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Peter climbing Six Pence on a recent rock climb at Storm Mountain Island organized by Paul Gettings.

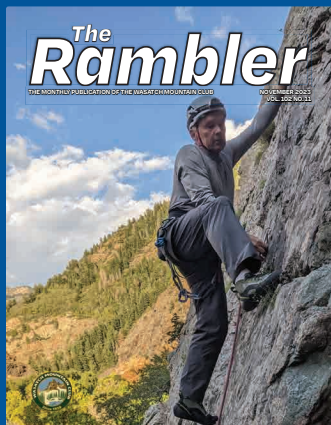


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President's Message



One of the (many) great things about the WMC is reflecting back on the things we have done. My outdoor recreation activities have shifted over the years, depending on the stages of life, and the WMC has been a big part of those life transitions. I started hiking at the prompting of a friend who gave me the gift of John Veranth's "Hiking the Wasatch" book and suggested I get into the mountains with my children, who were both under 5 years old at the time. When my children aged out of hiking with Mom, my hikes got bigger and longer and harder, and soon I ran out of friends and family to hike with.

Since the WMC was formally organized in 1920, the WMC has been run entirely by volunteers. Club members post activities to provide opportunities for friends with similar interests to get together for a shared experience. After my knee replacement, I posted "Hiking for Healing" activities: short, flat hikes that were timed go one way for 30 minutes, then 45 minutes, then an hour, and so on. By the end of the season, I was back on top of Gobbler's Knob. New dog? It was a great opportunity to post dog-friendly hikes. Now, with my grandson in tow, I find myself occasionally circling

back to some of those smaller, shorter, simpler walks in the woods I used to take with my kids.

Now is a great time to also reflect on our memories of the WMC Lodge. The first mention of building a lodge by and for the WMC is found in the October (we think) 1922 Rambler (found under the "About Us" tab on the WMC website). On pdf page 6 "Someone asks: Why not a permanent home for the Wasatch Mountain Club in some adjacent canyon where we could give parties and entertainments among club members?" The 1929 Rambler announces, "We have started the biggest undertaking in the history of the club – the erection of a lodge at Brighton." The WMC lodge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places because the lodge is a special place with an incredible history.

Brighton was a lot different in 1929 than it is today. There was no Brighton ski resort yet, not for a few more years. A lot has changed. Brighton has changed, the club has changed, the lodge has changed, the forest service land that the lodge sits on has changed. What has *not* changed is that the lodge, like the WMC, continued to be operated and maintained by volunteers. With a 100-year-old building, built by a club that doesn't need it anymore to "give parties and entertainments among club members," the ravages of time and elements, and a record breaking 900-inch snow year, the level of volunteer effort to run/manage/improve/upgrade the lodge is simply not sustainable.

Enter the Brighton Ski Resort. Enter another stage of life.

In October 2023 Brighton Ski Resort takes ownership of the lodge. While it is sad to "see the lodge go," it's time. And it's exciting that the new owner is excited about the lodge, the history of the lodge, and the history of the WMC that comes with the lodge. Brighton will allow the WMC to continue using the lodge a couple of times a year, just as we have been for the past several years. We will continue to hold our fall membership meeting/social, and we can have another summer event such as a training or social. Brighton is committed to historical preservation that is required for a National Historic Place, and what better organization than the Brighton Ski Resort to prepare the lodge for its Centennial celebration!

- Julie Kilgore, WMC President



WELCOME

New & Returning Members

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Oscar & Barbara Zamudio
Nancy & Scott Hancock
Kristine Vier & Andrew Moriarty**

Trail Planning News

by Will McCarvill, Trail Planning Coordinator

We're going to take a jump north of Salt Lake City and see what is going on with trails.

First stop is the Trails Foundation of Northern Utah (tfnu.org). They are dedicated to building, maintaining, and protecting trails in northern Utah. Their interactive trail map is not quite operational but does provide a visual on trails in Weber County.

Davis County Trails (daviscounty.gov/county-info/trails) claims over 500 miles of trails with a wide range from urban to foothill to mountains. Their map provides good information butting up to Salt Lake County.

Morgan County does not provide trails information so you may want to try tfnu.org.

Although small, Antelope Island State Park offers scenic trails in what is left of the Salt Lake (stateparks.utah.gov/parks/antelope-island/map/).

The Mountain Lands Association of Governments (mountainland.org) includes Summit, Utah, and Wasatch counties. It is designed to coordinate future planning and development among the three counties. It's actually a pretty good read if you like dense planning documents. One of the areas of focus is Active Transportation which means human powered transportation (mountain.org/rtp-goal4/). It is a bit confusing as Utah County pops up on the trails map. One big piece of planning revolves around the Wasatch Loop which is a 250 mile non-motorized trail. It runs from Ogden to Utah Lake State Park along the Wasatch Front and along the Wasatch Pack. Some sections have been built; my guess is you can find more information on the individual county trails information sites. Development of the trail system supposedly involves the Wasatch Loop Trail Coalition but I cannot find any web site.

Not to be out done, Box Elder, Davis, Morgan, Salt Lake, Toole and Weber counties cooperate in the Wasatch Front Regional Council (wfrc.org). It is responsible for coordinating long range transportation planning. Every four years they produce an updated regional transportation plan. This also includes active transportation (wfrc.org/programs/active-transportation/) which means non-motorized urban types. When you wander around these pages you can stumble on interesting urban trail options which include the Golden Spike. It is 100 miles of connected paved trails linking Ogden to Provo and is the longest continuous multi-use urban trail network west of the Mississippi.

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Winter Sports Avalanche Safety Training

by Steve Duncan, Winter Sports Director

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

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

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

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

Current approved courses are:

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

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

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

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

Other courses pre-approved by the Winter Sports Director



Nominating Committee for the 2024 Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) Board of Director's Election

The 2024 Nominating Committee members are Vince DeSimone, Petra Brittner, and Barb Gardner. Each year, this committee oversees the annual election of the WMC Board of Directors. The next election will occur at the membership meeting in February 2024. Serving on the WMC Board of Directors is a worthwhile and rewarding undertaking, and we already have a couple of great candidates for 2024 Secretary and Co-Hiking Director! The WMC is most grateful to its current and former Board of Directors and encourages its members to consider filling one of the positions that will be opening up this year:

- Rambler Editor
- Co-Social Director
- Co-Membership Director
- Winter Sports Director

If interested in serving on the Board, please contact the Nominating Committee by email at nominations@wasatchmountainclub.org or by leaving a phone message at 801-463- 9842. Your information will be promptly forwarded to the Committee. Additionally, members may submit their names for any of the Board of Directors roles. For a list of the Governing Board, please follow this link: <https://wasatchmountainclub.org/governing-board>.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

'Faint Heart Never Climbed Mountain' Book Update *by Deb Frank*

A: My goal is to have the writing completed by the end of October, which should be enough time to have the book in the hands of members by the February membership meeting. *Should*. There are a lot of variables.

Q: What variables?

- After finishing the writing, I'll still have these steps:
- Proofreading by every living member mentioned in the book.
- Proofreading by a few knowledgeable club members. (Shoutout to Phyllis Anderson and Mark Jones.)
- Collecting and formatting all footnotes.
- Selecting photos.
- Researching and writing the Biography section. This will include about 400 members.
- Compiling an index
- Copy editing
- Designing the book. This is a bigger deal than you might think.
- Researching printing and marketing options. (This is the biggest unknown for me.)

Q: But I thought you were almost done a year ago?

A: Yeah, me too. What can I say? It's a massive project. And when I went back to my early drafts, I knew I could make them a lot better. So I did. Writing is like that.

Q: So, tell me about this book.

A: The book is weighing in at about 300 pages (with all the stuff mentioned above, it'll be more like 400), with 14 chapters including 46 stories, action packed adventures from all major activities across the decades. I promise you a page-turner!

To learn more, please watch our WMC Facebook site. In November, maybe earlier, I plan to start a preview series, with trivia contests and other fun stuff. If you're not on Facebook, shoot me your email, and I'll keep you in the loop. (I'm in the member directory.)



New Future for the Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge

For the last several years the Board of Directors for the nonprofit, The Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation (Foundation), has been exploring options for the best path to ensure the Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge (Lodge), built by the Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC), can continue to be maintained and managed adequately along with being preserved for future generations. Our research resulted in the decision to sell the Lodge to the Brighton Ski Resort. This will ensure the Lodge can be utilized year-round and will allow more people to experience visiting this grand building plus be preserved for future generations.

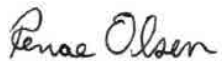
As the building has aged, managing and maintaining the Lodge has become more time consuming with increasing costs. The amount of time and money required by the present Board to maintain and manage the building is not sustainable and recruiting volunteers has been difficult, not only for the Lodge Board but for all nonprofit entities. Preservation of the Lodge will provide an important connection to history, culture and enjoyment of the outdoor activity Utah has to offer, but unfortunately preservation of the building will require a large sum of money.

Brighton Resort has the resources to ensure all these goals can be met. They will maintain and manage the building so it can provide opportunities to the public to see this amazing building and discover the history of the Lodge, plus the contributions of the WMC to the history of outdoor activities in the state. The Resort is aware of the need for preservation and will ensure it is preserved according to the National Historic Preservation Act. They have also been generous to provide the WMC free use of the building each year for several days so the WMC can still enjoy club celebrations such as the Old Timers, New Comers event.

