Supporting the Ridgefield NWR

As a member of the Friends of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge **Business Alliance**, you invest in one of our urban metropolitan area's most unique and diverse natural and cultural resources.

Your annual Business Alliance Membership connects you with:

- 200,000+ visitors annually;
- 5,000 students participating in field trips and educational programs;
- 4,000 visitors to BirdFest & Bluegrass;
- 3,000 attendees at Plankhouse events;
- 1,200 monthly newsletter readers;
- 1,100 monthly website visits;
- and 250 community volunteers who provide more than 10,000 hours of work.

The Banking on Nature study released in 2013 reports that an average of \$4.87 is returned to local communities for every dollar Congress provides in funding to run the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Your partnership with the Friends helps ensure the future and success of this breathtaking natural resource. Invest in your community by becoming a part of our Business Alliance today!

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Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

The Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1965 to provide wintering habitat for the Dusky subspecies of the Canada Goose. Today, the Refuge preserves habitat for wildlife and evidence of First Peoples. The Refuge is a unique wildlife mecca for the Vancouver/Portland metropolitan area - a wonderful place to explore, learn about, and photograph the many species that call the Refuge "home". A one-of-a-kind Chinookan-style Plankhouse has brought cultural history to life on the Refuge.

About the Friends

Our mission is to support, protect, and enhance the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge and its wildlife habitat and to broaden public awareness and participation in its environmental, cultural, and educational opportunities. We are a group of hardworking, hands-on, enthusiastic staff and volunteers who share a passion for supporting the Refuge. Our work at the Refuge includes:

- Delivering environmental and cultural education for thousands of children and training workshops for their teachers.
- Restoring habitat through tree plantings and invasive species removal.
- Providing special events, such as the annual BirdFest & Bluegrass Festival, for visitors to the Refuge and Plankhouse.





About the Business Alliance

Membership in the Business Alliance includes:

- Your business logo, linked to your website, displayed on our website;
- Your business name and logo listed in each issue of our monthly e-newsletter;
- Advance notice of our activities and events;
- Recognition in our Annual Report;
- The knowledge that your commitment helps support Friends' programs and the Refuge for enjoyment by present and future generations!
- The opportunity to conserve a natural and cultural legacy!

As a **Business Ally,** we will feature your business in a dedicated welcome profile in our newsletter.

As a **Business Sustainer**, you may choose to adopt a specific Friends project (e.g. a habitat project or cultural project) as a dedicated commitment to the organization and an opportunity for additional recognition. Contact us about current options!

Connect with your community and show that your business cares about the Refuge!

Consider Joining Today!

Check an Alliance level:

☐ \$100 Business Friend
☐ \$500 Business Ally
☐ \$1,000 Business Sustainer
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Donate on-line or by mail to:
Friends of Ridgefield NWR
PO Box 1022, Ridgefield, WA 98642
360-887-9495, contact@ridgefieldfriends.org
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