



2017 U.S. CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED



THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CHOOSE OUTDOORS ARE PROUD TO BRING THE U.S. CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE FROM THE KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST IN MONTANA TO WASHINGTON D.C. FOR THE 2017 HOLIDAY SEASON. WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE AND HELP TELL THE STORY OF THE KOOTENAI, THE GREAT STATE OF MONTANA, AND THE TREE'S JOURNEY TO THE U.S. CAPITOL IN 2017. HERE ARE A FEW WAYS TO GET INVOLVED. WE ALSO LOVE IDEAS SO IF YOU HAVE ONE, BE SURE TO GET IN TOUCH!

SPONSOR THE PROGRAM

THE U.S. CAPITOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF SPONSORS AND PARTNERS PROVIDING BOTH CASH AND IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS, BOTH LARGE AND SMALL. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT BRUCE WARD, PRESIDENT OF CHOOSE OUTDOORS. (BRUCEWARD1@GMAIL.COM OR (303) 917-1476)

HELP LOCATE THE TREE

WE'RE ON THE HUNT FOR THE PERFECT TREE TO REPRESENT OUR GREAT STATE OF MONTANA. THE TREE NEEDS TO COME FROM THE KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST, BE BETWEEN 60 AND 85 FEET IN HEIGHT, A SPECIES REPRESENTATIVE OF MONTANA, AND ACCESSIBLE FOR A CRANE AND SEMI-TRUCK TO REMOVE THE TREE. IF YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION, PLEASE CONTACT SANDI MASON WITH THE KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE. (T: 406-830-5837 OR EMAIL: SMASON@FS.FED.US)

HOST AN EVENT

THE U.S. CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM IS A YEAR-LONG CELEBRATION. LOCAL COMMUNITIES ARE INVITED TO GET CREATIVE AND TO HOST HOLIDAY-THEMED EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, SUCH AS ORNAMENT MAKING GATHERINGS, FUNDRAISER TO HELP SEND YOUTH TO THE CAPITOL TO TAKE PART IN THE LIGHTING CELEBRATION IN DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS IN JULY PICNIC, UGLY SWEATER PARTY AT A LOCAL BREWERY AND MORE. IDEAS WELCOME!

PARTICIPATE IN AN EVENT

LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS WILL BE PLANNED THROUGHOUT MONTANA IN NOVEMBER BEGINNING WITH THE TREE CUTTING FOLLOWED BY AN IN-STATE TOUR. ONCE THE TOUR SCHEDULE IS ANNOUNCED, COMMUNITIES WILL BE INVITED TO HELP PLAN LOCAL CELEBRATIONS.

MAKE AN ORNAMENT

HANDMADE ORNAMENTS REPRESENTING THE STATE OF MONTANA WILL BE COLLECTED TO APPEAR ON THE U.S. CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE IN ADDITION TO 70 COMPANION TREES IN OFFICES THROUGHOUT WASHINGTON D.C. SPECIAL ORNAMENT MAKING OPPORTUNITIES WILL TAKE PLACE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND MONTANANS WILL BE ABLE TO CREATE AND SEND ORNAMENTS AS A PART OF THE YEAR-LONG CELEBRATION. DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON THE WEBSITE (CAPITOLCHRISTMASTREE.COM) FOR REQUESTED THEMES AND HOW TO SUBMIT ORNAMENTS, AS WELL AS SPECIAL EVENTS.

CONNECT WITH US

FOLLOW THE STORY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ONLINE AT CAPITOLCHRISTMASTREE.COM AND IN SOCIAL MEDIA: FACEBOOK: [USCAPITOLCHRISTMASTREE](https://www.facebook.com/USCAPITOLCHRISTMASTREE) TWITTER: [USCAPITOLTREE](https://twitter.com/USCAPITOLTREE) INSTAGRAM: [uscapitolchristmastree](https://www.instagram.com/uscapitolchristmastree)

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