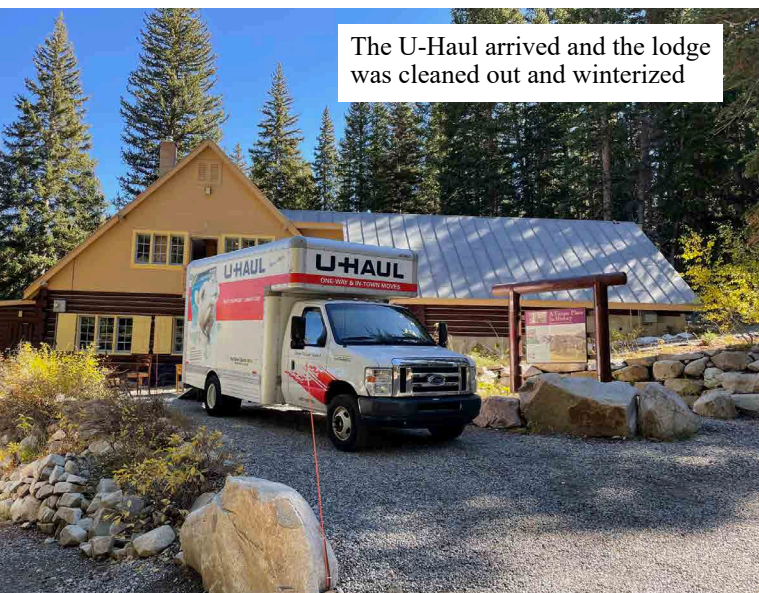
Finally, Brighton Resort has the resources to provide use of the Lodge year-round, unlike the Foundation which could only provide use of it during 3 months of the year. To be really appreciated a building as unique as the Lodge needs to be available for visitors during all seasons. This sale was completed on October 14, 2023.

The Lodge Board really appreciates all the help that WMC members have provided in the past.

Sincerely,



President, Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation



The U-Haul arrived and the lodge was cleaned out and winterized



The lodge is locked for the last time by JoDene Arakelian, Bob Myers, Renae Olsen and Neal Olsen

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Newcomer / Old-timer Social and Membership Meeting, Sept. 10th



Organized by WMC Board & Coordinators / Report by Nina Shah

It was a great day to BBQ at the annual Lodge event, where club members can enjoy a piece of history. Located at the Brighton resort, the Lodge is full of pictures and memories of club members throughout the years. This year's social event helped connect new members with existing members. We filled the Lodge inside and out with about 70 people of all ages. Hamburgers and brats were grilling on the BBQ and a variety of delicious pot luck dishes filled the tables. Grilling became a community event, passing around the spatula and toasting the buns, as the crowd was getting hungry. Julie, the President, conducted club business and honored and thanked club members with a long history. We heard old and new adventure stories throughout the evening. It was lively and social for everyone. The event ended with everyone pitching in to clean up and leave the Lodge as we found it. With the sale of the Lodge this was one of the last gatherings as owners but new beginnings. We still look forward to continuing club traditions and sharing a piece of history with new members at the Lodge.



Meet One Enthusiastic Outdoor Activity Organizer: Tonya Karren

In the world of outdoor clubs, there's always one person who stands out as a great organizer. Meet Tonya Karren, a remarkable woman who has been lighting up the outdoors scene with many Wasatch Mountain club's activities. For four years, Tonya was the vivacious social director of the club, and her journey as a member of the Wasatch Mountain Club since 2016 has been nothing short of inspiring.

A Passion for the Outdoors: Tonya's love affair with the great outdoors began long before she joined the club. Growing up in a family that valued adventure and exploration, she developed a deep appreciation for nature and the serenity it offered. Her passion for outdoor activities, from hiking and backpacking to camping, served as the perfect catalyst for her involvement with the club.



The Spark of Enthusiasm: Tonya's enthusiasm is infectious, and it's what makes her a standout organizer. Whether it's planning a weekend backpacking trip or a mid-week hiking or snowshoeing adventure, her energy and zeal are the driving force behind every adventure. Members often describe her as the "spark" that ignites the excitement for upcoming outings.

Social Director Extraordinaire: For half a decade, Tonya has been an important part of the Social Committee. Once she became the Social Director, she orchestrated countless memorable events that have brought members closer together. As Tonya reflects on her four years as social director, she's humbled by the positive impact she has had on the club and its members. Many have grown from casual adventurers to avid outdoor enthusiasts, and Tonya's guidance and support have played a pivotal role in their journey.

Creating Lasting Connections: One of Tonya's greatest achievements has been her ability to create lasting connections among club members. She believes that outdoor activities are not just about exploring nature; they are also about forging strong friendships. Her carefully curated events provide a platform for members to connect, share stories, and create bonds that extend beyond the trail.

Looking to the Future: While Tonya has stepped down from her role as social director, her passion for the outdoors and her commitment to the club remain as strong as ever. She envisions a future filled with even more exciting adventures, new faces, and continued growth.

Tonya Karren is the embodiment of what it means to be a passionate, dedicated, and community-driven outdoor enthusiast. Her journey within the club since 2016 has left an indelible mark, and her legacy of enthusiasm and inclusivity will continue to inspire members for years to come. As we look to the horizon, we cannot help but be excited for the adventures that lie ahead under Tonya's ever-inspiring leadership.





Congratulations!

Kathleen Waller



for completing 100 activities and being the most recent member to receive a jacket!

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| Sue Baker | Kurt Hiland | Jim Kucera | Robert Turner |
| Frank Bouchard | Akiko Kamimura | Bret Mathews | Kathleen Waller |
| Mac Brubaker | Tonya Karren | Paula McFarland | Irene Yuen |
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Great news, there are still 85 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!





WMC Scholarship Celebrate the Legacy *by Giving*



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

How to support the Scholarship Fund:

- **Donate to the Scholarship / Education Endowment Fund:**
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| Ladies' Centennial T-shirt, Bright Blue | | | |
| __S __M __L __XL __2XL | \$20 | X | = |
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| Ouray 23034 M Performance L/S T (WMC Logo - Unisex) | | | |
| White - __S __M __L __XL | \$30 | X | = |
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| Cent. Journal Notebook | \$20 | X | = |
| Cent. Baseball Cap, White | \$20 | X | = |
| Cent. Visor <i>Ltd. Stock</i> | \$20 | X | = |
| Hiking the Wasatch, AUTOGRAPHED | \$30 | X | = <i>Out</i> |
| Ski History of Utah AUTOGRAPHED | \$30 | X | = |
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Trip Reports

Salt Lake Industrial District Road Bike, September 3rd

Organized and report by Robert Turner / Photo by Liz Copeland

We enjoyed a fun, flat ride in Salt Lake's Industrial District on Sunday, 9/3. While it is very busy there during the week, there is almost no traffic at all on Sundays, except, of course, for a couple of Amazon delivery vans 😊. Participants (L to R) were Robert Turner, Gloria Leonard, Mounia Collins, Paula McFarland, Leslie Woods, Jennifer Arce (back) and Cecil Goodrick.



