**26th Annual Moscow Hemp Fest**

**Saturday, April 15th, 2023 at East City Park – 10:00-7:00**

Dear Friends

Happy New Year! The snow has melted in East City Park, and it feels like spring is around the corner! Must be time to mark your calendars for the 26th Annual Moscow Hemp Fest, Saturday April 15th.

The date this year continues to keep in with the tradition of having Hemp Fest when the U of I hosts Moms weekend, now called Parents weekend, (to be more inclusive). It s mid April because of Easter and WSU Parents weekend.

We hope the grounds won’t be too wet and we will be able to gather at East City Park again. The park is located on the corners of Hayes and Monroe between 1st and 3d Street. The event starts at 10:00 and ends at 7:00 As always, we would like to see a continued emphasis on education and action in addition to a diverse array of booths representing multiple uses of hemp, and less emphasis on pipes and paraphernalia

The Moscow Hemp Fest continues to be a success because of the diversity of the vendors and visitors. Please be respectful and follow these rules so we can keep it going**.**

Like always, if you sell glass pipes, be discrete since Idaho is not a protected state. If you try and sell edibles out of your booth, you will be warned and have the potential to get kicked out. **Let’s police ourselves and keep the authorities away**. We are doing a lot better about blatant edible sales, let’s keep it going and not put **our Hemp Fest in jeopardy!** Idaho needs this advocacy more than ever now!

We are looking for a diverse array of regional crafters, (especially using hemp products), food booths and non-profit groups for vendors at Hemp Fest. Booths are 12 X 12 and cost **$100.00** for a single booth,  **$200.00** for a double booth (24 X 12). If you pay after **April 1st,** there’s a $2**0.00 late fee.**

*There’s no charge for info booths for non-profit organizations.*

Booths are not pre-assigned and are available on a first come, first serve basis. We will be at the park by 6:30AM to guide vendors in and out of the park. **We ask that you unload your wares ASAP and then** **move your vehicle out of the park**. Please check in with **Rusty** who will help you maneuver in and out of the one narrow road into the park that we all have to share, so we need everyone’s cooperation.

If you are a food vendor, you will need to get a permit from the health department. Please call 208-882-7506 for questions and permit information. Also, as a food vendor, you need to **provide garbage** **containers and take your garbage to the dumpster that we provide**. We will be providing recycling containers near your booth**; recycling is now mandatory when using the park.**

The Idaho State Tax Commission has provided me with forms to distribute and collect so bring your tax number if you have one, or we will give you the form for the temporary tax number. I will come around with the forms. They are very easy to fill out, it only takes a minute or two**. Thank you for complying!**

The Moscow Hemp Fest will occur **rain or shine** so be prepared for any kind of weather!

And remember…

**PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE ON THE GRASS AT ALL!!!**

This is important because the ground will be quite moist and our ability to use the park is based on not trashing the park! **Please pay attention**! I will notify the registered vendors if there has to be a change of venue because of the conditions of the grounds.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Arlene Falcon, at [tyedye@moscow.com](mailto:tyedye@moscow.com) or 208-883-4779. You can also visit the facebook page – Moscow Hemp Fest. I’m working on getting it updated, as well as the Moscowhempfest.com website! Please visit the site and let other people know the application and vendor letter can be downloaded from the website.

After a 2 year pandemic related hiatus, and a successful (but smaller) fair, we are looking forward to gathering again during Family weekend at the U of I. We are still working hard towards educating the public and ending cannabis prohibition in Idaho – There will be a new petition to sign, yet again.

So please cooperate by flowing our rules.

Everyone looks forward to Hemp Fest!! Everyone is ready!!

**Get your applications in by April 1st** to not get charged a late fee**! Thanks!**

Arlene Falcon, your beloved Moscow Hemp Fest Organizer