

COLORAMA 2009

The 21st Annual Lapham Peak Colorama Run/Walk was truly a Friends of Lapham Peak success story. Board members assumed tasks of securing sponsorships (Waukesha State Bank, Ace Hardware, Lake and Country Health Center, In Step Running and Fitness, Guthrie & Frey, Jim & Mary Benson, and the Buckthorn Busters [Mike Fort & invasive species eradication crew]), ordering t-shirts, numbers, and other supplies, and calling for volunteers for helping or baking for the event.

Although the weather forecast predicted a cooler than normal day with rain showers, the actual day of Colorama was quite pleasant. It only rained, actually poured, while Rita & Paul Keber and Kris Maki and grandson tried to hand out awards to the winners. Quick thinking by Ed Muzik and Paul Sandgren covered the ceremony with Ed's latest purchase, one of two pop-up tents. The other tent provided shelter at the Government Hill water stop.

Participation was down a little from the last two year's phenomenal numbers due to weather and more –than- usual -walk-ons, but 405 pre-registered runners and walkers made a profit a certainty. In all 535 entrants were recorded and 86 Smokey Bear Fun Run youngsters enjoyed this ever popular event. We are not sure if they run to please Smokey or if they run to enjoy the delicious cake provided by Louise Borzynski and Wendy Vehanen.

At this time there is a net profit of \$7,850.56 for this event. Thanks to all the Friends of Lapham Peak members who helped put on our largest fund raiser of the year.

We do have a few Colorama t-shirts available for purchase for \$10 each. Please contact a Board member or see the shirts on display in the office contact station. Note: There is a new short sleeve Friends of Lapham Peak t-shirt also on display.