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Georgia Southern University Invites Community to Decorate Trees, Help Children

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The community is invited to show its holiday spirit when Georgia Southern University hosts its second annual Festival of Trees Nov. 16-21.

Local businesses, community groups, and individuals are invited to decorate Christmas trees to be raffled for local charities Toys for Tots and Christmas in the Boro/Bulloch. In 2008, the University's first Festival of Trees raised over \$1,000 for these charities.

Anyone is welcome to donate or display a decorated artificial tree three to seven feet tall to represent their company, group or family. As part of the fundraiser, the fee for display-only decorated trees is based on each tree's height. There is no charge for donating a decorated tree for raffle or for displaying a wreath or gingerbread house.

All tree decorators must confirm their commitment no later than 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30.

Donated holiday trees and wreathes will decorate the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building's atrium through the week-long festival. The primary corporate sponsor is Lowe's, whose Statesboro store has donated 10 seven-foot-tall trees.

The festival will conclude Saturday, Nov. 21 with a day of entertainment for all ages and the raffle drawing for the donated trees. Each pre-lit tree will be collected by its raffle-prize winner later in the month, decorations and all.

For more information about the Festival of Trees or to participate, contact Kelly Pye at the Continuing Education Center at 912-478-7977 or visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted>.