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Winterfest begins at Carowinds

Employees at Carowinds theme park are busily putting the finishing touches on Winterfest, an old-fashioned Christmas celebration.

Winterfest, scheduled from now through Dec. 31, will give people of the fast-paced 20th century the opportunity to step back in time, back to the more relaxed era of horse-drawn surreys, street carolers, handmade gifts and homemade foods.

No amusement rides will operate at Carowinds during Winterfest.

Carowinds General Manager Wilson Flohr stressed that the purpose of Winterfest is not to extend the park's regular operation into winter, but to provide a unique holiday experience for families.

"We want to provide all our Winterfest guests with the opportunity to relax and enjoy the kind of old-fashioned Christmas that many of us have dreamed about but have never experienced," Flohr said.

"With the tasteful combination of traditional holiday food and drinks, handmade gift items, colorful costumes and lots of live, joyful Christmas music, Winterfest will undoubtedly create an atmosphere

of warmth and nostalgia for everyone."

Approximately one-third of the 77-acre theme park will be used to recreate Christmases of bygone days during Winterfest.

The Plantation Square and the Old World Marketplace sections of the park will be transformed into a Traditional Southern Christmas, a 19th Century New Orleans Christmas, a Traditional English Christmas and a Rural Country Christmas.

Decorations, including hundreds of gingham, calico and velvet bows, garlands of greenery and thousands of white lights, will distinguish each "Christmas" from the others.

The 340-foot Eastern Skytower has been transformed into a giant Christmas tree with strings of white lights running from top to bottom in a 360-degree cone around the tower. The tower is topped by a 30-foot star.

In addition to the heavy emphasis placed on atmosphere, a great deal of attention has been focused on traditional holiday food and drinks, handmade crafts and quality merchandise.



A main attraction of Winterfest at Carowinds is the 340-foot Eastern Skytower decorated as a giant Christmas tree.

Entertainment during Winterfest will include authentically-dressed, Dickens-era carolers and a brass ensemble. The Community Showcase will feature local church and school choirs, adding a festive note to the holiday celebration.

"The World of Christmas," an eight-person live show, will be presented daily in Harmony Hall. The 30-minute show is a musical performance reminiscent of winters and Christmases past.

Winterfest will be open every day Nov. 25 - Dec. 31, except for Christmas Day.

Winterfest hours of operation are: Monday - Friday, 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Saturdays, Noon - 10 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. - 10 p.m. Winterfest closes at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. Hours for New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, will be announced.

Admission to Winterfest is

\$3.50. Children 3 years old and younger are admitted free.

Group rates of \$2.75 a person are available to groups of 25 or more when advance reservations are made. 1983 and 1984 season pass holders are admitted free.

Carowinds, located on I-77 at the North Carolina-South Carolina border, will reopen for the 1984 season on March 17.

KC '83 students to help city residents

Thousands of students attending Campus Crusade for Christ's massive KC 83 conference Dec. 27 - Jan. 1 will spend part of their time helping the Salvation Army share God's love in the inner city.

KC 83 director Dan Hayes, of Atlanta, and Kansas City Salvation Army commander Major Clarence Harvey said that more than half of the anticipated 25,000 college students and college-bound high school seniors would "become" the Army's hands" on Friday, Dec. 30, reaching out to work with inner city residents in a variety of ways.

"Some students will be distributing donated food, others will be replacing smoke alarm batteries for the elderly poor, still others will be visiting jails, and thousands will be checking on shut-ins and surveying their needs," Major Harvey said. All of the activities will follow up ongoing Salvation Army outreaches, in conjunction with local churches and supporting community agencies.

"Every job that the students will be doing is something that we ourselves would do right away if we had the staff," he added. "The students will be a godsend, especially to the thousands of poor, elderly, shut-in or handicapped persons

whom it would take us months to visit otherwise."

Hayes said that the outreach would be a highlight of the conference. "Knowing Jesus Christ personally is the greatest thing that can happen to anyone," he added, "and the students will be prepared to talk about Him with those who are interested.

"But helping meet people's immediate felt needs is also important to us and important to the Lord, and we are looking forward to assisting the Salvation Army in their wonderful ministry to Kansas City."

KC 83 leaders expect approximately 25,000 people, mostly college students, to attend the conference: the largest student event sponsored by Campus Crusade since the EXPLOR 72 conference in Dallas drew more than 80,000 to the Cotton Bowl for a week in 1972.

Paid registrations to date stand at more than 11,300 from some 650 colleges and schools throughout the U.S. and Canada, Hayes said, and the number climbs daily.

KC 83 speakers will include Campus Crusade founder-president Bill Bright and evangelist Billy Graham, as well as popular writer-lecturer Elizabeth Elliott Gren, Campus Crusade author-speaker Josh

McDowell, and Crawford Loritts, director of the interdenominational organization's Here's Life, Black America ministry.

Dallas Theological Seminary professor Howard Hendricks, a nationally known radio speaker, will lead Bible-teaching sessions each morning.

Plans also call for numerous training seminars on fostering campus spiritual awakening and on evangelism, Hayes said, and optional seminars will focus on such subjects as love, prayer, and sex and dating.

Other specialized sessions will be held for particular groups, including faculty, fraternity and sorority members, minority groups, athletes, and others.

Costs of the conference will be \$95, including lodging for five nights, non-refundable registration fee of \$25, all conference materials and two concerts. For commuters, the cost is \$50. After Dec. 2, the fees become \$105 and \$60, respectively.

Further information is available by writing: Campus Crusade for Christ, KC 83, Attention: Matt Sanders 3600, Arrowhead Springs, San Bernardino, CA 92414.

Faculty notes

Dr. Ellen Ironside recently served on the planning committee for a regional conference sponsored by the American Council on Education, Commission on Higher Education and the Adult Learner. At the conference, held in October at NCSU, she was moderator for one of three discussion sessions in which representatives of business, government, and education considered the topic, "Developing Human Capital: A Shared Responsibility."

Dr. Ironside also represented Meredith in October at the inauguration of Nenah E. Fry as seventh president of Sweet Briar College. Dr. Fry was formerly academic dean at Wells College.

Emily Johnson attended the national conference of the American Association for Paralegal Education in San Diego, California, October 5-8. The AAfPE is a national organization serving paralegal educators and educational institutions which works closely with the American Bar Association. James McCord, AAfPE President was a member of the ABA visitation team which approved the Legal Assistants Program last summer.

Professor W. R. Ledford, foreign languages, served as a consultant to the Department of Foreign Languages at Gardner-

Webb College, Boiling Springs, NC on November 14-15.

The purpose of his visit to the campus was in preparation for N.C. Teacher Certification and for Re-evaluation by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges.

Dr. Allen Burris, Vice President and Dean of the College, has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Panel of the Governor's Commission on Education for Economic Growth.

Dean Burris was honored recently by the Alumni Association of Wingate College as the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Rhoda Sowers, Director of Student Activities, has been named "Outstanding New Professional" by the North Carolina College Personnel Association. This is a state-wide award recognizing excellence and outstanding contributions to the field of college student personnel. Rhoda was presented with the award at the annual conference of the association held November 17 at Peace College.

Dr. Sarah Lemmon spoke on "North Carolina in the First World War" as the keynote speaker for the Duplin County Historical Society's observance of Veterans' Week, Nov. 5-12, 1983.