

The Yellowstone News

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December 6, 2000

Next Deadline: January 10, 2001

DECISION MADE ON WINTER USE

Intermountain Regional Director, Karen Wade, announced November 22, 2000, that Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway would phase out most snowmobile use over three years and allow oversnow motorized recreation access via NPS-managed snowcoach only. Limited exceptions for continued snowmobile access to other public and private lands adjacent to or within Grand Teton National Park will be allowed.

This decision was based on numerous studies done for the Environmental Impact Statement which concluded that snowmobile use in these parks so adversely affects air quality, wildlife, natural soundscapes, and the enjoyment of other visitors that the resources and values of these parks are impaired. This is contrary to the mandate of the National Park Service Organic Act that parks be left "unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Executive Orders issued by Presidents Nixon and Carter and the Service's own regulation on snowmobile use also prohibits snowmobile use in national parks where it disturbs wildlife, damages park resources, or is inconsistent with the park's natural, cultural, scenic, aesthetic values, safety considerations, or management objectives.

The plans for the proposed phase out period are as follows:

Winter of 2000-2001 - snowmobile use will continue under current rules.

Winter of 2001-2002 - snowmobile use will be allowed generally at current levels, with daily limits that will keep snowmobile numbers on the busiest peak days from exceeding historic peak-day levels.

Winter of 2002-2003 - daily use limits will be established and are expected to lead to an approximately 50 percent reduction in snowmobiles entering Yellowstone's South and West entrances.



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Personnel News...

Welcome to Yellowstone:

Travis Rixford	Forestry Technician
Patricia Bigelow	Fisheries Biologist
Gerald Cameron	Biologist (Inventory Monitoring)

Reassignment:

Wendy Hafer	Supervisory Forestry Technician (Helitak)
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Best Wishes to:

Rick Delappe	Zion National Park
Ray Flaming	Crater Lake National Park
John Lemieux	BLM, Rawlins, WY
John Fors	Glacier Bay National Preserve
Andre Perera	Petroglyph National Monument

Peer Awards...

Peer Award recipients for the month of November:

Sue Crowfoot
Tom Yankus
Joe Beuter

Reminder from Mammoth Grounds Maintenance:

When parking vehicles, please stay back from curbs and walks as it is extremely difficult to clear snow with equipment if vehicle is over walks. This is true with vehicles that are backed in, especially pickups.

Also, we do our best to have walks and entryways clear and sanded at all times. However, there are times when unforeseen circumstances cause this task to be delayed or not accomplished. Bear with us, we are operating with a short staff. Your safety and well-being are a concern to us. Please use extra caution when walking in the area. Wear proper footwear for winter when outside. (Change into shoes after you get to the office.) Walk slowly and deliberately, keep hands out of pockets for better balance on slippery surfaces. We frequently notice people in a hurry and not wearing proper footwear for the conditions. Help us if you can. There are sand cans outside our buildings. If you see some ice, put some sand on it.

Thank you for your attention to these matters and have a safe winter.

Mammoth Grounds and Custodial Personnel



Classified Ads...

For Sale - Men's Telemark Boots. Merrill Super Ultras, 2-buckle leather boots, size 10. Used approximately 15 times. Call 344-9272.

For Sale - Nordic Track cross-country ski machine. Like new. Not your basic model - upgraded skis and pulleys with electronic display and heart rate monitor. \$200. 344-6632

For Sale - 1) **Montana Muscle Bench** with flat, incline/decline features, parallel dip station, squat rack, leg extension/curl station, & preacher curl station. 2) **Lat Pulldown Unit** for front/back lat pulls, tricep pushdowns, upright row. 3) **250 lbs. Standard metal weights** with long bar & collars, EZ curl bar, dumbbell bars, and triceps bar. 4) Nearly new Nordic Track **AbWorks Machine**. 5) Nearly new Nordic Track **Linda Evans Leg Shaper**. 6) **DP GymPac 2000** Multi-station cable weight stack machine with bench and attachments. All equipment is quality strength training gear - enough to set up a great home gym! A great Christmas gift idea! Call 848-7900 or 848-7306 in Gardner to see or test this equipment.