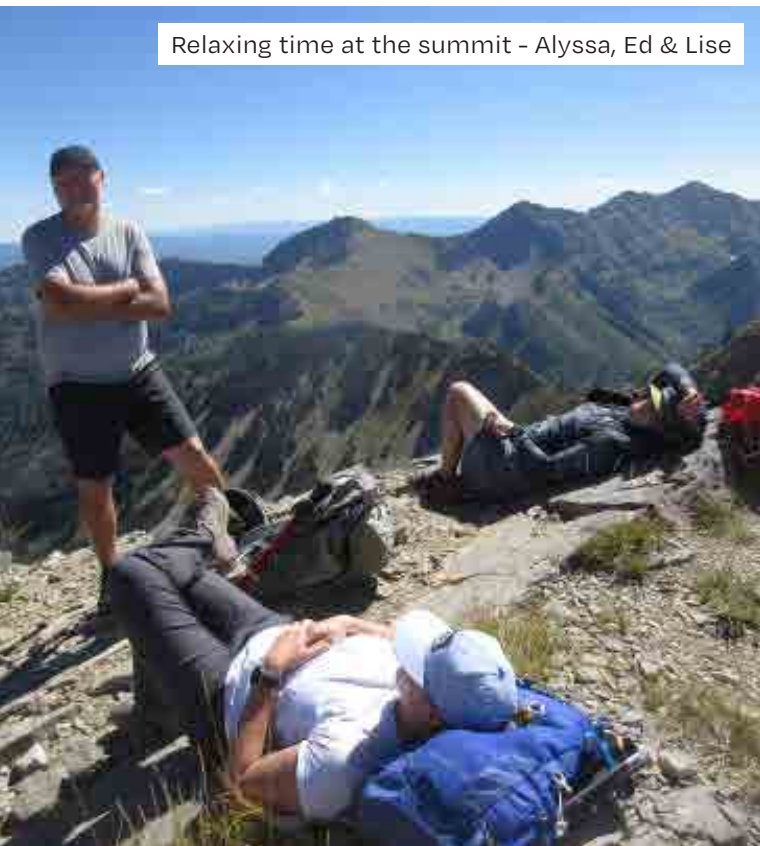
South Cascade Hike, September 16th



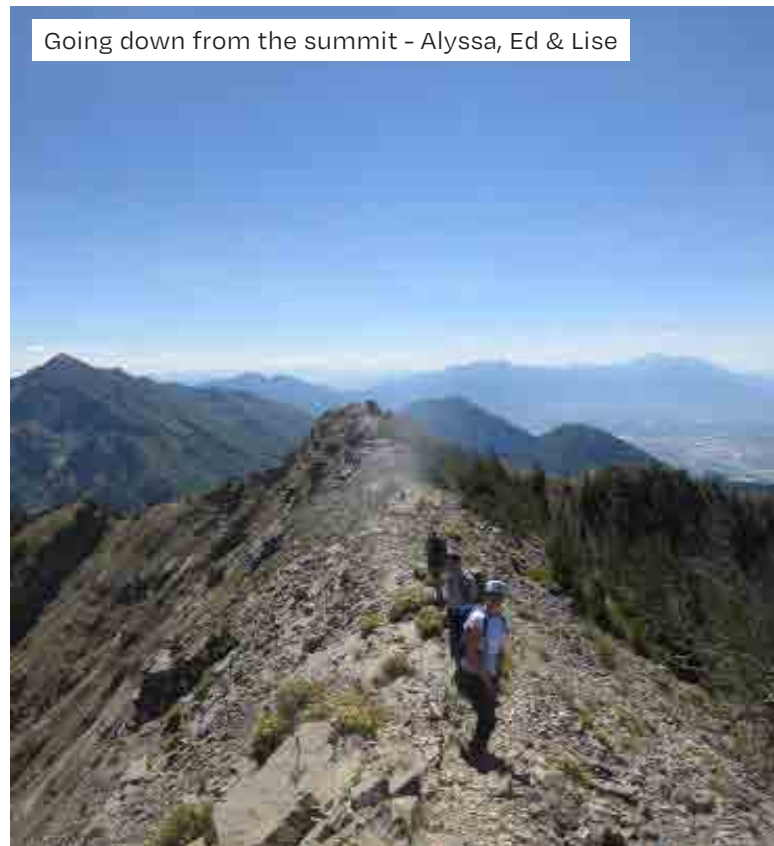
Summit photo. From left – Ed, Lise, Alyssa & Akiko

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

We attempted to hike to Cascade Mountain which is located south of Provo Canyon via Dry Fork. For Alyssa and Ed, it was the first time to hike in the area. We had perfect weather – sunny, not hot, and not cold. While it was a little bit too early for fall colors, it was still a beautiful hike. The trail is very clear for the first 4 miles. The trail was in good conditions most of the sections after the first 4 miles. When we reached South Cascade Mt, one mile south from the main peak, we agreed that the south peak was our destination, while we had very good progress. Rather than hiking one more mile, we chose to take a long lunch break at the south peak. It was very quiet there. We saw only several other hikers on the trail. We had a great time together.



Relaxing time at the summit - Alyssa, Ed & Lise



Going down from the summit - Alyssa, Ed & Lise

Sphinx Mountain Hike, September 16th



Organized and Report by Dennis Goreham

Wonderful mountain and beautiful weather best describe our hike up Sphinx Mountain. The Sphinx is located in southwest Montana in the Madison Range and the Lee Metcalf Wilderness Area. Access is through Cameron, Montana and starts at the Bear Creek Campground. This is a nice campground with water, outhouse, and bear boxes and which we had pretty much to ourselves. Hunters and horse people use the trailhead but not many utilize the campground.

Most folks drove the 360 miles up to the campground on Friday. The Blue Moon Saloon is only a few miles away so we had a great supper there Friday night and supported local business. We had nice campfires and conversations both evenings.

We did the hike on Saturday 9/16/2023. The route to the top starts gradually following old horse trails but the last 1800 feet are quite steep requiring some easy scrambling in places. On the way, we took a break at the pass and enjoyed the view of the sheer east face of the Helmet before heading up the last steep section to the top of the Sphinx.

The top of the Sphinx does not disappoint. As you summit you get a view of the nearly 2000 foot drop off the southeast side of the peak. From there you can see east into Yellowstone National Park, north towards Big Sky Ski Area, and south and west to the Gravely and Tobacco Root mountains. As we walked to the west end of the ridge, we looked down to see a mountain goat on the ledges below us. We retraced our steps back to camp just in time for happy hour. In total, we hiked about 12.5 miles and gained 4500 feet to get to the top of this 10,876-foot peak and back.

The participants included Richard Drake, Jim Kucera, Matt Goreham, McKinley Silvers, George Poulton, and Dennis Goreham.





Toll Canyon Hike, September 26th

Organizer: Bruce Christenson / Report & Photos by Irene Yuen

Participants: Bruce Christenson, Bruce Moore, Hong Duong, Phyllis Anderson, Robert Myers, Susan Allen, Irene Yuen

Due to No Trespassing Signs that were posted to restrict access into Deaf Smith Canyon (by mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon), our quick-witted, well experienced Organizer Bruce Christenson, changed the course and led our group of seven happy chatty WMC hikers carpooling in two vehicles to exploring the amazing Toll Creek Trail in Toll Canyon, Park City, Summit County.

The length of our relaxed hike took us about four and a half hours to complete. We didn't run into other people or wildlife while walking through the hiking-only tranquil area of streams and dense aspen groves in the bottom of Toll Canyon. We enjoyed chomping along a couple miles of winding path which was colored with all shades of red; brilliant rust fall colors from burgundy to scarlet to bright deep crimson coupled with beautiful layers of orange, yellow, and gold. The bright blue cloudless sky, gentle warm sun, and mild elevation gain stimulated friendly conversations and vision. We had the best of times. Huge shout out of "Thank You's" to our organizer, Bruce Christenson, all pathfinders, and drivers

Susan, Bob, Hong, Bruce, Phyllis



Bruce Christensen, Hong Duong, Robert Myers, Susan Allen, Phyllis Anderson, Bruce Moore



Brighton Sunset Peak Hike, August 6th



Group at a full Lake Mary (LtoR): Holly Zullo, Kurt Hiland, Deanna DiBella, Joel Winter, Dianne Budig, Maura Rodriguez, Michael Budig, Tim Glenn

Organized, report, and photo by Dave Andrenyak

Sunset Peak is a mountaintop along the Brighton ridge line. For our hike, we gathered at the Brighton base area. We hiked on the Brighton Lakes trail (a section of the Great Western trail) past Lake Marty, Lake Martha, and Lake Catherine to Catherines Pass. Then, we continued on the Great Western trail and the established trail to the Sunset Peak summit. We returned to the Brighton base by hiking on the same trails. It was a good weather day and lots of sunshine. Along the hike, there were many wildflowers in bloom. Some of the blooms included Little Sunflowers, Lupine, Indian Paintbrush, Jacobs Ladder. The mountain scenery was excellent and included great views of Sunset Peak during the hike. The hike participants were Michael and Dianne Budig, Deanna Dibella, Tim Glenn, Kurt Hiland, Joel Winter, Maura Rodriguez, Holly Zullo, and Dave Andrenyak (organizer). Thank you participants for your excellent company.

Day Hike to the B-25 Crash Site on Mt. Timpanogos, August 16th

Organized & report by Russell Patterson / Photos by Yi Qu

On a snowy night in 1955, a WWII era B25 bomber disappeared. Three days later the wreckage was reached by three members of the WMC.

We hiked the Timpooneke trail to get to this plane wreck. The round trip was 12.3 miles with a 3600; elevation gain, When we reached the basin, there are two trails going north and the 2nd one goes to a small stream. From the stream you can see a white spot at the top of the green vegetated area just below cliffs and a scree slope. This white spot is part of the bomber wreck. The white spot can be seen in a photo on Page 16 of the Sep. 2012 Rambler. A date of July 28, is printed at the top of the photo. Below the number "2" of the date you will see the white spot.

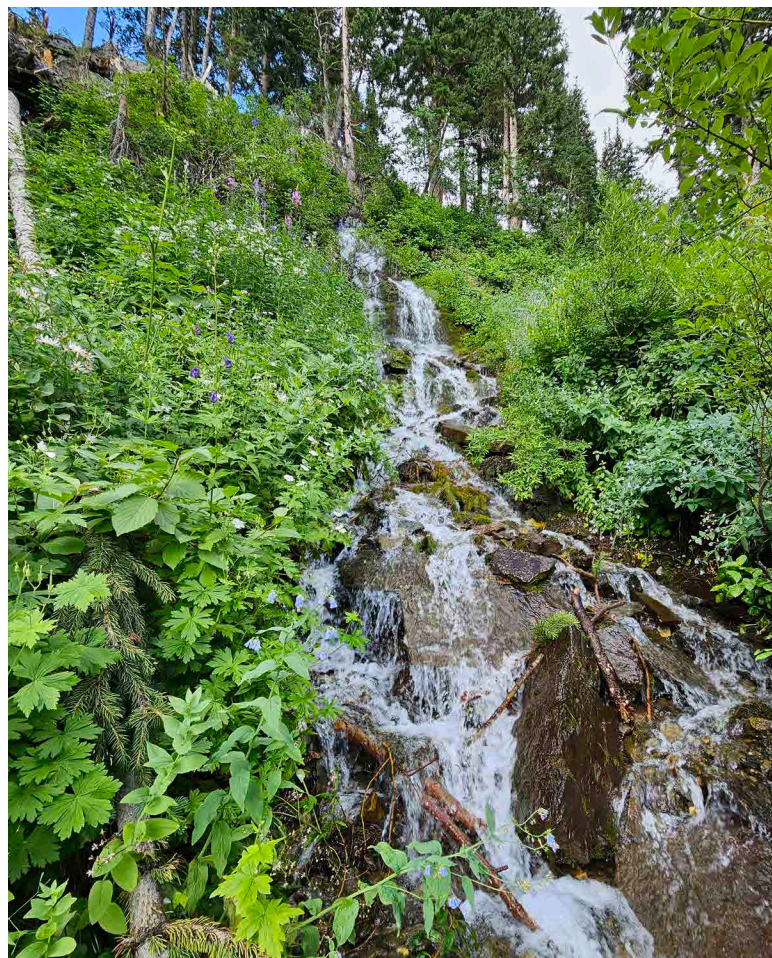


The last few hundred feet of the hike were very steep.

