andrenyakda@aim.com Starting at the Maple Grove Picnic Area (winter gate), we will travel on the Millcreek Canyon Canyon Road to Elbow Fork. Depending on the conditions, we will continue either on the Millcreek Canyon Road or the Great Western trail (relatively new trail) to the Little Water Parking area. The hike offers great views of forested slopes and interesting rock views. Dogs and their well behaved human companions are welcome. Also participants that want to go part of the way are also welcome. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) recommended but not required. The listed 5 mile hike distance is the one way distance to the Little Water Parking area. If you are planning to participate, please send me an email so I will look out for you.</p>
Dec 3 Sat	<p>Snowshoe/ Ski (or Hike) - Location Tba – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe (or hike if there is not enough snow) in BCC/LCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City, the Uintas, American Fork or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 2, 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>
Dec 4 Sun	<p>Snowshoe/ Ski (or Hike) - Location Tba – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe (or hike if there is not enough snow) in BCC/LCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City, the Uintas, American Fork or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 2, 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>
Dec 4 Sun	<p>Snowshoe In Big Cottonwood Canyon – ntd – 3.0 mi Out & Back – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 10:30 am at Butler Elementary (7080 S 2700 E, Cottonwood Heights, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Teri Jenkins 801-661-4452 teridawnjen@gmail.com We will snowshoe in Big Cottonwood Canyon, at a location chosen by organizer and group, depending on conditions. This will be an NTD snowshoe. We will go at a slower pace and we welcome those new to snowshoeing. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) recommended but not required. Due to ski traffic, meet at Butler Elementary at 10:30 A.M. Plan on about three hours. We will try to drive as few cars as possible up the canyon.</p>
Dec 4 Sun	<p>Nordic Ski Tour- North Of Iron Mine Mountain – mod – Out & Back – 2,200' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Michael Berry 801-750-1915 mcber.ut@gmail.com Cross-country skiing. The tour starts at the MLH Winter Parking, 14 miles east of Kamas and follows the Iron Mine Mountain jeep road (north slope) on early season snowpack. The terrain opens up for good views and several options in the high country above 10,000 ft. Expect extra cold temperatures and little sun. Contact trip organizer if driving from the Park City area. Carpools can be arranged for separate return times (NTD+ to MOD+). Remember the MLH parking fee and be prepared to share the cost of transportation. Dogs OK. Bring lightweight backcountry touring gear with scales, skins, or swix (grip wax) and the 10 E's. Meet at 8:15 am for a prompt 8:30 am departure.</p>



Dec 5 Mon	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Dec 5 Mon	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Jacks Peak Trailhead (1830 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com It's dark, it's steep, and the route is not always obvious, so we'll keep the group together. 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. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs accustomed to cold weather are ok. Prompt 5:45 pm departure.</p>
Dec 6 Tue	<p>Alltrails On-line Training <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at Zoom Meeting see link below <i>Organizer:</i> Taylor Prokes 248-568-0786 tprokes.ctr@alltrails.com Follow up from October's virtual training! If you missed it or have more questions please join us for a 45 min online training session :) We will learn how the AllTrails app can enhance trail discovery and navigation, covering the various app's features. There are over 300,000 trails on the app, with trails from every country in the world so you can use us ANYWHERE! Every participant will walk away with a greater understanding of the tools available.</p>
Dec 6 Tue	<p>Evening Alpine Ski Tour - Millcreek Canyon Road – ntd- – Loop – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Winter Parking Lot, Millcreek Canyon Road <i>Organizer:</i> Steven Gadd 801-540-6622 swgadd10@gmail.com Ski up the Millcreek Canyon Road. This is not a backcountry ski tour! We'll ski up the road for 1.5 hours and then slide back to the trailhead. Alpine and Nordic gear will both work. (The skiing is just down the road. No powder turns. Mostly just a evening workout)</p>
Dec 6 Tue	<p>Evening Hike - Bell Canyon To First Waterfall – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Park at Bell Canyon Preservation Trailhead parking lot. This is the new parking lot. <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com A prompt 5:45pm departure. We will hike up about one hour up Bell Canyon to the first waterfall. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared with a working flashlight, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. You should also have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes. Thank you.</p>
Dec 6 Tue	<p>Alpine Ski Tour - Afternoon Wasatch Back – mod- – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2,000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Christopher Koch 937-689-3626 ironkooch@gmail.com Afternoon ski tour in Wasatch backcountry, most likely top of LCC as conditions allow. Plan to start at 12:30 - 1 PM and be out for 2-4 hours. WMC members only with group size limited to 6 total. Must have avalanche safety gear and know how to use it, we will be focusing on safety. Please email or text in advance to learn meeting place/time and any other requirements.</p>
Dec 7 Wed	<p>Wmc Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info or WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103 <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 president@wasatchmountainclub.org Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the Board's attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting.</p>
Dec 7 Wed	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Dec 7 Wed	<p>Evening Hike - Church Fork To Saddle Or Grandeur – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Meet at Church Fork Trailhead in Millcreek Canyon. <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com Prompt 5:45pm departure for a longer hike than a normal evening hike. Weather permitting for the full moon viewing, we will hike up to the saddle, or if we are feeling it, to top of Grandeur or as far up as we feel like going. Except for the moonlight it will be dark, so bring your headlamp along with the rest of your 10 Es. You should have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes or have not hiked with me previously. Thank you.</p>
Dec 8 Thu	<p>Evening Hike - Rattlesnake Gulch / Pipeline Trailhead – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Millcreek Canyon Rattlesnake Gulch / Pipeline Trailhead <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com Prompt 5:45pm departure from the Rattlesnake Gulch, Pipeline Trailhead parking lot in Millcreek Canyon. We will turn around at the lookout over Salt Lake County. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared with a working flashlight, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. You should also have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes. Thank you.</p>



