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Riverside State Park Equestrian Campground Update

by Mike Bryarly and Michelle LeVar

At long last, the equestrian campground at the former Trail Town site is being realized to provide a place for area riders and people traveling with horses a destination to camp, use the nearby arena and enjoy riding in Riverside State Park. A grant is making this possible along with park staff and volunteer hours committed from local equestrian groups.

The campground will have 20 camp sites with parking for truck/trailers, tables, grills and high lines, corrals, water, dumpster and waste sites along with existing restrooms, a disabled mounting ramp and single vehicle parking. A covered picnic shelter will be added later. Currently water pipes and electrical conduit are installed. Due to weather and the permitting process, work will be on hold until spring, 2012. Completion is projected for May, 2012.

An online reservation and payment system along with an 'iron ranger' to deposit payments at the campground will help manage reservations and payments. Fees will be announced at a later date. Leave No Trace principles will be encouraged and enforced. The campground will be listed in various publications and websites.

The large, public equestrian arena was adopted by the S.C.O.P.E. Sheriff Mounted Patrol in 2011. Along with help from other equestrian groups, the arena was scoured early this spring with metal detectors and nails and other dangerous metal objects removed. Mounted Patrol donated numerous hours renovating the arena with rail repair, harrowing the arena surface, mowing in and around the arena and debris and garbage removal.

In 2012 Mounted Patrol will replace damaged posts and rails, control weeds in the arena and maintain it. The newly renovated arena will be a valuable complement to the new equestrian campground and many riding opportunities in the park's 10,000+ acres - an exciting destination for a memorable equestrian experience.

Lake Spokane Association

By Larry Staggs

After the severe carp die-off in the summer of 2010, a small group of homeowners and lake users saw an urgent need to build a tighter bond of the community that uses, lives on, and is affected by Lake Spokane/Long Lake. This group became a steering committee and eventually the interim board members of the Lake Spokane Association (LSA). Currently in our first year, the LSA has been growing in size and strength, with membership edging close to the 100 mark, and steadily increasing.

To quote the mission statement; "The Lake Spokane Association is dedicated to the protection and conservation of Lake Spokane, its shoreline communities, wildlife, fisheries, and recreational opportunities." These beliefs are held in high regard, to benefit those who have any sort of contact with the lake. The LSA works as a unified voice of all members to communicate needs to such entities as the state of Washington agencies and Avista. This makes access to grants and assistance more available and effective, and gives each of us a voice we otherwise may not have.

With such an intimate connection to Riverside State Park, at places like the Washington State Parks operated Nine Mile Recreation Area, we hope to work closely with the Riverside State Park Advisory Board and Riverside State Park Foundation for mutually beneficial improvements to the resource, and as another tight bond with our community and our environment. More information about the lake and the LSA can be found at our website, www.lakespokaneassociation.org, and our email address at that page is always available for more information or for comments.

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The usual meeting date is the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the park headquarters.



Thanks for Your Support

As we wrap up our news for 2011, the Foundation Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who became members of the Foundation this past year and / or gave us your financial support. Without your support we would not have been able to build the education kiosk at the Bowl and Pitcher, or assist in planning the restoration of the trail section at the swinging bridge. With your financial support, we also enabled the Park to hire a trail maintenance and volunteer coordinator for 3 months.

All of your donations help us do many wonderful things for our Park. 100% of your donation goes directly to help fund projects within the park as our board members are all volunteers!

Two Ways to Donate

We ask you to remember us in any year end tax deductible donations you might be considering. Our website is riversidestatepark.org and is now able to accept donations AND memberships through

PayPal

Your donations can be processed using credit or debit cards and go directly into our bank account. You also have the option of dedicating part or all of your donation to special projects, just complete the comment section on the donation page.

For those who prefer a remit envelop for donations to the foundation is enclosed. You may specify how you'd like your donation to be used: annual donation, special Foundation projects in the park, or the Education Fund. Please be sure to check the appropriate box when mailing in your donation and you can be confident that it will be used in the area you choose.

You will automatically be added to the newsletter mailing list. If you do NOT wish to receive the newsletter please indicate that next to your name inside the envelope and we will delete your from our mailing list.

Thanks again for your continued support!

Caren Hubbard

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