



Friends of Badger Mountain

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Fund Raising Update

Dear Friends, as we gear up for the second phase of our "Sprint to the Summit" fundraising campaign money keeps rolling in. We've now raised over \$190,000 in cash and pledges for the acquisition of new ridge land. We want to especially acknowledge Pasco-Kennewick Rotary for a contribution of \$8000 which added to their earlier amount of \$2000 brings their total contribution to \$10,000. **Thank You!**

We also want to acknowledge the Fun Fit and Over Fifty Club with two match challenges the club members have collectively donated over \$22,000. **Wow!**

Save the View -- Donate Now!

Big News on the ROC Grant Ranking

On August 14 Sharon Grant made our presentation to the state Recreation and Conservation Office in Olympia. We just learned that we have been **ranked #7 out of 36 grant seekers in our category!** This means we have a very good chance of receiving our grant request when the Legislature votes to appropriate funding in their January-April 2009 session.

Offer Made to Little Badger Ridge Land Owner

We have made an offer to the land owner of the ridge land we want to purchase with a modest cash payment to secure exclusive option to purchase. Friends of Badger Mountain does not plan to own any land. When we raised the money to acquire the 574 acres of Badger by prior arrangement we ceded the land to

The only way we acquire land is to raise the money for purchase at the appraised market value from a

willing seller.

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Benton County in whose jurisdiction it lies. If our offer to purchase ridge land is accepted, we will follow the same procedure with the new land and cede it to the City of Richland in whose jurisdiction it lies.

Of course to acquire prized ridge land means raising significant money. In this second phase we will be seeking significant support from the corporate sector, yet support from the grassroots is the linchpin by which everything succeeds.

Thanks to all of you who have donated so generously. Please pass this message on to help build the community support for this project.

FOBM Matching Challenge

The CHALLENGE by the Comstock and Grant families -- matching donations up to \$10,000.00 — is still on. A great opportunity to "double your donation money!" Click on the "Donation Form" link below.

Upcoming Events

Monday, Sept 15 2008: Full Moon Hike Meet at Trailhead Park @ 7:00

Saturday, Sept 20 2008: Sacagawea Heritage Trail Celebration 9:00 – noon
[Adventure Challenge](#) Come by the Friends of Badger table near Bateman Island. Prizes!

Sunday, Sept 21 2008: Equinox Hike 4:30 Celebration at Trailhead Park (bring your drums, dancing feet & frisbees) 6:00 Hiking starts 6:58 Sunset. Photographers will be present to take your photo at the top with the gorgeous sunset as backdrop for a contribution to our campaign to purchase additional ridge land

Sunday, Sept 28 2008: Badger Time Trails Noon – 4pm Second annual mountain bike race on the SKYLINE TRAIL to summit of Badger Mountain, organized by Chinook Cycling Club -- www.chinookcyclingclub.com

October Joint Inter-Mountain Alpine Club (I-MAC) and Friends of Badger Mountain (FOBM) fundraising walk to celebrate I-MAC's 60th Anniversary. More to come soon. Gather pledges, bring your friends, family, neighbors and the kids. Lots of kid friendly extras. Games, trivia, prizes!

Lost & Found: GPS Unit

Found July 26th, a handheld GPS receiver on the Badger Mountain Canyon Trail. Contact Jim at Trailmaster@friendsofbadger.org or 943-3992.

Sprint to the Summit, Phase 2

Thanks again for your support and let's keep going. Meet the new \$10,000 challenge! Start your own challenge among your family, club, work group, or neighborhood! Join the Campaign! We're an all volunteer organization and have a great variety of tasks to choose from. You can do as little or as much as you want. And again **Thank You** for your Support!

Click here for [Donation Form](#) or

Donate on-line using the button below:



Can we reach \$300,000? Let's go for it! Thank you!

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