Dec 9 Fri	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Dec 10 Sat	<p>Snowshoe - Greens Basin & Pt. 9699 – mod+ – 5.5 mi Out & Back – 2,350' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Kurt Hiland 503-679-5053 kurthikes@msn.com Big Cottonwood Canyon - We'll take the trail from Spruces CG up Days Fork to the snowy meadows of Greens Basin. Then we'll ascend through the aspens and wide open slope to this panoramic point at 9,699'. Moderate pace as needed to keep the group together. We'll go as far as conditions allow. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. Please email by Friday, Dec 9th by 6pm for meeting location/time and other info.</p>
Dec 10 Sat	<p>Alpine Ski Tour/nordic Ski/snowshoe - West Uintas – mod <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to do easy alpine ski touring in the West Uintas. The location will work for Nordic skiing and snowshoeing as well. The specific location will be selected when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, and skis or snowshoes. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 9, 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>
Dec 11 Sun	<p>Snowshoe & Avalanche Safety Workshop <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We will snowshoe to a place where there is sufficient snow and then practice with avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel), probably in BCC (but it depends on snow conditions). Please bring snowshoes, micro-spikes, and 10Es. Please bring avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) if you have. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If you have extra avalanche safety gear or lack avalanche safety gear, please indicate it when you register. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 9, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. WMC members only. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 10.</p>
Dec 12 Mon	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Jacks Peak Trailhead (1830 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com It's dark, it's steep, and the route is not always obvious, so we'll keep the group together. 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. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs accustomed to cold weather are ok. Prompt 5:45 pm departure.</p>
Dec 13 Tue	<p>Evening Hike - Mt Olympus To The Stream – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Mount Olympus Trailhead (5432 Wasatch Blvd, Holladay, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com Prompt 5:45pm departure for heading up Mt. 'O' about one hour to the stream crossing and then turning back. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared with a working flashlight, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. You should also have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes. Thank you.</p>
Dec 13 Tue	<p>Social - Virtual Book Club <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at ZOOM <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Book Club in Michigan, which focuses on environmental issues, welcomes participants from Utah. Participants do not need to be members of Sierra Club. The format will be hybrid most likely - some participants will meet in-person in Ann Arbor, Mi while others will be on ZOOM. In December, we will discuss on an interactive website from the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration entitled Preventing, Halting, and Reversing the Degradation of Ecosystems Worldwide. The link is https://www.decadeonrestoration.org/ The meeting will be on December 13 Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm MST. If you would like to participate, please contact Akiko for the ZOOM access information.</p>
Dec 13 Tue	<p>Evening Ski- Millcreek Canyon – mod – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 900' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Millcreek Canyon Winter Gate (7101 Mill Creek Canyon Rd, SLC, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Cheryl Krusko 801-554-7833 ckrusko@gmail.com Plan to meet at the top of Millcreek Canyon Road for a ski towards Alexander Basin trailhead. No need to register. Just meet at the gate and be ready to ski at 6pm. Doggies are welcome!!!</p>
Dec 13 Tue	<p>Alpine Ski Resort (intro) – ntd+ – 10.0 mi Out & Back – 1,000' ascent <i>Meet:</i> 10:30 am at Snowbird Center, at 2nd Entrance, take elevator to 3rd level, meet at front of Christy Sport. <i>Organizer:</i> Da Yang Wipfel 801-635-6189 dayang007@gmail.com Snow is coming, Let's warm up for 2 or 2.5 hours easy runs for the ski season, Get some turns on the available terrain at Snowbird. Mostly Green/Blue runs depends on the group. If you are brand new skiers, or would like to learn how to ski, email/Text me for any questions, be glad help you get started. Need Self responsible for lift tickets & all ski gears. free ski lesson is available upon request for WMC members only. Must fully vaccinated & free of Covid & any cold symptoms & 8 feet apart for safety. RSVP limit 6</p>



