

# Big Mine Skatepark Brick Purchase Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Brick Size: 6"x 6" \_\_\_\_\_ 6"x 9" \_\_\_\_\_



Paver Text: Maximum number of characters per line must include spaces and all punctuation.

Size	Price	Max Characters/Line	Max Number of lines	Max Total Characters
6" x 6"	\$250	14	Up to four (4) lines	56
6" x 9"	\$500	20		80

### Paver Text

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**THANK YOU BECKWITH BRICK FOR DONATING THE BRICKS AND LABOR!!!**

Bricks will be placed in the central hang out/public art space at the heart of the Skatepark. Please return completed form with **check payable to:**

**Town of Crested Butte**

Attn: Skatepark Fundraising  
P.O. Box 39  
507 Maroon Ave.  
Crested Butte, CO 81224  
Email: [jhansen@crestedbutte-co.gov](mailto:jhansen@crestedbutte-co.gov)

Or Venmo

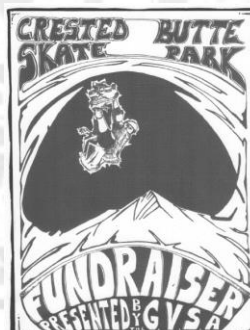


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**\*Brick Purchase Forms must be received by September 1, 2023\***

A proof will be submitted to you for approval prior to printing.

**Questions?** Call or email Janna at 970-349-5338 x110 [jhansen@crestedbutte-co.gov](mailto:jhansen@crestedbutte-co.gov)



***“It’s awesome! That thing has been giving back to me my whole life and it’s awesome to see that many kids using it and stoked. It’s such an amenity for all kids.”*** – Preston Chubb, CB Skate Camp Coach

**The Need:** The Town of Crested Butte, in partnership with the Gunnison Valley Skateboard Alliance and Mental Madness, is renovating the Big Mine Skatepark located in historic Big Mine Park. The Big Mine Skatepark was originally built in 1997 and after 26 years of much love and use, the park is literally crumbling and requires significant annual repairs to keep it usable. Substantial drainage problems cause water to pool in the bowls and it is not uncommon for Skate Camp participants to be in the bowls with buckets and a sump pump dredging out the park before a program session. The Town’s insurance provider has been citing the park for necessary repairs for over 10 years. Band-aid after band-aid has been applied by committed skateboarders throughout the years and the patchwork is no longer sufficient to hold the concrete together. Enrollment at the Crested Butte Community School has increased 162% since the skatepark was originally built (302 students in 1997 vs. 791 students in 2022). The skate program is one of our most popular programs with over 180 five to fourteen-year-olds participating in beginner to advanced programs. Our youth skateboard programs fill within minutes of opening registration and there is simply not enough physical space at the park to allow for additional program participation. User conflicts arise between skateboarders and scooter riders due to insufficient space for various user groups. This project will renovate the existing bowl and add much needed features for enhanced instructional and recreational enjoyment.

**The Project:** A 9,500 sq. ft. renovation and a 6,100 sq. ft. expansion is currently underway with Evergreen Skateparks at the helm providing design and construction. The iconic features of the historic (first of its kind!) Crank’s Tank will be retained and enhanced with a teardrop drop-in feature and pocket. The design prioritizes enhanced features to provide fun and challenge for skaters of all ability levels. New technology in skatepark building will allow for a more durable park that will not require annual concrete repairs. Middle schoolers are particularly drawn to the culture, freedom, and challenge that the skatepark offers. The average demographic of skateboarder in the US is a 14-year-old white male, and 79% of people who die by suicide are male. Suicide is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death among those aged 15-24 in the US. Gunnison Co. has nearly double the rate of suicide deaths compared to Colorado’s average (39.5 deaths per 100,000 people vs. the state average of 20.2). Mental Madness will provide on-site information, resources, and healthy outlets for skateboarders to “shred the stigma” and seek help. Through a public process facilitated by the Town’s Public Art Commission, a public art component focused on mental health will be incorporated into this project. Fundraising for this project will be used as matching funds for the \$50,000 in grant awards received from the Gunnison County Met Rec.

**The Goals:** The Town is committed to revitalizing this important public amenity to better serve our community. This project will:

- Enhance community vitality and quality of life through the creation of a positive skate culture that melds mental health awareness with an enhanced skater experience.
- Enhance the existing park with much-needed new park space for increased capacity and more equitable access for a wider range of user ability levels. Project components include: the resurfacing of Crank’s Tank; a new street course area with rails, quarter and half pipes, banks, and other features, a flow course for better circulation around the park, and a central hang-out zone with trees, benches, and public art.
- Provide easy access to recreation in town for a wide range of income levels and ages.
- Reduce user conflicts at the park that are primarily caused by a lack of space.
- Address critical infrastructure and site drainage issues.
- Foster connections by creating a sense of place, belonging, and ownership within park users.

***“(Crank’s Tank) is a pretty big deal in skateboard history”.*** – Danny Hartigan, longtime local skater