

# 2008 SPOKANE RIVER CLEAN-UP

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

### Join Us!

October 4, 2008  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
High Bridge Park

Pre-register online:  
[www.friendsofthefalls.org](http://www.friendsofthefalls.org)

### The Results:

- Last year: **700+** people, **4.5 tons** of trash, 2,500 pounds recycled
- This year: 850 or more of your friends and neighbors, tons of trash **gone** from **our river**

### The Schedule:

- 9:00 am**..... Check-in, get your free backpack and water bottle, have some Thomas Hammer coffee, find your team
- 10:00 am - Noon**... Trash clean-up
- Noon - 3:00 pm** ..... Music, fun, and David's Pizza (\$2.00/slice)
- 1:30 pm** ..... Prizes awarded for most "interesting" trash

### The Story:

Each year, hundreds of people turn out to pick up tons of trash in the 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 comb 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.

Friends of the Falls are proud to present the 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!**

### The Transportation (aka "Try not to drive"):

- Very limited parking at High Bridge Park
- Staffed bike corral at High Bridge Park
- Free bus passes from SFCC to High Bridge and back, with STA buses running every 15 minutes starting at 8:30 am - so park at SFCC and **ride with STA!**

## The People (Team Leaders Needed!):

If you want to participate, **please register online** at [www.friendsofthefalls.org](http://www.friendsofthefalls.org). Early registration helps us plan for supplies and staffing, and will help you plan where you want to work and how you'll get there. You can register as a part of a group, or as an individual. Of course, we won't turn away anyone showing up on the day of the event.

Over 700 people participated in 2007. We expect **850** volunteers for this year's event. Want more background? See the 2007 story and photo gallery on the Friends of the Falls web site.

The River Clean-Up also needs **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:

[faithandenvironment@gmail.com](mailto:faithandenvironment@gmail.com)

## 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, then 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. Bring a bottle of water.

## Event 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, WSGA Inland Empire Geocachers, Inland Northwest Trails Coalition, Mountain Gear, Northwest Whitewater Association, OutThere! Monthly, REI, Rings & Things, Sierra Club Inner City Outings, Spokane Bicycle Club, Spokane Canoe and Kayak Club, Spokane Fly Fishers, Spokane Mountaineers, Spokane Transit Authority, The Lands Council, Thomas Hammer Coffee, Veterans Conservation Corps, Thinking Cap Communications, Spokane Falls Community College, ASEWU Epic Adventures, Inland Empire Mountain Bike Patrol and WSU Spokane.

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