Dec 14 Wed	<p>Day Hike - Mount Van Cott – mod- <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Jim Kucera jameskucera@aol.com</p> <p>We will hike Mount Van Cott (6,348', behind University of Utah) by one of several routes. Be prepared for snow, ice, mud. Please contact me for meeting time/place a few days before the hike (we will most probably meet near Red Butte Gardens around 9AM).</p>
Dec 15 Thu	<p>Introduction To Ice Climb – ntd <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We will have a professional guide who will teach the introduction to ice climbing. No experience necessary. The cost/person will depend on how many people will sign up. Limit 4. Priority will be given to WMC members. Please contact the organizer for details. Update (9/15): \$225=tax per person for a group of 4 climbers. 2 spots are available.</p>
Dec 15 Thu	<p>Evening Alpine Ski Tour - Millcreek Canyon Road – ntd- – Loop – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Winter Parking Lot, Millcreek Canyon Road <i>Organizer:</i> Steven Gadd 801-540-6622 swgadd10@gmail.com</p> <p>Ski up the Millcreek Canyon Road. This is not a backcountry ski tour! We'll ski up the road for 1.5 hours and then slide back to the trailhead. Alpine and Nordic gear will both work. (The skiing is just down the road. No powder turns. Mostly just a evening workout)</p>
Dec 15 Thu	<p>Evening Hike - Emigration Little Dell Divide – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Meet at the little mountain summit at the top of Emigration Canyon. <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com</p> <p>Prompt 5:45pm departure from the gas plant at the little mountain summit parking lot. We will hike along the ridge between Emigration canyon and Little Dell reservoir. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared with a working flashlight, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. You should also have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes or have not hiked with me previously. Thank you.</p>
Dec 17 Sat	<p>Snowshoe/ski (or Hike) - Location Tba – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to snowshoe (or hike if there is not enough snow) in BCC/LCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City, the Uintas, American Fork or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 16, 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>
Dec 18 Sun	<p>Snowshoe/ski (or Hike) - Location Tba – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to snowshoe (or hike if there is not enough snow) in BCC/LCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City, the Uintas, American Fork or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 16, 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>
Dec 18 Sun	<p>Snowshoe - White Fir Pass, Millcreek Canyon – ntd+ – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 1,400' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 8:15 am at SkyLine High School- Parking lot east of the School complex. <i>Organizer:</i> David Andrenyak 801-907-1325 andrenyakda@aim.com</p> <p>From the Millcreek Canyon Road, we will hike on the Terraces Picnic Area road to the the Bowman Fork trailhead. We continue on the Bowman Fork trail to White Fir Pass. If there is sunshine, we will travel just beyond White Fir Pass to a sunny spot for a snack break and a nice view of YellowJacket Gulch. The listed hike distance of 4 miles is for round trip. There some steep sections. Dogs and their well behaved owners are welcome. Be aware that the hike date of Dec. 18 is an even number date and Millcreek Canyon regulations require the dogs to be on leash throughout the hike. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shove) is recommended but not required. If you plan to attend this event, please send an email so that I will look out for you.</p>
Dec 19 Mon	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Jacks Peak Trailhead (1830 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>It's dark, it's steep, and the route is not always obvious, so we'll keep the group together. 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. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs accustomed to cold weather are ok. Prompt 5:45 pm departure.</p>



Dec 20 Tue	<p>Evening Hike - Salt Lake Overlook – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Millcreek Canyon Thaynes Canyon Trailhead <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com Prompt 5:45pm departure from the Thaynes Canyon Trailhead parking lot in Millcreek Canyon. We will turn around at the saddle looking into Salt Lake City. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared with a working flashlight, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. You should also have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes. Thank you.</p>
Dec 21 Wed	<p>Solstice Nordic Ski Tour, Millcreek Canyon Road – ntd – 5.0 mi Out & Back – 1000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Millcreek Canyon Winter Gate (7101 Mill Creek Canyon Rd, SLC, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@earthlink.net We will ski up the road at least as far as the traditional decorated tree at about Mile 2.3. Various distances, pace and equipment all ok, around 7:30 we will gather at the tree, share a treat, hot beverage and perhaps sing a carol or two!</p>
Dec 22 Thu	<p>Evening Hike - Broad's Fork – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at "S" Curve BCC (6520 E Big Cottonwood Rd, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com Meet at the BCC "S" curve parking area for a prompt 5:45pm departure. We will head for Broad's Fork. Plan on about one hour up. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared with a working flashlight, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. You should also have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes. Thank you.</p>
Dec 24 Sat	<p>Snowshoe/ski (or Hike) - Location Tba – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe (or hike if there is not enough snow) in BCC/LCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City, the Uintas, American Fork or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 23, 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>
Dec 27 Tue	<p>Evening Hike - White Fir Pass/millcreek – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Terraces Picnic (6752 Mill Creek Canyon Rd, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com Prompt 5:45pm departure from the terraces entrance gate in Millcreek Canyon. We will start at Terraces and will turn around at the first saddle of white fir pass. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared with a working flashlight, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. You should also have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes. Thank you.</p>
Dec 28 Wed	<p>Day Hike - Avenues Twin Peaks – mod- <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Jim Kucera jameskucera@aol.com We will hike the Avenues Twins (6,291') north of the University of Utah. Be prepared for snow, ice, mud. Please contact me for meeting time/place a few days before the hike (we will likely start from Red Butte Gardens about 9AM).</p>
Dec 29 Thu	<p>Evening Hike - Neff's Canyon – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at 4326 White Way, Salt Lake City, UT <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com Meet at the Neff's Canyon trailhead for a one hour uphill hike. We will be hiking in the dark so come prepared: Bring a working headlamp, microspikes, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. It is a prompt 5:45 pm departure. Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you. Thank you.</p>
Dec 31 Sat	<p>Snowshoe Via The Cherry Canyon Logging Trail To Enniss Peak – mod+ – 10.0 mi Out & Back – 4,500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Michael Hannan 385-207-1248 michaelthannan@gmail.com Co-organizer is Lana Christiansen (iaccount4U@gmail.com) Snowshoe/hike to this popular peak. Weather conditions will be factored in. We may need to bring microspikes and snowshoes. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shove) is recommended but not required. Plan at least 8 hours for the round trip. We will not be trying to beat any speed records. Normally we do this on New Year's Day but this time we'll end the year with it. Warm clothes with layers, nourishing food recommended. :)</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.



