

Spring has finally sprung on Badger and environs! Time to get out and enjoy the ridges at their best...

Month of May: Join one of our local experts to learn about wildflowers and the characteristics of shrub steppe habitat on Badger and nearby lands (see flyer below). For directions click here: <http://www.friendsofbadger.org/access.html>

Wednesday, May 6: Battelle Wellness Fair, 11:00 – 1:00, EMSL Bldg. Come by and see our wildflower displays.

Friday, May 8 Full Moon. A lovely time to hike the mountain.

Saturday, May 16: Hike for Hunger to benefit Second Harvest. To sign up click here: <http://www.2-harvest.org/tricities>

NEWS: Friends of Badger Mountain Board is undertaking a strategic planning process which will bring clarity and purpose to our effort. As we're in the midst of this effort we'll hold our next annual public meeting in the fall, rather than this spring.

We do invite you to become an FOBM member. All dues go towards trail maintenance, administrative expenses, restoration of native plants, and efforts to enhance recreational use of the ridges (form below).

The Spring Fever 1st Annual Run organized by Sally Shadle and the Richland Adventist Church to benefit Friends of Badger raised nearly \$1000 for our organization. Thank you Sally!

Benton County, who has jurisdiction over the Badger Preserve, is undertaking a master planning process for the Preserve. All stakeholders are represented. We expect the plan to be completed this summer and hope to be adding more trail segments by this fall.

The Ridges to Rivers Open Space Network of which FOBM is a founder completed our 1st phase of gathering input on what people want for open space in our area and are incorporating this data into a draft plan on open space for our region. We'll circulate the draft to cities, counties and the public this fall for further input and refinement. The final plan will guide regional efforts on the preservation & use of open space for years to come.

The Peak Putters, a local 4-wheeler organization, working with Benton County and FOBM led the effort to retrieve the truck stuck in the Canyon Trail ravine. If you've hiked the Canyon you know they did a very successful job. Three cheers for the Peak Putters!

To learn more visit our web site: <http://www.friendsofbadger.org>

Wildflower Walks on Badger Mountain Spring 2009

Honoring Native Plant Appreciation Week May 3-9



Thursday, May 7, 6:00 p.m. Janelle Downs, Senior Research Scientist, Ecology, PNL, will lead a hike on the Skyline Trail that focuses on Badger's shrub-steppe ecology, native plants and wildflowers. Call 967-5721 for more information.

Friday, May 15, 4:00 pm Carol Gurwell, from the Inter-Mountain Alpine Club, will lead a hike for children and families on the Skyline Trail. Ginger Wireman will teach about wildflowers and habitat. Call 943-7374 for more information.

Saturday May 16, 8 am – 1 pm Hike for Hunger, to benefit Second Harvest Tri-Cities on the Canyon and Skyline Trails. <http://www.2-harvest.org/tricities>

Directions to the Badger Mt. Trails:
<http://www.friendsofbadger.org/access.html>

For guided walks in the Finley Hills, McBee Grade, Yakima Bluffs and Amon Basin go to the web sites of the WA Native Plant Society/Benton County and Tapteal Greenway

Friends of Badger Mountain Membership Application



We are delighted you have decided to join us in our mission to preserve the ridges and open spaces of the Tri-Cities area. We encourage you to attend the Friends of Badger Mountain annual meeting each spring, lend a hand in trail maintenance and participate in activities and events to set aside additional land for the benefit of our community. Find information on trails, special events and the latest ridge news online at www.friendsofbadger.org.

Sign Me Up! Membership levels:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Jack Rabbit | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote | \$75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Townsend's Squirrel | \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Badger | \$100 |

Membership year is Jan 1 to Dec 31. Membership dues are used for trail maintenance and administrative expenses.

I'd like to make an additional donation \$_____. Please specify how you would like your additional donation used: **Trail Maintenance** **Land Acquisition** **Unrestricted**

Please print clearly.

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Email Addresses: _____

Phone(s) _____

Date: _____

You can list me on your website or materials as a member and/or by donor category Yes ___ No ___
I consent to receive e-mail notices of the annual meeting and member events.

We could use help in these areas (please check):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Speaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Data Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal |

Send this completed form and your dues and/or donation to:

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More information online at www.friendsofbadger.org
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