ABOUT COWBOY PARENTS

Cowboy Parents is a free organization for UW families! Cowboy Parents offers many ways for families of UW students to get involved and stay connected and informed about what's going on at UW. Along with this, Cowboy Parents has become a strategic partner with the University of Wyoming Alumni Association which will help expand connections with more University of Wyoming parents. Through Cowboy Parents, you can register your email address to receive access to informative e-newsletters, email updates, an online parent handbook, and much more!

Our primary goals are:

- To provide parents with their own University of Wyoming connection, serving as a conduit for information and assistance;
- To provide for a variety of volunteer activities that promote parental involvement and support student success; and
- To provide the University of Wyoming with a unique perspective from parents.

Active Cowboy Parents members serve on the Cowboy Parents Council, as volunteers with events and activities sponsored by Cowboy Parents, and/or with outreach activities and other parent-to-parent interactions. Cowboy Parents is a great way to partner with UW administrators and departments to promote student success.
Contributions to the Cowboy Parents organization fund a number of vital projects like the Student Emergency Fund. There are no fees required for Cowboy Parents membership, and no tuition or state monies finance Cowboy Parents activities. The organization is funded entirely by gifts from UW families. All dollars contributed to Cowboy Parents go directly to projects that enhance student achievement and parental involvement.

**Five easy ways to make your annual gift to Cowboy Parents!**

▶ Say “Yes!” to the UW student who calls you during the fall Cowboy Parents phonathon.

▶ Make a gift in response to the Cowboy Parents fall fundraising letter you receive in the mail.

▶ Call the UW Foundation at (307) 766-6300 and specify that you would like to make a gift to Cowboy Parents.

▶ Mail your check, made payable to the University of Wyoming Foundation, specifying that you would like your gift to support Cowboy Parents. Mail to:
  UW Foundation
  1200 E. Ivinson
  Laramie, WY 82070

▶ Visit our secure online giving site to make your gift by credit card at [www.uwyo.edu/giveonline](http://www.uwyo.edu/giveonline)
Cowboy Parents Student Emergency Fund. This fund assists students with urgent, short-term financial needs.

ASUW/Cowboy Parents Family Emergency Fund. This fund assists immediate family members of students with urgent, short-term financial needs.

Handbook for Parents. This annual online publication provides parents with detailed information on campus life, university resources, and helpful contacts. View it online at uwyo.edu/cowboyparents

Wyoming Family. This e-newsletter for parents is distributed via email two times per year with timely information on UW and college life. To receive this newsletter, parents may register their email address at: uwyo.edu/cowboyparents

For Parents. This annual newsletter is emailed to the families of incoming freshmen and helps parents and students prepare for the first year of college.

Cowboy Parents Fall Reception. This event gives parents and families an opportunity on freshman move-in day to enjoy informal conversations with Cowboy Parents Council members and UW administrators, and to learn more about campus resources available to families.

Family Weekend. This event-filled weekend gives the families of UW students an opportunity to visit the Laramie campus and learn more about their student’s college experience.

James C. Hurst “Each Student - A Person” Award. This award recognizes a UW staff or faculty member who demonstrates outstanding efforts to personalize the student experience at UW.