Jan 6 Fri	<p>Evening Hike - Church Fork To Grandeur – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Meet at Church Fork Trailhead in Millcreek Canyon. <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com Prompt 5:45pm departure for a longer hike than a normal evening hike. Weather permitting for the full moon viewing, we will hike up to the top of Grandeur or as far up as we feel like going. Except for the moonlight it will be dark, so bring your headlamp along with the rest of your 10 Es. You should have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes or have not hiked with me previously. Thank you.</p>
Jan 8 Sun	<p>Avalanche Transceiver Practice And Terrain Seminar (alpine Ski Tour) <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnysl@earthlink.net Taking a different approach on this seasons Backcountry Skiing beacon practice. This will be an actual ski tour. We will ski a few miles into a select location as a large group where we will discuss technique and practice beacon search and rescue. We will then break into up to four different tours where experience leaders will take participants into avalanche terrain to discuss safe travel techniques, and terrain issues relating to avalanches. We will also get a few laps in for the fun of it. This is not a beginners tour, you will need to be able to ski moderate backcountry terrain with mixed snow conditions, be familiar with the usage of your equipment and be have a beacon shovel and probe.</p>
Feb 4 Sat – Feb 10 Fri	<p>Death Valley Winter Escape - Bike - Hike - Car Camp – ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Cheryl* Soshnik 435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com The annual Bob Wright Death Valley Winter Escape is a week of camping, biking, hiking, exploring historic sites, Dutch Oven cooking, dark skies, and relaxing under the warm sun. Bring your pup tent, your Taj Mahal tent, pickup camper, RV, or motor home and join us in the Furnace Creek Campground. Individuals can band together for group road rides or hikes, or you go off and do things on your own. Form cooking groups with your friends, or pool our resources and do community Dutch Oven meals. We have reserved some tent-only sites in the shade of the mesquite trees, and many more people reserve their own camp sites as well. The one guaranteed is an afternoon happy-hour, where the day is relived, and plans are made for the following day. If you are thinking of going, we recommend securing your campsite NOW, as early February is a popular time of the year and the sites are going fast. Contact me for further information, and to let me know if you have reserved your own sites. Note - if a site is only available beginning Feb 5, that's OK too... you are more than welcome to show up any time that week.</p>
Feb 17 Fri – Feb 20 Mon	<p>Ice Climb @ Ouray Ice Park In Colorado <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We will ice climb at the Ouray Ice Park in Colorado. The Ouray Ice Park is a mecca of ice climbing and the largest man-made public ice climbing park in the world. It has a wide variety of routes for beginners to advanced climbers. Trip schedule: Feb 17 Fri - Road trip; Feb 18 Sat - ice climbing; Feb 19 Sun - ice climbing; Feb 20 Mon - ice climbing & road trip. Previous ice experience not required. However, top roping experience (ice or rock) is required. If you do not have ice climbing gear (e.g. steel crampons with front points, mountaineering or backcountry ski boots, harness, belay devices, helmets), you need to rent. Ice tools are good to have but they are easy enough to share. The park does not have an entrance fee. We will share the cost of lodging and gas. Accommodations will be around \$230-260 for 3 nights per person at a rental vacation home. For more details, please contact the organizer (please include your ice/rock climbing experience). Limit 8. WMC members only. Co-organized with Parker Winkel.</p>
Mar 2 Thu – Mar 5 Sun	<p>Motel Car Camp: Yellowstone Wolves, Wildlife, & Winter Activities – ntd <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Robert Turner and Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com The north entrance into Yellowstone is open! Join us for wildlife watching and general winter activities in the northeast corner of Yellowstone Park. Sightings of wolves, foxes, coyotes, bighorn sheep and eagles are common. We'll motel it in Gardiner, MT, where we have secured the entire bottom floor for group meals and socializing. We'll drive into the Park each day on the only road kept open in Yellowstone in the winter. Some will get going very early each morning (about 5:00am), while others can linger and mingle over breakfast. There are also lots of opportunities for cross country skiing and snowshoeing, so bring your skis or snowshoes if you want to enjoy some time trekking around in Yellowstone's spectacular winter wonderland. The drive to Gardiner in the winter is about 500 miles since we can't go through the Park to get there. Another option is to fly into Bozeman. e-mail Julie for more details, to register, and get instructions to reserve a room at the lodge.</p>
Mar 4 Sat – Mar 7 Tue	<p>Mountaineering - Mt St Helens, Wa – msd <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to do a day climb to Mt Saint Helens (8,333 ft), one of the Washington's volcanoes. We will have a snowshoe group and a ski group, though a snowshoe group may not need to use snowshoes. Trip schedule: fly out/road trip on Saturday March 4, climb on Sunday March 5 or Monday March 6, fly back/road trip on Tuesday March 7. This is non-technical mountaineering. But participants must: 1) have excellent stamina (especially if you are in a snowshoe group) for 12 miles RT with 5,500 ft gain on snow in one day; 2) be willing to buy/rent/lend required individual gear if necessary; and 3) have at least basic mountaineering skills (e.g. how to use crampons, ice axe etc). For more details, please contact the organizer (please include your current fitness level and snowshoe/ski/mountaineering experience). Limit 10. WMC members only. Co-organized with David Baumann.</p>



