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#### **ON OUR COVER:**

Another great Mtn. Bike ride! The 'Pace Line' in order: Ryan Cragun, Greg Libecci, Travis McElvany, Suzanne Ormond, Jim Rudin and Hardy Sherwood.

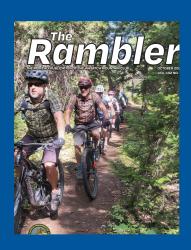


Photo courtesy of Craig Williams

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# **Trail Planning News**

by Will McCarvill, Trail Planning Coordinator

Continuing our counterclockwise journey around the Central Wasatch, south of Summit County Wasatch State Park offers some trails access that do not require entering the Park itself stateparks, Utah.gov/parks/Wasatch-mountain/map/.

Wasatch Trails Foundation (wasatchtrails.org) is dedicated to creating memorable trail experiences in Wasatch County. It claims over 305 mixed use trails totaling over 353 miles of trails between Heber City, Midway and the surrounding area. Its map shows a dense trail network called the Jordanelle Ridge Trail System. It also shows an extensive diffuse trail network on the west side of the Uinta Mountains. You better look at use designations as a number of trails are for ATVs and snowmobile use.

South of the Salt Lake Ranger District the Pleasant Grove Ranger District has trails maps. It is a little cumbersome getting to them. Try fs.usda.gov/recarea/uwcnf/recarea?recid=898, select hiking and you get a list of trails. When you open a given trail you get a written description of it. There are many trails that are for dirt bike use so pick where you want to go. You may be better off going with commercial web sites or published maps.

The Corner Canyon Trails Foundation (cornercanyontrails.com) is dedicated to supporting Draper City and neighborhood communities to help fund and build new trails and to help in the

maintenance and improvement of existing trails. You can find the same information on the Draper City web site (draperutah.gov) under the Parks Department.

Finally, the Traverse Mountain Trails
Association (traversemountaintrails.org)
promotes development of local, sustainable
trails for outdoor recreation on the Traverse
Mountain separating Utah County from Salt
Lake County.

I recently attended a Utah Trails Forum electronic meeting. The Nature Conservancy organization presented on their recent purchase of lands along the Virgin River and the Summit Trails Foundation discussed their trail development along the upper Weber river in Oakley. I was impressed on the efforts to balance recreation use with water and environmental protection and making trails a great experience for multiple user groups. You may think about joining or supporting these local trail foundations as they expand the recreation opportunities beyond the central Wasatch.

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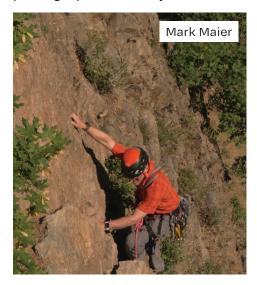


# **Climbing Organizers' Photo Shoot**

by Mark Maier, Climbing / Mountaineering Director

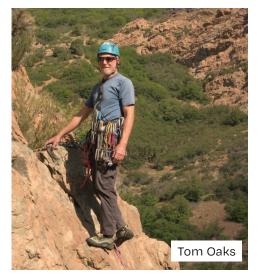
Most of our climbing trip organizers don't just post a location and show up to help people find the place, most of them lead routes and set ropes. If you lead a lot of rock routes you notice something about the pictures people take of you, most of them center on your butt. Pretty hard to get an interesting climbing shot from below. As a thank you to our climbing organizers we invited them out BCC for a morning to climb with a photographer rigged for shooting Jimmy Chin-style, on a fixed rope from above. This was kind of an experiment, we weren't sure how it would come out or where would be best. Frank Nederhand volunteered to be photographer duties, an hung out at the top of the Ledgemere crag for a few hours as Mark Maier, Steve Duncan, Tom Oaks, and Paul Gettings got in laps on a couple of routes.

The results were excellent, we all have shots of ourselves looking like serious climbers now, with faces visible. It was pretty fun for all involved, we'll do it again sometime. We thought of possible alternative locations where we could get some more spectacular drops or other backgrounds. Of course, some of them might require a near expedition to get a photographer in place, but the Wasatch is rich in locations for another round of this. A big thanks to Frank Nederhand for hanging out in an uncomfortable position for round after round of guys coming up. All photographs courtesy of Frank.











# Hike with a Ranger, September 2nd

## Organized, report, and photos by Paula McFarland

Our Hike with a Ranger on the Donut Falls trail in BCC (Big Cottonwood Canyon) was a very fun and interesting activity. After carpooling to the trailhead, our group met with Matthew Hales, US Forest Service Trails Crew Foreman. Matt introduced us to Avery Kjar, who co-led the hike and offered his expertise as a bird and mushroom expert. Matt started by giving the group a briefing on what he planned to cover and confirmed that all were prepared for our 1.6-mile hike.

Matt's presentation covered a lot of the history of BCC, starting with evidence of the first human inhabitants during the last part of the ice age, approximately 14,000 years ago. The most prominent inhabitants were the Freemont Indians, who lived in BCC from around 300 A.D. until 1300 A.D. They were followed by the Goshute, Shoshone, Paiute, and Ute tribes, who shared the canyon until they were displaced when the Mormon pioneers arrived in 1847.

As the Pioneers began farming the valley, they decided to manage water collectively, rather than privately. They realized early on that water from City Creek alone would not be adequate to support the population, so they developed a series of agreements to receive water from both BCC and LCC (Little Cottonwood Canyons). At that time, BCC was primarily used for sheep and cattle grazing, logging, and mining of silver and other precious metals. Other businesses also supported BCC inhabitants including sawmills, a slaughterhouse, and inns. At the mouth of BCC, beehive-shaped kilns served as smelters for the mines and filled the valley air with sulfuric acid. In the 1850's, there was also a toll booth at the mouth of BCC, which lasted for several years until a local sawmill operator, Alvie Butler, got fed up paying the toll and threatened to beat the toll booth operator with a sawed-off log. Mr. Butler, along with other protesters, was allowed to pass without paying the toll and eventually the toll booth was removed.

Matt shared several more fun stories of early characters who lived in BCC. One notable





story was about the Maxfield brothers who ran a logging operation in Mill A gulch where they found silver-bearing ore. Since they were loggers and not miners, they sold their mining claim for a wagon, a team of mules and \$80 cash. The Maxfield mine eventually made more than \$1M in gold and silver - an excellent return on investment! The Maxfield mine also led to the formation of the town of Argenta, with 200 inhabitants, a good hotel, tri-weekly stagecoach service, and the only post office in BCC. When the mines began going out of business, Argenta residents began moving away and the town now no longer exists.

The early mining, grazing, and logging activity denuded the watershed and led to deteriorating water quality, as well as timber shortages. These issues were happening all over the country, which led to the Forest Reserve Act of 1891. Salt Lake City reached out to the Federal Government for help. In 1902, Albert Potter (future assistant chief of the Forest Service) toured both BCC and LCC, as well as most of Utah. He proposed several boundaries for Forest Reserves in Salt Lake and Grantsville, and they were established in 1904, as proposed, by President Theodore Roosevelt.

In 1905, the US Forest Service was established, with Gifford Pinchot as its first chief. Mr. Pinchot toured BCC with Reed Smoot, a Utah Senator, who was a strong supporter. Shortly thereafter, the Wasatch tree nursery was established where the Spruces Campground is now located. The nursery operated for 12 years and produced millions of seedlings. Each year for the next 12 years, men planted hundreds of seedlings on the bare slopes of BCC. It's estimated that, at its height, the tree nursery produced 5 million trees.

