

Memorial/Tribute Bench Program Seymour Marine Discovery Center

Thank you for your interest in the Seymour Center's Memorial/Tribute Bench Program. The following information is provided to help you plan your tribute or memorial. Please contact Lauren Donnelly-Crocker, at (831) 459-4568 at the Seymour Center if you have further questions or if you would like to initiate a bench placement.

Bench types available:

High-quality plantation teak, such as currently in the Seymour Center exhibit halls or bluff benches made out of recycled plastic. See attached illustrations.

Style A – arched back, contoured seat
Sizes 4.5 ft., 5 ft., 6 ft., or 8 ft.

Style B – flat, no back
Size 6 ft.

Style C – Straight back recycled plastic, 6 ft.

Inscriptions:

Inscriptions are etched on bronze plaques (approximately 1.5" X 10") with a maximum of three lines with a maximum of 40 characters (letters and spaces) per line. Every effort will be made to ensure the text is exactly as requested by the donor (donor signature is required to process engraving). Plaques will be placed in the middle back of Style A benches and on the seat edge of Style B benches.

Life of bench/time limitation:

Benches are guaranteed to be placed for ten years. During the tenth year, the Seymour Center will contact the family/donor to determine interest in continuing with the program and renewal information (including any new contact for the ensuing ten years). Ultimately it is the donor's responsibility to contact Seymour Center to extend the lifespan of the bench. Ten years from the date this letter is signed, we will allow other donors to purchase a bench in this location. The lifespan of the bench can be extended at any point during the initial 10-year period.

If the donor wishes to renew the tribute or memorial bench, a payment of 50% of the original fee will guarantee another five-year placement. This will continue until the donors are no longer interested in renewing the bench or the Seymour Center can no longer maintain the bench.

If the family/donor does not wish to renew or cannot be contacted, the bench will remain in place (if it is in good condition) at the Seymour Center director's discretion.

Bench placement:

Style A benches currently in place inside the Seymour Center are now available for memorials or tributes. Please see the current map for location options.

Benches will be secured in place outdoors. However, all benches (either indoors or outdoors) may be temporarily relocated for Seymour Center events or activities. They will be replaced in their permanent site immediately after the event/activity is complete.

Every effort will be made to maintain benches in their designated site over the life of the memorial. However, the Seymour Center reserves the right to permanently relocate a memorial bench to an equivalent site should the need arise. The family/donor will be contacted in that event.

Pricing:

Prices vary depending on the size and type of bench and its placement, from \$3,250 to a maximum of \$12,500. See attached placement and pricing plan for both interior and exterior bench sites and costs.

Payment:

Full payment is required before placing a bench. A deposit of fifty percent of the full cost of the bench will hold the desired site for one year.

Dedication:

The family/donor is welcome to hold a small dedication ceremony during our regular open hours within one year of the bench being placed. A limited number of people will be admitted to the center at no charge, and the area surrounding their bench will be cordoned off for their privacy if they prefer. For larger gatherings or gatherings requiring refreshments, indoor meeting space, staffing, etc., facilities rentals will be made available at our normal pricing.

Membership:

One Friends of Seymour Marine Discovery Center family membership will be given to the donor or their designee for one year.

Maintenance:

All bench maintenance is the responsibility of the Seymour Center. The Seymour Center is responsible for its replacement if the bench is damaged beyond repair during the initial ten years, the Seymour Center is responsible for its replacement.

Funds:

Funds from the memorial/tribute bench program assist the Seymour Center with its mission of educating people about the role marine science plays in the understanding and conservation of the world's oceans. Funding from this program helps us keep our doors open to the community, provides schoolchildren with interactive science programs, provides care and feeding of marine animals on display in the center, and supports and enrichment for our volunteer programs.

The Seymour Center is honored to be chosen for your memorial or tribute bench. The staff and volunteers are grateful for your support of marine science and education in our community.