Apr 21 Fri – Apr 24 Mon	Escalante State Park Car Camp – ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Martha Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com This developed campground is an excellent base for a weekend of hiking, biking, or birdwatching in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument area. Save the date. Details to follow, but expect similar to the past two year's successful events. \$25 per person deposit to register.
May 29 Mon – Jun 4 Sun	Mountaineering - Mt Hood & South Sister/adams, Wa/ore – ext <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to make Mt Hood (11,239 ft), the highest mountain in Oregon. Additionally, some of the participants plan to bag South Sister (10,358 ft) or Mt Adams (12, 276 ft). We will have three sub-groups: 1) Hood only; 2) Hood & South Sister; and 3) Hood & Adams. Schedule - May 29 M (Memorial Day): Road trip; May 30 Tue: Hood Back-up #2; May 31 W: Hood Climb Day; June 1 Thu: Hood Back-up #1; June 2 F: Road trip to home/South Sister/Aams; June 3 Sat: Climb Day for South Sister/Adams; June 4 Sun: Road trip for home. Participants must: 1) have stamina to hike/climb long hours a day; 2) have previous snow mountaineering experience and necessary skills (e.g. proper use of crampons and ice axe, self-arrest, belaying, moving as a rope team); 3) be willing to buy/rent required individual gear if necessary. For more details, please contact the organizer (please include your current fitness level and mountaineering experience). Limit 8. WMC members only. Co-organized with David Baumann.
Jul 4 Tue – Jul 9 Sun	Mountaineering Workshop @ Mt Baker, Wa (tentative Schedule) – ext <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu This trip will be a combined instructional and self-supported attempt on Mt Baker (10,781 ft) in Washington State. The group will be accompanied to the high camp by instructors for the U of U's Dept of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. We plan to devote one day to instruction and practice of glacier mountaineering techniques. Then the group will divide into teams to ascend Mt Baker by the Coleman-Deming route (grade II or French Alpine grade F), or possibly other routes such as North Ridge (grade III), depending on group capabilities and interests. While professional instructors will be on the trip this is not a guided trip. Only those who are capable of ascending the Coleman-Deming route as part of an independent rope team can attend (ice axe and crampon use, roped travel on a glacier mandatory). This will be a self-supported trip. All members should have gear suitable for a multi-day glacier climb and plan to bring their own food (or work out sharing arrangements with other members). There will be an instructional cost of \$200-\$400 (determined by group size). If interested please contact the organizer with a description of your fitness level and your climbing resume and to receive more detailed information. The exact schedule is subject to change. WMC members only.
Aug 18 Fri – Aug 28 Mon	Yellowstone Car Camp – ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Michael* Budig 801-403-7677 mlbudig@gmail.com There has been a change in the reservation system for car camping in Yellowstone. Reservations previously were all made through Reserve America. Recently this was changed for Yellowstone's larger campgrounds (Grant Village, Madison, Norris, Bridge Bay and Canyon). Now reservations for these campgrounds must be made through Xanterra. The good news is that reservations can now be made for more than one year in advance (and hardly anyone is aware of this yet, so you can pretty much reserve what you want for next summer now). Reservations require a deposit of something like 25%, but this is refundable, as I understand it, if the reservation is cancelled prior to something like a month before the date of the scheduled camp. So, for next year, I I went ahead and reserved campsites at Grant Village for August 18-21, Canyon Village for Aug 21- 25 and Madison for Aug 25-28. I had to put down about 25%, I think, but it is refundable if cancelled up till July or so of next year. So, I reserved a site for myself and encourage anyone interested in joining us to reserve their own site through the Xantera website. We will meet sometime in July to discuss different hike options. Let me know if you are interested in joining- but you will need to reserve your own campsite. When I made my reservations, my campsite numbers were not revealed. If you have questions, please email or text me.

Winter Sports Director's Message

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

Steve Duncan, duncste@comcast.net
Winter Sports Director



WINTER SPORTS RATINGS

Here is the listing of snowshoe and ski tours and the ratings according to difficulty. All mile numbers are ROUND TRIP, from beginning to end. Unless otherwise noted, all trips are in the BACKCOUNTRY. These types of trips may be rated 'Not too difficult' (NTD), but more often are rated 'Moderate' (MOD), or 'Most difficult' (MSD). They more likely encounter avalanche paths, and generally cross areas with steeper terrain. Avalanche beacons and shovels are strongly recommended for these type of trips, and may be required by the trip organizer (see trip descriptions). Typical examples are Powder Park of Catherine's Pass. A trip labeled TOUR is one which mostly follows along a groomed trail, or above an un-groomed road surface and generally has a gentler grade, and less risk of encountering avalanche paths. These types of trips are often rated NTD, but occasionally are rated MOD, or even MSD to length. Avalanche beacons are recommended on a more selected basis. Typical examples are Beaver Creek, or Norway Flats. 'Ski mountaineering' (SKI-MTN) is a rating for difficult trips which, in addition to snow gear and avalanche beacons, include boot climbing on exposed terrain and require self- arrest skills. The rating is determined by the most difficult technical requirement of the trip. For example, Pink Pine is short, but it is quite steep, so it is rated MSD.