When the tree nursery closed, the site was converted to a community camp for the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) who completed various improvement projects in BCC during the 1930's. One of the CCC's crew foremen was none other than ski-jumping champion Alf Engen. Mr. Engen was instrumental in building a ski jump, an ice rink, and a bobsled course where tournaments, lessons, and exhibitions were held. From 1939 – 1941 the community camp was converted to a public site and what is now the Spruces Campground.

After sharing some great BCC history, Matt asked us all to look around and notice that most of





the trees we now see in BCC are either Engelmann Spruce or Sub-Alpine Fir. These trees grew from Wasatch nursery seedlings that were most adaptable to BCC. Because of the major tree-replanting activities done in the early 1900's, these trees are all about the same age, which would be unusual in a typical forest.

We were surprised to learn that the Wasatch National Forest was one of the first national forests in the country. The forest in BCC is primarily used for recreation and is managed in cooperation with the Salt Lake City Watershed and the Salt Lake Ranger District, as well as local Governments, non-profits such as the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation, and other volunteers including the Wasatch Mountain Club. Due to cooperative efforts, the water quality was restored in BCC and is still maintained to this day. Salt Lake City continues to receive around 35% of its water from the local canyons.

Along with BCC history, Avery identified multiple mushroom types and several species of birds that we spotted along the way. Several in our group collect mushrooms and were particularly interested in identifying edible versus non-edible varieties. Avery discussed various characteristics of edible versus non-edible mushrooms, but strongly cautioned us not to eat anything that we're not 100% sure of, especially those with gills.

Our hike ended a short distance from Donut Falls. Matt expressed his sincere appreciation for the WMC's support and trail maintenance volunteers. In turn, we expressed our appreciation for them taking time to hike with us and educate us about the forest. After a snack and water break, Matt and Avery left us to make our way back to the trailhead while they went on to do some work in the area. At this point, some in our group went on to explore Donut Falls while the others turned around and headed back to the cars. On our return trip, WMC member Robert Turner identified and discussed various wildflower species found along the trail. All in all, it was a very interesting and informative hike. We all came away with a greater understanding and appreciation for one of our local treasures.









# Congratulations! Robert Turner



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

Sue Baker	Kurt Hiland	Jim Kucera	Robert Turner	
Frank Bouchard	Akiko Kamimura	Bret Mathews	Irene Yuen	
Mac Brubaker	Tonya Karren	Paula McFarland		
Steve Duncan	Julie Kilgore	Christine Pilgram		

Great news, there are still 86 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!











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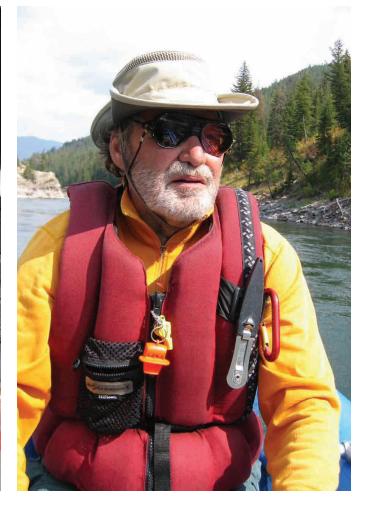
## **Dudley Mcilhenny - New WMC Life Member**

## **Congratulations Dudley Mcilhenny, our latest Life Member!**

Dudley moved to Salt Lake City in the fall of '97 to ski full time. He had no idea what would happen when the lifts closed at the end of the season, but a random chair-mate suggested that he should check out the WMC. This led to signing up for a John Veranth Escalante trip in the spring where he met a host of good friends. John and Mike Budig introduced Dudley to river running, and he was hooked.

Over the years, he organized club trips to Manchu Picchu, the Galapagos, and many river trips. Dudley served as membership director for several terms but, perhaps most importantly, he joined Frank Bernard and Zig Sondelski to install toilets and get water into the Lodge. Dudley states: "Every event and all the friends made have been highlights of my time with the WMC."





# Trip Reports

## Gobblers Knob - Alexander Basin Loop Hike, August 12th

### Organized, report, and photos by Elisa Schvaneveldt

Beautiful Saturday hike in Millcreek Canyon. Seven club members and one dog in total - Elisa Schvaneveldt, Andy Payne, Katrina Black (Bentley), Stanley Chiang, Jim Kucera, Kurt Hiland and Daniel Bueno. We met at 6:45 am just outside the canyon. Two club members, Kurt and Daniel, got a flat tire on the way to the meeting point. The rest of the group started hiking around 7:15 am. We took our time on the way up and ran into two large bull moose directly on the trail. Two women not with the club said one moose had just charged a dog a few minutes earlier. We hiked up and around the moose to avoid upsetting them. One of the women was hiking ahead and hit a hornets nest on a bush with her hiking pole. She was stung several times and returned with her friend back down the trail. She seemed okay, no major inflammation that we could see.

The group waited for 5-10 minutes after passing the bull moose and let the two club members who got the flat tire catch up. They were able to put on a spare and start hiking one hour after us - around 8:20. The two women returning had warned them of the moose and they were also able to safely avoid them.

We were happy to see Kurt and Daniel and continued up to Gobblers Knob. Very steep and loose dirt. Long lunch on the summit, then we continued along the ridge to Bakers Pass where we turned back down Bowman Fork Trail and followed the Alexander loop back to the parking lot. We were glad we started early. It was getting hot as the day went on. This was Elisa's first organized hike and she was thrilled to have everyone along and hopes to plan more hikes in the near future.









### Trip report and photos by Paige Williams

There were several cancellations for the relax paced hike in upper Mill Creek, but we a few of us decided to give it a go. The skies cleared for a cool evening walk to dog lake. It was just us clubbers at the lake, and a curious coyote that wasn't at all concerned about us.



# **Provo River Kayak, August 17th**

### Organized & report by Tonya Karren Photos by Dea Nelson

It was a beautiful sunny day to kayak the Provo River with 10 friends today. Good thing it was warm too, because it wasn't long before one friend got turned sideways against a submerged rock and dumped in the drink. We worked together to get her to the bank, drain her kayak and gather up her boat and belongings that were floating downriver without her. She still had a smile on her face though, despite her little mishap.

A little while later, another friend tipped her kayak too and got totally soaked. Not gonna lie. It was pretty entertaining!

The scenery along the river alone, was worth the trip and my favorite part of the float was when a group of horses came down to the river to drink, as we were floating by.







# SSL Boot Loop Road Bike, August 18th

## Organized by Robert Turner Report & photos by Angela Vincent

A little urban adventure around the city this morning. Thanks Robert Turner, our fearless leader, for a wonderful ride.







# Int/Adv Rappel Training, August 16th

### Organized & report By Mark Maier

Six of us got together to go over rappelling techniques beyond the basics. We used the convenient Beach Ball Crag area with a bolted anchor with good top access and a place to build a low angle anchor for "ground school" type practice. The seminar focused on three areas: Rappelling with an additional thing, like a large pack or person needing assistance; aborting a rappel and converting to rope ascension; and techniques for single strand rappels where you plan to pull the rope afterward. The experience levels were quite different, but everybody took the opportunity to try out on low angle before dropping onto the vertical rappel. The group found the rope bag rappel very easy, the large pack rappel awkward, and were surprised at how simple the rappel/ascension conversion is with guide mode ATC devices and the correct extension set up.

