

Idyllwild's 55th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

"An Olde-Fashioned Christmas"



Saturday, November 28, 2015, 10am-6pm — All-Day Holiday Festivities
4:30pm — The Tree Lighting Ceremony begins
Sponsored by Soroptimist International of Idyllwild

Non-Profit Organizations—Booths

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

Hours: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

- **American Legion** — Fun food, information, and gratitude for our veterans
- **Art Alliance of Idyllwild** — Fabulous works of art
- **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 gift items
- **Idyllwild Association of Realtors** — Information booth
- **Idyllwild Fire Department** — Fun holiday food and items
- **Idyllwild Garden Club** — Gardening information, books, and supplies
- **Idyllwild Nature Center** — The Lemon Lily Restoration Project Raffle and An Invitation to Amble, a guided hike with the Idyllwild Nature Center
- **Idyllwild PTA / Idyllwild School** — School-spirit wear (sweatshirts, T-shirts, etc.), bouquets of mistletoe, and other fun holiday items
- **Idyllwild Volunteer Fire Department** — Fun holiday items
- **Lemon Lily Festival** — In conjunction with the Idyllwild Nature Center, the Lemon Lily Restoration Project Raffle and An Invitation to Amble — A guided hike with the Idyllwild Nature Center
- **Living Free Animal Sanctuary** — T-shirts, hats, totes, and weather permitting, cute pets for adoption
- **Lou Padula's Famous Hot Dogs** — Delicious!
- **Mountain Quilters** — Opportunity quilt raffle
- **Right to Life** — Balloons, coffee, and other holiday giveaway items
- **Soroptimists** — 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

The above organizations represent the 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 5:15-7:30 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 4:30 PM

Master of Ceremonies—Sandii Castleberry

Program Director—Diane Burt

Children's Musical Performance Program Director—Kathy Lewis

- Strolling throughout the town during the all-day activities:
 - Guitarist David Jerome plays Christmas carols among the gathering crowd.
 - Idyllwild Community Choir and Grammy-nominated The Caroling Company perform caroling favorites. Ed Hansen is this year's piano player!
- Santa arrives by fire truck (4:30 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."
- Audience sing-along led by Diane Burt with The Caroling Company, the Idyllwild Community Choir singers, and other choir volunteers.
- At mid-point through the Ceremony, Sandii Castleberry announces the winner of the Soroptimists' \$250 Money Hat drawing and the winner of the Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild Christmas Quilt.
- Tree Lighting Countdown — Santa and Mrs. Claus and their elves lead the crowd in a countdown from 10 to 1.
- Tree Lighting — Over 5000 tree 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 that would like to stay longer and enjoy more fun and more holiday music.



Song selections throughout the Ceremony include:

The children

- 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
- The First Noel
- We Wish You a Merry Christmas
- White Christmas
- Winter Wonderland

Visit the
Harvest Festival at
Town Hall November 27 and 28

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 our 100-foot tall Sequoia survive California's drought conditions.

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. You can also mail your checks to Karen Doshier at P.O. Box 1176, Idyllwild, CA, 92549.

Make checks payable to Soroptimist International of Idyllwild and note "Tree Lighting Ceremony" on your check. We will mail you a receipt for your donation. Any cash or checks deposited into these cans will go directly to covering the costs for the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

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.

Hello Everyone,
We love you.



Mayor Max, Deputy Mayor Mikey, and Deputy Mayor Mitzi will be attending this event.

Acknowledgements from Your 2015 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
Ted Cummings
Ken Dahleen
Karen Doshier
Denise Edmiston
John Edmiston
Kathy Lewis
Virginia Lumb

Phyllis Mueller
Marge Muir
Oscar Ramirez
Paul Riggi
Beth Severance
Omar Solorio
Chris Titus
Glenn Warren



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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