For Sale - Moving but Too Cold for a Yard sale - 2 pr Faber Snowshoes, like new (classic wood/rawhide, bearpaw and trail shoe styles) \$25 each; Simmons Hide-a-bed (queen size) Couch \$50; Sharp Microwave Oven \$25; Reproduction Katana \$20; Military surplus "trigger finger" mittens (large) \$5; Sheepskin gauntlet mittens (large) \$10; Utility shelves, 70" x 35" x 16" (2 sets) \$15 each. Call Jean or Rocky at (307) 344-7452 evenings.

For Sale - 2000 Toyota Tacoma, Extra Cab, 5-speed, A/C, 4 cylinder, SR-5, Tool Box , Extras, Better than new! White, less than 1000 miles, purchased August 30, 2000. Paid \$20,305 (have receipts), sell for \$18,500. 344-7754

For Sale - 1992 4x4 Ford Explorer XLT. 4-door automatic transmission, tinted glass, CD player, AC cruise control, Michelin tires. Very clean and dependable. \$7500. 848-7109.

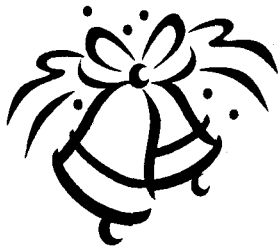
For Sale - Student desk, very sturdy \$35, Vanity with mirror (same paint as desk) \$25, Both for \$50. Call Mary Hudson at 344-7416.

For Sale - Antique Spool Bed - single. Call x2272 for details.

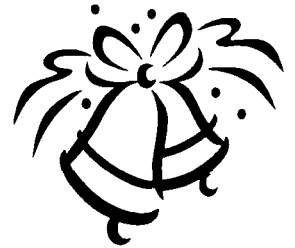
Wanted - VCR for the Utah Dorm residents. We have many remarkable researchers, volunteers, and contractors who work for the well-being of natural and cultural resources at Yellowstone. A VCR in the Dorm would provide an opportunity to enjoy documentaries and films there in the evening. If you can help out, please call 344-2235. Thanks!

Wanted - Got any old cowboy hats (felt) lying around. I'll take them in any condition. I need the felt only. 344-2204.

House sitter needed - from December 22nd - 30th to watch our VERY affectionate dog, cat, and fish. If interested, call 344-7712 or 344-2353.



***Congratulations to newlyweds
Kathryn Lancaster and Michael Kirby!
They were married October 22, 2000.***



**Dan and Sharon Rhodes
welcomed new addition
Theodore "Theo" Daniel Rhodes
on November 22, 2000
Theo weighed in at 7 lbs. 7 oz.
Congratulations!**

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- Thanks to all for the leave donated to me by all you fine folks in Yellowstone. It is greatly appreciated. Things are getting better for me. Hope to see you all in the spring. Thanks again, Al Jensen
 - Thank you to everyone who helped make the Yellowstone Park School PTO Rummage Sale a huge success! Special thanks to those families who went beyond the call of duty and spent many hours in service of the school – you know who you are! Thanks to the generosity of the community, the kids will have extra curricular activities for the next couple of years. As an added benefit, a group of Native American families from Idaho received a huge donation of unsold rummage. Thank you to Steve Petrick-Underwood and Joe Bueter for spending a Sunday delivering this donation.
 - Condolences to Brett and Colleen Athas and Montana Lindstrom in the recent passing of mother Viola Athas on November 20, 2000. Memorial donations can be made to the Gardiner Ambulance Service.

Tis the Season to Celebrate...

Mark your calendars with the following dates and festivities:

December 7th – YCR Open House, 3:30 – 5:30

December 12th – Christmas Tree Lighting, 5:00 pm

December 13th – YFEA Holiday Party, 4:00 pm to ?

