



The Children's Museum
 Holiday Gala/Festival of Trees & Lights
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WE'RE INVITED SCHOOLS TO TAKE PART IN OUR HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF TREES & LIGHTS: Decorate a Tree, Centerpiece or Wreath in the theme of your school's cultures and holiday traditions and maybe your school entry will win your class a Free field trip to the Children's Museum!

SCHOOL CONTEST:

- 1.) *Small Trees* – 2 foot tall, artificial, with theme of choice (tree to be purchased by museum)
- 2.) *Holiday Wreaths* – 14" to 16", artificial, with theme of choice (school makes wreath)
- 3.) *Holiday Centerpieces* – artificial, with theme of sponsor choice (school makes centerpiece)

WE'VE CHOSEN TO DECORATE & ENTER THE FOLLOWING (please check):

- 1.) *Small Tree* – 2 foot tall, artificial green tree with L.E.D. powered fiber optic lights, UL approved and fire flameproof for safety, in keeping with our energy efficient lighting and decorations. (L.E.D. light produces a brighter light and uses 10 times less energy!) The theme of the tree is the school's choice/
- 2.) *Holiday Wreaths* – artificial, decorated in the theme of the school's cultures and holiday traditions
- 3.) *Holiday Centerpieces* – artificial, decorated in the theme of the school's cultures and holiday traditions

A sampling of themes to consider: *Christmas* (nativity scenes, Christmas trees, stockings, stars, bells, candles, snowflakes, reindeer, mistletoe, Yule log, snowmen, gifts; the colors are red and green); *Chanukah* (The menorah, candle holder with tapers, gold coins, dreidels; the colors are blue, white, and gold); *Diwali* (lamps, carved elephants, floral decorations and designs, handcrafted Toran, diyas or candles, colors are dark green, red, gold, orange); *Kwanzaa* (Mkeka -straw placemat, Kinara and Mishumaa saba - candle holder with seven candles, one black, three red, and three green, the colors red, black, and green); *Ramadan* (balloons, ribbons, decorations, signs, food, kufi's, treat bags or gift baskets of candies & cookies, the colors are red, white, blue, and purple); *Navidad* (Hispana nativities, candles, farole luminaries, angels, handmade ornaments of straw or pottery, Poinsettias, glowing stars, colors are red, white, multi); *Songkran* (Bodhi trees, xylophones, bamboo, rocks, flowers, handmade candles, carved Buddha); *Winter Solstice*—Yule log; boughs of laurel, evergreen, and holly; candles, snowflakes, icicles; colored lights; the colors green, brown, and white); *Multi-cultural design* with flags from the countries of their heritage that honor everyone's traditions.

All items will be part of the Silent Auction and become museum property. Retail price will be set by donor. Bidding will start at 50% off. Items not sold will remain in the museum for visitor viewing and purchase. Please keep a copy for your records. This copy will serve as the receipt for your donation.

School Name*: _____

* Please list as you would like it to appear in printed materials and on the website.

Contact Name: _____ **Title/Grade:** _____

Address: (street, city, state, zip) _____

Tel. _____ **Fax:** _____ **Email:** _____

Pickup/Delivery: How will CM acquire this donation of goods or services? (please check one)

School will deliver the item(s) to the museum, CM, on or before Thursday am, November 20th

Representatives from CM should pick up the item(s) on or before November 15th

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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