On the single case we had a lot of back and forth discussion of climbing versus canyoneering techniques. Climbers generally favor double line methods, canyoneers the single line methods. There was some debate about why, and how the typically different conditions of canyon descents versus mountain descents drive some of the differences in choices.



# Pre-Storm Social Mtn. Bike Ride, August 26<sup>th</sup>

### Organized & report by Craig Williams / Photos by Suzanne Ormond & Greg Libecci

We are on the back side of Deer Valley, at the start of what's left of Bow Hunter after MIDA/Altera//Extell Development started building roads and laying pipe for future buildings (but to their credit, they have donated 3,500 non-developable acres for additional winter skiing and summer mountain biking trails, including connecting The W.O.W (Wasatch Over Wasatch) trail/Wasatch State Park to Spin Cycle at Deer Valley).







# **Mountain Bikers Having Fun!!**









### Organized by Kathleen Waller Report by Brad Yates / Photos by Kathleen Waller & Brad Yates

Seven WMC members met the evening of August 12<sup>th</sup> at the rustic American Alpine Club's Climbers Ranch in Grand Teton N.P for a fine adventure climbing Mount Teewinot the following morning, In the evening planning meeting we came up with a compromise start time of 4:30 A.M.

According to plan we started at the trailhead with headlamps on for the first hour plus in the dark as we gradually watched the growing light bring out features such as Jenny Lake and Teewinot itself, followed by a glorious sunrise over Jenny and Jackson lakes. The first 3,000 vertical of the climb is on a good trail with switch backs galore, after that the next 2,700 vertical becomes true mountaineering featuring complex route finding, with the majority of the very steep route being continuous class 3, some 4, along with a few low class 5 moves, with some steep snow mixed in. A few of our more experienced climbers free climbed the class 5 crux area and dropped a hand line to assist others over a few tricky moves. Around 10:30 A.M. all had reached to very airy summit with an absolutely stunning view of the Grand Teton. The weather being ideal with barely a breeze we had time to linger on the summit for photo ops and socializing with other climbers.

Of course what goes up must come down and down climbing is even trickier than the up. We down climbed the class three/four upper section to the crux area, Greg B and Kathleen had brought one 30 meter rope for a rappel, on the first one they set up a single rope rappel since we needed to drop about 25 meters, after I and a few others rappelled to my surprise someone not in our party came down the rope, two ladies from the Colorado Mountain Club had joined Greg adding their rope to ours allowing us two use a double rope and Greg to rappel down vs downclimbing. After the rappels the sketchy down climbing continued for another 1,000' vertical or so, across the now softening snow and then the final scree loose rock slope to the top of the actual trail. Only 3,000 vertical of steep quad pounding trail to go! With the scent of cold beers wafting from the visible parking lot below, we were quickly drawn down towards it. All made it down within 20 minutes of each other, relieved to have gotten down in one piece, tired but all happy to have made it up such a spectacular mountain.

After hot showers at the climber's ranch, we regathered for dinner and drinks at Dornan's.

Special Thanks to Kathleen Waller for organizing the trip including Lodging at The Teton Climbers Ranch, other participants, Greg Baldacci, Lubos Pavel, Greg Clark, Abrams Rogers, Lubica Skumatova and your scribe Brad Yates.



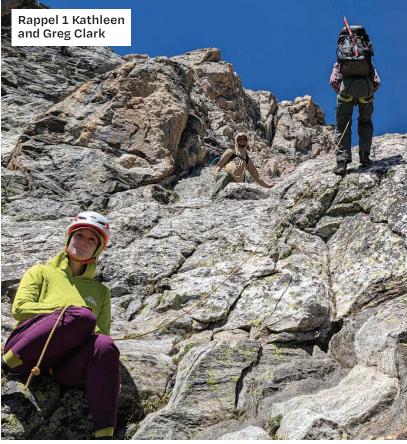
At the summit of Teewinot with the Grand in the background. The summit is just enough room for one carefully balanced person at a time. From L to R: Brad, Lubica, and Kathleen



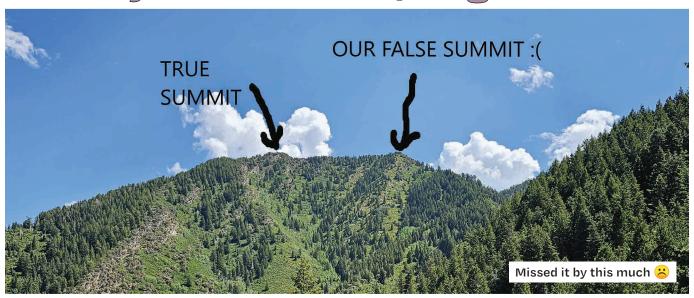








# Thayne Peak Hike, August 27th



Organized & report by Kurt Hiland Photos by Yi Qu

It should have been a slam dunk - but somehow the ball clanked off the rim. On a sunny Saturday, seven of us set out to conquer Thayne Peak. The trail up Thayne Canyon was straight up and we appreciated the shade, and after sweating it out we finally reached the summit. Except it wasn't, and we didn't know any better. As we would find out later, the true summit was 50 yards further. After some false summit lazing around we headed down and promptly missed our turn. After a half mile of uphill walking on the way back down someone finally asked, "are you sure this is right?" Sure enough, it wasn't, and we turned around. We took the Desolation trail back down which gave us a good view of Thayne Peak which made painfully clear that we fell just shy of true summit glory. Next time!

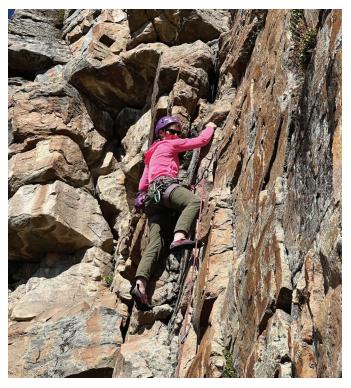


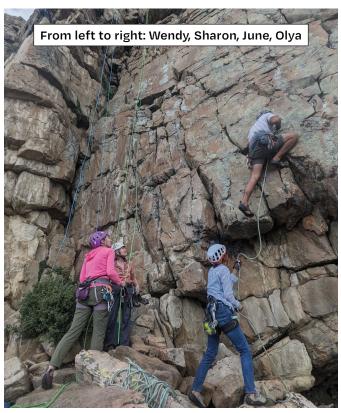
# Uintas Cliff Lake - Camping & Rock Climbing, August 26<sup>th</sup>

### Organized & report by Frank Bouchard / Photos by Sri Krishna & Bryan Mason

Seeking cooler temperatures, a group of seventeen climbers spent the weekend at some crags off of the Mirror Lake highway in the Uintas. The group slowly trickled into the Cliff Lake climbing area Saturday morning and spent the day sending sport routes. This is one of the more scenic climbing crags that I've ever been to. Despite worries that the Climber's Alliance festival would crowd us out, the wall was easily able to accommodate both groups. An early afternoon thunderstorm sent us into a protected little alcove where we watched the storm quickly roll through and clear up. Eventually we made our way to our campsite at Trial Lake for an evening campfire dinner party. Sunday morning we went to Mosquito wall, which was small but perfect for the amount of time we had. We set up a handful of routes until early afternoon and then drove home.