December 14th – Mammoth Post Office Open House, 1:30 – 5:00

December 14th – Administration Building Holiday Open House, 3:00 – 4:30

December 17th – Yellowstone Christmas Bird Count, 7:15 am

December 20th – Hamilton General Store Open House, 3:00 – 5:00

December 21st – Mammoth Clinic Open House, 3:00 – 5:00

Note to Theater Buffs:

Gavin McClure will be touring this winter and spring with the Montana Repertory Company performing the role of Peter in "The Diary of Anne Frank". They will be in Montana on the following dates:

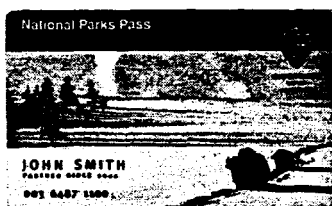
Dec. 5-9, 12-16	Missoula	Montana Theater
Jan. 10	Billings	Alberta Bair
Jan. 12	Butte	Mother Lode
Jan. 13	Great Falls	Civic Center
Jan. 16	Bozeman	Strand

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\$50 for one full year

Your gift supports Yellowstone National Park

Send \$50 per pass to:



Yellowstone National Park
Visitor Services Office
P.O. Box 168
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
or

Stop in to the Visitor Services Office
(Make checks or money orders payable to the National Park Service)

- ❖ Your gift will be sent with a card acknowledging you as the giver.
- ❖ Each gift pass is good for the pass holder, spouse, children and parents.



Yellowstone Park Medical Services Announces New Doctor

Yellowstone Park Medical Services (YPMS) is pleased to announce that Matthew Hermann, MD, will assume the Mammoth Clinic practice in June, 2001. Dr. Hermann has practiced emergency medicine since he completed a family medicine residency in 1992. He grew up in Cody, Wyoming and worked for YPMS in various capacities before he went to medical school. From 1992 to 1998, he was a seasonal physician at Lake Hospital. Dr. Hermann's fiancée, Leigh Taggart, RN, is originally from Connecticut, but has spent the past 10 years in Utah. Dr. James Smith, board certified in internal medicine, another long-time YPMS physician, will cover the clinic practice through the winter. Although YPMS is sorry that Mammoth Clinic's Dr. Michael Kimbro is returning to North Carolina with his family, it feels very fortunate to be bringing these fine, experienced physicians to the Yellowstone community.



Yellowstone Association Welcomes New Controller

The Yellowstone Association welcomes Diana McGahan, CPA, who joined the YA staff as Controller on November 27. Diana earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Baylor University and a Masters in Social Work from the University of Texas. She worked several years as a social worker before returning to Baylor to pursue a career change. At Baylor, she continued post-graduate education in Accounting and Business.

Diana started her accounting career at Jaynes, Reitmeier, Boyd & Therrell, PC (formerly KPMG Peak Marwick) in Waco, Texas, before moving to Sheridan, Wyoming. For the past six years, she has been with the firm of Hoffman Consulting in Sheridan, a public accounting firm. Her work in public accounting has included financial statement preparation, hands on accounting for clients, financial analysis, and tax work.

Diana was involved in several nonprofit organizations in Sheridan including Volunteers of America, WYO Theatre, and Sheridan Civic Theatre Guild. She served on the board of directors of these organizations and was recently Treasurer of the WYO Theatre and Secretary of the Sheridan Civic Theatre Guild.

Rebekah Johnson, former YA Controller, is now Director of Finance for the Institute for the Future in Menlo Park, California. IFTF is a non-profit think-tank located just next to Stanford University. She will be returning to Yellowstone for a few days in the near future to train Diana, and we all look forward to having her with us again, even temporarily.



Yellowstone Association Sales Staff Move to Temporary Space in Gardiner

Yellowstone Association to Add Two New Staffmembers in January

The former Gardiner Post Office is now temporary home of the Yellowstone Association's sales operation. The interior of the building has been divided into two sections with office space in the front and warehouse space in the rear; the building has been leased by the Association until June of 2003. All other YA staff members will continue to work out of YA's current office in Mammoth (the Chittenden House).

