



Helena Vigilante Runners

Promoting health, fitness, and community through group training runs, races, and events in the greater Helena area.

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Greetings, fellow runners!

As many of you know, the Helena Vigilante Runners (HVR) formally incorporated last year, to help coordinate Helena-area running activities. In 2009, HVR continued to host its popular races and workouts, sponsored a successful shoe drive and running form clinic, and organized a donation of more than \$1,000 as part of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. In 2010, the club is expanding on these activities with some exciting new races and events. Our purpose in writing is to invite all listserv members to become more active in HVR's efforts.

Probably the most rewarding way to be involved is to volunteer at HVR-sponsored events, such as the Elkhorn Endurance Runs, the August Road Race, and the Mount Helena Classic. These and other volunteer opportunities will be announced on the listserv in the coming months. The Elkhorn and Mount Helena races, in particular, provide a major source of operating funds for the club, and are not possible without the volunteers who clear trails, mark courses, stuff packets, staff check-in tables, work aid stations, and assist with results.

Another important way to help HVR is with a financial contribution. We're asking supporters to make a tax-deductible donation of \$10, \$25, \$100, or any amount they are comfortable giving, by sending a check to the address at the top of this letter (receipts will be provided). Funds are used to maintain the HVR website and listservs, to provide the port-a-john at the track, to help defray bus fare to the Montana Cup, and to generally support the club's activities. HVR would also like to purchase a finish line clock, shelter tent, and some other items to be used at future events. HVR does not charge membership dues, instead preferring to ask for voluntary contributions that will help place the club on a more solid financial footing. If you would like additional information about HVR's finances to date, see: www.vigilanterunning.org/board/home.html

Finally, we value your ideas, and would like to hear from you. Please contact any board member or attend our next meeting (May 17) if you have input for HVR. Many thanks for your participation in the club, and for considering these requests.

Sincerely,

The HVR Board of Directors:

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