# Red Pine Lake Hike, September 6<sup>th</sup>

### Organized, report, and photo by Mona Beatty

As a new organizer, I am pleased to share my 3rd organized trip. We started out early and it was a cool morning. I was unsure of the route, but I had AllTrails and Jim & Stanley to help me. We also had in our group Kurt, Michelle, Kelly, and Luis. My organizing skills have yet to be finetuned. I listed my hike as 'slow' since I had not done this hike before and don't believe I hike that fast.

We ended up arriving at Red Pine lake in 2 hours. The pace was great for conversation, but now I know that I am not a slow hiker! Jim mentioned that there was another lake above Red Pine Lake and since we got up to Red Pine Lake so quickly, we decided to continue hiking to the upper lake. The fun part was not taking the Pfeifferhorn trail! Jim led us up a faint, steep trail that led to a field of granite boulders. We maneuvered over and around to get to the upper lake. The lake was very windy and we all added some layers. Kurt and Jim pulled out their 100 activities jacket to put on. I thought, those are so cool! After lunch we started traversing the boulders over to Pfeifferhorn trail. We looped around Red Pine Lake and headed back down to the trailhead. Another 97 activities to complete & maybe I can get a jacket too! See you on the Trail!



# Catherine's Pass Hike, August 29th

### Organized, report, and photos by Julie Kilgore

Very nice relaxed pace evening hike to Catherine's pass. It's nice to finally have the road open above Alta. Still a lot of flowers in bloom as we approached the pass. Beautiful sunset views on the way back down.







## Organized and report by Luke Johnson & Kay Tran Photos by Greg Clark

Twenty one of us WMC club members ventured down to Green River State Park to run the Daily from Nefertiti to Swasey's Beach. Luke recruited several new club members for this memorable weekend. It was re-scheduled from the traditional mid-May weekend due to historic high water. There was a nice balance of 12 newer participants and then the mentors. How very generous of the mentors to give of their time and gear. We named Greg Clark's kiwi raft "Kermit" finally named after 10 years. "Jonesey" christened "Peaches" her brand new raft although it is her 6<sup>th</sup> raft in her lifetime. Steve Susswein coached paddle raft captains all weekend.

Homemade cookies and homemade guacamole were two of the food highlights prepared by Jalen and Kathy Jones "Jonesy" taught us Dutch oven cooking with brownies. Out of this world; you couldn't eat just one. Ray's burgers and fries were delicious too! A visit to the John Wesley Powell museum was enjoyed although the animated statue of the iconic figure was no longer there as Luke had remembered from years ago. What?

Skill building: No one flipped out of their boat unless it was intentional. Paddles strokes such as j-stroke, sculling, reading the river (smiles and frowns), and all of the basics, catching eddys, ferrying and more. Participants tried many different boats from the two oar rafts, two paddles rafts, and 7 inflatable kayaks.

Road conditions: Driving to/from Nefertiti was challenging and exciting. There was a sandtrap which was 12 -18" deep of soft sand. Arnie had fun in his truck but other vehicles, not so much. On Sunday the road was obstructed with a stuck vehicle. Luke pulled all of the rafts and IKs with his van and new trailer. That road surely stressed the leaning tower of rafts but we made it. See the photo to get a better picture of that trailer of rafts.

Boy did we have a risk of thunderstorms but they all passed us by. Friday evening we saw a double rainbow and heard lots of rumbling. Group campsite #1, the usual, was under construction and group campsite #2 was our assignment. No pavilion but it worked out ok since that rain went around us and Greg Clark put up his picnic tent.

It is so remarkable to watch the group dynamic of WMC club trip unfold. Friday evening, people didn't know each other and by Saturday night, everyone is staying up socializing. By Sunday, there is such team camaraderie with everyone pitching in to clean and de-rig the boats; so much sand, mud and de-bris from the Provo River.

Our group included: Luke Johnson, Steve Duncan, Greg Clark, Arnie Tran, Kay Tran, Jalen Desantis, Chris Begnaud, Eric Sandler, Corey Pilgram, Bryce Pilgrim, Sorel Pilgrim, Christine Pilgrim, Kristie Remington, Holly Moursal, Kathy Jones, Steve Susswein, Emily Hadley, Kyle Goodrick, Holly Pearson, Kathy Einhorn, Garrett Otrimski.

Thank you all for making this trip a success!









# Borah Peak Hike, September 6th

#### Organized & report by Akiko Kamimura

## Photos by Jeremiah Moseley & Akiko Kamimura

Jeremiah, Alessandro, and Akiko hike to Borah Peak (12,662 ft), the highest peak in Idaho. Jeremiah joined the club for this hike since he aims at bagging all the 50 state high points. Borah Peak was his 30<sup>th</sup> state high point. For all of us, it was the first time to hike to the peak.

On September 8 Friday, we met at Borah Campground. The campground has only five sites. We were able to get one of them. We talked with the hikers who came back from the summit and also other campers who had climbed the peak before to gather the information about the conditions.

On September 9 Saturday, we started hiking at 5 am. The first part was on the steep but wellmaintained trail. Before the rocky part, we put on a helmet. The route to the summit had a trail with several class 3 scrambling sections. There was one very short class 4 section that had a fixed rope. We arrived at the summit before 10 am. There were a couple of other groups who shared the summit with us. We enjoyed the conversation with them. We spent nearly one hour at the summit. The descending was much harder than the ascending as the trail is covered with loose rocks. Also, there was a "traffic jam" at the "rock climbing" sections since many hikers were going up when we were going down. We were back to the TH/ campground right after 2 pm and drove back home. It was an amazing hike. We had a wonderful time there.











# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Colorado 14ers Hiking & Car Camping, June 25–30<sup>th</sup>

### Organized, report, and photos by Akiko Kamimura

July 25: Road trip to the campground in Nathop

### July 26: Mt Shavano (14,229 ft) & Tabeguache Peak (14,155 ft)

We hiked to two 14ers, Mt Shavano and Tabeguache Peak. Mt Shavano was the first 14k peak for Alyssa. The Shavano/Tabeguache TH is located 24 miles from the campground. But due to the road conditions (rough 2WD road), it took one hour and ten minutes to get to the TH. We took a relaxed pace but were faster than the other groups of hikers from the sea level. The final 700 feet to Mt Shavano involved class 2 scrambles. From Mt Shavano, Tabeguache Peak is only a one-mile way. However, because of elevation loss and gain, most people whom we saw at Mt Shavano did not continue to Tabeguache Peak. We had the summit just by ourselves and enjoyed beautiful views for 30 minutes. To go back to the TH, we had to hike back to Mt Shavano. It was lots of work but was worth it. Great hike! 11 miles RT wit 5,600 ft gain.



#### July 27: La Plata Peak (14,336 ft)

We took the standard route (the Northwest Ridge route) from the La Plata TH – 9.25 miles RT with 4,500 ft gain. Except the last 1.25 miles, the route has a well-marked maintained trail. The last part was more challenging than we expected due to loose rocks. It was also somewhat difficult to follow cairns. We started 6:20 am which was a late start for a CO 14er. Unfortunately, we did not have much time at the top because we saw dark clouds. We still enjoyed the beautiful hike.









