



Berlin Parks & Recreation invites you to participate in the First EVER Park Bench Competition!

The Berlin Parks & Recreation Department is currently seeking artists to create unique, kid and family-friendly designs that will ultimately become bench art. For this year's program, the theme is "The Wild Outdoors."

We are looking for exciting, imaginative, and captivating designs depicting the features that best represent Berlin. To be considered, please fill out the attached form and submit it. All artists will have the image of their bench posted on the City of Berlin's website. A plaque with the artist's name(s) will be attached to the bench. Fan favorite voting will take place all summer long on the Parks & Recreation's Facebook page and the winner of that contest will receive a \$50 gift certificate.

GUIDELINES:

The artist may paint, sculpt, transform, or adorn the bench, but may not compromise its structural integrity and functionality. The seating area of the bench must remain clear of decoration except for paint in order to retain its usefulness. The benches will be placed in areas fully accessible to the public. In creating a design, please consider carefully the weather and other elements of nature, including sun, rain, wind and dirt. Designs should be created with durability and public safety in mind. Designs that are religious, political, or sexual in nature will not be considered and removed.

DETAILS:

Artists are responsible for picking up the bench beginning **June 10th** and placing it in the park selected by **July 1st**. Acrylic paint can be used to paint or spray a design on the bench. All surfaces (front, back, and sides) of the bench and planters must be decorated. To complete the artwork, each bench must be finished with varnish. An exterior grade sealer that is non-reactive, not-toxic, UV resistant and waterproof is strongly recommended. Remember, this is an outdoor bench, so it must be finished appropriately. Voting will take place July 1st until **October 1st**, with the winner announced on October 15th.





Park Bench Competition Application

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Bench Title:

Paragraph description of bench design including types of materials used:

Brief Artist bio:

* Please include a small sketch outlining your idea - write your name on the sketch.

Assurances and Terms: By signing this application, I acknowledge that the Berlin Parks & Recreation Department is not liable for damage or loss of materials submitted.

Artist Signature:

Date:

RIGHTS AND ENTITLEMENTS:

By submitting this application, you confirm that:

- you are the original creator of your design
- You have not copied any one else's original work
- Your design does not infringe on anyone else's intellectual property right without their approval (for example, trademark, copyrights, trade dress or design patents).

Please submit this page to the Berlin Parks & Recreation Department at 108 N. Capron St. Berlin WI 54923

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