

# *Friends of Badger Mountain*

*For Today... For Our future*



## News from [Friends of Badger Mountain](#) October 5, 2012

### Many thanks for these recent contributions to FoBM!

- REI for a \$10,000 grant to fund trail building and maintenance, and educational outreach. Please support REI, they're the best!
- The team who worked to double the size of the Canyon Trail parking lot: planning and coordination by FoBM and the City of Richland, and grading by George A. Grant, Inc.
- RSC Americorps for installing the new fence in the Canyon Trail parking lot.
- The creation of the new Badger Flats trail by the great partnership of the six Tri-Cities Rotary Clubs, the City of Richland, FoBM, and Eagle Scouts Jacob Rowe, Samuel McKinnon, Jayden Cornett, and Jacob Halter.

Many thanks to all of you for your efforts and support.

### Come on out for the launch of Fall Trail Work - Saturday, October 13

This year our main jobs will be adding rocks along the Sagebrush Trail, widening the Skyline Trail, and doing maintenance on all three of our trails. On **Saturday, October 13**, we'll meet near the Trailhead Park restrooms at **9:00 AM**. We'll have work parties every Saturday and Sunday until the weather turns cold, usually around Thanksgiving. We'll start at 9:00 and generally go until 1:00. Where we meet will depend on that day's work. There will also be work mid-week and we can schedule a private work party for any group. In general, the work is suitable for teens and older people, though some jobs will be easy enough for grade schoolers to help, so this can be a great project for families.

**I especially need helpers mid-week.** I'll send out emails announcing all the work parties. To be added to my list, [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. Tools will be provided. We very much appreciate whatever help you give.

[Jim Langdon, FoBM Trailmaster](#) - 943-3992

### Road Widened and Parking Lot Enlarged

No doubt you've noticed the improvements in the Skyline Trailhead area. The driveway from Dallas Road has been widened and upgraded, and the parking lot has been nearly doubled in size. Working in partnership with Benton County, much appreciation to Badger Mountain South (which is creating the new development on the south side of Badger), Rotschy GC engineers, and the City of Richland. Further improvements will include installation of an all-season water fountain, placement of further traffic barriers, and signage. A project to restore native vegetation is also planned. Watch for an

announcement.

### Special Events Coming Up

- Wednesday, October 17, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, [REI Diva Night: Women & the Outdoors](#)
- Saturday October 27, 10:00 - 1:00 PM - "Trick or Treat on the Trail." Come in costume and sign up at Trailhead Park for this annual event sponsored by [the YMCA of the Greater Tri-Cities](#).
- Friday, November 9, 7:00 PM - REI is sponsoring [the best films on rock climbing](#), at the Battelle Auditorium. Tickets are available now at the REI in Kennewick. Proceeds will benefit FoBM.
- Friday, November 30, 10:00 AM - Hike Candy Mountain, followed by lunch at Bookwalter Winery. Sponsored by the Fun Fit and Over Fifty Club and FoBM. [Sign up with Sharon](#).
- Saturday December 1, Noon - 4:00 PM. The [CUUC](#) Alternative Gift Fair is a great way to do your holiday shopping.
- Saturday January 26, 2013 - 3rd Annual FoBM Celebration! At a winery near you. Stay tuned.
- March 29 & 30 - 3rd Annual "Badger Mountain Challenge." 15K, 50K, and 100 mile races! Will you be a participant or a valuable volunteer???
- Come Spring - join a walk to learn about our lovely wildflowers.

Look on our [Friends of Badger Mt. Web site](#) for more information and updates on these activities and for the latest photos.



### Support and Renew

Your membership or gift supports our work to:

1. Preserve special ridge land in the mid-Columbia region
2. Build and maintain trails for non-motorized recreation
3. Undertake efforts to increase enjoyment of the ridges

You can [download a membership and contribution form \(PDF\)](#) and mail it in with your check. You can also make a contribution online from the home page of [our Web site](#) (look for the Donate Now logo). Memberships, new or renewals, received after 10/1/2011 mean you're in good standing for 2012. If you're not sure of your membership status, contact our membership chairperson [Melinda d'Ouille](#).

**The 6th Annual Badger Mountain Time Trials**, sponsored by the Chinook Bicycle Club and hosted by Benton County, was held Sunday, September 30, and drew a rash of riders. Look for this exciting annual event next September. All proceeds benefit Friends of Badger Mountain. Thank you Chinook!

See you on the trails and, even better, with a tool in your hand! With warm regards on behalf of the Board of Directors for the [Friends of Badger Mountain](#),

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