July 28: Road trip to the Camp Hale Memorial Campground

### July 29: Mt Yale (14,196 ft)

The original plan for this day was hiking to Mt of the Holy Cross. But we decided to do an easier and shorter hike to Mt Yale. Because we camped at the place close to Holy Cross, the driving to Denny Creek TH for Mt Yale took one hour and 20 minutes. When we arrived at the TH at 5:20 am, there was no parking left, though the parking lot has space for 50+ vehicles. Finally, we parked outside the parking lot and started hiking at 5:50 am. Later, we heard the parking lot was already full at 2:30 am. Because this hike is easy for a CO 14er and the road to the TH is paved (also it was on Saturday), there were lots of other hikers. The last part of the route involved class 2 – easy class 3 boulder-hopping. We reached the summit before 10 am. The summit was very crowded. We enjoyed talking with other hikers and took a very long break to enjoy the nice weather. 9.5 miles RT with 4,300 ft gain. On July 30th, we drove back to SLC.

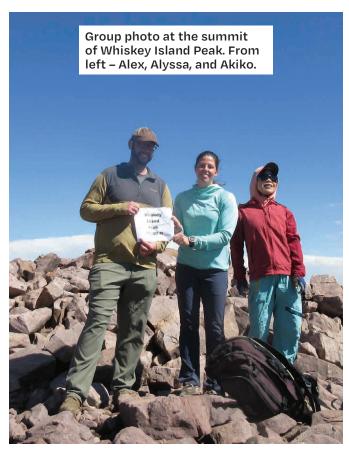






### Organized, photos & report by Akiko Kamimura

We hiked to a rarely climbed peak, Whiskey Island Peak (11,340 ft), in the Uintas. There is little information available to hike to this peak. Akiko had attempted the peak from Pass Lake TH but ran out of time. We drove much longer to make the peak from the east ridge this time. After driving 55 minutes from Kamas, we took FR 110 and 636. The forest roads were very rough. But Alex did an amazing job to drive on the road by his truck. It was a 30-minute drive on the forest roads. From the end of the road, there is no trail. The route was entirely off-trail. After we crossed the wet land, we got to the bottom of the east ridge. The first short section of the east ridge involved class 3 scrambles. Then, the route had a mix of class 2 and class 3 scrambles. We really enjoyed scrambling and route finding. The hike itself was short – four hours in total including a 45-minute lunch break. But it was worthwhile to drive a long way to hike to the peak.





# Pittsburg Lake from Albion Basin Hike, Sept. 3rd

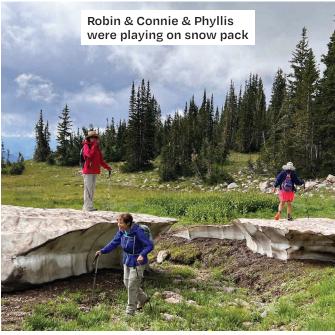
# Organized by Mohamed Abdallah / Report by Da Yang Wipfel Photos by Da Yang Wipfel & Connie Modrow

It was a very beautiful morning with a little overcast clouds, it made the entire mountain range even more magnificent! We casually hiked up the Germania pass Ridge, fields of red, purple, yellow, blue, white wildflowers swing with the morning breeze, running around fat pikas singing unknown songs, we got distracted taking photos and chatting with friends.

Beautiful day, Beautiful mountains and beautiful company! Thanks Mohamed for the wonderful day!







## Mt. Superior & Monte Cristo Hike, August 20th



### Organized, photos & report by Akiko Kamimura

We took the standard route via Alta to make Mt Superior and Monte Cristo. Most of us had hiked to those peaks multiple times. There is a trail on the route. But the interesting aspect of this hike is variations – we can take a (slightly) different route each time. Fortunately, it was not hot. But it was very windy. We followed the trail at first and left it to go up to the ridge when the trail became less clear. We saw pikas on the way. We took a short break at Mt Superior and continued to Monte Cristo. At Monte Cristo, we took a longer break. The descending was interesting. We had two "sub-groups" – one group was mostly on the ridge; another group tried to follow the trail as much as possible. We all met at the same spot and went back to the TH together.



Brandon, Alex & Jeff on the ridge.





# Thank You!

# **August 2023 Activity Organizers**

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

Akiko Kamimura

Al Berzinis

Andy Payne

**Anthony Hellman** 

**Chris Venizelos** 

Craig Williams

David Andrenyak

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**Eileen Gidley** 

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**Gustavo Carrillo** 

Jim Kucera

Joel Winter

Julie Kilgore

Kathleen Waller

Kay Tran

Keith Markley

**Kurt Hiland** 

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**Shane Wallace** 

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Tonya Karren

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# 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



**ORGANIZER RAFFLE** 

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.

Oct	Hike - Peaks Near Goshen Canyon, Santaquin - mod+ - 7.0 mi - 2,600′ ascent - Moderate pace
1 Sun	Meet: Registration required Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Slate Jack Peak (6,380 ft), Trotter Peak (6,535 ft), and maybe some more bumps near Goshen Canyon, west of Santaquin, weather, conditions and situation permitting. I have hiked in the area but not to those peaks. This is a beautiful area where not many people hike. Please bring 10 Es. The route involves some off-trail. The distance and elevation gain will depend on how many peaks we will make. Exploratory. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Sep 29, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.
Oct 1 Sun	Wild Kitten Day Hike – msd- – 12.0 mi Shuttle – 5,000' ascent – Fast pace Meet: Registration required Organizer: Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@earthlink.net A bit milder than the cat, The hike starts at the Alexander Basin trailhead, goes up Gobblers Knob and then runs the ridge over Raymond and peaks 9661 and 9776, descending out Neffs Canyon. One of the best fall color hike in the area.
Oct 2 Mon	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd  Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT)  Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.
Oct 2 Mon	Slow Hike From Orson Smith Park – ntd – 4.0 mi Loop – 400′ ascent – Slow pace Meet: 6:00 pm at Orson Smith Park 12625 S Highland Dr, Draper, UT 84020 Organizer: Alfred Kessi 443–324–7669 akessi@aquafin.net Meet in the parking lot in front of the Restrooms and depart at 6 pm. We will follow the Alpine Trail for about 2 miles and return via the East Bench Trail.
Oct 4 Wed	WMC Board Meeting Meet: 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info, or WMC Office (1390 S 1100 E, Salt Lake City, UT) Carpool: 5:40 pm at Pre meeting appetizers at Fiddler>s Elbow (1059 E 2100 S, Salt Lake City, UT) Organizer: 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.
Oct 4 Wed	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd  Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT)  Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.
Oct 4 Wed	Day Hike - The Pfeifferhorn – msd- – 10.0 mi Out & Back – 3,700' ascent – Moderate pace Meet: 7:00 am at Little Cottonwood Canyon P&R (4385 Little Cottonwood Cyn Rd, Sandy, UT) Organizer: Jim Kucera jameskucera@aol.com via Red Pine Lake. A moderate to slow pace as needed. Some scrambling and exposure. Expect to finish about mid-afternoon; if you have time constraints, you may wish to meet us at the White Pine trailhead. Wilderness limit applies; the group size may warrant splitting the group.

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.



