





## TRAIL BUILDING & ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Galbraith Access Preserved Forever!** Recreation and Conservation Easements secured by the City of Bellingham, Whatcom Land Trust and Galbraith Tree Farm will ensure the public will retain access to the mountain forever!
- 7.2 miles of NEW trail built in the past year. Those include:
- **Cedar Dust Skills Zone** – Beginner to Pro level jump lines with a climbing trail allows riders to session jumps and increase cornering, pumping and jumping skills.
- **Mohawk** – Advanced Jump trail off the top of the Galbraith. Already an instant classic!
- **SST Zone Rebuild** – SST and Air Chair were rebuilt, an alternative trail was added and Geneva Connector was extended.
- **Bottoms Up** – Built a climbing trail from Sudden Valley that accesses Galbraith.
- **Dad Bod** – Built a downhill trail located near the tower.
- **Happy Hour Extension** – This trail now has two additional sections.
- **Bears Zone Rebuild** – Rebuilding one of our beloved and classic XC areas post timber harvest.
- **Lookout Mountain Preserve** – Partnered with Whatcom County Parks, Washington Trails Association, Whatcom Land Trust, Washington Conservation Corps, REI and the Greater Bellingham Running Club to help build Cougar Ridge, Backside and Rufus Creek.
- **Cougar Ridge** – Built intermediate ride-arounds and rerouted several sections of this popular directional trail.
- **Backside** – This lower connector between Lookout and Galbraith Mountains.
- **Rufus Creek Trail** – This climbing trail ascends to Cougar Ridge through a mature forest.
- **Whatcom Falls Pump Track Rebuild** – Made the start ramp 50% bigger and changed two of the lines.
- Completed the DNR Baker to Bellingham Recreation Planning Process.
- Helped secure funding to secure “the core” of Blanchard Mountain forever.



## EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**Youth Trail Corps -YTC** - This cornerstone of our youth programs gives any interested teen youth the opportunity to explore how to build and maintain trails. We are going into our 3rd year with this vibrant pre-teen/teen program. This crew worked hard all year on the YTC TAP trail "Cheech and Chongs" on Galbraith Mountain focusing on a variety of issues, strategies and solutions to help this trail run even better.

2018/19 year will continue our work on Cheech and Chongs and branch out to other trails and projects on Galbraith. We served 50 teens in 2018 and offered 14 YTC days.

**Vamos Outdoors -YTC** - WMBC (partnering with Vamos Outdoors) is developing a program for a group of ELL (English Language Learners) teens. We are engaging with teens in our community that typically aren't accessing trails and the outdoors. Offering mountain biking and trail building in tandem provides a perfect feedback loop for youth to form a connection to the outdoors, have fun and integrate service learning.

Phillips 66 has given this wonderful new program a generous grant for 2018/19. We will be serving 24 youth in 2019.

**Service Learning -YTC** - WMBC funds many Service Learning Projects in Middle and High Schools in Whatcom County. This ranges from one day to ongoing six week trail building projects.

**Bike Rodeos** - WMBC provides funding and support for RRAD to host a Bike Rodeo in 16 Elementary Schools in the Bellingham Public School District, as well as many schools out in the county. The Bike Rodeos offer kids a host of bike skill challenges to test themselves against. Bike Rodeos reach out to 5,500 youth in Whatcom County every year.

**Take a Kid Mountain Bike Day** - A fun filled day for kids from all over Whatcom County. Youth participate in games, bike skills and rides based at Lake Padden. Sponsored by: *Darren Clark/Farmers Insurance, March Northwest, Bellingham Parks, RRAD, WMBC, Jacks Bicycle Center, and Fanatik Bikes.*

**WMBC Elementary School Ride Clubs** - 13 Bellingham elementary schools are now providing an after school ride program through the WMBC. This includes a girls only group called the Flying Squirrels. This program reaches over 200 kids each year.

**Joyriders** - This all ability ladies ride group offers rides spring through fall.. Joyriders currently has 46 participants.

**1 Day ride leader class** - WMBC funded 17 new ride leaders in a 1 day Ride Leader Certification class. This program teaches parents/teachers and others interested in the basics of getting a group out on the trails, riding safely and having fun.

