



November 21, 2011 - Welcome to Winter!

....which seems to have come a few weeks early this year. Read on to learn about special events coming up December 3 and January 28, and to see how your trails were improved this fall. As always, visit [our Web site](#) for more information about Friends of Badger Mountain.



Alternative Gift Fair, Saturday December 3

If you could use a little extra nourishment this holiday season and would like to give in ways that reflect a true spirit of the season, you can find both at the Alternative Gift Fair, **noon to 4:00 PM**. The atmosphere is warm and festive, with music, a bake sale, crafts for all ages, and a wide variety of gifts that help support worthy organizations (like our own!). Click the poster to go to our Web site for more details. The gift fair is held at the [Community Unitarian Universalist Church](#), just off the Blue Bridge and near the corner of 28th & Sylvester in **Pasco**.



Friends of Badger Mountain Annual Celebration, Saturday January 28

Join Friends of Badger Mountain at our Annual Celebration on Saturday, January 28, **6:00 - 8:00 PM**, at the beautiful [Kiona Winery](#). Partake of wine and hearty hors d'oeuvres, socialize with friends and people you may only know from the mountain, and hear the latest news and exciting announcements! For further info and to **RSVP** click this poster to go to the Activities page on our Web site.

Improvements to the Trails in 2011

Have you noticed all the improvements to the trails this year? Trailmaster Jim Langdon reports that volunteers logged 420 hours this fall alone -- repairing more of the damage from last spring's freak storm, placing large rocks along the upper bank of the Canyon Trail to encourage people to stay on the built trail, and lining the new

Sagebrush Trail with rocks to keep the edge of the trail from breaking down, which also serves to keep gravel on trail. Moving the rocks into place has been made easier and doable by the tram built last fall, the Badger Buggy, and the new Badger Max that was funded by a generous grant from REI.

Our Thanks to You

In this season of thanks, we would like to express **our sincere gratitude for your contributions this year to the success of FOBM**. Two of our **main goals 2012-2014** are to **preserve additional area ridge land** and to **create the ridges portion of a "ridges to rivers" trail**. As an all-volunteer non-profit organization, your financial and volunteer support is critical in making these plans a reality. We hope you will consider joining FOBM or renewing your **annual membership** (here's a link to [our printable PDF membership form](#)). If your circumstances permit, please consider us for a **year-end, tax-deductible contribution**. If you are 70-1/2 or older, you can contribute tax-free from your IRA account until the end of the year. FOBM is a tax-exempt 501(C)3 organization. To join or contribute by mail or online, [please visit our Web site](#).



2nd Annual Badger Mountain Challenge March 30 and 31, 2012

The Challenge is back! This is a cross-country trail run with distances of 50K and 100 miles, or a 15K hike-and-run. In its first year, 2011, the Challenge attracted over 500 entrants, ranging in age from 11 to 82, and coming from as far away as Hawaii and New Zealand. If you have a business or company, consider a **sponsorship** that will reach thousands of people associated with this event. The net proceeds benefit FOBM, in recognition that only because of our efforts to preserve ridge land is this kind of event possible. So come out, push your limits, cheer the runners on, staff an aid station or volunteer in other ways to help with what is fast becoming a seminal annual event for our area. Visit [the BMC Web site](#) to sign up or for more information about sponsoring the 2nd annual Badger Mountain Challenge.

Our Warmest Wishes for Peaceful Holidays, on behalf of the Board of Directors for the [Friends of Badger Mountain](#),

[Sharon Grant](#)

Co-Founder and Past President, FOBM
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