Oct 6	Hike & Car Camp - Mt. Elliot & More – mod+ – Moderate pace  Meet: Registration required			
Fri	Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  We plan to summit Mt Elliot (7,142 ft), the high point of the Book Cliffs region, near Price and Green River			
Oct	as well as some other peaks in the area. A Mt Elliot hike will be 16 miles RT with 2,842 ft gain with an			
8 Sun	SUV/ car. With Kathleen's UTV and maybe high clearance trucks, it can be shorter. We will explore some other peaks in the area. We will camp at the end of the road (no fee, no reservation required). The planned			
Joan	schedule is: Oct 6 Fri Road trip; Oct 7 Sat Mt Elliot (& more peaks such as Elliot Mesa if we have time); and			
	Oct 8 Sun Short hike & Road trip. The plan may change depending on weather and conditions. This hike will be exploratory. Registration required. Partial participation is fine. WMC members only.			
Oct 6	Antelope Island Multi-Activity Event  Meet: 5:00 pm at See calendar for the various activities. If camping, arrive at the island any time.			
Fri	Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com			
- Oct	Join us for the day, or reserve a campsite and stay a night or two. Come hike, paddle (??), or peddle on Antelope Island. See the WMC calendar for the variety of activities to choose from. After a great day of WMC			
8	activities, gather at and around Campsite BB10 and BB11 at Bridger Bay Campground for some Saturday			
Sun	afternoon socializing. THERE IS A \$10 ENTRANCE FEE TO THE PARK. EACH PARTICIPANT/CAR IS INDE- PENDENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTRANCE FEE.			
Oct	Relaxed Pace Antelope Island Evening Hike – ntd – 4.8 mi Loop – 300' ascent – Slow pace			
6 Fri	Meet: 6:00 pm at Meet at Bridger Bay Campsites BB10 and BB11.  Organizer: Paige Williams 760-981-5454 paigew3@gmail.com			
	Join our relaxed pace hike on the Lakeside trail at Antelope Island. It's a great view of the lake. Bugs should be mild this time of year, but with the crazy weather this year, better to be prepared.			
Oct	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd			
6 Fri	Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu			
	I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.			
Oct	Antelope Island Multi-Activity Social			
7 Sat	Meet: 3:00 pm at Bridger Bay campground, Antelope Island State Park; Campsite BB10 Organizer: Debbie Olsen, Nina Shah socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org			
Sat	Join us for the day, or reserve a campsite and stay a night or two. Come hike, paddle (??), or peddle on			
	Antelope Island. After a great day of WMC activities, gather at and around Campsite BB10 at Bridger Bay Campground for some socializing. We'll have hot dogs on the grill. Bring your favorite picnic goodies to			
	share. THERE IS A \$10 ENTRANCE FEE TO THE PARK. EACH PARTICIPANT/CAR IS INDEPENDENTLY RESPON- SIBLE FOR ENTRANCE FEE.			
Oct 7	Antelope Island - Saturday Morning Frary Peak Hike – mod – 7.0 mi Out & Back – 2,050' ascent – Moderate pace			
Sat	Meet: 8:30 am at Frary Peak Trailhead, East side of Antelope Island			
	Organizer: TBD info@wasatchmountainclub.org We'll take the regular route to Frary Peak, then have the option for a little ridge line scramble on the way			
	back down. Spend some time at the visitors center, join an afternoon bike ride, and/or bring a cooler and			
	join club members at the Bridger Bay Campground for an afternoon. Participants can camp on the island or coordinate with friends and drive out Saturday morning.			
Oct	Hike - Beartrap Fork - mod - 4.2 mi Out & Back - 2,200' ascent - Moderate pace			
8 Sun	Meet: 8:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6520 Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT) Organizer: David Andrenyak 801-907-1325 andrenyakda@aim.com			
	Beartrap Fork is a side drainage on the north side of Big Cottonwood Canyon. A steep trail goes up the fork and junctions with the Wasatch Crest trail ( Great Western Trail). Near that junction, there is a scenic			
	overlook of Desolation Lake. Throughout the hike there will be good views of the Big Cottonwood Canyon			
	area. Hopefully the aspen trees will have colorful gold leaves. The listed hike distance is for round trip. I indicated a Moderate hike pace, but I will hike Slow going down. Also traction devices may be helpful if			
	there is early snow cover. If planning to attend, please send an email so that I will look out for you.			
Oct 9	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd  Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT)			
Mon	Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu			
	I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.			
Oct 10	Day Hike - Primrose Over Look Vie Horse Flat Trail – mod- – 4.2 mi Loop – 1,000′ ascent – Slow pace Meet: 9:00 am at Summit Trailhead Parking lot .			
Tue	Organizer: Da Yang Wipfel 801-635-6189 dayang007@gmail.com			
	Hope we can catch the fall color at this out and back loop trail in American Fork Canyon near Aspen Grove, Mt. Timpanogos charges a fee, have your National Park Pass ready and put it in the car where it can be			
	seen from outside. Everyone (NO Pets) is welcome, Bring water/hat/Sunscreen/bug spray & lunch, Enjoy			
	this leisure hike.			

Oct	Social - Virtual Book Club
10 Tue	Meet: 5:30 pm at ZOOM Organizer: 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 October book is The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times by Jane Goodall. The meeting will be on October 10 Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm MST. If you would like to participate, please contact Akiko
	for the ZOOM access information.
Oct 11 Wed	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd  Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT)  Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.
Oct 13 Fri – Oct	Car Camp, Hike, And Ring Of Fire Eclipse  Meet: Registration required  Organizer: Julie Kilgore (hiking), Paige Williams (rock hounding) 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch- environmental.com  We'll set up camp in the House Range area Friday night, hang around camp Saturday morning for the Ring
15 Sun	of Fire eclipse (see the link below), then set off for some peak bagging or rock hounding.
Oct 13 Fri	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
F11	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.
Oct 14	Rock Climb - High-Angle Self Rescue Weekend  Meet: 9:30 am at Big Cottonwood Canyon P&R (3865 Big Cottonwood Cyn Rd, Cottonwood Heights, UT)
Sat	Organizer: Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com
– Oct 15	A 2-day workshop for high-angle self-rescue. There will be 4 sessions, 2 each day (morning & afternoon). Each session will take place in slightly different parts of Big Cottonwood Canyon, but all down low in the canyon. Helmets required. A \$15/person donation per session is suggested, making the total suggested
Sun	donation \$60/person for all 4 sessions. Session 1 will cover escaping the belay to allow effecting a rescue, session 2 will be ascending a fixed (loaded) rope, session 3 is on anchors and raising systems (Z-pulleys), and session 4 is on tandem rappels with an injured climber. Bring all your rescue gear, but rock shoes are not suggested. Closed-toe footwear recommended, and preferably approach shoes or boots. All sessions will begin with a discussion of the topic, and a demonstration of the skills, and then the group will break up into small teams to practice the skills. Please let the organizer know if you will attend, to ensure adequate loaner gear and ropes are available. Meet at the P&R lot in BCC each morning at 9:30, and we will then go to the location for the first session. The second session will take place after a lunch break, and will be in a different location than the morning session.
Oct 14	Hike: Wheeler Peak, NV To Watch Solar Eclipse  Meet: Registration required
Sat	Organizer: Kathleen Waller 801–859–6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com I plan to be at the top of Wheeler Park in Great Basin National Park to observe the 2023 solar Eclipse. The eclipse begins at 8:07 am, peaks at 9:26 am, and ends at 10:53 am on Saturday, October 14th. The hike up and down Wheeler Peak is almost 8 and half miles round trip with almost 3,000 feet elevation gain. I plan to start very early to be at the peak before 8 am. Please EMAIL me if you are also very interested in being at the same location and same time on October 14th. More information will be posted when campground reservations are open.
Oct 14 Sat	Hike - Little Sardine & Sardine Hill Loop, Ogden - mod+ - Moderate pace  Meet: Registration required  Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  We plan to hike to Sardine Hill (6,461 ft) and Little Sardine (5,970 ft) in Ogden. This hike involves the mix of maintained trails and off-trail. The distance will depend on which TH we will take. But the max distance will be 10 miles RT. Elevation gain will be approximately 2,000 ft. Exploratory. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Oct 13, 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.
Oct 14 Sat	Eclipse Viewing Party - Boulder Ut <i>Meet</i> : Registration required <i>Organizer</i> : John & Martha Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com
	Boulder is almost in the center of the eclipse path so come on down for the weekend, watch the sun on Saturday, then go for a hike. The eclipse will be from 9 AM to noon with 4 m 39 s of annularity. Details to follow - format will be similar to my other Boulder basecamp events.



