

Friends of Badger Mountain Membership/Donor Form



We are delighted you have decided to join us in our mission: the preservation and stewardship of the ridges of the Lower Columbia Basin for the benefit of the community and the environment. We encourage you to attend the Friends of Badger Mountain annual meeting and celebration, 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.

<p>Member/Donor Benefits</p> <p>Your voice heard on issues of trail-building, maintenance and other matters of interest.</p> <p>FOBM's Quarterly e-Newsletter</p> <p>Invitation to FOBM 's annual celebration and membership meeting</p> <p>Election of Board of Directors</p> <p>Notices about guided hikes and other special events, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-MAC New Year's Day hike • Badger Mountain Challenge: 15K, 50K, 50 & 100 mile races • Wildflower walks & habitat education • Fun Fit & Over Fifty weekly hikes • Chinook Bicycle Club Time Trials • YMCA "Trick or Treat on the Trail" • "Rise Above Cancer" • "Hike Wine Dines" • Equinox, solstice and full-moon hikes 	<p style="text-align: center;">Sign Me Up!</p> <p>Membership year is Jan. 1-Dec. 31. (Questions? Ask treasurer@friendsofbadger.org)</p> <p>Membership levels: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$30</p> <p>I'd like to make an additional donation: <input type="checkbox"/> Townsend's Squirrel \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Jack Rabbit \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> Badger \$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$_____</p> <p>I'd like to make a donation but not become a member \$_____.</p> <p>To donate by credit card go to: www.friendsofbadger.org</p> <p>All dues and donations are used to support the mission of Friends of Badger Mountain, an all-volunteer, non-profit 501(c)3 organization.</p> <p>If you give through United Way, 100% can be designated to FoBM. For information on special tribute or memorial donations, please contact us directly.</p> <p>Please print clearly. Date _____</p> <p>Name(s) _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____ Email: _____</p> <p>We could use help in these areas (please check):</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Accounting</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Membership</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Photography</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Legal</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Education</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> IT/Data</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Trail Work</td> </tr> </table> <p>Comments _____</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Send this completed form and your dues and/or donation to: Friends of Badger Mountain P.O. Box 24 Richland, WA 99352</p> <p style="text-align: center;">More information online at www.friendsofbadger.org or call 509-783-6558</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> IT/Data	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Work
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History. Friends of Badger Mountain was founded in 2003 by a group of area residents dedicated to preserving and maintaining the ridges and special natural habitat in the Mid-Columbia region for the benefit of the general public and our environment. We are an all-volunteer organization with 501(c) 3 tax-exempt status. Membership fees and donations support trail work, special projects to increase enjoyment and stewardship of the mountains, and our very important efforts to acquire and preserve ridge land and create additional open space vistas and preserves.

Success to Date. In 2004-5, FOBM raised the money to acquire 574 acres of Badger Mountain. In June 2005, by prior arrangement with Benton County we ceded the land to the County who named it the Badger Mt Centennial Preserve. In 2010 we acquired 25 new acres and in 2011 another 48 acres, again ceding the land to the County, and bringing the total land in the Preserve to 647 acres!

Stewardship. Adopting the role of steward of the mountain, FOBM organized the building of the Canyon Trail in 2005 for hikers only, the Skyline Trail in 2006 for hiking, mountain biking and horse back riding, in 2010 the Sagebrush, which extends the Skyline and creates a loop trail with the Canyon, and in 2012 in a partnership with the City of Richland, Eagle Scouts, and Tri-City Rotary Clubs, the Badger Flats trail built at the base of the Canyon. Spring 2014 we began creating a new trail winding at a 5-10% grade for 2.5 miles along the south side of Badger. The trail officially named the Langdon Trail was completed 12/9/14. With the heavy use of the trails we have a regular need for trail maintenance. Please contact Jim: trailmaster@friendsofbadger.org and he'll keep you informed of trail work needs.

In **2012** over **187,000** users were counted on the trails, nearly **200,000** in **2013** and **217,000** in **2014!** The Preserve is a magnet for many special events...wildflower walks; native plant restoration; Solstice, Equinox and full moon hikes; weddings; weekly hikes by Fun, Fit and Over Fifty; graduation rituals; celebrations; and fund raisers of all kinds. *REI* is always a strong financial and volunteer backer. In 2014, *CH2M Hill*, the *LDS church and missionaries*, *Chinook Cycling Club*, *Con Agra-Lamb Weston*, *Ostler Orthodontics*, *Starbucks*, *Tri-City Rotary clubs*, *WSU*, *Home Depot*, *Fun, Fit and Over Fifty*, the *Inter-Mt Alpine Club* and a host of other volunteers made significant contributions to trail building and maintenance. Thank you!

Outreach to Youth. Scout troops, church groups, the *Jubilee Leadership Academy* and *Juvenile Justice youth* guided by mentors regularly help us maintain the trails. Eagle Scouts have created a number of improvements. Schools bring their classes for a day on the mountain. The Boys & Girls Club and the YMCA sponsor hikes with special themes attracting kids. Botanists teach about the interaction between soil, plants and human activity, biologists about the creatures and their habitats, and geologists the Ice Age floods. To integrate these activities into a hands-on curriculum for teachers and students, contact us. Our beautiful wildflower brochure attracts people to our guided wildflower walks held every spring.

Health and Wellness. People of all ages and level of health use the mountain to maintain fitness. Companies thru the Regional Chamber program, "Good Health is Good Business," challenge employees to hike Badger with "hurrahs!" for meeting goals. Columbia Basin Racquet Club mounts a "Biggest Loser's Campaign" with climbing Badger as the measurement of success. Many groups, including area Rotary Clubs, organize hikes for team building. A Time Trials event held each fall attracts cyclists from around the region. The **Badger Mtn Challenge** with 15k 50k and 100 mile races and events attracted 675 entrants in Spring 2014. The 5th Annual Challenge was held March 27-28, 2015.

Key Elements of our Strategic Plan 2013-2018. Mission and Values: the preservation & stewardship of the ridges for the benefit of the community and the environment -- guided by the vision to preserve and provide access to high value ecologic, scenic and topographic sites desired by the public. **Goals:** 1) Open Space Preservation & Access; 2) Stewardship of the Preserve; 3) Organizational Capacity.

The Latest! FOBM has made major progress in our \$1.5M **Ridge Preservation and Trail Campaign**. The funds will enable us to acquire **205 acres** to create a new preserve on **Candy Mountain -- and** to build a trail connecting the west end of Badger to the summit of Candy, a major link in our vision of a **20 mile trail** connecting Amon Creek across four local ridges to the Yakima River in the west. Acquisition of the Candy Mt acreage is the lynchpin to this vision. Two years after submitting a proposal in conjunction with Benton County we learned at the close of the 2015 state legislative session that we will receive a \$695k grant from the WA St Recreation and Conservation Office! This joins major contributions from **CH2M Hill** and **Bechtel** and over 500 contributors from the community, bringing us as of 8/15/15 **only \$50k to go** to reach our \$1.5M goal. We are also making progress towards other links in our vision. In the next few years we will design the section across **Little Badger**, made possible by donations from the landowner. Finally, we have been working for five years with vineyard and winery owners in the **Red Mt AVA** and hope in 2016 to start on a trail route across Red Mt that will partner with the AVA's wineries! This trail and a new preserve will substantially benefit our community's economic vitality and quality of life. We can only achieve these goals with your support. **Be a part of this historic effort. Join our final "Sprint to the Summit" -- don't miss out!** Thank you!