

2008 SPOKANE RIVER CLEAN-UP

6th Annual Spokane River Clean-Up: The Most Fun You'll Ever Have Picking Up Garbage (And Good Cleaning Fun!)

JOIN US!

October 4, 2008

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

High Bridge Park

Pre-register online:

www.friendsofthefalls.org/2008cleanup

THE RESULTS

Last year: 700+ people, 4.5 tons of trash, 2,500 pounds of it recycled

This year: 850 or more of your friends and neighbors, tons of trash gone from our river

THE SCHEDULE

9 a.m.: Check in, get your free backpack and water bottle, have some Thomas Hammer coffee, find your team

10 a.m.-noon: Trash clean-up

Noon-3 p.m.: Music, fun, and David's Pizza (\$2/slice)

1:30 p.m.: Prizes awarded for the most interesting trash

THE TRANSPORTATION (aka TRY NOT TO DRIVE!)

Very limited parking at High Bridge

Staffed bike corral at High Bridge

Free bus passes from SFCC to High Bridge and back, with

STA busses running every 15 minutes starting at 8:30 a.m., so park at SFCC and ride with STA

THE STORY: The Friends of the Falls are proud to present this year's 6th Annual Spokane River Clean-up with the help of our many community partners and our event sponsors,

Wheelabrator Spokane, Waste Management, Avista Utilities, and Washington Trust Bank.



Each year, hundreds of people turn out on a fall morning to pick up tons of trash in the Great Spokane River Gorge, from the lower falls of the Spokane River downstream to the TJ Meenach Bridge. Paddlers pull trash out of the river, and everyone from kids to seniors combs the banks and woods for litter. The Spokane River Clean Up is a positive, high-energy gathering that affirms a sense of stewardship and community pride for the Spokane River and the natural areas along its banks.

Let's do it again! Over 700 people participated in 2007. We expect 850 volunteers for this year's event. See the 2007 story and photo gallery on the Friends of the Falls web site.

THE PEOPLE (TEAM LEADERS NEEDED!): The River Clean Up needs volunteers and team leaders. Team leaders attend a short orientation/training on the evening of October 5th, and lead a group of approximately 30 volunteers at the river cleanup. If you'd like to be a team leader, please contact Shelley Pitner at faithandenvironmentnetwork@gmail.com.

If you want to participate, please register online at www.friendsofthefalls.org/2008cleanup. Early registration helps us plan for supplies and staffing and will help you plan where you want to work and how you will get there. You can register as groups or individuals. Of course, we won't turn away walk-ins on the day of the event.

THE THANK-YOU STUFF: River Clean Up volunteers receive a free refillable, non-toxic water bottle and backpack at check-in as our thanks to you. The tote comes packed with two pairs of protective latex gloves, and plastic bags for trash and recyclables. We suggest you bring heavier gloves, though, and extra water.

THE PREP: Dress right. Be sure to dress for the work and the rugged terrain along the banks of the river. It can be chilly in the morning, warmer in the afternoon, so bring a light jacket or sweatshirt and wear long pants. Be sure to wear supportive shoes with some tread to avoid slips and falls.

THE PARTNERS: Please thank our partners! The Spokane River Clean-Up is made possible by our sponsors and the contributions of many community partners, including: the City of Spokane, Center for Justice Spokane River Project, Conservation Northwest, David's Pizza, Downtown Spokane Partnership, Earthworks Recycling, Faith & Environment Network, FLOW Adventures, Gonzaga University, Group Health, WSGA Inland Empire Geocachers, Inland Northwest Trails Coalition, Mountain Gear, Northwest Whitewater Association, Out There Monthly, REI, Rings & Things, Sierra Club Inner City Outings, Spokane Bicycle Club, Spokane Canoe & Kayak Club, Spokane Fly Fishers, Spokane Mountaineers, Spokane Transit Authority, The Lands Council, Thomas Hammer, Veterans Conservation Corps

We've got our fingers crossed for a beautiful early autumn day with friends and family. Join us at the Spokane River Clean-Up for some good clean-ing fun!

THE WEB: Visit www.friendsofthefalls.org/2008cleanup to review safety tips, preregister and download a copy of the waiver you'll need to sign before participating.

