

# Pierce Cedar Creek Institute

for environmental education

## Memorial & Tribute Program

Pierce Cedar Creek Institute is a very special place with a very special mission to promote environmental education, research, preservation, and appreciation. A gift to the *Memorial & Tribute Program* commemorates the life of a loved one, while supporting an organization committed to preserving and protecting our valuable natural resources. Gifts given through this program are represented in the *Celebration Garden* and are listed in the Visitor Center. It is a unique way to remember loved ones or to celebrate special occasions.

### Celebration Garden

The *Celebration Garden* is a garden near the beginning of the Yellow Trail, by Prairie View Housing. As memorial and tribute gifts are given, it will grow into a beautiful testament to the many lives it represents. Native trees, shrubs, and plants will be used to bring to life a spot for contemplation and education.



### List of Species Available for Planting

All memorial and tribute donations are recognized in a gift book in the Visitor Center and published in the Institute's newsletter, *Naturally Speaking*. With gifts of \$250 or more, you may be able to choose a native shrub or plant to add to the *Celebration Garden*. Species available for planting are:

#### Shrubs:

New Jersey tea (*Ceanothus americanus*)  
Lead plant (*Amrpha canescens*)  
American hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)  
Shrubby cinquefoil (*Potentilla fruticosa*)

#### Grasses:

Little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)  
Oats grama (*Bouteloua curtipedula*)

#### Wildflowers:

Rattlesnake master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*)  
Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)  
Wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)  
Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)  
Blue vervain (*Verbena hastata*)  
Pale purple coneflower (*Echinacea pallida*)



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