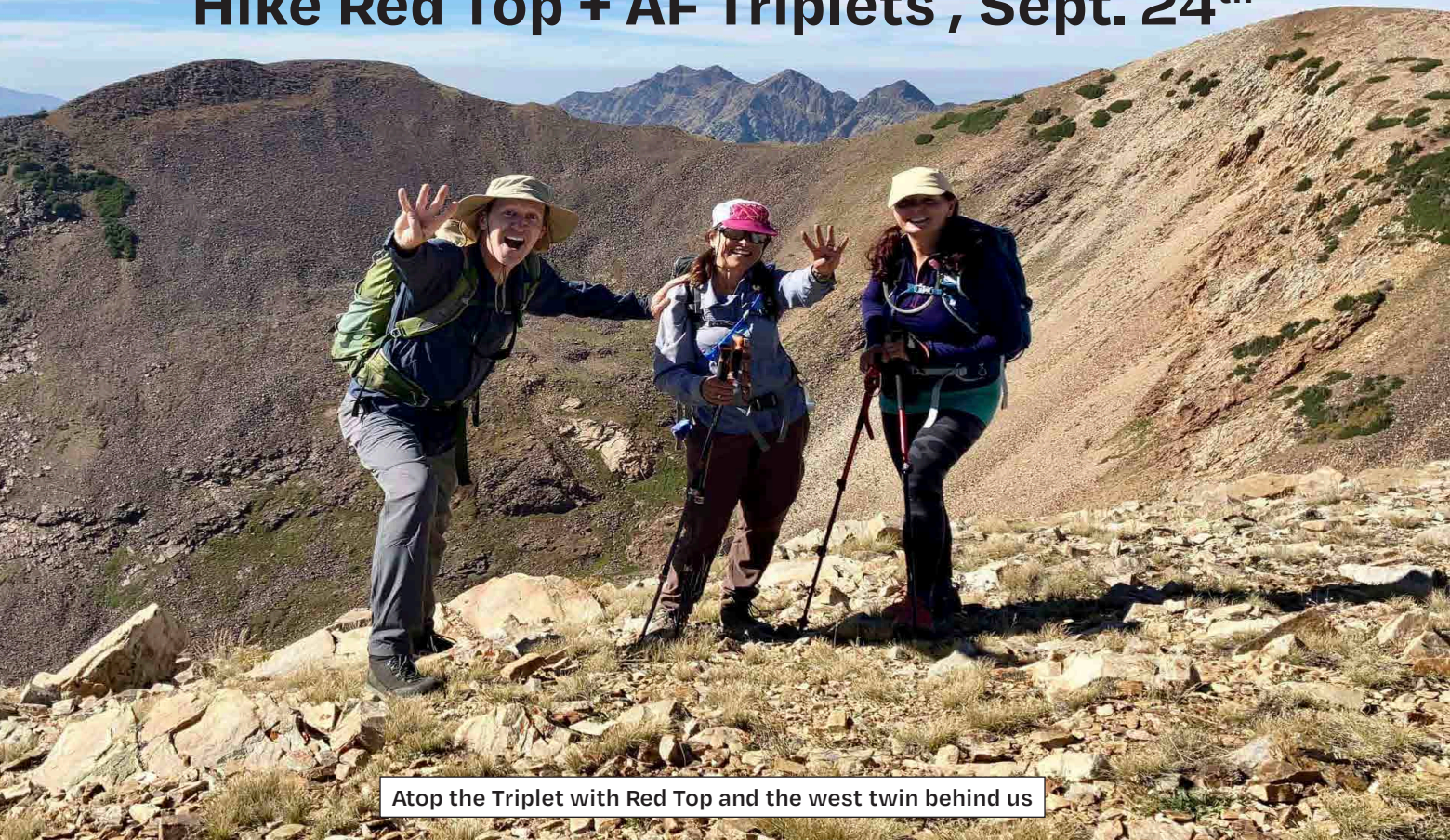
Due to the wreck being covered snow the hike had been postponed two weeks. We missed seeing part of the wreck because it was still covered snow but I was glad we hiked when we did because the flowers were at their peak.

Pat Christian was almost 82 years old and was the oldest member of our group. He visited the crash site in 1989, as a Provo Herald staff writer and wrote an article about his trip.

Participants: Russell Patterson, Yi Qu, Lee Moss, Ben Wake. Mona Beatty, Andrew Stiff, Pat Christian, Stephanie Anderson Sandra & Al, Berzinis, Kurt Hiland



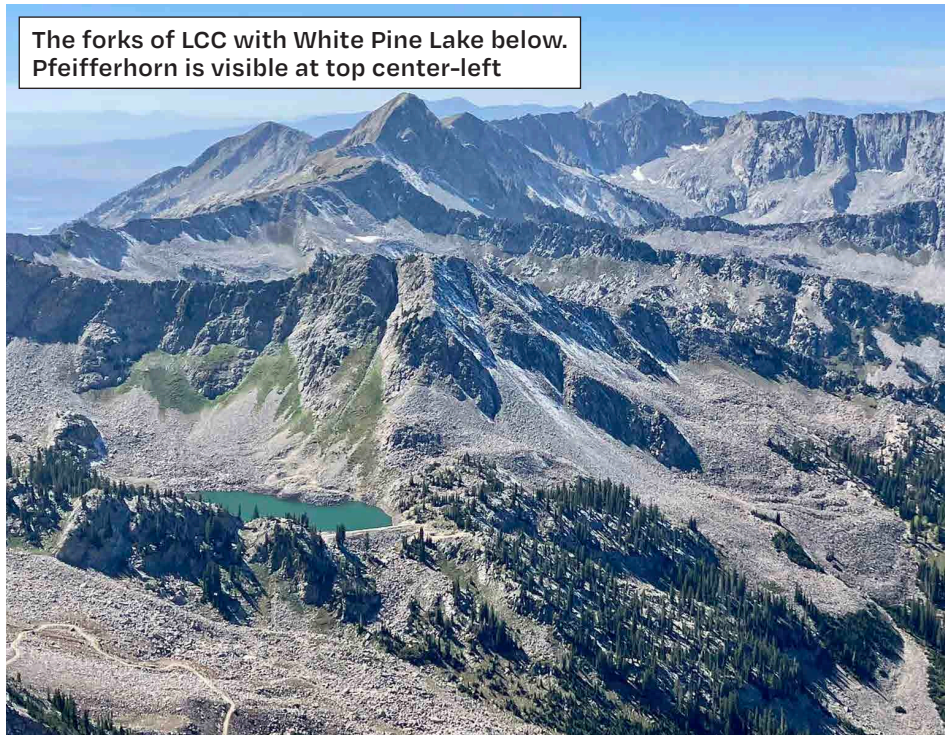
Hike Red Top + AF Triplets , Sept. 24th



Atop the Triplet with Red Top and the west twin behind us

Organized, report, and photos by Kurt Hiland

On a glorious fall day, club members Kurt Hiland, Stephanie Anderson and Sandra Berzinis set out to tag five 11,000' peaks, four of them along the so-called Bullion Divide between Little Cottonwood and American Fork Canyons. Our first objective was Red Top which we approached from White Pine road. Most of the first half of the 1900' ascent up the west face was a nice 30-35 degree grassy slope. The upper half was steeper class 2/3 rock and it took some weaving about in order to keep the exposure minimal. The view from Red Top was the best of the bunch and from there the AF Twin West seemed really close - just a hop, skip and a jump along the Bullion Divide. Once atop the West Twin, the East Twin was an easy stroll. A short walk later, the Third Twin (aka The Triplet) was ours. To bag #5, we descended 1000' to a road then trudged back up to Hidden Peak and the tram at the top of Snowbird. Given that one of us suffered from leg cramps, one suffered from nausea, and the other had gas which pretty much caused the others to suffer, tagging #5 felt like a real accomplishment. The icing on the cake was riding the tram full of inebriated Oktoberfesters and singing along to the chorus of Tom Petty's "Free Falling" with them.



The forks of LCC with White Pine Lake below. Pfeifferhorn is visible at top center-left

Hike & Car Camp - Mt. Elliott and more...

