Symbols on Xiang Jiang Pavilion

**Peony**
The King of flowers, represents virtue and beauty (symbol of spring)

**Narcissus**
Grace and elegance, Family reunions

**Chinese Plum Blossoms**
Blooms even in harsh winter snow, symbol of perseverance and resilience in the face of adversity

**6 Petal Lotus**
Noble and unsullied, arises from muddy depths

蝶恋花 “Butterflies Love Flowers”
4 Butterflies surrounding flowers and buds
Butterflies have one partner for life and symbolize loyalty, love and happiness; symbol of summer
8 Water Dragons
Located on each eave to protect this wooden structure from fire

Dragons
Control water and rainfall; power and strength; good luck

葫芦宝顶 = Hulu Baoding Peak
Represents 1-3-5 meaning “rising to the sky”. This peak looks like a hulu gourd used by the immortals and provides protection to the Pavilion and brings happiness

葫芦葫芦 = Húlú Gourd

Xiang Jiang Ting 湘江亭 = Xiang Jiang Pavilion
Pavilion is named after the famous Xiang River in Changsha
[inscribed right to left in classical Chinese writing style]

祥云 = Auspicious Clouds
The Ancients believed that the immortals stepped on clouds to enter this world. This cloud pattern represents the clouds of the immortals; brings good fortune and happiness.