Moving to Gardiner for the next few years are: Debbie Collins, Sales Manager; Cindy Mellott, Mail Orders; and Joyce Wilson, Warehouse Manager. Their new phone numbers are shown below, along with the new toll-free order line for Yellowstone Association mail orders. These YA sales staffmembers will be joined in January by a new Assistant Sales Manager who will assist in handling our growing sales operation. Sales of educational materials are projected at just under \$2,000,000 for fiscal 2001, a 20% increase over just three years ago, in spite of level visitation.

Also joining the YA staff in January will be a Program Manager for the Yellowstone Association Institute. This staff person will help develop and manage educational programs for the Yellowstone Association. This additional staff person is being added to help handle increased educational programming, including a number of new courses being offered in partnership with Amfac. Total educational contact hours for fiscal 2001 are projected at over 56,000, an increase of over 160% from 1996.

The selection process to fill both of these new staff positions is currently underway.

The Association has recently completed a long range strategic plan which complements the park's Long Range Interpretive Plan. Projected growth for the Association over the next ten years will continue to be significant. Although this growth will mean dramatically increased levels of funding for park interpretive and educational programs, it will also require additional office and warehouse space and additional employee housing. The Association is currently developing an Infrastructure Plan which will address these needs and allow the Association to continue to increase its support for Yellowstone.

Yellowstone Association Gardiner Office phone numbers:

Debbie Collins, Sales Manager 848-2454

Cindy Mellott, Mail Orders 848-2450

Joyce Wilson, Warehouse Manager 848-2453

Yellowstone Association Toll-free line for mail orders: 1-877-YNP-0090 (1-877-967-0090)

Yellowstone Christmas Bird Count

Dec. 17, 2000

The **Yellowstone Christmas Bird Count** will be conducted **Sunday, December 17, 2000**, in the Mammoth/Gardiner area. For people not familiar with the Christmas Bird Count, it is an international method of counting birds, learning something about birds from other people, and having fun with fellow birders during the Christmas holiday season.

Whether you are a beginning birdwatcher, a moderately experienced birder, or an advanced observer, the Christmas Bird Count is still a lot of fun. If you have never participated, you should give it a try! For those who have participated before, we hope to see you again!

Meet at the **Best Western
Gardiner, Montana
Dec. 17, 2000
7:15 am**

Bring warm clothes, snacks, and drinks for the day. All participants will be invited to McEneaney's for lunch.

For more detailed information please contact:

**Terry McEneaney H (406)848-7942
O (307)344-2222**

Hope to see you on Dec. 17th!



Come one, come all...

to YCR's Open House

It's a house warming party!

