​ **Festival of Lights Tree Contest** 



Sponsored by the Central Steuben Chamber of Commerce, the **Festival of Lights Tree Contest** involves the display of live Christmas trees in the Village of Bath gazebo area.  Our goal is 20 beautifully decorated trees and lots of new Christmas decor. In the effort to promote community, each tree will be sponsored by a local corporation, group, or business, and can be decorated by its sponsor or another organization designated by the sponsor.

Sponsoring a tree is a great way to market your business, boost employee morale, and just be creative.  Tree sponsorships are available for $75 which offsets the costs of the tree, durable stand, and maintenance.  The organization name will be displayed on an attractive sign that is placed beside the tree.

All entrants must complete the online registration that is available on our website, facebook page or by clicking here: <https://forms.gle/PXtcDkVcZLmHLR3q6>

Trees will be lit on December 6th at the Spirit of Christmas, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Lighting Countdown will commence at 6:30 p.m. sharp) and be illuminated 24 hours a day**through January 1, 2025.**

**Decorations and lights MAY NOT be removed before January 2, 2025.  Early removal violates our rules and ruins the display for family members, tourists, and guests who cannot come to town before Christmas Day.  Take down dates are January 2-5, 2025.**Any decorations not removed within that time will become the property of the Central Steuben Chamber of Commerce to keep or dispose of, at their discretion.

Trees will be judged by a committee, plus the People can vote online for their category of awards:

* **People’s Choice – Best of Show, Determined by Popular Vote on Facebook**
* **Judges' Choice – Best of Show, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Winners Determined by Our Committee of Judges**

Whether your tree is a work of art or something to promote your company, this is your opportunity to help the Central Steuben Chamber create a vibrant and exciting display of trees for this Christmas season.

**Festival of Lights Tree Contest RULES**

Trees will be ready to Decorate Saturday, November 30th at Noon.

1. YOU MAY USE LED lights ONLY - any type of LEDs will be fine. We recommend 4-5 strings per tree. This includes any tree topper

2. Use Waterproof Decorations. (water soluble glue will disintegrate during the rainy weather)

3. Secure your Decorations with Zips ties, pipe cleaners, string or other ties. The weather is unpredictable and non-secured decorations will get blown off your tree.

 4. A sign will be provided and displayed for you. NO EXTRA SIGNS OR BANNERS ARE ALLOWED

. 5. You must provide One 10 to 15 foot outdoor-rated extension cord. (Label with your name and place under your tree).

6. If you bring small children with you remember to teach them to respect others trees. If your child is caught vandalizing (accident or intentionally) another’s tree you will be charged accordingly and will lose your privilege of decorating with no refund. \*\* This includes pets. They must be on a leash and stay within your area. So not to leave any unwanted poop or urine in the area

7. The Central Steuben Chamber of Commerce is not responsible for any damage or theft to your tree. If you see any destruction or theft occurring call the Police Department.

8. SET UP- You must be set up by Thursday Evening, December 5th when the light test will occur.

9. TAKE DOWN- You must remove all your decorations and lights between January 2nd and 5th, 2025. If you have not done this everything will be thrown away when the trees are removed.

For More Information Please Call 607-776-7122 or email SteubenChamber@gmail.com

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