



"Sunrise on Badger" by R.J. Debevec, 2/5/12

News from Friends of Badger Mountain November 15, 2013

Come show your support for Badger Mt. and help plan its future - Two workshops are scheduled to review current practices and develop future plans for the Badger Mt Centennial Preserve.

- **Thurs. Nov. 21**, focused on the long-term Master Plan for the Preserve.
- **Thurs. Dec. 12**, focused on existing and future trails, safety, maintenance, and design.

Both begin at **6:00 PM at Bethel Church** at Keene and Shockley Rds. Find more information and a printable flyer at the [Benton County Web site](#). We hope to see you there!

Badger Mountain

Benton County is creating a Management & Master Plan for the Badger Mountain Centennial Preserve and wants *your* thoughts and opinions.

Open House & Public Comment
 Open House: The plan will include details and suggestions on trail use, trails, safety, and maintenance for the preserve.

Two public workshops are scheduled:

- **Thursday November 21** - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Bethel Church
- **Thursday December 12** - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Bethel Church

Please get involved and stay tuned!
 The process will take about 6-8 months to complete and report back in **Spring 2014**.




The annual Alternative Gift Fair, Sat. Dec. 7 Noon - 4:00 PM, CUUC, Pasco - Here's an opportunity to buy a gift that reflects the spirit of the holidays, helps raise funds for nonprofit organizations - such as Friends of Badger Mt - while showing appreciation for the special people in your life. All gifts are tax deductible. There will be a festive atmosphere, live music, a bake sale, and more. [Download the flyer](#) for further information, or visit the [CUU Church](#) web site where you can print and send in the gift form.



Alternative Gift Fair

Saturday, December 7th, 2013
Noon - 4:00 pm

Community Activities
University Church

Trail work brings new signs and new steps - The fall season brings a new course of trail maintenance, led by Trailmaster Jim Langdon, who reports:

We've added mileage signs (shown here) to Skyline, Canyon, and Sagebrush trails. Initiated by a request from the Fire Department after last spring's fast-moving fire, signs have been installed



every 1/4 mile. We do ask that hikers "Please Stay on the Trail." With over 187,000 hikers counted last year, it's critically important that everyone limit the damage both to the hillside and to the sides of the trails.

Have you noticed? We added new steps on the Canyon Trail, so it is now less steep to step up and down. Thank you trail workers!

Haven't had a chance to help out yet this fall? Not to worry! We'll have work parties until the weather turns cold, usually around Thanksgiving. Our [Trail Work page](#) has more info and describes some of the projects we've completed. Normally, we start at 9:00 and go until 1:00.



Where we meet will depend on that day's work. We can also schedule a private work party for any group.

To volunteer, [please send me an email](#) or call me at 943-3992. That way, I can plan the work and have enough tools available, and so that you'll know where we meet. As always, bring work gloves, water, and snacks, and dress for the weather. We very much appreciate your help.... Jim Langdon

Annual Meeting and Celebration - Mark your calendar for the evening of **Saturday, January 25, 2014**. We'll be meeting at the beautiful Kiona Winery in Benton City, the site of last year's very successful meeting (here are [a sampling of photos](#)). You can [download our printable flyer](#) for more information.



All are invited to come together in a social setting to meet with people we might otherwise see only on the trails. We'd like to know how many to expect, so please [RSVP to Sharon](#) or give her a call at 943-8688. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 a great deal to be proud of. At the same time, we are only as successful as you who contribute your time and finances to our mission.

If you're not yet a member or have not yet renewed for 2013, we would very much appreciate your support. You can [download a membership and contribution form \(PDF\)](#) and mail it in, or you can donate online from [our Web site](#). Membership contributions that were made after 10/1/2013 mean you're in good standing for 2014. If you're not sure, contact our membership chairperson [Linda McGlothern](#).

Send Us Your Photos! - If you hike Badger Mt or the other local ridges, we'd like to see photographic evidence. In other words, if you take some snapshots that you like, [send a few to us](#) for posting on [our Pictures page](#). Here are a few tips for [sending them in](#). Your photos will then mingle with hundreds of others, all painting a picture of how we see and experience our special ridge lands.



Facebook - If you like Facebook, you can like [Friends of Badger Mt there](#). You don't have to be a member of Facebook to view our page, but you do need to join to leave messages, photos, etc.

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

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