



"Sunrise on Badger" by RJ Debevec, 2/5/12

News from Friends of Badger Mountain

December 10, 2014

New Trail on Badger's South Side - We had a very productive fall completing the newest Badger Mountain trail that does not have an official name yet. The trail - which just opened December 9th - is 2-1/2 miles long and splits off from the Skyline Trail a half mile from the parking lot. It continues eastward gently winding its way through the many gullies to rejoin the Skyline Trail on the east edge of the Preserve.



The construction was funded by an REI grant and the Friends of Badger Mountain. It took nearly 3,400 volunteer hours this spring and fall, and 290 tons of gravel to build! CH2M Hill, LDS church missionaries, ConAgra/Lamb Weston, Chinook Cycling Club, REI; Starbucks, Tri-City Rotary clubs, WSU, Fun, Fit, and Over Fifty, the Home Depot, scout troops, and a host of individuals made significant contributions.

Watch for the official opening in January. If you have any questions email Jim Langdon at trailmaster@friendsofbadger.org or call 943-3992.

Ridge Preservation & Trail Campaign



Campaign Goal -- to raise \$1.5M by mid-2015 to achieve:

- Acquisition of 205 acres on Candy Mountain to create a new Preserve
- Securing another link on our 20-mile trail across Little Badger, Badger, Candy, and Red Mts.

As of 12/01/14 we have \$645k towards our goal. Donate today — let's achieve this goal!



You can print and mail in our Donor form:

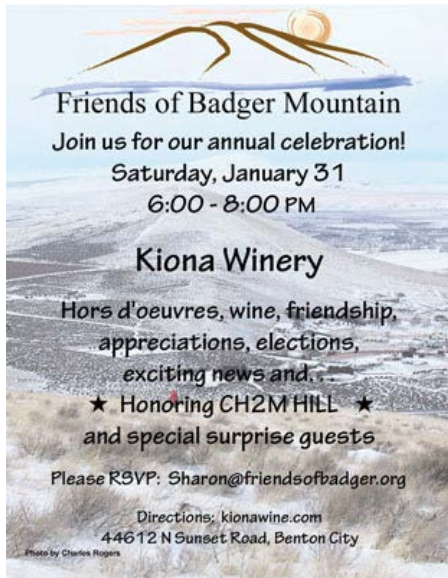
http://www.friendsofbadger.org/ridges_campaign/campaign_donor-pledge_form.pdf

or donate by credit card online via our account at Network for Good:

<https://www.networkforgood.org/donate/process/expressDonation.aspx?ORGID2=%2084-1702655>

Donation forms also are available at trailheads with a QR code to donate by smart phone. Thank you!

Watch the progress of the campaign, updated periodically on the gauge on our Web site. (The website is in transition and the new one will be fully on board later this month.)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Meeting and Celebration - Mark your calendar for the evening of **Saturday, January 31, 2015**. We'll meet at the beautiful Kiona Winery in Benton City, the site of last year's very successful meeting (here is [a sampling of photos](#)).

Come and socialize with people you might otherwise see only on the trails. Join with us in honoring CH2M-Hill and some very special surprise guests.

We would like to know how many to expect, so please RSVP to Sharon@friendsofbadger.org or give her a call at 943-8688. We look forward to seeing you there!**December 21** - Annual Solstice hike. Meet at the Canyon Trail parking lot to start hiking at 3:35 pm

and, at the top, say goodbye to the shortest day and longest night with sunset at 4:13 pm.

January 1, 2015 - Annual I-MAC New Year's Day hike. Meet to start the hike at 10:30 am at the Westgate parking lot off of Dallas Road. Start the new year doing something healthy with friends!

The next **Hike Wine Dine** will be in the spring. Watch the calendar for details.

Support and Renew - The **goals of Friends of Badger Mountain** are to preserve special ridge land, build and maintain trails for non-motorized recreation, and undertake efforts for the public to increase the enjoyment of the ridges. We have reasons to be proud. At the same time, we are only as successful as you who contribute your time and treasure to our mission.

If you are not yet a member or have not yet renewed for 2015, we would very much appreciate your support. You can [download a membership and contribution form \(PDF\)](#) and mail it in, or you can join or donate online from [our Web site](#). Membership contributions that were made after 10/1/2014 mean you are in good standing for 2015. If you are not sure, contact our membership chairperson [Linda McGlothern](#).

Save Us Your Photos! - If you have taken snapshots that you like **of** or **from** Badger Mt or the other local ridges and the life thereon, we would like to see some of what you consider your best. As our web site is transitioning, we'll ask for them when the new one is up and running. In the meantime, take a look at the great photos we that we currently have on [our Pictures page](#).



Facebook – Visit the [Friends of Badger Mt page](#) to see the T-C Herald article on the public hearing on ideas for Trailhead Park and other discussion. You don't have to be a member of Facebook to view our page. You do

need to join to leave messages, photos, etc.



The FOBM supported Prop 14-7, which was an advisory vote to institute a Conservation Futures Fund in Benton County. The proposition fell short by only 1,400 votes – 47.5% to 52.5%. The effort took everything the Prop 14-7 coordinating committee had. The committee is now in discussion about whether and when to undertake the effort again. Is it worth it to have a ready fund to preserve our most special land and habitat? To do so the committee will need the energy and spirit of all. Let members know how and where you can help. They very much appreciate your contributions this time – endorsements, dollars, signs, door belling, talking to friends and neighbors. It all made a difference.

Help FOBM earn \$\$ when you shop with a Fred Meyer's Reward Card

Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million a year to non-profits on the west coast, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how it works:

1. Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking a Fred Meyers Rewards Card to Friends of Badger Mountain. Visit their Web site and search for us by name:
http://www.fredmeyer.com/company_information/FM_Community/Pages/community_rewards.aspx
2. Every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you will help FOBM earn a donation. If you do not have a Rewards Card, you can get the form for one at the Customer Service desk. You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do now.



With wishes for warm holidays on behalf of the Board of Directors for the [Friends of Badger Mountain](#),

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