October 6-8th

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

We enjoyed dispersed camping and hiking in the areas where not many people visit – the Book Cliffs and the Ford Ridge near Price.

Oct 6:

We drove to the Book Cliffs region and found a nice camping spot. Kathleen and Greg brought a portable fire pit. We enjoyed dinner and camp fire together.

Oct 7:

It was very cold early in the morning and was nice to have camp fire. After breakfast, we went out for the adventure by Kathleen and Greg's UTV. We did not think the UTV could make the Price River crossing that was thigh deep. So we crossed the river on foot. Greg tried to cross the river by the UTV and made it! We could drive on the ATV road to the bottom of Mt Elliott (7,142 ft) that is the highest point in the region. The route to the summit of Mt Elliot involved class 2-3 scrambling. Greg did a great job to navigate a safe route. The views from the top were amazing. We went back to the UTV and further drove in order to bag two more peaks. The ATV road became very bumpy even for the UTV. Also, the hiking conditions did not look great. So we just bagged Point 6569. On the way back to the campsite, Greg crossed the river by the UTV again. We were on the UTV that time. It was very exciting! We saw petroglyphs right after the river crossing. Kathleen served sorbet and cooked wonderful dinner for the group – salad, sautéed vegetables, crab cakes, and pasta.



Summit photo at Mt Elliott. From left – Kurt, Cora (dog), Kathleen, Lulu (dog), Greg, Akiko & Jim.



Descending from Mt Elliott. Greg & Kurt



Kathleen cooked wonderful dinner for the group



Oct 8:

We left the Book Cliffs and had brunch at the Greg's favorite café in Price. On the way back to home, we did an additional journey near the Price Canyon Recreation Area. We drove to Beaver Benchmark (9,804 ft) by the UTV. We were unable to find a benchmark but really liked the views from the summit. We drove near Peak 9453 (also marked as Peak 9416 depending on some maps) and did a short hike to the top. Then, we drove to the bottom of Ford Ridge (7,519 ft) and hiked to the summit. It looked like there were a bench mark and a triangular structure before, but not anymore. We went back to the bottom of the canyon and completed our weekend voyage.



Kathleen near Peak 9453



Group photo at Beaver Benchmark. From left – Jim, Lulu (dog), Kurt, Kathleen, Greg, Akiko & Cora (dog)

Canyoneering 101 Ground School - North Wash's Canyons, Sept 16-17th



Organized Dana Fisher / Report by Dea Nelson / Photos by various participants

On a warm weekend in September, the desert sun cast a golden shade over the rugged terrain of North Wash, Utah, as we gathered for our first-ever event together in canyons. Excitement filled the air as we prepared to descend into: Hogwarts, Morocco, and Blarney, led by Dana (Fisher) Wallace. This two-day adventure (Sept.16 & 17) promised not only challenging descents but also a sense of unity and skill enhancement to this amazing group:

Paula McFarland, Tonya Karren, Jen Stock, Marcia Camargo, Diana Wellborn, Vickie Ashby, Christine Pilgram, Dea Nelson, Renee Rodegeb, Jodi Srdich, & Melody Kienholz.

The Journey Began as the group of canyoneers set out, each of us sported a wide smile that reflected our eagerness to explore North Wash's hidden gems. North Wash is renowned for its slot canyons, and this region offers some of the most stunning and intricate formations in the Southwest that include some potholes with deep water.

The Canyons

- **Hogwarts Canyon:** The first canyon on the list, Hogwarts, welcomed us with narrow passageways, towering walls, and sculpted rock formations that resembled something out of a wizarding world (remember Harry Potter?) Jen and Melody were wearing their Harry Potter's glasses and Hogwarts socks!!! With teamwork and enthusiasm, we navigated through the twists and turns.
- **Morocco Canyon:** Next up was Morocco, an intricate labyrinth of smooth sandstone walls and surprising twists. This canyon provided an opportunity for all of us to apply our growing canyoneering skills.
- **Blarney Canyon:** On the second day, the final challenge was Blarney, which highlighted the grandeur of North Wash's canyons. With rappels and squeezes, Blarney offered a thrilling combination of adventure and natural beauty. The camaraderie around the group deepened as we supported each other through the most demanding sections.

Challenging Yet Rewarding:

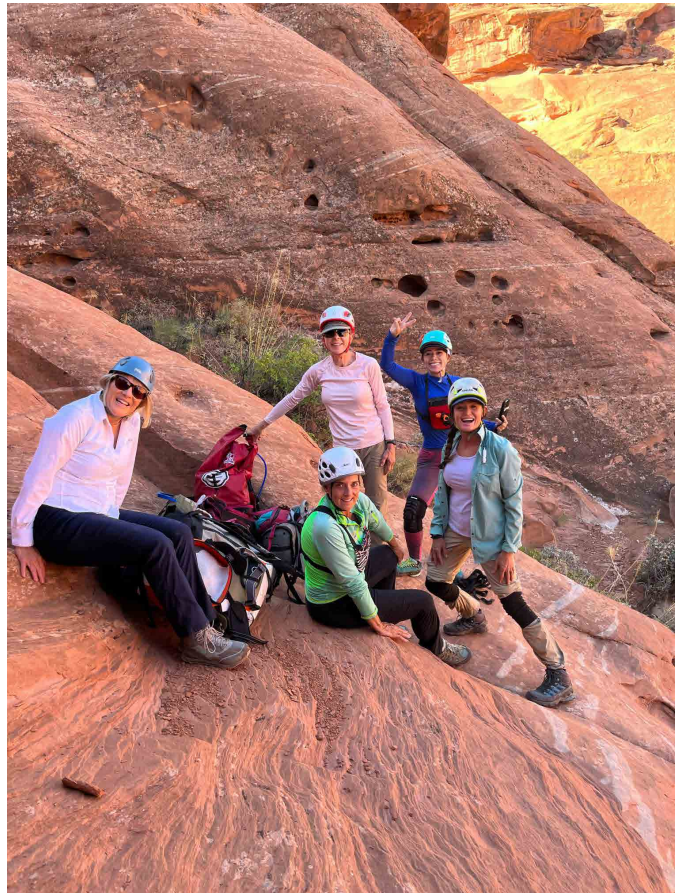
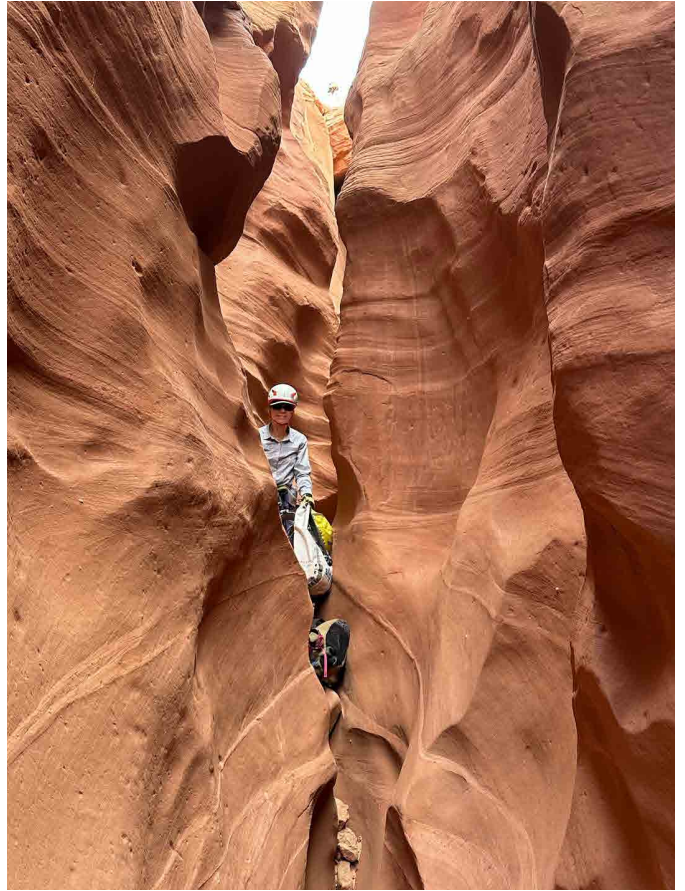
The two-day adventure was nothing short of intense. We pushed our physical limits, honed our technical skills, and overcame obstacles with determination. But during challenges, there were also moments of triumph, where smiles and laughter echoed through the canyons.

Canyoneering has a unique way of bringing people together, transcending boundaries and backgrounds. We shared stories, encouraged each other, and celebrated our accomplishments in these mesmerizing canyons. For many in the group, this outing marked a significant step in their canyoneering journey (I will particularly speak about my own experience). Some of us not only conquered new challenges but also gained invaluable experience and confidence. Learning to navigate slot canyons is a continuous process, indeed.

This trip was an unforgettable journey of self-discovery and camaraderie. As we packed up our gear and bid farewell to North Wash, we left with hearts full of gratitude, eager to return for our next thrilling adventure in the world of canyoneering, organized by Dana (Fisher) Wallace.

The group wants to send a special thank you to Jodie Srdich for her invaluable help with leading these canyons.

