

## Membership Policy

The Lake Wilderness Arboretum is managed, maintained, and improved by the South King County Arboretum Foundation (SKCAF), a 501c3 charitable organization. The purpose of SKCAF is to “develop and maintain the Lake Wilderness Arboretum in a way that preserves and displays Northwest ecosystems and cultivated landscapes in an environment that acts as a wildlife sanctuary.” Within the Arboretum setting, the Foundation “promote[s] horticultural science and conservation [and provides] opportunities for education and passive recreational experiences.”

The Arboretum, which provides a 40 acre setting where visitors can enjoy and study native and cultivated ecosystems, is run by volunteers, most of whom are members of SKCAF. Any individual, business, education agency, corporation, or non-profit organization may become a member of SKCAF upon payment of annual membership dues.

### Types of memberships

<u>Type</u>	<u>Annual Cost</u>
Lifetime	\$500 (Paid once only)
Business	\$75
Non-profit Org	\$35
Household	\$25
Senior (60+)	\$10
Student	\$5
Complimentary	Free

### Dues

Dues are set by the SKCAF Board. Current dues are shown in the table above. Life membership shall be for life and no subsequent dues shall be required. All other memberships are due annually January 1<sup>st</sup>. Membership started Sept through December will be at full rate, but will run through the end of the following year

The Board president has the discretion to grant complimentary memberships to individuals and organizations as part of SKCAF’s community outreach efforts. Complimentary members will have their newsletters mailed electronically only.

Some complimentary memberships will be granted for 90 days. Others will be granted for 1 year (Jan-Dec).

### **Termination**

Membership will be terminated if dues are not paid by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Arboretum Board reserves the right to cancel the membership of individuals whose actions prove detrimental to the purpose and mission of the Arboretum Foundation.

Complimentary members who have been granted a 90 day membership will have their membership cancelled at the end of 90 days unless they join as regular members. Complimentary memberships that have been granted for one year will be reviewed yearly and renewed upon the approval of the Arboretum president.

### **Member Benefits**

It shall be the policy of the Arboretum Foundation to provide to its members ongoing educational and economic benefits within the context of the Lake Wilderness Arboretum. Current benefits include:

- Six bi-monthly newsletters featuring horticultural information and news about the Arboretum, including upcoming sales and events. Complimentary members will have their newsletters sent electronically, all other members have a choice between electronic delivery and delivery via the postal service.
- Special discounts at plant sales
- Five Educational/Informational Programs each year
- Free "Hands-On" classes
- Pre-sale Discounts for the Spring and Fall Plant Sales for those who volunteer a specified number of hours
- Membership Potlucks and Picnics
- Special Events, such as Garden Tours, Field Trips, etc.
- The right to participate in Board elections
- The right to become an officer in the Arboretum Foundation

### **Privacy Statement**

**Personal information provided by members will be used only by the Arboretum Foundation for the purposes of managing, maintaining, and improving the Lake Wilderness Arboretum. Personal information will not be released to outside organizations or individuals.**