* **Avalanche knowledge is a prerequisite for winter travel.** A new rating category for AVALANCHE AWARENESS has been compiled by the Winter Sports Committee to help you assess the relative risk for each trip. Legend- **A!** - trip crosses major avalanche path and/or multiple avalanche paths; **A** - trip crosses known avalanche path; **M** - trip involves minimal risk of avalanches.

EL and NTD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING	AVALANCHE AWARENESS	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Daniels	Telephone Hollow	EL-NTD	M	3.0	300	tour
Wasatch	Albion Basin Road	EL-NTD	M	3.0	600	tour
Wasatch	Mill Creek Rd. to Elbow Fork	EL-NTD	M	3.0	680	tour
Wasatch	Willow Lake	NTD	M	3.0	800	
Wasatch	Lake Mary	NTD	M	3.0	910	
Daniels	Doe Knoll	EL-NTD	M	5.0	300	tour
Wasatch	Green's Basin from Spruces	NTD	M	4.0	1000	
Wasatch	Lower Mineral Fork	NTD	A	4.0	1000	
Unitas	Smith & Morehouse Canyon to Ledgefork Campground	NTD	M	6.0	400	tour
Daniels	Foreman Trail	NTD	M	4.0	900	tour
Daniels	Telemark Trail	NTD	M	5.0	1000	tour
Unitas	Bench Creek	NTD	M	7.0	600	tour
Wasatch	Catherine's Lake	NTD	A	4.4	1200	
Wasatch	Silver Fork from Lodge	NTD	A	5.0	1280	tour
Wasatch	Lower White Pine Canyon	NTD	A	5.0	1400	
Wasatch	Catherine's Pass from Alta	NTD	A	5.0	1500	
Wasatch	Dog Lake	NTD	A	6.0	1400	
Daniels	R Fork Little Hobbie Creek to Valle	NTD	M	7.0	1150	tour
Wasatch	Days Fork to Second Meadow	NTD	A	6.0	1600	
Unitas	North Fork of Provo River	NTD	M	8.0	600	
Unitas	Beaver Creek Trail	EL-NTD	M	10.0	600	tour
Wasatch	Snake Creek Canyon	NTD+	A	7.0	1800	tour
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road to Turn-Around	NTD+	M	10.0	1500	tour

MOD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING	AVALANCHE AWARENESS	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Wasatch	Tom's Hill	MOD	A	4.0	1600	
Wasatch	Bill's Hill	MOD	A	3.4	1800	
N. Wasatch	Little Dell-Affleck Park-Big Mtn.	MOD	M	11.0	1320	tour
Wasatch	Catherine's Pass form Brighton	MOD	A!	5.0	1500	
Wasatch	USA Bowl	MOD	A	4.0	1800	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Near)(South)	MOD	A	4.0	1800	
Unitas	Yellow Pine Trail	MOD	M	7.0	2400	



Daniels	Main Canyon-Murdock Hollow	MOD	M	10.0	1400	tour
Daniels	Strawberry Peak	MOD	A	10.0	1700	tour
Uintas	Little S. Fork-Willow Hollow Loop	MOD	M	10.0	2000	
Daniels	Clyde Creek- Mud Creek Loop	MOD	M	14.0	1000	
Stansbury	Deseret Peak Bowl	MOD	A	9.0	2800	
Wasatch	WasatchBig Water via Dog Lake	MOD	A	6.4	1400	
Wasatch	Alta to Brighton via Twin Lakes P	MOD	A!	8.0	1320	
Uintas	Smith Morehouse C. to Erickson B	MOD	A	15.0	1200	
Uintas	Murdock Basin	MOD	M	15.0	1400	
Uintas	Upper Setting Road	MOD	M	12.0	2300	
Uintas	Norway Flats Road	MOD	M	12.0	2530	
Uintas	Red Pine Canyon to Mud Lake Flat	MOD	A	14.0	2335	
Wasatch	Lake Desolation	MOD	A	8.0	1900	
Wasatch	Brighton to Alta via Catherine's Pass	MOD	A!	10.0		
Wasatch	Red Pine Lake	MOD	A	8.0	2000	
Uintas	Soapstone to N. of Iron Mine Mtn.	MOD	M	14.0	2240	
Uintas	Shingle Creek	MOD	M	14.0	2460	
Wasatch	Green's Basin Peak	MOD	A	6.0	2380	
Wasatch	Meadow's Chutes	MOD	A!	6.2	2380	
Wasatch	Reynold's Peak	MOD	A	7.0	2100	
Wasatch	Little Water via Dog Lake	MOD	A	7.4	2100	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Middle)	MOD	A	7.0	2200	
Wasatch	Day's Fork to Upper Cirque	MOD+	A!	8.0	2000	
Wasatch	Bear Trap to Lookout	MOD+	A	7.0	2400	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Far)(North)	MOD+	A	8.0	2040	
Wasatch	Upper Red Pine Lake	MOD+	A!	7.0	2400	
Wasatch	Montreal Hill	MOD+	A!	7.0	2700	
Heber	Main Canyon (Wallsburg to Strawberry)	MOD+	M	15.0	3650	
Wasatch	White Pine Lake	MOD+	A!	9.0	2400	
Uintas	Windy Ridge	MOD+	A!	7.6	3200	
Wasatch	Alta-Brighton-Alta	MOD+	A!	9.0	2800	