Everyone's invited as we thank the

maintenance folks for their wonderful

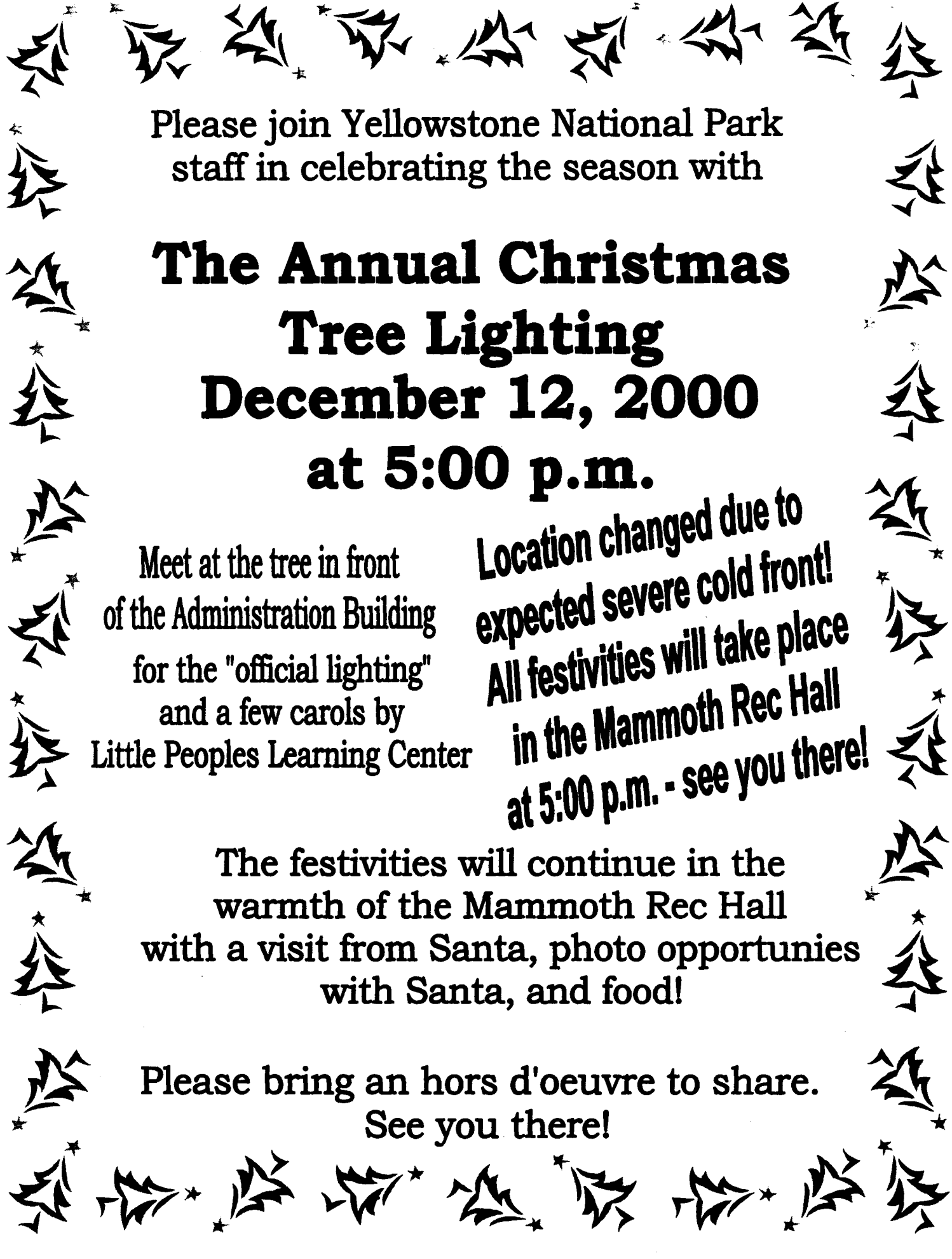
work on our home sweet home.



**Thursday
December 7th**

3:30 - 5:30

**Refreshments
served!**



Please join Yellowstone National Park
staff in celebrating the season with

**The Annual Christmas
Tree Lighting
December 12, 2000
at 5:00 p.m.**

Meet at the tree in front
of the Administration Building
for the "official lighting"
and a few carols by
Little Peoples Learning Center

**Location changed due to
expected severe cold front!
All festivities will take place
in the Mammoth Rec Hall
at 5:00 p.m. - see you there!**

The festivities will continue in the
warmth of the Mammoth Rec Hall
with a visit from Santa, photo opportunities
with Santa, and food!

Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share.
See you there!

Have your child's photo taken with Santa at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting!

Get 2 photos for \$10.00
or 4 for \$15.00 (includes greeting
card frame and envelope).

