



FRIENDS OF KOOTENAY NATIONAL PARK

# Friendly Intentions

Spring 2010 NEWSLETTER

Founded in 1995



*As a volunteer, charitable, non-profit organization, the Friends of Kootenay National Park Association is dedicated to the protection, appreciation, education and understanding of the cultural and natural history of Kootenay National Park and its surrounding ecosystem, the Columbia River Valley.*

*The Friends support events and activities throughout the year: Junior Naturalist Program, Wild Voices Speakers Series, Sponsor a Bighorn program, Knapweed Pull, Head Banger Trail Challenge Fund Raiser, Headbanger tour.*

## Good Little Book about Bighorn!

So after a very successful Bighorn sheep contest and lots of work writing, and compiling information the Bighorn Book committee are ready to launch the Friends of Kootenay new "Sheep in the Village!" book.

The book will be on shelves in the Friends bookstore by May. You are invited to join us for a sneak preview at our book launch Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at the Prestige Inn, Radium Hot Springs.

Maybe one of your photos will be in the book.

The book launch will be followed by a short Annual General Meeting with coffee and treats.

## Sheep in the Village!



**The Bighorns of Radium Hot Springs**

Friends of Kootenay National Park

**Book Launch and Annual General Meeting**

**April 27<sup>th</sup> 2010, 7:00 pm**

**Prestige Inn, Radium Hot Springs**



## Head Banger Adventures

Radium Hot Springs Chamber, Parks Canada,  
Friends of Kootenay National Park

Last fall's Head Banger adventures presentations were held in Radium Hot Spring Visitor center. Karen Lassen and Kent Kebe shared their expertise on the bighorn of the area.

Participants were sent out after with cameras and binoculars on the ready for the ultimate experience of seeing the head-banging ritual.

Bighorn Rams strut about the Radium village and area in full mating mode from October until December every year

## Nature and Science

2010 Wild Voices Speakers Series

The Wild Voices Speakers Series is held every winter and features local and guest speakers:

**Thursday FEBRUARY 11**  
**AVALANCHE!** by Brad White

**Thursday MARCH 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Managing Fire in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**  
by Rick Kubian

**Thursday APRIL 22<sup>th</sup>**  
**Aquatic Connections**  
by Shelley Humphries

### Sponsored by:

Friends of Kootenay National Park, Parks Canada,  
Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network



## WE need your help?

- I will help with the Headbanger Trail Challenge  
- free lunch, t-shirt and fun (September)
- I will help with the Bighorn Projects (year round)
- I will help with the Junior Naturalist Program (summer)
- I will help with the Wild Voices Speakers Series (winter)
- I will help at the next Weed Warrior Pull (summer)
- I will help at the Natures Gift and Book Store.
- I would like to be on the Friends of Kootenay board.

Contact us at: [www.friendsofkootenay@gmail.com](mailto:www.friendsofkootenay@gmail.com) or  
ph: 250 342 6525 to get involved!

## MEMBERS!

Visit our website: [www.friendsofkootenay.ca](http://www.friendsofkootenay.ca) for  
additional information about upcoming events.

If you would like to be removed from our membership  
list email us at: [friendsofkootenay@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofkootenay@gmail.com)



# Headbanger Trail Challenge 2009



**98** runners participated in the second Headbanger Trail Challenge last fall. This excellent challenging 10 km run starts from the town of Radium and loops up into Kootenay National Park! Lots of fun on a sunny fall day!

Funds raised go to the Friends of Kootenay National Park projects and Bighorn research.

If you are interested in participating as a runner or a volunteer contact us at: [rdverboom@gmail.com](mailto:rdverboom@gmail.com) or [www.friendsofkootenay.ca](http://www.friendsofkootenay.ca)

This year's run: **September 25, 2010**

## FIRST PRIZE



## SECOND PRIZE



## THIRD PRIZE



## BIGHORN Photo Contest WINNERS!

The Friends of Kootenay held a very successful Photo contest last year with over 350 photos entered from 3 photographers.

Three winners were chosen:

**First prize:** Wayne Noga:

**Second Prize:** Paul Milligan:

**Third prize:** Sandra de Vries:

The Friends would like to thank everyone who entered their amazing images!





## Board of Directors

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"Have a fun time exploring in and around Kootenay National Park!"

*Wendy Bennett, president  
 Friends of Kootenay National Park*

## Junior Naturalists



Sign up your children for fun activities, hikes, crafts, special guest park presenters at this summer's Junior Naturalist program.

## Join us and become a Member!

Become a member of the Friends of Kootenay and help to support education and the ecology of Kootenay National Park and the surrounding area.

Fill out the following form and post it with payment to:

### Friends of Kootenay National Park

Box 512, Radium Hot Springs, BC V0A1M0

Your membership entitles you to:

- 10% discount in the Nature's Gift and Bookstore and other Mountain Park Friends stores
- annual newsletter
- an opportunity to get involved

## Friends of Kootenay Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Memberships:

Donation of: \$20 individuals ( ) \$25 family ( )

\$50 corporate ( ) TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership fees are subject to change*