

*Idyllwild's 56th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
An Olde-Fashioned Christmas*



*Saturday, November 26, 2016 — All-Day Holiday Festivities, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
The Tree Lighting Ceremony begins at 4:40 PM.*

Non-Profit Organizations—Booths

Located at the Village Center and on Village Center Drive and Park Lane

Hours: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

- ◆ **Forest Folk** — Holiday gift items and baked goods
- ◆ **Idyllwild Actors Theater** — Popcorn, water, and soft drinks
- ◆ **Idyllwild Animal Rescue Friends (ARF)** — A reindeer and elf for photo opportunities, hot chocolate, and other holiday pet and gift items
- ◆ **Idyllwild Assembly of God** — Candy canes, hot chocolate, coffee, and information
- ◆ **Idyllwild Association of Realtors** — Information booth and Christmas photo prop
- ◆ **Idyllwild Fire Protection District** — Fun holiday food and items
- ◆ **Idyllwild Garden Club** — Gardening information, books, and supplies
- ◆ **Idyllwild Nature Center and Lemon Lily Festival** — Nature-oriented fun games and giveaways
- ◆ **Idyllwild PTA / Idyllwild School** — Lollipop tree prize game (pick the colored lollipop, win a prize), make a pinecone bird feeder (peanut butter and bird seed), variety of baked goods, Idyllwild School T-shirts/Magazine, PTA information, hot cider, and bottled water
- ◆ **Idyllwild Volunteer Fire Department** — Fun holiday items
- ◆ **Living Free Animal Sanctuary** — T-shirts, hats, totes, and weather permitting, cute pets for adoption
- ◆ **Lou Padula's Famous Hot Dogs** — Delicious!
- ◆ **Mayor Max, Deputy Mayor Mitzi, and Deputy Mayor Mikey** — Photo opportunities
- ◆ **Mountain Quilters** — Opportunity quilt raffle
- ◆ **Soroptimist International of Idyllwild** — Cookie decorating booth and the booth for the famous \$250 Money Hat drawing and raffle
- ◆ **Spark of Love Toy Drive with the Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove Station 23** — Bring toys! Thank you.
- ◆ **Spirit Mountain Retreat Center** — Information, holiday gifts, and good cheer
- ◆ **Tree Lighting Ceremony / Save the Sequoia** — Raffle

The above organizations represent the booths and non-profit participants as of this printing.



Santa's Workshop

Located in the Gazebo at the Village Center

Workshop Hours: 1:00-3:00 PM and 4:45-7:00 PM

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive by fire engine to their special workshop in Idyllwild located in the Gazebo of the Village Center. They will be available to meet with children during their workshop hours. Visiting children receive a candy cane from Santa! Santa stays during the second workshop until every child is through!

*Christmas Carolers, Christmas Music,
Holiday Shopping, Holiday Foods,
and Good Cheer*

All Day throughout Town



The Tree Lighting Ceremony—An Olde-Fashioned Christmas

Starts at 4:40 PM

Master of Ceremonies—Sandii Castleberry

Program Director—Diane Burt

Children's Musical Performance Program Director—Kathy Lewis

- ◆ Grammy-nominated The Caroling Company performs caroling favorites in town and during the Ceremony.
- ◆ Santa arrives by fire truck (4:40 PM).
- ◆ Santa and Mrs. Claus welcome ceremony guests.
- ◆ Ceremony emcee Sandii Castleberry begins the show with her holiday greeting.
- ◆ Kathy Lewis leads The Idyllwild Children's Choir (children ages 3-6) in three songs.
- ◆ Doug Austin with The Olde English Theatre Players presents "The Night Before Christmas."
- ◆ Special musical performances by Sandii Castleberry (Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree and My Favorite Things).
- ◆ Audience sing-along led by Diane Burt with The Caroling Company and other choir volunteers.
- ◆ At mid-point through the Ceremony, Sandii Castleberry announces the winners of Soroptimists' \$250 Money Hat drawing, Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild Christmas Quilt raffle, and the Tree Lighting Ceremony / Save the Sequoia raffle winners.
- ◆ Mayor Max joins the stage with a special holiday message he created that will be delivered by his Chief of Staff, Phyllis Mueller.
- ◆ Tree Lighting Countdown — Sandii Castleberry and Diane Burt lead the crowd in a countdown from 10 to 1.
- ◆ Tree Lighting — Over 5200 lights on the 100-foot-tall tree are lit approximately 30 minutes after sundown! (Sundown is at 4:43 PM.) Stage lights out while everyone joins in singing "Silent Night."
- ◆ Audience sing-along Christmas carols continue.
- ◆ The program is concluded with the Happy Holidays closing message and the final group sing-along of the evening, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."
- ◆ Weather permitting, there will be additional Christmas music played for 30-60 minutes for those who would like to stay longer and enjoy more fun and more holiday music.

Song selections throughout the Ceremony include:



The Children's Choir

- ◆ Jingle Bells
- ◆ Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
- ◆ Santa Claus Is Coming to Town

The Choirs with sing-along

- ◆ Angels We Have Heard on High
- ◆ Carol of the Bells
- ◆ Deck the Halls
- ◆ Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
- ◆ Joy to the World
- ◆ O Come, All Ye Faithful
- ◆ O Holy Night
- ◆ Silent Night
- ◆ We Wish You a Merry Christmas
- ◆ White Christmas
- ◆ Winter Wonderland

Visit the
Harvest Festival at
Idyllwild School Nov. 25 and 26

Donations for the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Non-Profit Organizations

This event is paid entirely by tax-deductible donations. We would like to request your help with donating to our Tree Lighting Ceremony event and our "Save the Sequoia" initiative to help save our 100-foot-tall Sequoia survive a disease (*Botryosphaeria*) and California's drought conditions.

To donate, you can place your donations of cash or checks in the red cans marked "Donations" which can be found at Santa's Workshop and at the Tree Lighting Ceremony Information Booth. Any cash or checks deposited into these cans will go directly to covering the costs for the Tree Lighting Ceremony and our Save the Sequoia initiative.

Mail checks payable to:

Soroptimist International of Idyllwild
c/o Karen Doshier
P.O. Box 1176
Idyllwild, CA 92549

Note "Tree Lighting Ceremony" on your check. We will mail you a receipt for your donations.

There are also opportunities to donate to the participating non-profit organizations at each of the non-profit organizations' booth locations. All donations are welcome, and we sincerely appreciate your generosity and support. Thank you very much for your contributions and attending our event. We appreciate your help, and we always look forward to seeing you.



Mayor Max, Deputy Mayor Mitzi, and Deputy Mayor Mikey will also be attending the event. To find out more about Mayor Max and the Tree Lighting Ceremony, visit www.mayormax.com.

Acknowledgements from Your 2016 Tree Lighting Management Team

This event is only possible because of the tremendous hard work and support of over 300 local community members and merchants who volunteer their time and donate financial resources to fund this event. Thank you to everyone that stepped forward to help. We love you very much! To you, your family, friends, and associates, we wish you the happiest of holidays and the best of everything in this year and all years to come.

Diane Burt
Ken Dahleen
Karen Doshier
John Engle

Kathy Lewis
Virginia Lumb
Phyllis Mueller
Marge Muir

Oscar Ramirez
Paul Riggi
Glenn Warren

This Event is Sponsored by
Soroptimist International of Idyllwild

Handicapped restroom facilities are located at the "Fort." Also, additional restrooms are located throughout town by Park Lane, JoAn's Restaurant, and on North Circle Drive.

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