

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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Christmas Open House Sunday at Pioneer Heritage Center, Icelandic State Park

It's time for the annual Christmas Open House and Visitor Appreciation Day at the Pioneer Heritage Center located near the entrance to Icelandic State Park. The Open House will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. this Sunday, November 20, 2011. Santa will be there for photo opportunities and good cheer for kids and adults from 3 to 4 p.m. Santa will also have a special mailbox at the Heritage Center for kids to put their letters to Santa in. There will be a program at 2 p.m. of Christmas music followed by coffee and refreshments.

The North Valley Community Men's Choir will be performing Christmas music and the rest of the program will feature young people from the area performing Christmas music as well. Emily Sharp and Lilly Crosby will each be doing a song on piano, and several groups will be singing including a trio consisting of Brooklyn DeMars, Laine Gapp and Marly Holmquist, and another trio consisting of Bethany Brumbaugh, Melissa Kemp and Rachel Quanbeck. A group of Girl Scouts with girls from Daisies Troop 20392, Brownies Troop 20407 and Juniors Troop 20473 will also be singing. Brent Kemp will add a little variety to the mix by playing his saxophone.

The Northeastern North Dakota Heritage Association and Icelandic State Park invite everyone to come and enjoy the Christmas decorations, lights and decorated trees throughout the Pioneer Heritage Center and to enjoy the program. Heritage Association volunteers have spent many hours decorating and various groups throughout the community have decorated trees to transform the Center into a special Christmas display. The Heritage Association is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary and has chosen an anniversary theme for trees decorated throughout the center. Those decorating trees could choose to commemorate their favorite anniversary.

This event is free and no vehicle entry fee is required since it is also Icelandic State Park's Visitor Appreciation Day. The Park is located 5 miles west of Cavalier on Highway 5. Follow brown park direction signs to the park entrance. Detour signs can be ignored to reach the Heritage Center. Call the park at 701-265-4561 if you have questions.