

# Nights of Lights at Mounds State Park

Dear Nights of Lights Decorator:

Thank you for participating in the first year of holiday merriment and festivities at Mounds State Park. The following are important instructions and tips to keep in mind as you decorate your campsite, throughout the month, and to the end of the event.

- ❄ The light show will begin the evening of Friday, December 3, 2021. The gates will open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in December and January 1, 2022 from 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm.
- ❄ You may decorate your site any time between **November 19, 2021** and **December 1, 2021** during park hours (dawn until dusk).
- ❄ Decorations and lights for your site may be related to Christmas, winter, or other holidays celebrated in December. The decorations and theme should be appropriate for all ages.
- ❄ **Please use extension cords, light displays, and other electrical decorations that are outdoor ready.** Mounds State Park and The Friends of Mounds State Park will not be responsible for any damage to equipment that is not rated or designed for outdoor use.
- ❄ **Inflatables are not allowed due to their potential of damage from wind and weather.** Freezing water and/or snow accumulation can cause extreme damage when the lights are turned on.
- ❄ Campsites have electrical pedestals located at the back of each site. **The Friends of Mounds SP will supply a timer device to turn the lights on and off each day.** We will not put the timers on until December 2, 2021. There are two plugs on each timer. Therefore, if you have one site you will have only two plug-ins. **When setting up, you may use the boxes to test your lights but unplug your displays before you leave.** We will plug them in when we attach the timer. If you have more than one site, you will have one timer per site.
- ❄ Indiana experiences many types of precipitation and rapid temperature variations throughout December, please tape any unused plug-ins on your lights/decoration to guard against water entering the socket. Electrical tape works best.
- ❄ Please use non-penetrating anchors if utilizing the trees on your selected site. Substantial ground anchors may be required due to inclement weather.
- ❄ You will be notified of any damage or repair to your site. Inspections to the sites will be done before the start of each night the event runs, but there is always potential for damage. *Minor problems will be addressed by the volunteers, but sites in need of major repair will not be turned on if safety is a concern. Anything major you will be notified; **please provide the number of a reliable contact.***
- ❄ The Friend of Mounds State Park and Mounds State Park are not responsible for anything that might be stolen or damaged.
- ❄ You may begin removing your decorations any time after January 2, 2022. Please have everything removed by January 15, 2022. *If prior notification or arrangements are not made by January 15, 2022, any and all items left at the campsite will be considered a donation to the Friends of Mounds State Park and considered their property.*
- ❄ We will advertise the event through several formats including our local newspapers, DNR websites, the Friends of Mounds website, The Friends of Mounds Facebook page, park billboards, and handouts.

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- ❄️ Have fun with your decorations, and don't forget this is great advertisement, too. Have your name, business name, or organization's name displayed in some format on your site, illuminated enough to be read from the road.
- ❄️ Spectators will vote for their top three favorite displays. The winner will be announced at a Recognition Reception on January 15, 2022. All decorators and qualified sponsors are invited to attend. More information will be sent out at a later date.
- ❄️ Encourage friends and family to visit to see your hard work!
- ❄️ A charge will be taken at the camp store, and all proceeds will go to the Friends of Mounds State Park for their many projects at the park. When paying by cash, the charge is \$5 per vehicle or, if paying by debit/credit card the fee is \$6 per vehicle.
- ❄️ Besides the Nights of Lights, there are other events planned throughout December to celebrate the festivities of the season.
- ❄️ Our goal is to grow the Nights of Lights into a tradition for the residents of Anderson and surrounding areas for years to come!

If there are any questions, please reach out to us via one of the methods below:

- Email: [events.friendsofmounds@gmail.com](mailto:events.friendsofmounds@gmail.com)
- Facebook page: Friends of Mounds State Park
- Calling the park office at (765) 642-6627
- Calling Andrea at (317) 450-5001

Thank you for your support and participation in our event.

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