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Holiday Festival of Lights Fun Run and Walk Nov. 13 & 14

Be one of the first to take a stroll through the festival's very merry light displays

[JAMES ISLAND] – Runners and walkers of all experience levels are invited to traverse through hundreds of spectacular light displays to kick off the holiday season. This year's **Holiday Festival of Lights Fun Run and Walk** takes place on **Wednesday, Nov. 13** and **Thursday, Nov. 14** at James Island County Park.

This unique event offers participants an extraordinary opportunity to see the lights on foot before the popular festival opens to the general public and vehicular traffic. This two-mile, non-competitive run/walk is offered on two evenings before the festival's opening – Wednesday, Nov. 13 and Thursday, Nov. 14 – starting at 6:30 p.m. Registration is now open at CharlestonCountyParks.com.



Much of the Holiday Festival of Lights is normally seen from a vehicle, so the Fun Run and Walk offers a leisurely opportunity to explore the displays up close. Participants will get a preview of the festival's 700+ illuminated displays during the run/walk. Then, families can enjoy all of the very merry amenities that the festival offers, including gift shops, marshmallow roasting, train and carousel rides, and much more.

Advance registration is required for the Fun Run and Walk, and this event often sells out in advance. Interested participants are encouraged to register now before it sells out. Register by phone at 843-795-4386 or online at CharlestonCountyParks.com by Nov. 13. Race fees are \$12. Ages 2 and under are free, but will still need a ticket to gain entry into the park. This is a wheelchair and stroller-friendly course. Socialized dogs on short, non-retractable leashes are welcome. Retractable leashes, bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades and scooters are not permitted.



All participants must be pre-registered and have an admission ticket to enter the park. **There will be no on-site ticket sales.** James Island County Park will close to incoming traffic at 6:30 p.m.; therefore, participants are encouraged to arrive early. Flashlights are recommended for optimal visibility. The park will reopen to outgoing traffic at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Register by phone at 843-795-4386 or online at CharlestonCountyParks.com by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

For more information on the Fun Run and Walk, call (843) 795-4386 or visit CharlestonCountyParks.com. The Holiday Festival of Lights opens to the general public on Nov. 15 and will be open nightly through Dec. 31, 2019, at James Island County Park. The Holiday Festival of Lights and the Fun

Run and Walk are presented by The Boeing Company, Chick-fil-A, your Charleston County Parks and many supporting sponsors. For more information on the festival, visit HolidayFestivalofLights.com.

Owned and managed by the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission (CCPRC), James Island County Park is located at 871 Riverland Drive. The mission of CCPRC is to improve the quality of life in Charleston County by offering a diverse system of park facilities, programs and services. The large park system features over 11,000 acres of property and includes six land parks, three beach parks, four seasonally-lifeguarded beach areas, three dog parks, a historic plantation site, two landmark fishing piers, three waterparks, a skate park, 19 boat landings, a climbing wall, a challenge course, an interpretive center, an equestrian center, cottages, a campground, a marina, as well as wedding, meeting and event facilities. The park system also offers a wide variety of recreational services - festivals, camps, classes, programs, and much more. For more information on CCPRC, call 843-795-4386, visit www.charlestoncountyparks.com, or download CCPRC's mobile app.

High-resolution photos available upon request

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