

## **Cowboy Campground at Legacy Park, Idaho City - The New Generation**

The Amidon's got the assistance of other horse people and raised the needed down payment in record time to make sure the closing could happen. They created Cowboy Campground LLC and got their business licenses. And after closing and now owning a campground a huge fund-raiser was implemented and after just three weeks Cowboy Campground at Legacy Park has been created with 16 brand new Horse Campsites which include the sponsors name, new panels, new picnic tables and a little bit of love.

Right away Rocky Mountain Gravel LLC with the help of several volunteers, spent three long weekends pulling tree stumps, grading the sites and hooking-up to City water to provide another service to future campers, drinking water for the equines. It was a great moment on the last afternoon opening the faucet for the 1<sup>st</sup> time and having clear water shoot out, since there was a concern about not having enough pressure to bring water to the upper part of the horse sites.

The little cabins received some long needed TLC and are repainted. One is now a dedicated Chapel to hold weddings and lots of other functions. There were lots of commitments by like-minded horse friends and companies in helping with endless hours and hard work.

Please take a moment and see the wonderful list of volunteers and supporters. The owners were blown away at times with the thoughtfulness they have received in the last three months and appreciate every moment, including the great feedback received on social media as well as in person.

Legacy Park will soon be a great destination for retreats, youth camps, educational clinics, Equine Sport challenges and of course long trail rides and trips to Idaho City. With that said, they are looking for sponsors and grants to help create an amazing park for Boise County and the City of Idaho City to be proud of.

The future for this 15 acres is to be preserved as it is intended to be: "a Campground" for future generations to enjoy with their horses. Legacy Trust Park Inc, a nonprofit 501-3-c organization will oversee and run this gem in the rough and grow it to be a marvelous destination in the future.

Cowboy Campground at Legacy Park will be able to be an ever expanding horse campground/park, which will offer educational & training events, trail rides, large gatherings for horse groups, retreats, workshops and seminars, health & yoga, 4-H, youth, Rodeo Bible camps, but also will expand to RV, tent and camp trailer parking for off-road enthusiasts on the lower level of the grounds (on the final stage for the Spring 2021), leaving the upper area, with the horse arena to our equine friends and non-motorized campers.

The last two months of the 2020 season already showed growth in adding additional new horse campsites with new corrals, picnic tables and contribution signs at each site.

With changing the former rustic courtyard into an event area and turning a small building into a sweet little chapel, they will be hosting weddings, family events, corporate dry camping retreats in addition to horse camps and educational events.

"In-the-planning stages" are challenge walking trails, which will also offer educational/historic/forestry references and will also feature fitness tips for beginners and will challenge the athlete in everyone as well as health & fitness retreats for all levels.

Not only are so many fun plans already in the works, but to secure the ongoing success and keep this gem in the rough in the hands of owners with the foresight to use it as intended, a Nonprofit 501c3 foundation has been created.

With losing so much private land to developers, this is a pertinent piece of property that needs saving and preserving. Legacy Park Trust Inc. will oversee and run Legacy Park to ensure it will be conserved for future equine families and campers to come after and will purchase it from the current owners.

2021 will be the starting point of being able to receive funding and accept donations at a Trust Account at a Title Company, which will hold in-trust the donations received to purchase the land. After the purchase the Nonprofit will help grow and run this great facility and allow for other nonprofit organizations to use it for camps and events, at no charge to them if need arises, and keep this wonderful “Gem in The Rough” out of the hands of developers perpetually.

### **Projects to be Completed!**

Cowboy Campground at Legacy Park has room for expansion and the Legacy Park Trust foundation plans on adding amenities like:

- Fitness/Reflection Foot Trail
- Memory Benches for Rest and Reflection
- Update Existing Western Town Buildings
- Adding Western Town Theme Buildings
- Additional Water Hookups & Power to Sites
- Shower &/or Bathroom Facility
- Gathering Gazebos
- Sewer Hookups
- Fence by Hwy. 21
- Arena Fencing

### **Want to Help? Here is How!**

- Grant Writing & Grant Research
- Contributions of Resources (materials, labor)
- Adopt a Project (Eagle Scout, 4-H or Corporate Skills)
- Sponsorship or Contributions toward the Improvements we need (see above)
- Corporate Gifting, Donations & Sponsorships
- We are a Non-Profit and all these can be write-offs.
- Investing into the Future of Legacy Park Trust Inc., a 501c3 foundation

### **Projects Already Completed!**

2020 had us hard at work already, in just three short months we owned the facility, with volunteer power and corporate gifting we were able to erect a Chapel building, worked on the old ones and painted them, sanded and painted the old picnic tables, moved panels and placed new corrals, setup a large roundpen for warmup.

Rocky Mountain Gravel LLC and Bob Amidon worked endlessly to put in a water line to the upper Horse Camps and 11 frost free faucets. Graded, moved dirt and sand to level out the campsites and create additional sites.

Sometimes we forget to mention all the helpers that came to work days, but a few certainly stand out with giving hours & days of help, like Dave Dinger & Arlynn Hacker, Cullen & Kim Raley, Juli Kaiser and family, Ann Yarbrough, Bill & Lois Murphy, Allen & Heather Grant, Bob & Bonnie Powers, Kathy Silva,

Rachel Stout, Susan & Bob Dirig, Pam Newell... to name just a few that spent a lot of hours with us at Cowboy Campground.

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Thank you all for making the Legacy Park each time a better place to be!

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