Oct	Multi-Pitch Climbing Training For Mountaineering (Part 2)					
15	Meet: Registration required					
Sun	Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  We will have training for multi-pitch climbing, particularly for alpine climbing. The skills that we will					
	learn are useful if you want to do alpine multi-pitch climbing on snow and/rock in the future. The training					
	location will be selected when it gets closer. But it will be somewhere in the Wasatch, most likely BCC or					
	LCC. Bring a helmet, harness, belay device, locking and unlocking carabiners, chalk, tether, double sling,					
	and rock climbing/approach shoes. Participants must have some experience in rock or ice climbing or					
	mountaineering. There will be 2-3 groups - participants will be divided into groups based on rock climbing					
	training records/experience. Lots of skills will be covered - for example (but not limited to) traverses -					
	protecting the follower, advanced tips and tricks, rescuing the follower, rescuing a leader, advanced rappel					
	techniques. Other topics will be added depending on participants' experiences and interest. Prerequisite - 5/13/2023 Multi-pitch climbing training or equivalent training/experience. Registration is required. If					
	you did not attend the 5/13/2023 training, please indicate your rock climbing training/experience includ-					
	ing types of climbing and route ratings. We will have instructors from School for International Expedition					
	Training (nonprofit organization). The instructors are IFMGA-certified. \$133.33 per person. No tax. WMC					
	members only. Limit 6/ instructor. Registrants will receive more detailed info.					
Oct	Boat Shed Closing Work Party On A Sunday					
15	Meet: 3:00 pm at Boat Shed - 4340 S 300 W (4340 Commerce Dr, Murray, UT)					
Sun	Organizer: Bret Mathews, Donnie Benson 801-831-5940 bretmaverick999@yahoo.com It's time to clean the boats and gear so they can be stored for the winter. Come help us out and earn our					
	undying gratitude. Please park at the Flower Patch and then walk to unit #8 (it's in the first bay). Send a					
	text to Bret's number that's listed below to get the code to open the gate to get in.					
Oct	Hike - The Mild Kitten – mod+ – 8.7 mi Shuttle – 4,100′ ascent – Moderate pace					
15	Meet: 8:00 am at Olympus Cove Park & Ride (3880 Wasatch Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT)					
Sun	Organizer: Kurt Hiland 503-679-5053 kurthikes@msn.com					
	A relatively tame section of the beastly Wildcat Ridge route. Up Porter Fork from Millcreek, along the class					
	2 ridge over a couple peaks with 360 degree views, then down and out through Neffs Canyon. Moderate					
0-4	pace as needed to keep the group together.					
Oct 16	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT)					
Mon	Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu					
	I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome					
	to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.					
Oct	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd					
18	Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT)					
Wed	Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu					
	I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.					
Oct	Day Hike - Reynolds Peak – mod – 6.2 mi Out & Back – 2,150' ascent – Slow pace					
18	Meet: 8:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6520 Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)					
Wed	Organizer: Jim Kucera jameskucera@aol.com					
	Join me to hike Reynolds Peak. Let us enjoy the cool autumn weather in our beautiful mountains.					
Oct	Canyoneering Rendezvous - Capitol Reef					
19	Meet: Registration required					
Thu	Organizer: Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com All of the details are in the meetup.com activity that's in the Web Link below.					
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22						
Sun						
Oct	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd					
20	Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT)					
Fri	Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu					
	I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.					
Oct	Hike - Mt. Nebo South Peak Via Andrews Canyon – msd- – 13.0 mi – 5,400′ ascent – Moderate pace					
21	Meet: Registration required					
Sat	Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu					
	We plan to hike to Mt Nebo South Peak (11,877 ft) via Andrew Canyon, conditions and situation permit-					
	ting. Mt Nebo South Peak is one of the Wasatch 11k peaks. But not many people hike to the south peak.					
	There is a trail all the way to the peak. However, because the trail is not popular, it may not be clear at					
	places. Please bring 10 Es. Expect an early start and a long day. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on Oct 20 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC mem-					
	bers. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 10.					
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Oct	Leisurely Hike, Roads And Trails In Or Near Spruces Campground – ntd – 2.0 mi Loop – 100′ ascent – Slow
21	pace
Sat	Meet: 9:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6520 Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)
	Organizer: Martin McGregor 801-255-0090 mdmcgregor@q.com
	Hike or stroll around Spruces Campground checking on the Larch Pines and other items that may be of interest.
Oct	Hike - White Rock, North Of Ogden – mod+ – Moderate pace
22	Meet: Registration required
Sun	Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
	We plan to hike to White Rock (6,140 ft) in north of Ogden. There is a trail all the way. The distance will
	depend on which route we will take. But it will be 6-8 miles RT with elevation gain approximately 2,000 ft.
	I have hiked in the area but not to White Rock. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Oct 20, 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.
Oct	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd
23	Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT)
Mon	Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
	I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome
0 - 1	to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.
Oct 23	Slow Hike Starting At Hidden Valley Park – ntd – 4.0 mi Loop – 400' ascent – Slow pace Meet: 6:00 pm at Hidden Valley Park (2860 Wasatch Blvd, Sandy, UT)
Mon	Organizer: Alfred Kessi 443-324-7669 akessi@aquafin.net
	Let's hike from Hidden Valley Park to the Suspension Bridge and return via the lower footpath.
Oct	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd
25	Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT)
Wed	Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
	I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.
Oct	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd
27	Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT)
Fri	Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
	I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome
	to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.
Oct 28	Hike/Snowshoe/Ski At Alta – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Sat	Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
06.0	We snowshoed/skied on the last Saturday of October 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.
Oct	Hike - Grizzly Peak, North Of Ogden – msd- – Moderate pace
29	Meet: Registration required
Sun	<i>Organizer</i> : Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Grizzly Peak (8727 ft) in north of Ogden. There is a trail all the way, except the last part
	to the summit. I have hiked in the area but not to the peak. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before
	Friday, 6 pm, Oct 27, 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.
Oct	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd
30 Mon	<i>Meét</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
IVIOII	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.
Nov	Trip Organizer And Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
4	Meet: 6:00 pm at Location will be on your invitation
Sat	Organizer: Nina Shah, Debbie Olsen socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org
	Annual Trip Organizers and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Raffle. This invitation-only event is our way of saying thank you to all those who organized 2 activities or 1 multi-day activity, or volunteered in anoth-
	er capacity within the last 12 months. Most of the invitations will be going out via email in October, 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, dinner/awards at 7:00 pm. Raffle prizes for all in attendance. You don't
	want to miss this event.



