

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

### Tributes, memorials and anniversaries



**W**e invite you to consider commemorating a new tree or bench as a tribute to a relative or friend, or for a special occasion. In doing so, you will be enhancing the beauty of Winnebago County Forest Preserve District preserves and providing a gift that will be enjoyed by many.

The Winnebago County Forest Preserves protect natural and historic treasures. Here you'll find endangered species, rare habitats, a historical site, environmental education centers, and dozens of places to relax and have fun. With nearly 8,800 acres, the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District provides many sites and opportunities to create a meaningful and lasting tribute.

### Commemorative Trees

**T**rees benefit both people and wildlife. They offer beauty, shade, and shelter for years to come. Commemorative trees may be planted on lands classified as recreational, or special facility.

Tree locations may be selected by the donor for approval by the Director of Land & Development and Area Ranger or Golf Course Superintendent. Donations to Carl & Lois Klehm Forest Preserve (Arboretum & Botanical Garden) are covered by a separate policy.

Since trees are living organisms that need replacement from time to time, the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District shall guarantee commemorative trees for a maximum period of seven years. The intent of the District is to maintain species for their entire life span, yet longevity of plants varies with the species and environmental conditions. The cost of commemorative trees is determined by several factors including:

Species of plant

Size of plant

Costs for trees begin at \$600 for 3" caliper trees (includes the cost of planting and recognition plaque). Trees may be requested anytime, with installation twice annually (spring & fall).

Commemorative trees shall be labeled on brass plaques placed at the Forest Preserve

Headquarters; golf course trees shall be recognized on plaques in their respective clubhouse.



### Commemorative Benches

**T**he Forest Preserve District welcomes the donation of funds to purchase an outdoor bench as a tribute to a special person. The District will supply a durable and attractive bench made of recycled polyethylene at the location of your choice. \$1,200 covers the cost of the bench, a small plaque, and installation.

Some sites in Forest Preserves are not appropriate for bench placement because they are designated nature preserves, or because long-range plans include landscape development that would displace your bench. Forest Preserve District staff will work with you to recommend sites where benches are needed and would enhance the natural beauty of the site.

Benches may be personalized with bronze plaques, which may be ordered and engraved to affix to the back of the benches. The plaques are 2.5” by 4”. Forest Preserve District staff reserves the right to review and approve wording for plaques.

Suggested wording is as follows:

- Given in tribute to . . . by . . . (dates)
- Given in memory of . . . by . . . (dates)
- In appreciation of . . . by . . . (date)
- In honor of . . . by . . . (date)

The commemorative benches provided by the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District are guaranteed for a minimum of seven years under normal use. The District is not liable for damage caused by misuse, vandalism, or natural disasters after seven years from date of installation.

For more information contact: Director of Land & Development at the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District Headquarters at (815) 877-6100.

Larger corporate gifts and sponsorship opportunities are available for special capital and improvement projects. Please contact Director of Land and Development for our current Wish List.

**K**lehm Arboretum is a cooperative project of the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District and the Northern Illinois Botanical Society. The Klehm Arboretum and Botanical Garden has a separate Commemorative Donation Policy. Call (815) 965-8146 for Klehm Arboretum information.

All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Prices will be reviewed yearly and could be subject to change.

The Winnebago County Forest Preserve District is committed to enabling all to enjoy forest preserves and invites people of all abilities to discover the benefits of recreation at our sites, facilities, and programs. If you need special accommodations in order to access a preserve or facility, please contact the ADA coordinator by calling WCFPD Headquarters 815/877-6100.



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## MEMORIAL POLICY



**WINNEBAGO  
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### **Our Mission**

*To assure the public access to permanent natural lands and areas for safe and enjoyable outdoor recreation and education.*