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NEWS TIPS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8: HUNDREDS TO VISIT UD'S CHRISTMAS ON CAMPUS

About 1,200 children are expected to be on the University of Dayton campus from 5:45 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 8, to join UD students for a night of holiday entertainment.

On Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, UD students transform campus into a winter wonderland with lights and decorations. Hundreds of Dayton-area children are ushered to different activities around campus by UD students. Parents are also invited to bring their children to campus.

Christmas on Campus officially begins with a tree-lighting ceremony at 6 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Plaza. There will also be a live nativity scene and Santa will make a surprise entrance.

Other activities on campus will include:

From 6 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Jesse Philips Humanities Center, the children will get their photos taken with Santa. Also in the Humanities Center lobby, children will make snowflakes, hear Christmas stories and participate in a sing-a-long with guitarist Jim McCutcheon.

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Barrett Dining Room located on the first floor of Kennedy Union, the Crossroads Railroad Club will display model trains.

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Food Court, located on the ground floor, Happy the Clown will make balloon figures. In Kennedy Union Room 211, a caricaturist will draw portraits and in Room 207 children will decorate cookies.

From 7 to 8 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Ballroom, children will be able to see and pet animals from the Columbus Zoo.

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Kennedy Union's Boll Theatre and Torch Lounge as well as in Miriam Hall's O'Leary Auditorium, there will be musical and dance performances every half hour. Performers will include groups such as those from the Celtic Academy of Irish Dance, the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company and the UD Swing Club.

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Miriam Hall Room 21A and Anderson Center Rooms 131 and 135, children will e-mail letters to Santa with the help of UD's Association for Computing Machinery.

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