

# Report for Everett Branch Reserves

## Response Counts

Completion Rate:	100%		
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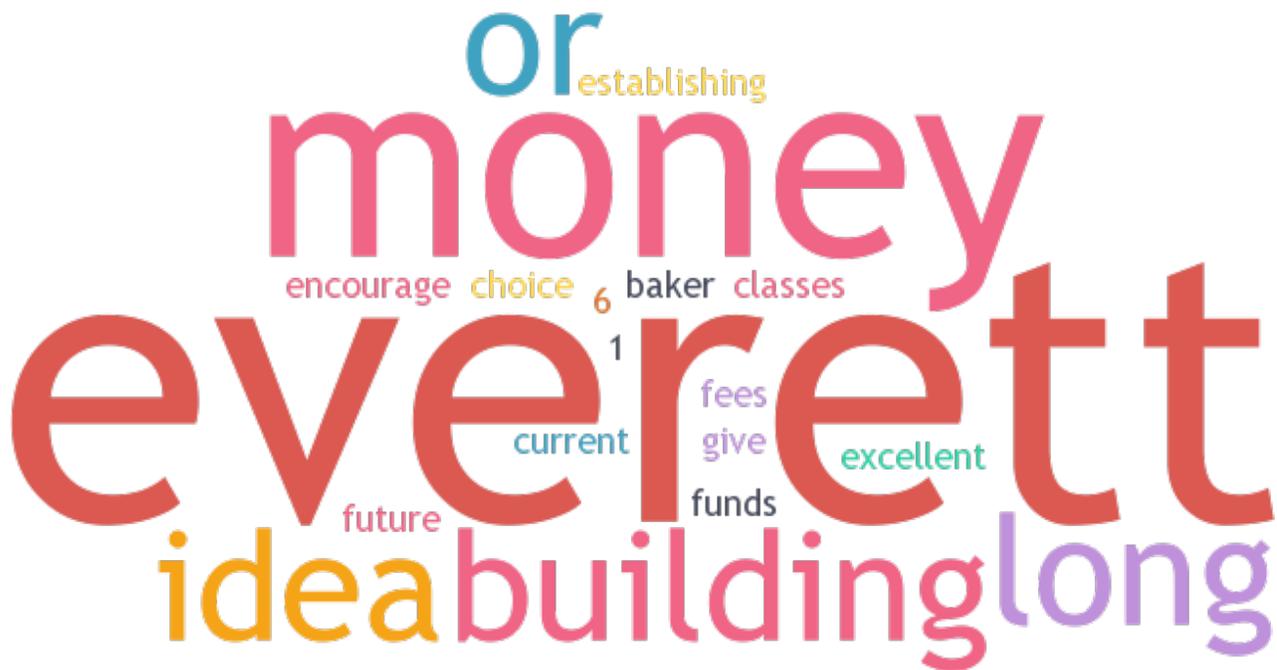
Totals: 75

1. From the list below, rank order your preference as to how we should spend the Everett Branch Reserves.

Item	Overall Rank	Rank Distribution	Score	No. of Rankings
Establish a Program Center for the Everett Branch (this will likely require future Mountaineers-wide fundraising)	1		287	64
Purchase property in Eastern Washington (e.g. Leavenworth), possibly in conjunction with the Seattle Branch, at which to meet, camp, and run courses	2		268	63
Use to upgrade Stevens Lodge	3		229	61
Invest in a youth program for Everett	4		199	60
Divide among committees: allow each to use for their programs as they choose	5		191	59
Use for consultant services to help with branch operations, with the goals of increasing transparency, increased volunteer branch leadership and increased committee leadership	6		149	60



2. If you think another idea for how to best spend the Everett Branch Reserves should be considered, please explain it below.



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1	1 is first choice, 6 is least choice. Unfortunately some might forget about the email sent out previously explaining this.
1	1 is first choice, 6 is least.
1	Best use of funds is to renovate a meeting/storage space owned by someone else in exchange for a long term lease that is discounted to recoup our upfront investment..
1	Build a Program Center in Everett
1	Buy John Sadro some shoes.
1	Expansion of the marketing of the programs offered by the clubs so more people are aware of this wonderful organization.
1	Find other organizations to share a building.
1	For long winter hikes, snow shoeing or skiing, with short winter days a place to stay near Leavenworth, would be a great option. Also, updating the Lodge at Stevens Pass would be nice too.

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1	Give it to Braided River for conservation efforts.
1	Give to overall funds. Lower member fees.
1	Help with arrangements for more educational classes that support prerequisite requirements (first aid, navigation, etc)
1	I like, and support, the idea of working towards establishing an Everett program center.
1	I want the branch reserves to be spent on something for current AND future generations - not operational, not to meet shortfall budgets, not for staff or consultants, not for jackets, pizza, etc. Although I agree with moving things along in terms of a timeline for a program center/clubhouse, please note that according to the Board Resolution there is no deadline on spending branch reserves if they are to go to a program center for that branch as your survey incorrectly said. From the Board Resolution: "As of September 30, 2015, all Branch reserves will be retired, with the balances frozen but earmarked for the respective branches from which they originated, designated either for a future program center in that geography OR invested within five years on programs supported by the branch that meet the strategic plan of The Mountaineers as approved by the Board of Directors during the annual budget process." Please don't misinterpret this.
1	I'd rather see the money go to all three of our lodges, the Irish Cabin property, and the Kitsap Forest Theater and Cabin equally instead of just the Stevens Lodge. It's stated above that "The proposal has to benefit the Everett Branch". Stevens Lodge doesn't belong to the Everett Branch and Everett Scrambling actually uses Baker Lodge more now because of the Stevens Pass Ski Area's back country policies. I also know a few Everett Branch members that have spent time at Meany Lodge for the Mushroom Weekend. It seems to me that all of our properties should be helped to benefit the Everett Branch.
1	Instructor training; expanded course offerings for basic grads who aren't in fast track to intermediate
1	Lease a room/building/rental until money runs out with reserves as supplement to costs.
1	Na
1	Program needs

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1            Project Proposed: I propose establishing an endowment fund to help finance a youth program servicing the Everett Branch. Building a working capital in an endowment fund would develop a greater capability for expanding and improving the program. Having an endowment fund is also an excellent way to encourage donations to stimulate a more rapid and robust growth of the fund. It also gives confidence to donors, that the program and nonprofit will be around for a long time. As Peter Brinckerhoff notes "Money enables mission, but profits enable growth." There is a natural attrition of aging members, depleting future leadership and volunteers, if youth are not a focus of concern. Therefore, I believe one of the wisest investments that would support all of the committees as well as the whole organization, would be to develop a strong youth program, where students typically learn self-reliance, leadership and teamwork skills while undertaking a challenging outdoor adventure. To level

1            Purchase equipment for the branch to be checked out through an equipment library for branch needs (sea kayaks, skis, poles, beacons, etc)

1            Two issues I've noted with the Everett branch is that leadership (and membership) is primarily white-male dominant and that course fees (what fees are covering for volunteer-led programs) are not transparent. I really like the idea of investing in consultant services to increase transparency as well as diversify leadership and membership.

1            Upgrade Baker, Stevens, and Meany lodges (equal amount provided to each lodge)

1            Use some of the money for continuing education and to encourage our volunteers. Tuition for classes to stay current or improve skills for climb, scramble, paddle, hike etc leaders. PLB for climb, scramble leaders etc. Jackets, or other gear (climbing rope for instance) for leaders that have been leading for a number of years or who have led several climbs, scrambles, etc etc.

1            While the 3 choices are excellent, another idea would be to donate to whidbey camano land trust for land purchase.