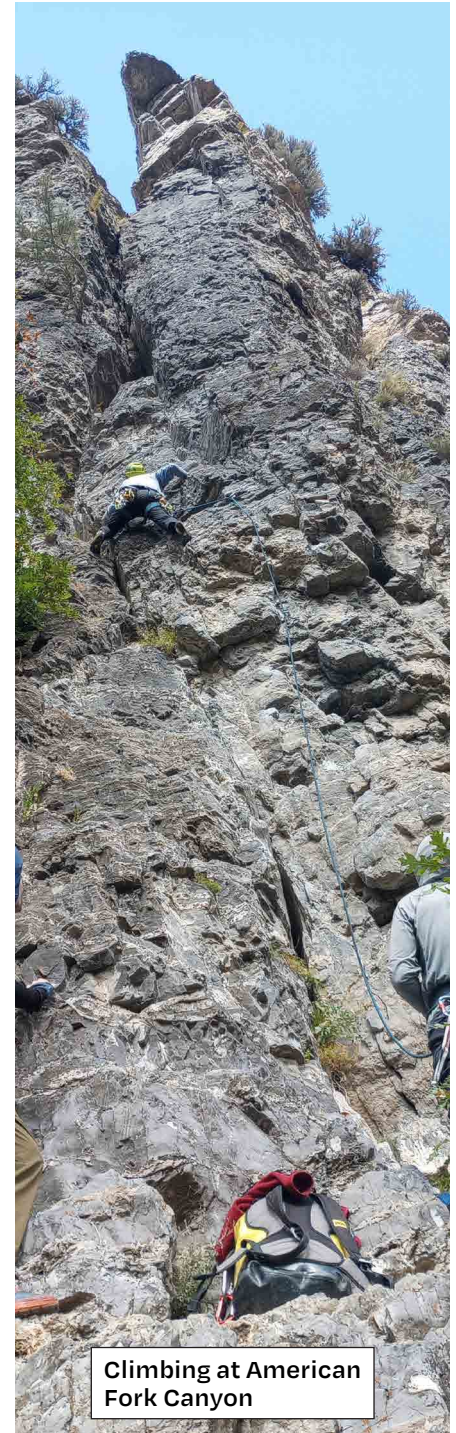




Rock Climb – Hard Rock American Fork Canyon, October 1st

Organized, report, and photos by Frank Bouchard

At a small crag overlooking a sea of spectacular fall colors in American Fork Canyon, six climbers spent the day performing a familiar sequence: belay – fist bump – climb – fist bump – repeat.



Thank You!

September 2023 Activity Organizers

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

Akiko Kamimura

Brad Yates

Bruce Christenson

Chris Venizelos

Craig Williams

Daisy DeMarco

David Andrenyak

Dennis Goreham

Frank Bouchard

Jessie Fan

Jim Kucera

John & Martha Veranth

Julie Kilgore

Kate Little

Kathleen Waller

Kurt Hiland

Lynn McAdams

Mac Brubaker

Michael Budig

Mohamed Abdallah

Mona Beatty

Paige Williams

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Paula McFarland

Robert Turner

Stanley Chiang

Steven Duncan

Sue Baker

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Tonya Karren

Tristan Ellsworth

Volunteer Raffle (2022-23)

Each year the club holds an appreciation banquet to show our support and appreciation for our organizers and other volunteers. To qualify for the banquet, a member must organizer at least two activities or one multi-day activity. This year, the banquet will include a raffle. Everyone who qualifies for an invitation to the Banquet will get a raffle ticket. Throughout the year, we'll collect a variety of fun and interesting prizes.

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



Activity Calendar

WMC members should stay informed on current COVID guidelines. Those who are not feeling well, whether COVID symptoms or other illness, should not participate in WMC activities. During a club activity, the use of face masks or carpooling is up to each individual, unless otherwise specified by the organizer. Organizers can opt for a group size they are comfortable with, except for the group size limit of 10 in wilderness areas.

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| Nov 1 Wed | <p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu 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> |
| Nov 2 Thu | <p>Evening Hike - Salt Lake Overlook – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Thayne Canyon Trailhead (6250 Mill Creek Canyon Rd, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com Prompt 5:40pm 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> |
| Nov 3 Fri | <p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu 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> |
| Nov 4 Sat | <p>Hike - Currant Creek Peak, Heber City – mod+ – 8.4 mi – 2,616' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Currant Creek Peak (10,554 ft) in Heber City, weather, conditions and situation permitting. There is a trail all the way to the peaks. I have hiked in the area but not to the peak. Exploratory. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Friday, 12pm, Nov 3, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p> |
| Nov 4 Sat | <p>Trip Organizer And Volunteer Appreciation Dinner <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Location will be on your invitation <i>Organizer:</i> Debbie Olson, Nina Shah socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org Annual Trip Organizers and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. This is an invitation only event, our way of saying thank you to all those who organized 2 activities or 1 multi-day activity, or volunteered in another capacity within the last 12 months. Most of the invitations will be going out via email, so if you think you qualify and you don't see that invite, check your spam, then follow up with your respective activity director. Social hour 6:00 pm, Dinner/Awards at 7:00 pm. Raffle prizes will be given away. You don't want to miss this event.</p> |
| Nov 5 Sun | <p>Hike/Snowshoe/Ski At Alta – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We snowshoed/skied on the first weekend of Nov at Alta last year. Hopefully, we will have enough snow for snowshoeing/ skiing this year. I will post more details when it gets closer to the date.</p> |
| Nov 5 Sun | <p>Dimpell Dale/Tree Swing Meandering Relaxed Pace Family Hike – ntd – Loop – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Dimple Dell East Trailhead (2940 Mt Jordan Rd, Sandy, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com There are several trail intersecting trails throughout Dimpell Dell. Weather depending, join the Kilgore/Williams/Nolan family on this urban open-space meander</p> |
| Nov 6 Mon | <p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p> |



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| Nov 6 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 officially dark now, Jack's is Back! We will be hiking under the glitter of the stars and above the glitter of city lights. Come out for a brisk 2-hour outing up and down the STEEP route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills (we can only hope), micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. The trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 6pm departure.</p> |
| Nov 8 Wed | <p>WMC Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info, or WMC Office (1390 S 1100 E, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Carpool:</i> 5:40 pm at Pre meeting appetizers at Fiddler's Elbow (1059 E 2100 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 president@wasatchmountainclub.org Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the Board's attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting.</p> |
| Nov 8 Wed | <p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek - ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p> |
| Nov 9 Thu | <p>West Grandeur North Ridge Loop Winter Night Hike - mod- - Loop - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Grandeur Peak (Face) Trailhead (2900 S Wasatch Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com The north ridge of west Grandeur connects to the center Ridge after about one hour of hiking. Winter layers and headlamps required. Prompt 6 pm departure.</p> |
| Nov 10 Fri | <p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek - ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 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> |
| Nov 11 Sat | <p>Hike - Mitton Peak - mod+ - 8.0 mi - 3,200' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Mitton Peak (8657 ft) near Brigham City, weather, conditions and situation permitting. We will hike on the maintained trail 3 miles to the ridge and follow the ridgeline one mile to the peak. I have hiked in the area but not to the peak. Exploratory. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Nov 10, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p> |
| Nov 12 Sun | <p>Hike/Snowshoe - Reynolds Peak In BCC - mod+ - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to bag Reynolds Peak in BCC, weather, conditions and situation permitting. We may also go to Tom's Hill. Please bring 10 Es as well as micro-spikes and snowshoes. If there is lots of snow, we may also need to use 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, Nov 10, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p> |
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| Nov 14 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. The November book is Finding Elevation: Fear and Courage on the World's Most Dangerous Mountain by Lisa Thompson. The meeting will be on November 14 Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm MST. If you would like to participate, please contact Akiko for the ZOOM access information.</p> |
| Nov 15 Wed | <p>Virtual Mountaineering Seminar On Risk Management (Zoom) <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at ZOOM <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu Ed Viesturs, the only American who climbed all 8,000m peaks, said "Getting to the top is optional. Getting down is mandatory." Risk management is very important to enjoy climbing a mountain. This virtual seminar will focus on how to prevent risks, how to identify potential risks, how to assess possible risks, and how to manage risks. We will have an instructor from the U of U's Department of Recreation and Tourism who teaches risk management for outdoor activities. The instructor is also a highly experienced mountaineer and climber with professional climbing experiences. This seminar will be held via ZOOM on November 15, 2023 Wednesday 6-7:30 pm MST. If you would like to participate, please contact the organizer for the ZOOM access information.</p> |
| Nov 15 Wed | <p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu 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> |
| Nov 16 Thu | <p>West Grandeur Ridge Loop Winter Night Hike – mod- – Loop – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Grandeur Peak (Face) Trailhead (2900 S Wasatch Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com We'll go the other direction this time. Up the center ridge, down the north ridge. Winter layers and headlamps required. Prompt 6 pm departure.</p> |
| Nov 17 Fri | <p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu 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> |
| Nov 18 Sat | <p>Snowshoe - Snowshoe/Ski Or Hike - Location Tba – mod+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We will snowshoe/ski or hike depending on snow conditions. I will post a specific location and details when it gets closer.</p> |
| Nov 18 Sat | <p>Traverse Ridge Winter Hike – mod – Out & Back <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Deer Ridge Drive Trailhead. Turn west at the 4-way stop of Traverse Ridge Road and Suncrest Drive. That becomes Deer Ridge Drive. Go to the end of the road to meet at the trailhead. (40.4749072, -111.8500752) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com The rolling high points of Traverse Ridge can be deceptively steep in places. We'll follow an old service road along th ridge from Corner Canyon to Point of the Mountain, then explore sections of new trails on the return. Plan approximately 5 hours. Distance will depend on conditions.</p> |
| Nov 19 Sun | <p>Snowshoe/Ski - Scotts Pass & Guardsman's Pass In BCC – mod – 7.0 mi – 2,000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe to Scotts Pass and Guardsman's Pass in BCC, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes/skis. 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 somewhere in BCC. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 17, 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> |
| Nov 20 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> |



