

Application

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home/Cell/Work) _____

E-mail _____

Membership Level

___ Student - \$10

___ Senior - \$10

___ Individual/Family - \$20

___ Holly (Friend) - \$50

___ Magnolia (Contributor) - \$100

___ Pine (Supporter) - \$500

___ Poplar (Partner) - \$1,000

___ Hemlock (Patron) - \$2,500

___ Maple (Benefactor) - \$5,000

___ Oak (Champion) - \$10,000+

Additional Donation: \$ _____

Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park is a 501(c)(3) organization. All membership dues and donations are fully tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Please send this application form with appropriate dues to:

Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park
P.O. Box 1763, Bristol, TN 37621

Why Join Friends?

As an all-volunteer, community organization, we depend upon our members to help us support the Nature Center's mission: *"The Nature Center at Steele Creek Park researches and conserves the natural and cultural history of Steele Creek Park and the Southern Appalachians, and educates the public on those efforts through exhibits and outreach"*.

Over the years we have made numerous contributions to the Nature Center and Park, including

- ❖ Raising the funds to fully outfit the expanded Nature Center with highly interactive and engaging exhibits to greatly enhance the educational activities of the staff
- ❖ Co-sponsoring annual events such as Wildlife Weekend and Spring Park Clean Up Day
- ❖ Establishing a fitness trail, an interpretive arboretum, educational gardens, an extensive herbarium, and research and children's libraries
- ❖ Providing scholarships for low-income children to attend Summer Nature Camps
- ❖ Providing small grants and other support for student research projects conducted at the Park
- ❖ Assisting with establishment and maintenance of an educational apiary
- ❖ Assisting with maintenance of the 25 miles of Park trails
- ❖ Donating funds for a wide range of educational and other items used by the Nature Center staff
- ❖ Purchasing land adjacent to the Park, to protect threatened species

FRIENDS OF STEELE CREEK NATURE CENTER AND PARK

Membership Information & Application Form



Our Mission

We encourage stewardship of our natural world by supporting and promoting our urban green space and nature center as opportunities to learn about and enjoy the outdoors. We engage, inspire, and promote educational experiences and physical activities within the Park.

Our Vision

Helping children, their families, and all lifetime learners to be healthier and happier by empowering them to connect with nature and encouraging them to spend more time outdoors.

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www.friendsofstelecreek.org
Facebook: @FriendsOfSteeleCreekPark
Instagram: @friendsofstelecreek

Benefits of Joining Friends

Besides helping support the outstanding programming and facilities of The Nature Center at Steele Creek Park, all *Friends* members enjoy:

- ❖ Voting privileges at all *Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park* membership meetings
- ❖ *Knobs and Knolls* (our quarterly electronic newsletter)
- ❖ Access to The Nature Center's lending library
- ❖ *Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park* decal
- ❖ Listing on Annual Donor Board at The Nature Center and in *Knobs and Knolls* (unless request is made to remain anonymous)



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Additional Membership Benefits

Holly (Friend)

- ❖ Email notification of all upcoming Nature Center and *Friends* activities

Magnolia (Contributor)

- ❖ Email notification of all upcoming Nature Center and *Friends* activities
- ❖ Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park tote bag *

Pine (Supporter)

- ❖ Email notification of all upcoming Nature Center and *Friends* activities
- ❖ Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park tote bag *
- ❖ Annual Steele Creek Park gate entry pass **

Poplar (Partner)

- ❖ Email notification of all upcoming Nature Center and *Friends* activities
- ❖ Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park tote bag *
- ❖ Annual Steele Creek Park gate entry pass **
- ❖ Custom set of 8 Steele Creek Park note cards *

Hemlock (Patron), Maple (Benefactor), and Oak (Champion)

- ❖ Email notification of all upcoming Nature Center and *Friends* activities
- ❖ Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park tote bag *
- ❖ Annual Steele Creek Park gate entry pass **
- ❖ Custom set of 8 Steele Creek Park note cards *
- ❖ Special Major Donor recognition at The Nature Center, in *Knobs and Knolls*, and on our website and social media
- ❖ Invitation to special and after-hours events at The Nature Center

* May be picked up at The Nature Center

** If requested

Volunteer Opportunities

We need your help, not just financially, but as a volunteer!

Please let us know if you are interested in helping with any of the following:

- ___ Administrative Support
- ___ Educational Programs
- ___ Events
- ___ Fundraising
- ___ Gardens
- ___ Nature Center Docent/Host
- ___ Publicity/Media
- ___ Research and Collections
- ___ Trails
- ___ Other, please specify:



We greatly appreciate your support, whether as a member, as a major donor, as a volunteer, or as all of the above. Our success depends on your support!