



Friends board member, Chris Thompson, leads a program

Get Started

To talk more about Legacy Circle giving and to get your questions answered, leave a message for our Friends giving chair at **715-575-1444** (voice or text) or giving@friendsofschmeckle.org.

Or, if you're ready to add the Friends to your giving plan, contact the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin staff at **715-342-4454** or foundation@cfcwi.org, and they will guide you through the giving process.

Contact Us



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Jerry Lineberger, Friends Life Member, walks with his grandson through the Moses Creek restored wetland

*“What lies behind us
and what lies before us
are tiny matters compared
to what lies within us.”*

—Ralph Waldo Emerson



Friends of
Schmeckle Reserve

Legacy Circle



Planned Giving and Living Gifts to support the future of Schmeckle

Photo by Nisha Fernando, Friends Life Member



Lake Loop Trail accessibility upgrades funded by Friends of Schmeeckle in 2021

Be Part of the Legacy

Schmeeckle Reserve is a beloved community natural area on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus. The Friends of Schmeeckle Reserve, a community nonprofit, is dedicated to supporting and enhancing this beautiful place.

An important part of our Friends mission is to create a sustainable source of funding to ensure that Schmeeckle continues to thrive for future generations.

The Legacy Circle recognizes those who give or pledge a significant gift towards the long-term support of Schmeeckle.

Benefits of Giving

Legacy Circle members join an exclusive family of dedicated supporters who believe in the vision of Schmeeckle Reserve and want to provide for its future success. Legacy gifts are vital for building the Friends of Schmeeckle Endowment Fund and supporting major capital campaign projects.

Your name will be etched into a metal nameplate and recognized on the Legacy Circle plaque in the Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center. Legacy Circle members will also be recognized in the Friends annual newsletters.

How to Join the Circle

To join the Legacy Circle, donors pledge to give \$10,000 or more to the Friends of Schmeeckle Reserve as a part of their planned giving or as a living gift.

Planned Giving

Planned giving, also known as legacy giving, is a way to donate to a cause you believe in by planning a contribution that will be given to an organization in the future. Planned gifts are usually granted when a donor passes away.

Donors who document a pledge to give \$10,000 or more to the Friends of Schmeeckle as part of their overall planned giving will become members of the Legacy Circle. A legacy gift not only ensures future support of the natural area, but also can provide sizable tax advantages.

Living Gifts

By donating a significant gift now, donors can see the direct impact that their giving has on protecting and enhancing Schmeeckle. To join the Legacy Circle, donors can make a living gift of \$10,000 or more to the Friends of Schmeeckle Reserve's designated Legacy Circle funds.

Options for Legacy Giving

The Friends of Schmeeckle Reserve has partnered with the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin to administer and invest Legacy Circle funds. This makes it easy to donate. You choose where you want the funds to go, and the Community Foundation will help handle the logistical details.



Here are three options to consider:

- ✔ **Friends of Schmeeckle Reserve Endowment Fund** – Gifts donated to the endowment remain intact, earning interest in perpetuity which can be spent by the Friends for enhancement projects.
- ✔ **Friends of Schmeeckle Reserve Capital Improvement Fund** – Gifts donated to this fund provide unrestricted access to purchase land and make capital improvements.
- ✔ **Establish a Designated Fund in your name or the name of someone you love** – Leave a lasting legacy by designating that the annual earnings from your named endowment fund be gifted to the Friends in perpetuity.

Friends Life Members, Marilyn Worth and Kim Fisher, on the fishing pier funded by the Friends of Schmeeckle in 2022