MSD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING	AVALANCHE AWARENESS	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Wasatch	Pink Pine	MSD	A!	2.0	1000	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Cardiff Pass	MSD	A!	2.0	1400	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Flagstaff Mtn.	MSD	A!	2.8	2000	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Cardiff Pass to Big Cottonwood	MSD	A!	5.0	Traverse	1400 u 2800 d
Wasatch	Silver Fork via Brighton Twin Lakes	MSD	A!	6.0	Traverse	1460 u 2400 d
Wasatch	Day's Fork to Big Cottonwood Canyon	MSD	A!	5.5	Traverse	2000 u 3200 d
Wasatch	Mary Ellen	MSD	A!	9.2	1820	
Wasatch	Soldier Fork	MSD	A	9.0	Traverse	1600 u 2800 d
Wasatch	Tuscarora-Wolverine	MSD	A!	8.0	2100	
Wasatch	Alexander Basin via Butler to Log H	MSD	A!	7.0	Traverse	2600 u 3100 d
Wasatch	Silver Fork Crest	MSD	A!	8.0	Traverse	2200 u 3400 d
Wasatch	Maybird Canyon	MSD	A!	6.5	Traverse	2440 u 3000 d
Wasatch	Porter Fork	MSD	A!	7.0	Traverse	2200 u

						3400 d
Wasatch	Lake Blanche to Big Cottonwood Canyon	MSD	A!	8.0	Traverse	2600 u 4600 d
Wasatch	Mineral Fork from Alta	MSD	A!	7.0	Traverse	2900 u 3500 d
Wasatch	Gobbler's Knob via Butler	MSD	A!	7.0	3140	
Wasatch	Mt. Raymond via Butler Fork	MSD	A!	7.0	3140	
Wasatch	Major Evans	MSD	A!	9.2	2700	
Wasatch	Wilson Fork	MSD	A!	11.0	Traverse	2600 u 3800 d
Wasatch	White Pine from Alta	MSD	A!	10.8	2700	
Stansbury	Victory Mountain	MSD	A!	10.0	3800	
Uintas	Hoyt Peak via Swift's Canyon	MSD	A	14.0	3530	
Uintas	Hoyt Peak via Hoyt Canyon	MSD	A	14.0	3601	
Stansbury	Deseret Peak from Guard Station	MSD	A!	12.0	4500	
Uintas	Norway Flats to Smith Morehouse	MSD+	A	18.0	2680	
Uintas	Weber River to Norway Flats	MSD+	A	20.0	2800	
Daniels	Currant Creek Peak	MSD+	A	21.0	2800	
Wasatch	Triple Traverse – Alta to Toll Canyon	MSD+	A!	16.0	Traverse	5700 u 7600 d
Uintas	King's Peak (length!)	MSD+	A	36.0	6800	Very long

SKI-MTN RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING	AVALANCHE AWARENESS	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Wasatch	Mt. Superior	SKI-MTN	A!	6.0	2700	
Wasatch	Pfeifferhorn via White Pine Canyon	SKI-MTN	A!	10.0	3700	
Wasatch	Superior and Monte Carlo from Alta	SKI-MTN	A!	10.0	4810	
Wasatch	Twin Peaks via Broad's Fork	SKI-MTN	A!	10.0	5100	
Wasatch	Box Elder Peak from Dry Fork	SKI-MTN	A!	12.0	5600	
Wasatch	Pfeifferhorn from Dry Creek	SKI-MTN	A!	12.0	5630	
Wasatch	Mt. Nebo from Mora	SKI-MTN	A!	14.0	6700	
Wasatch	Bells Canyon Supertour Traverse	SKI-MTN	A!	14.0	Traverse	3500 u 5700 d
Wasatch	Lone Peak via Supertour Route	SKI-MTN	A!	16.0	5854	
Wasatch	Timpanogos from Timpooneke	SKI-MTN	A!	22.0	6500	

Editorial Note: Snowshoe and Ski ratings above are listed in order of difficulty, according to this algorithm:

Difficulty = (M) + (3 K). M is the round trip miles including tenths, if any. K is the thousands of feet of altitude gain including tenths, if any. For example: Catherine's Lake at 4.4 miles round trip and 1200 feet of altitude gain:

$$\begin{aligned} & (M) + (3 \times K) \\ & (4.4) + (3 \times 1.2) \\ & (4.4) + (3.6) = 8.0 \end{aligned}$$

If the outing is labeled as a TOUR, factor the difficulty answer by (0.6). Example: Foreman Trail at 4 miles length and an altitude gain of 900 feet calculates as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & (M) + (3 \times K) \times (0.6) \\ & (4) + (3 \times .9) = 6.7 \\ & (6.7) \times (0.6) = 4 \end{aligned}$$

Localized trail conditions may vary throughout the season and affect the actual difficulty on any given day (e.g. trail breaking, icy, bare spots, wind, warm, cold).

