



Commemorative Bench Program

Calaveras Big Trees Association, in partnership with California Department of Parks and Recreation, offers the Commemorative Bench Program. This program provides a meaningful and distinctive way to honor the legacy of a loved one, a special milestone, or commemorative event. In addition to providing a unique honor, commemorative benches contribute to the beauty and character of our park, enhance the visitor experience, and provide financial support for our interpretive projects.

Bench

In keeping with Calaveras Big Trees policy there will be one style option available for commemorative benches. The bench is 6 feet in length and made of coastal redwood.



Plaques

Donor recognition will be in the form of an engraved plaque. All plaques designed through the program will feature consistency in look, type and mounting. Plaques will be placed on the back of each bench to assure that the bench is an inviting place for park guests to sit and enjoy. The plaques will be ordered by and delivered to CBTA for placement. Finished plaques will be approximately 5" x 9.5" and made of Bronze with a dark pebble oxide foreground with bronze lettering. Wording on the plaque will be in accordance with donor recognition guidelines as provided by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Donation Amount

The donation amount for a Commemorative Bench is \$3,000.

The donation includes:

- Installation of a 6' coastal redwood bench (In keeping with the feeling of the park, there will be one style option available)
- Engraved 5" x 9" plaque placed on the bench
- A certificate of recognition
- Optional notification of your donation to the honoree's family
- Pictures and story added to our "Bench Stories" page on CBTA website.

Location

A map will be provided to the donor of possible locations in the Park for bench placement. The location of a bench at Calaveras Big Trees State Park will depend on the plan for future development of, or current activity within, the park. Every attempt will be made to accommodate a donor's request.

Maintenance

Benches and plaques will be maintained, to the extent possible, for a period of five years from date of installation.

Stories Behind the Benches

Donors will have the opportunity to add their story, including pictures, to our "Bench Stories" to be published on our website.

Availability

A total of five bench applications will be accepted each year.

Application

Contact the office for forms.

Procedure

Complete Commemorative Bench Program Application and Agreement.

Return completed forms with check to CBTA, PO Box 1196, Arnold CA 95223 Attn: Bench Program. Contact the office if you would like to use a credit card.

You will be contacted to work out details of your donation including site selection, plaque details and tentative schedule for installation. Payment for the donation must be received before the project is initiated.

Tax Deduction

Donors should consult their tax advisor to determine whether the commemorative bench is a tax deductible donation.

Contact Information

Calaveras Big Trees Association
Sue Hoffmann
209.795.1196 cbta@bigtrees.org