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| Nov 20 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 officially dark now, Jack's is Back! We will be hiking under the glitter of the stars and above the glitter of city lights. Come out for a brisk 2-hour outing up and down the STEEP route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills (we can only hope), micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. The trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 6pm departure.</p> |
| Nov 24 Fri | <p>Snowshoe NTD-Fun Out And Back - ntd - 4.0 mi Out & Back - 900' ascent - Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Butler Elementary (7080 S 2700 E, Cottonwood Heights, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Mark* Jones 801-410-4163 hikermrj@aol.com</p> <p>Greens Basin NTD-FUN out and back. Join Mark Jones for this traditional day after Thanksgiving snowshoe to Greens Basin. Bring your leftovers to share and come work off the Thanksgiving meal. Come prepared for snow or no snow and winter conditions. No avalanche gear required.</p> |
| Nov 25 Sat | <p>Snowshoe - Snowshoe/Ski Or Hike - Location Tba - mod+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We will snowshoe/ski or hike depending on snow conditions. I will post a specific location and details when it gets closer.</p> |
| Nov 26 Sun | <p>Snowshoe - Snowshoe/Ski Or Hike - Location Tba - mod+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We will snowshoe/ski or hike depending on snow conditions. I will post a specific location and details when it gets closer.</p> |
| Nov 27 Mon | <p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek - ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p> |
| Nov 27 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 officially dark now, Jack's is Back! We will be hiking under the glitter of the stars and above the glitter of city lights. Come out for a brisk 2-hour outing up and down the STEEP route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills (we can only hope), micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. The trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 6pm departure.</p> |
| Nov 29 Wed | <p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek - ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p> |
| Nov 29 Wed - Dec 11 Mon | <p>Botswana Camping Safari <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Patrick Owens 970-426-2183 prkrowens@yahoo.com</p> <p>Our 13-day safari will begin in Maun, Botswana and end in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Rivers spawned in the Angolan highlands create the Okavango Delta which is filled with zebra, giraffe, Nile crocodile, African lion, leopard and so much more. Chobe is famous for massive elephant herds, but in fact its four distinct ecosystems contain the densest wildlife population in all of Africa. Botswana not only holds the largest elephant population in Africa, 130,000 strong, but is one of the last refuges for African wild dogs. This will be a camping safari similar to https://www.bushways.com/our-safaris/fish-eagle-safari/. Excluding the airfare the price for the safari will be between \$2300 and \$2600 depending on the number of participants.</p> |
| Nov 30 Thu | <p>Dragon's Tail Winter Night Hike - mod- - Loop - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Grandeur Peak (Face) Trailhead (2900 S Wasatch Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>It takes about one hour to hike up this steep route and touch the tail of the dragon, a prominent limestone fold beneath Grandeur. Winter layers and headlamps required. Prompt 6 pm departure.</p> |
| Dec 1 Fri | <p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek - ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p> |



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| Dec 6 Wed | <p>WMC Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info, or WMC Office (1390 S 1100 E, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Carpool:</i> 5:40 pm at Pre meeting appetizers at Fiddler's Elbow (1059 E 2100 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 president@wasatchmountainclub.org</p> <p>Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the Board's attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting.</p> |
| Dec 10 Sun | <p>Snowshoe & Avalanche Safety Workshop – mod+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We will snowshoe to a place where there is sufficient snow and then practice with avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel). 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 8, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. WMC members only. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 10.</p> |
| Dec 27 Wed – Jan 4 Thu | <p>Mountaineering - Pico de Orizaba & Iztaccihuatl, Mexico – ext <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>Pico De Orizaba, Mexico (18,491 ft) is the third highest peak in North America. We will also climb Iztaccihuatl (17,159 ft), the third highest peak in Mexico. Due to the complexity of the trip logistics, we will have a local company that will help us the trip logistics and route finding. Participants must 1) have excellent physical condition with previous mountaineering experience (rope travel, glacier travel, the use of crampons, and ice axe arrest); 2) have no history of altitude sickness at 14k peaks (We will do a short acclimatization hike before Orizaba); and 3) be willing to buy/rent required individual gear if necessary. The estimated cost for the local company is \$1,550 that includes meals, lodging, local transportation, and guide services (does not include tax, tips, some fees). The additional cost will be for international flights, travel insurance, hotel in Mexico City (one night), etc. If interested, please contact the organizer with a description of your fitness level and your climbing resume and to receive more detailed information. WMC members only.</p> |
| Feb 4 Sun – Feb 10 Sat | <p>Death Valley Winter Escape Car Camp - Bike - Hike <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Cheryl* Soshnik 435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com</p> <p>Mark your calendars, and grab your tent/RV site/cabin early, as things fill up fast at Furnace Creek. Our annual week of camping, hiking and biking, Dutch oven cooking, and hanging out at the pool is once again happening in early February. We have already reserved as many tent-only camp sites in the mesquite trees as we could, and we encourage you to check out recreation.gov right away to reserve your own RV, tent site or motel. Details to follow, just let me know if you have reserved a site on your own and for which days, or to see if there are any available shared tent-only spaces available. We will be doing a couple of group dinners, at least one by Dutch oven, but most meals will be on your own or go over to the restaurant when the dinner bell tolls. Everyone is invited to the afternoon happy hour around the campfire, where plans are made for the next day's activities -- usually road biking and hiking. There will be a nominal per-person fee to be involved in any of our group activities, more on that to come. Contact me if you have any questions</p> |
| Mar 2 Sat – Mar 6 Wed | <p>Mountaineering - Mt. St Helens, WA – msd <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to do a day climb to Mt Saint Helens (8,333 ft), one of the Washington's volcanoes. We will have a snowshoe group and a ski group, though a snowshoe group may not need to use snowshoes. Trip schedule: fly out/road trip on Saturday March 2, climb on Sunday March 3, Monday March 4, or Tuesday March 5, fly back/road trip on Tuesday March 6. This is non-technical mountaineering. But participants must: 1) have excellent stamina (especially if you are in a snowshoe group) for 12 miles RT with 5500 ft gain on snow in one day; 2) be willing to buy/rent/lend required individual gear if necessary; and 3) have at least basic mountaineering skills (e.g. how to use crampons, ice axe etc). For more details, please contact the organizer (please include your current fitness level and snowshoe/ski/mountaineering experience). Limit 10. WMC members only.</p> |

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.



