This 72,600 square foot multi use arena is located along the Little Mississippi River. The close proximity to the town of Medora and the existing campsite makes this arena a great location for all to experience. The western exterior ties into the landscape and the surrounding buildings. The unique retractable roof provides the indoor/outdoor experience during various events that are held within the building. Surrounding the arena is a large participant parking lot/campsite, plaza space for gathering, and spectator parking. The roughrider arena is a place for all to enjoy for years to come.

ROUGHRIDER ARENA
LEAD DESIGNER: JOLENE KERR

The grand entry to the Roughrider Arena has a vaulted vestibule wrapped with corrugated metal and is framed with large wooden trusses and stone pillars.

The beer garden area is also a multi-use space. This can be converted to extra seating, concert stage, and rentable area for business events.

This arena will be able to facilitate multiple concerts year round due to the retractable roof.

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Rodeos are popular worldwide, and PBR events draw a large following. With the new Roughrider arena, the PBR circuit could finally make an appearance in Medora.

The Maah Daah Hey Bike race is a national event that draws hundreds of participants and spectators every year.
Garden de Vallambrosa is a public recreational space which connects the main city of Medora to the arena to the West. While it is a passing space, it is a destination all on its own; a perfect place to stop and smell the roses. Inspired by traditional French gardens and named after the city’s founder, the garden brings together classical French design with the natural flora of the prairie state of North Dakota. Just as it connects the traditions of a foreigner to the wild land he occupied, the garden also serves as a bridge between the Old West atmosphere of the city and the wonders of modern design featured in the arena.

The Garden de Vallambrosa would ideally be open to all forms of traffic and visitors from all ages, activities, shapes, and sizes. The narrow ends of the garden are open to both the Northeast and SouthWest, providing views to the final destinations. At the finish line is a circular plaza and flexible space which provides the perfect finish-line gathering space for smaller races as well as serving multiple other functions, such as art shows, craft fairs, farmers markets, educational activities, etc.

Boardwalks provide bridges over the branches of the pool. Some of these boardwalks are elevated to provide seating for visitors for rest and relaxation.

SITE PLAN

LEAD DESIGNER: MCKENNA BROWN

WESTERN HERITAGE
The Ceremonial Pow Wow space was created in order to pay homage to the indigenous peoples of the Western Dakotas. It is intended to represent the crucial values and sentiments upheld by indigenous populations that, historically, have been overshadowed. The space is located on the North East border of the current Pitchfork Fondue and South East of the future Presidential Library. Its goal is to honor, to preserve, and to continue the values of the Great Nation by creating a space which facilitates both education and tradition.

A dedication to the first knowers and seers of the land, the dawn of a new beginning. A singular instance, carved from the earth, manifesting the settlements of the people, historically overrun. An imprint to the past, exposing those foundations and acknowledging their aid in the creation of Dakotas, of friendships, of alliances. A representation through land, to the sky, and extended to the winds. To honor, to preserve, and to protect the Great Nation and the continuation of their story.
The Medora Riding Stables, located on the current rodeo grounds in Medora, North Dakota, were designed as an improvement to the existing riding stables which are located across the street from this site. Medora Riding Stables are equipped for boarding, trail rides, riding lessons, and staff housing for the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation. This addition/renovation of the current grounds captures the essence of the wild west as the first building visible when entering Medora from the East.