

Give Back and Save at the Holiday Festival of Lights every Monday through Thursday

Weekday discount offered at Holiday Festival of Lights with Lowcountry Food Bank donation

(JAMES ISLAND) – The holiday season is a great time of year to give to those in need. That’s why each year at Charleston County Parks’ Holiday Festival of Lights, individuals are encouraged to bring a canned food item for discounted entry into the park on weekdays. Lowcountry Food Bank discount nights are every Monday through Thursday through Dec. 31.

Collecting canned food items at the festival gates is almost as much of a tradition for the Holiday Festival of Lights as the lights themselves. This collection effort began just a few years after the festival started and helps the Lowcountry Food Bank provide necessary food items to the community.

By donating a canned food item on weekdays, festival-goers receive discounted entry into the park. Because animals in the Lowcountry are also in need, donating canned dog or cat food will also allow discounted entry those evenings.

Each Monday through Thursday, festival-goers who bring a canned food item for donation will save \$5 off their vehicle admission fee (of up to 15 passengers). In addition to the discount, these nights typically experience less festival traffic and waiting, so guests have more time to enjoy the festivities.

Donations will help support those in need this holiday season. At last year’s festival, 15,545 pounds of food were donated to the Lowcountry Food Bank. This equated to an estimated 12,954 meals provided to those in need during the holidays.

Families are invited to warm their hearts as they cruise along the three-mile drive of hundreds of displays and millions of glimmering lights through the park. Guests can also park the car to explore Winter Wonderland and Santa’s Village for family attractions, shopping, dining and more. Highlights include:

- Marshmallow Roasting
- Festival Train Rides
- The Amazing Dancing Light Display
- Enchanted Walking Trail
- Old-Fashioned Carousel
- Santa’s Sweet Shoppe and concessions: hamburgers, kettle corn, hot chocolate and more
- Four Gift Shops, featuring the children’s toy emporium Prancer’s Presents
- Visits with Santa, from Nov. 27 – Dec. 23
- Daytime photo opportunities to “Mingle with Kringle” (register in advance)
- Climbing Wall
- Giant sand sculpture
- 4x8 feet greeting card designs created by students for annual art competition
- Entertainment on select nights including live music, storytelling with Mrs. Claus, carolers and much more



For more information on the Holiday Festival of Lights, including event hours and fees, call 843-795-4386 or visit HolidayFestivalofLights.com. This event is co-presented by The Boeing Company, Chick-fil-A, your Charleston County Parks and many supporting sponsors!

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, a skate park, three beach parks, four seasonally-lifeguarded beach areas, three dog parks, two landmark fishing piers, three waterparks, 19 boat landings, a climbing wall, a challenge course, an interpretive center, a historic plantation site, 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 more. For more information on CCPRC, call 843-795-4386, visit CharlestonCountyParks.com or download the Charleston County Parks mobile app.