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| Mar 5 Tue – Mar 11 Mon | <p>San Ignacio Lagoon Camp And Whale Trip <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>I'm putting together another group to join me for one of my favorite adventures. I've done this trip several times with family, friends, and fellow WMC members. We just have to get to the Hacienda Hotel in old town San Diego. The Pure Baja Travels team takes full care of us from there. The San Ignacio World Heritage Biosphere Reserve is Latin America's largest wildlife sanctuary, and is located about half way down the Pacific side of the Baja Peninsula. San Ignacio Lagoon is one of only two undeveloped nursery and breeding grounds of the Pacific gray whale worldwide. I choose this particular time of year because the lagoon has 200 or so mama, baby, and juvenile whales that very interested in and interactive with we humans :-). This is NOT whale "watching", this is a whale experience! This is a very remote and rugged area. There are only about a half a dozen outfitter/camps at the edges of this lagoon, some more glampy than others. I always go to the same place with the same naturalist, Jose Sanchez. The Pure Baja Travels cost is about \$3,500/ person and is all inclusive from the time we are picked up in San Diego until we are returned to San Diego. Let me know if you were interested and I will put you in direct contact with the owner to secure your spot. Give me a call or drop me an email if you have questions.</p> |
| May 3 Fri – May 5 Sun | <p>Mountaineering - Mt. Waas Loop – msd <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to make the Mt Waas Loop that includes Mt Waas (12,331 ft), Pilot Mt (12,000 ft), Green Mt (12,163 ft), Castle Mt (12,044 ft), and La Sal Peak (12,001 ft). We may do Horse Mt (11,130 ft) and Mineral Mt (11,608 ft) as well. Mt Waas is a Grand County's high point. The loop involves 8.9 miles with 4,163 ft gain. If we add the other two peaks, we will have extra distance and elevation gain. Trip schedule: road trip (approximately 4 hours from SLC) & hike to the TH on May 3 Friday; climb on May 4 Saturday; and hike back from the TH & road trip on May 5 Sunday. We will camp at the TH. The schedule may be adjusted depending on the conditions. This is non-technical mountaineering. But participants must: 1) have excellent stamina; 2) be willing to buy/rent/lend required individual gear if necessary; 3) know how to use crampons & ice axe; and 4) no history of altitude problems above 12,000 ft. Back-packing experience strongly desired. For more details, please contact the organizer (please include your current fitness level and mountaineering experience). Limit 8. WMC members only.</p> |
| May 24 Fri – Jun 9 Sun | <p>Mountaineering - Illimani & Huayna Potosi, Bolivia – ext <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>Illimani (21,122 ft) is the second highest peak in Bolivia. We will also plan to climb Huayna Potosi (19,974 ft) and Pequeno Alpamayo (17,643 ft). In addition, we will trek at Lake Titicaca and Sun Island and hike to Pico Austria (17,480 ft) for acclimatization. Participants must 1) have excellent physical condition with previous mountaineering experience (rope travel, glacier travel, the use of crampons, and ice axe arrest) and have skills in crevasse rescue; 2) have no history of altitude sickness at 14k peaks; and 3) be willing to buy/rent required individual gear if necessary. Mountaineering training sessions will be offered in winter-spring to prepare for this high altitude expedition, in collaboration with the School for International Expedition Training (nonprofit organization) and the U of U's Department of Park, Recreation and Tourism. Due to the complexity of the trip logistics and demanding alpine climbing, we will use a local company's package that has a fixed fee. The estimated cost for the local company is approximately \$2,210 including ground local transportation, meals in the mountains, certified guides (1:2 ratio), hut/camps in the mountains, camping gear, full base camp infrastructure and services, donkeys/porters, hotels in La Paz, tickets to museums, and entrance to mountains. The additional cost will be for international flights, compulsory travel insurance, personal expenses, personal equipment, and gratitude. Each participant will pay directly to the company. If interested, please contact the organizer with a description of your fitness level and your climbing resume and to receive more detailed information. WMC members only.</p> |
| Aug 22 Thu – Sep 2 Mon | <p>Yellowstone Car Camp – ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Michael* Budig 801-403-7677 mlbudig@gmail.com</p> <p>We will camp at the following campgrounds on the following dates: Grant Village: Aug 22-25, Bridge Bay: August 25-28, Canyon Village: August 28-31 and Madison Campground: August 31- September 2. We will be doing different hikes every day and getting together for food and drinks at night. You can join us for part or all of the trip, but you need to make your own campground reservations --- through Xanterra's Yellowstone website. You should make reservations ASAP if you want to come as the campground reservations will fill up as we get closer to the actual date. You can get a full refund of your deposit up to one month before the reservation date. Campsite numbers will not be revealed by Xanterra until the date of the reservation, but we should be able to get campsites in the same general vicinity. Please contact me by email.</p> |



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WHY THE WMC - We are so much more than just a hiking club... In addition to a great variety of outdoor activities, we also focus on conservation, education, and supporting the WMC Lodge Foundation. As shown below, there are many wonderful opportunities to volunteer, learn a new skill, and protect our beloved wilderness. By joining the WMC you become *'part of something much bigger'* than just going on a hike or bike ride!"



- 700+ Activities per year
- Activities include: hiking, backpacking, skiing, snowshoeing, canyoneering, biking, boating, mountaineering, etc...
- Easy to Advanced levels / Local to International activities



- Trail Maintenance (USFS, San Rafael Swell, etc)
- Financial support for many community conservation projects
- Mt. Olympus trail adoption



- Subsidized Activity Organizer training
- Free member training classes offered throughout the year (i.e. Intro to Backpacking, Canyoneering, etc..)



- Helping to protect the Lodge which is on the National Register of Historical places.
- Financial support
- Recognized for continued support (Preservation Utah Award)

Try Us Out / Become a Member

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

- THE RAMBLER, WMC's monthly publication has articles and scheduled activities.
- NOTIFICATIONS: Opt-in to receive email alerts.
- EXCLUSIVE EVENTS, TRIPS, and DISCOUNTS on rentals, retail offerings, and trainings.

- HISTORIC LODGE EVENTS at the Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge in Brighton. 5% of dues supports the WMC Lodge.
- 10% of MEMBER DUES support local conservation and trail maintenance.

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WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Do not use for renewals.)

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

I am applying for membership as: _____ Single _____ Couple

Name: Applicant 1: _____ Birthdate*: _____

Name: Applicant 2: _____ Birthdate*: _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Applicant 1: Main phone: _____ Email address: _____

Applicant 2: Main phone: _____ Email address: _____

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

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

Membership dues:

- \$40.00 for single membership (Annual dues \$35.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)
 - \$55.00 for couple membership (Annual dues \$50.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)
 - \$25.00 for student membership (Annual dues \$20.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)
- Student members must be full-time student.

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

How did you learn about the Wasatch Mountain Club: _____

* Your birthdate is only used to verify you are at least 18 years old and membership age statistics.



WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgement of Risk and Release from Liability

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION: I acknowledge that my participation in all WMC activities is voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate. I agree to abide by the rules of the WMC.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I am aware that WMC activities involve risks, and may result in injury, illness, death, and damage to or loss of property. These dangers include but are not limited to: the hazards of traveling in remote areas without medical services or care, the forces of nature, the inherent dangers involved in participation in sports, wilderness travel, and social activities, and the negligent actions of other persons or agencies. I understand that all activities should be considered exploratory, with the possibility of unexpected conditions and route variations. The WMC is not, nor does it provide, a professional guide service. In order to partake in the enjoyment and excitement of WMC activities, I am willing to accept the risk and uncertainty involved as being an integral part of the activity. I acknowledge this risk, and assume full responsibility for any and all risks of injury, illness, death, or damage to or loss of my property.

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

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE: I agree that I, my heirs, personal or legal representatives hereby do release and hold harmless from all liability, and promise not to bring any suit or claim against the WMC, its activity organizers, directors, agents or representatives for any injury, illness, death or damage and loss of property resulting from my participation in any WMC activity even if they negligently caused the injury or damage.

LEGAL FEES: Should it become necessary for the WMC, or someone on their behalf, to incur attorney fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to pay the WMC reasonable costs and fees thereby expended, or for which liability is incurred.

INSURANCE: I understand that the WMC strongly recommends that I maintain insurance sufficient to cover any injury, illness or property damage that I may incur while participating in WMC activities. In the event of injury, illness or death related to any WMC activity, I recognize that I, or my estate, will bear the full cost of my evacuation or recovery, and any related medical care that I may need. I acknowledge that the WMC carries no insurance whatsoever for any participants in WMC activities.

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

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

Signature 1 _____ Date: _____

Signature 2 _____ Date: _____

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

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50 Years Ago in The Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

Club activities for November 1973 [...]

- NOVEMBER 10
Saturday
- DESERT CAVE EXPLORING TRIP – The cave visited will depend on local road conditions but will be about 150 miles from Salt Lake. A hard hat and head lamp are required and may be rented from the club through the leader. Expect a transportation charge of about one cent per mile. Meet at Simpson Avenue and 13th East at 7:30 a.m. SHARP. For other details, call the leader – Dale Green [...]
- NOVEMBER 21-25
- SKI TOURING WEEKEND – Dave Smith will lead a group on a long weekend of nordic tours, probably in Yellowstone or the Teton Wilderness Area. The plan is to use commercial accommodations and take tours every day, so you won't need to camp out in the snow. Call Dave for details [...]

From the President by LeRoy Kuehl

A Time for Action

For over a decade, the Mountain Club has been deeply involved in an effort to establish a wilderness area in the vicinity of Lone Peak. We have now arrived at a critical juncture in this effort, and your support is urgently needed.

Bills to establish a Lone Peak Wilderness Area have been introduced in Congress by Senator Moss (bill S-29) and Congressman Owens (bill H-1602). Both are excellent bills in that each would include three critical regions in the Wilderness Area: the summit of Twin Peaks, the region surrounding Box Elder Peak, and the western portion of White Pine Canyon. The Owens bill would, in addition, include the eastern portion of White Pine Canyon and is, consequently, the one which we favor. Hearings on the Owens bill will be held during the next few weeks (you will be notified by mail of the exact time and place); it is important that we be well represented at this hearing.

The inclusion of the Twin Peaks summit and White Pine Canyon in the wilderness area are strongly opposed by Snowbird, since both of these areas play a part in their future plans for high density ski development. Yet inclusion of these areas in the Wilderness is very important for the following reasons:

1. The accessibility of White Pine Canyon offers a unique opportunity for winter and summer use as a hiking, snowshoeing, scouting, hunting, and fishing area. Its inclusion would give the Wilderness Area a balance between easily accessible and difficultly accessible regions.
2. If Twin Peaks and White Pine Canyon are excluded from the Wilderness Area, future ski resort development could open large parts of the remaining Wilderness (e.g. Red Pine Canyon) to downhill skiing from lifts.
3. Exclusion of Twin Peaks and White Pine Canyon would make possible the placement of ski lift towers and terminals which would be visible from much of the Wilderness Area and beyond. [...]

[WMC members including Alexis Kelner testified in front of Congress. The Lone Peak Wilderness was established 5 years later by the Endangered American Wilderness Act. It was the first designated wilderness area in Utah. Snowbird did succeed in keeping White Pine Canyon out of the wilderness area, but the Salt Lake County Wasatch Canyons Master Plan and Forest Service master plans have kept development out of White Pine so far. - Donn]



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