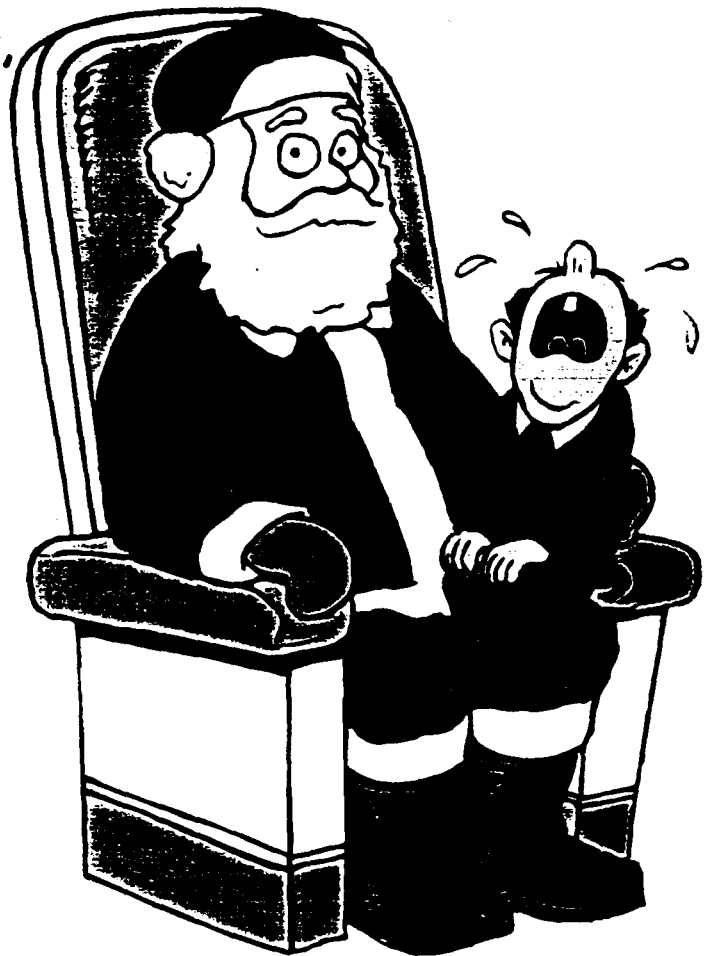
*Christmas Tree Lighting Tuesday,
December 12, 2000 at 5:00 p.m.
in front of the
Administration Building

*Photos taken in the Mammoth
Rec Hall after the
"official" tree lighting

*Sign up in the entry way of the Rec Hall

*Payment due upon sign up

*Please allow up to 5 days
for delivery



Sponsored by
Little Peoples Learning Center

YFEA HOLIDAY PARTY

Wednesday, December 13th
4 pm to ?

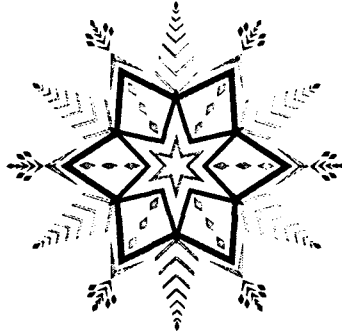
Mammoth Recreational Hall

Food and beverages provided.

All Park Service employees and their families are welcome and expected.



YFEA wishes all park employees and their families the warmest wishes for the holiday season and very happy New Year!

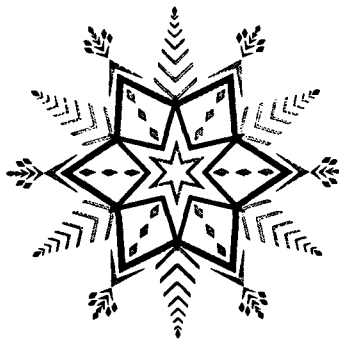


ADMINISTRATION BUILDING HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, December 14, 3:00 to 4:30

The following offices welcome you to stop by
and celebrate the season:

Interpretation, Finance, Backcountry, Maintenance,
Business Management, Planning,
Chief Rangers Office (maybe more!)



Christmas Open House



MAMMOTH CLINIC

21 DECEMBER 2000

- Please join us to celebrate the Holiday's
- 3:00pm to 5:pm

Meet and Welcome Dr. Jim Smith. He will be our Doctor until the middle of May 2001