Activity **'How to'** Guide

How to Sign-up for an Activity

Step 1

Visit our Website

wasatchmountainclub.org
Click on 'Calendar' Button
to view all the activities

Step 2

Select an Activity

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

Step 3

Register for the Activity

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

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

How to Sign-up for Email Activity Alerts

Step 1

Visit our Website / Log-on

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

Step 2

Select Email List

Click on 'Email List
Subscribe / Unsubscribe
Button

Step 3

Select your Activities

Check / select the
activities you wish to
receive email alerts of
new activities. Click on
'Update Subscriptions'
button to record your email
preferences

How to Organize an Activity

Step 1

Visit our Website
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Log on to the website
and click on the
'Members' button

Step 2

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

Step 3

Activity Approval

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

Step 4

Sign-up Sheet

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



Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC)

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgment of Risk, and Release from Liability

Activity: _____ **Organizer:** _____ **Date:** _____

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****ATTENTION** IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER OF THE WMC, PLEASE NOTIFY THE TRIP ORGANIZER!**

Member of WMC? (Y/N)	Signature	Print Name Legible	Phone	Check Out
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- THE RAMBLER, WMC's monthly publication has articles and scheduled activities.
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WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Do not use for renewals.)

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

I am applying for membership as: _____ Single _____ Couple

Name: Applicant 1: _____ Birthdate*: _____

Name: Applicant 2: _____ Birthdate*: _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Applicant 1: Main phone: _____ Email address: _____

Applicant 2: Main phone: _____ Email address: _____

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

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

Membership dues:

- \$40.00 for single membership (Annual dues \$35.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)
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Enclosed is \$_____ for application fee and first year's dues. Check or money order only. Please make checks payable to Wasatch Mountain Club.

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Signature 1 _____ Date: _____

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Mail completed application to:

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Wasatch Mountain Club
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Leave blank for office use:

Check # _____ Amount Received _____ Date _____ By _____



50 Years Ago in The Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

club activities for dec 1972 [...]

- Dec. 3 LAKE BLANCHE SKI TOUR – Advanced (3,5) – This is one of the most
Sunday spectacular and challenging tours in the Wasatch Mountains. The route
is Cardiff Pass, around the bowl and up to Cardiac Ridge, down into Lake
Blanche drainage, and possibly over into Mineral Fork to avoid the trail below
Lake Blanche. Ideal conditions are a requirement to avoid avalanche danger
and each tourer should have a cord and probe just in case. Registration
is mandatory, and prompt departure is a must. Meet at the mouth of Big
Cottonwood at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Gale Dick [...]
- Dec. 16 CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE LODGE. An Old Fashioned Christmas Party with
Saturday a Christmas tree, carol singing, Santa with gifts for all, snacks, and dancing.
Wine punch or BYOL. Admission 50 cents and bring small clever gift marked
"boy" or "girl". About 8:00 p.m. Stay overnight if you wish. Hosts: Mel and
Clare Davis [...]

EARLY BIRD SKI TOUR by Milt Hollander

The first ski tour of the season had been scheduled for the last Sunday in October. The foot or so of fresh snow that was apparent in the near deserted Brighton parking lot quickened our ski waxing preparations. While waxing, Jim was tactfully requested by the canyon water patrolman to place his dog Beep on a leash. The patrolman was in turn informed of larger game in the form of a loaded double horse trailer down below Silver Fork. The patrolman scurried hence, to check on the half horses who would exercise such freedom.

Ray Watrous stopped by while we were still in the ski waxing stage and himself waxed eloquently of past tours in previous seasons with some of the old time club members. With Ray's good wishes we headed for Catherine Pass. Dave broke trail most of the way in a baseless medium powder snow which frequently tracked knee deep. The going was slow despite a relatively strong small group with everyone on touring skis, including Beep on occasion. A short lunch was held under cloudy skies on the ridge between Dog Lake and Lake Martha, then on to Catherine Pass. We tried a downhill run down the open slope immediately southwest of the pass on the Alta side. Pointing straight down the fall line was the only way to get moving in the deep baseless snow, with the attendant knowledge that more than wax might be removed from the skis.

Jim and Brad regained the pass while Dave and Milt tested the snow west of Sunset Peak on a slope draining to Lake Catherine. Dave made a near flawless downhill run while Milt checked the snow depth and the late fall vegetation. We regrouped at Lake Catherine and headed back down to the Brighton parking lot, which by this time was well tracked by many vehicles. A brief inspection of our skis revealed scratches of varying depth on everyone's skis. The price of early season skiing.

It was still good, however, to have ended a long, dry, hot summer.

Participants: Dave Hanscom, Brad Rich, Jim and Beep Byrne, and Milt Hollander.



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