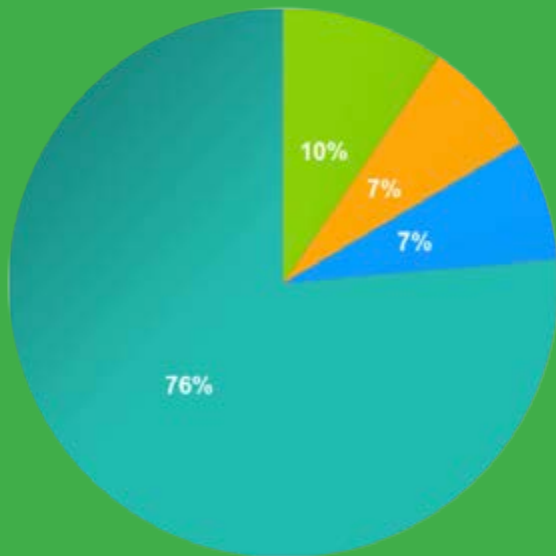
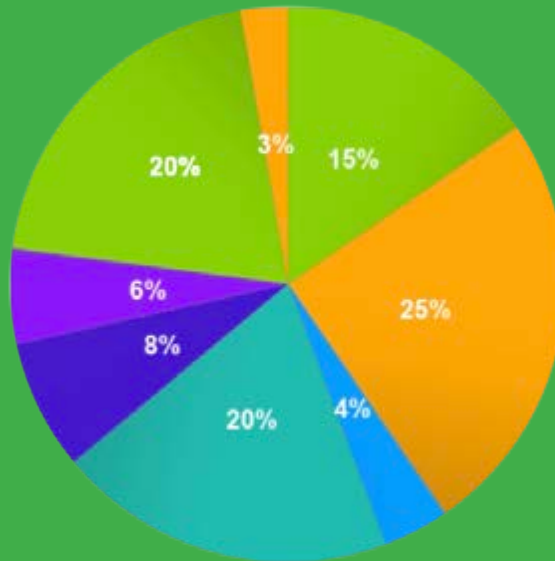




# WMBC BY THE NUMBERS

## 2017 REVENUE

- BUSINESS CONTRIBUTIONS \$40,865
- INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$65,953
- IN KIND CONTRIBUTIONS \$52,011
- MERCHANDISE SALES \$19,859
- TRAIL ADOPTION PROGRAM \$14,650
- FUNDRAISING EVENTS \$53,333
- EDUCATION PROGRAMS \$7,323
- OTHER INCOME \$10,192



## 2017 EXPENSES

- FUNDRAISING \$21,478
- ADMINISTRATION \$15,580
- EDUCATION PROGRAMS \$15,870
- TRAIL BUILDING \$171,215
- ADVOCACY OUTREACH







## **VOLUNTEER HOURS**

# **OVER 8000 HOURS IN 2018**

Volunteers trail builders are what make our trails what they are today. Without them we couldn't maintain and build the massive network of trails that we are responsible for. To all those that came out for a trail day, we thank you.



## SOCIAL OUTREACH

Email Subscribers: **1,561**

Facebook Followers: **4,474**

Instagram: **4,856**

Trail Adopter Sponsors (TAP): **43**



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## 2019 PROJECTS

- Raise \$285,000 for the Galbraith Parking Lot Expansion to accommodate 140 vehicles.
- Complete five major Galbraith Trail Projects
  - Build 3 Pigs extension, Bears to Devilcross connector, 4000 Road to Devilcross connector, Devilcross to Lost Soul connector and Upper Spacewolf.
- Build a pump track and skills area in the City of Bellingham waterfront.
- Build the Chanterelle Trail extension on Stewart Mountain.
- Continue to scout Canyon Ridge reroutes with the USFS.
- Collaborate with Bellingham Public Schools and Galbraith Tree Farm to develop middle and high school group rides, trail building, service learning and after school environmental science clubs.
- Expand program with Vamos Outdoors.
- Train additional trail builders and ride leaders for WMBC programs.
- Expand our Bike Rodeos further into Whatcom County.





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