Nov	WMC Board Meeting
8 Wed	Meet: 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info, or WMC Office (1390 S 1100 E, Salt Lake City, UT)  Carpool: 5:40 pm at Pre meeting appetizers at Fiddler>s Elbow (1059 E 2100 S, Salt Lake City, UT)  Organizer: 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.
Nov	Social - Virtual Book Club
14	Meet: 5:30 pm at ZOOM
Tue	Organizer: 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.
Nov	Virtual Mountaineering Seminar On Risk Management (Zoom)
15 Wed	Meet: 6:00 pm at ZOOM Organizer: 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.
Dec	Mountaineering - Pico de Orizaba & Iztaccihuatl, Mexico – ext
27	Meet: Registration required
Wed	Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu Pico De Orizaba, Mexico (18,491 ft) is the third highest peak in North America. We will also climb Iztac-
Jan 4 Thu	cihuatl (17159 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.
Feb 4 Sun - Feb 10 Sat	Death Valley Winter Escape Car Camp - Bike - Hike  Meet: Registration required  Organizer: Cheryl* Soshnik 435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com  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  Mountaineering - Mt. St Helens, WA - msd
2	Meet: Registration required
Sat	Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
– Mar	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 sched-
5 Tue	ule: fly out/road trip on Saturday March 3, climb on Sunday March 4 or Monday 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 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. Note (3/8/23): The dates are tentative. But it will be approximately at that time.

San Ignacio Lagoon Camp And Whale Trip 5 Meet: Registration required Tue Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com I'm putting together another group to join me for one of my favorite adventures. I've done this trip sev-Mar eral times with family, friends, and fellow WMC members. We just have to get to the Hacienda Hotel in 11 old town San Diego. The Pure Baja Travels team takes full care of us from there. The San Ignacio World Mon 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 are 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. Mountaineering - Illimani & Huayna Potosi, Bolivia - ext 24 Meet: Registration required Fri Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu Illimani (21,122 ft) is the second highest peak in Bolivia. We will also plan to climb Huayna Potosi (19,974 Jun 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 9 Sun 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. Aug Yellowstone Car Camp - ntd+ 22 Meet: Registration required Thu Organizer: Michael\* Budig 801-403-7677 mlbudig@gmail.com We will camp at the following campgrounds on the following dates: Grant Village: Aug 22-25, Bridge Bay: Sep August 25-28, Canyon Village: August 28-31 and Madison Campground: August 31- September 2. We will 2 be doing different hikes every day and getting together for food and drinks at night. You can join us for Mon 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

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.

the reservation, but we should be able to get campsites in the same general vicinity. Please contact me by



# 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
wasatchmountainclub.org

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



# 102+ Years and counting... Experience the Wasatch Mountain Glub

**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, eduction, 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.

#### **WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB**

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# WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Do not use for renewals.)

Please read carefully and completely fill out <u>both sides</u> 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:		
Directory. This inform WMC website (www.w YOU NEED TO TAKE the Member Directory)	ation is only available to curren vasatchmountainclub.org) or rec ETHE FOLLOWING ACTION: — if you don't have computer ac	ing your name, address, phone and email in a <i>Member</i> t members, and to access it they must either log in to the quest a printed copy from the Membership Director.  To <u>not</u> have your address, phone, and/or email listed in ccess or need help contact the Membership Director, <b>Privacy &amp; Activity Preferences</b> webpage.		
\$55.00 for cou \$25.00 for stud	ple membership (Annual dues \$	35.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee) 550.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee) \$20.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)		
Enclosed is \$ make checks payable	for application fee and fi to Wasatch Mountain Club.	rst year's dues. Check or money order only. Please		
How did you learn al	oout the Wasatch Mountain C	lub:		

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



### **WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)**

### Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgement of Risk and Release from Liability

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature 1		Date:		
Signature 2			Date:	
Mail completed application to:		WMC Membership Director 1390 South 1100 East #103 Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2462		
Leave blank for office use:				
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# 50 Years Ago in The Rambler

### Transcribed by Donn Seeley

Club activities for October 1973 [...]

OCTOBER 17 Wednesday GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. It's time again for a general membership meeting where the crowd can gather and ponder the thoughty [sic] decisions and workings of the revered (?) Bored [also sic] of Directors. This important event will take place at the Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill Drive. Our gracious hostess-about-town, Sue Giddings, will provide the refreshments. We will have a two-part scenic tour of New Zealand and Australia, the former being conducted by Leroy Kuehl, and the latter by our man-about-Africa, Del Wiens. That is, if Del has returned by then from Africa where he is currently doing great things. If he has not made his appearance, Carol W. will do the honors.

OCTOBER 19-20-21 Fri.-Sat.-Sun.

CANYONLANDS BACKPACKING TRIP. We will explore the east fork of Salt Creek in the southeastern section of Canyonlands National Park. We'll find natural arches, petroglyphs, Indian ruins, good weather – in short, something for everyone. Registration is required, and will be accepted up to 10:00 PM Tuesday, October 16th. Call Don Colman [...]

### MT. OLYMPUS by Moonlight, by Lois Craig / Friday, August 10

The downbeat was for 6:30 p.m. but when by 7:00 there were still only three of us waiting, we elected Doug Craig as leader and off we went winding around in hot afternoon sun on the Tolcat Canyon trail. Jeannine Wendell and I were the other two hikers, flashlights in hand for the return trip.

Sheldon Hyde had told us in advance that this would be a popular hike, but since several other more adventurous trips were scheduled for the same weekend, others all must have been packing for those. Shelley had told us the route was an old CCC trail, in good repair at least until you got to the spring. Spring? Not a drop of water anywhere, we found, except in our jugs, and not nearly enough there for our need.

Newcomers to this climb, we took no shortcuts, but wound around and around the bridle trail for a while until it finally began uphill and we got into the blessed shade of canyon oak brush. We found one level area (a lake level, maybe?) a fair way up where hikers and picnickers sometimes had built fires. Then the trail rose straight up again and we began to climb Blister Hill's red, up-ended strata, picking our footing with care and looking hopefully uphill for the Top. On it went, though. This was a hassle in the sun; we wondered what it would be like by flashlight, descending.

The sun set, air temperature dropped, and we came at last into evergreen trees, a silent enchanted forest with no birdsong at all. The moon appeared, from behind occasional clouds, and when we turned to look down, the whole valley below was alight. Flying planes were far below us, blinking wing signals. We snacked, then started down, thinking about Blister Hill.

We came to it again, all right, and by flashlight it was tricky! Grabbing and sliding, we focused flashlights with one hand while holding on with the other, wondering if This was the worst place – or This – or This? Doug wore a miner's hat light so that he could have his hands free, but the interesting feature of this arrangement was the flock of insects it attracted around his face, so that his spare hand was busy anyway, swatting at them. At last, however, we were over the Really Worst Place, and we took a break on a rocky overlook before swinging again out onto the level side of Mount Olympus. There, yielding to temptation, Doug focused his flashlight at the valley and, like an onlooker from below, said, "Somebody's up on Mount Olympus!" [...]

["Blister Hill" was the nickname for the section of the old Mt Olympus trail above the Tolcat stream crossing. The 1969 USGS "Sugarhouse" map shows the trail going pretty much straight up the mountainside above the stream, all the way to the saddle. The switchbacks on that section were added after I arrived in SLC in 1984. - Donn]

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