



TOWN OF DAVIE, 6591 Orange Drive, Davie, Florida 33314-3399 (954) 797-1153

Town of Davie's 20th Annual Winter Holiday Tree, Menorah, & Kinara Decorating Contest

School Principals and Civic Leaders:

The Town of Davie is once again inviting your school or civic group to participate in the 20th Annual Holiday Tree, Menorah, & Kinara Decorating Contest. Last year over 40 schools and civic groups participated in this festive holiday event. **The contest will be held at the Davie Town Hall, located at 6591 Orange Drive.**

This year, the decorating contest will begin on **Wednesday, December 3, 2008**, at 9:00 a.m. A holiday lunch will be included for your team and chaperones at no cost on Wednesday, December 3rd from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **ONLY. Lunch reservations may be made by completing the enclosed application.**

If you can not decorate on Wednesday, December 3rd, your group may come to decorate after school on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, or on Friday morning before NOON. However, the holiday lunch will not be included at these times.

Each school or civic group is asked to choose a group of their most creative students or members to represent their school or organization. Trees, Menorahs, Kinaras, and lights will be furnished by the Town, and each team will be assigned to decorate one six-foot holiday Tree, Menorah, or Kinara. The theme for this year's contest is:

“Going Green for the Holidays”

Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated Trees, Menorahs, or Kinaras in the following classifications: Pre-K and K, elementary school, middle school, high school, children's non-profit organization, and adult non-profit organization. Each group will receive a participation ribbon for their efforts.

Awards will be presented to winning teams on **Sunday, December 7, 2008** during the “Winter Holidays” Lighting of the Greens reception at the Davie Town Hall. Town hall is located at 6591 Orange Drive, Davie. ALL groups are encouraged to attend the ceremony to see if their school or organization has won the decorating contest.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and participate in this holiday event. Trees, Menorahs, and Kinaras are limited and will be awarded on a first come basis. Please find enclosed a contest application and general rules to follow. Applications should be returned immediately to reserve a Tree, Menorah, or Kinara.

PLEASE PASS ON THIS INFORMATION (MAKE COPIES IF NECESSARY) TO ANY GROUPS IN YOUR SCHOOL INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTEST.

For further questions or concerns, contact Bonnie Stafiej, Special Projects Director, at (954) 797-1163 or bonnie_stafiej@davie-fl.gov.

CONTEST RULES AND CONDITIONS

Please Read with your Team

1) The decorating contest will begin on **Wednesday, December 3rd, 2008**, at 9:00 a.m. A holiday lunch will be included for your team and chaperones at no cost on Wednesday, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ONLY. Lunch reservations may be made by completing the enclosed application.

If you cannot decorate during the day on Wednesday, December 3rd, your group may come to decorate after school on Wednesday and Thursday evenings or on Friday morning before Noon. However, the holiday lunch will not be included at these times. Trees, Menorahs, or Kinaras are limited and will be awarded on a first come basis.

2) School buses are asked to park in the Town municipal parking FIELD (located behind Town Hall). Please do not park in the paved parking lot.

3) Each school or group will be assigned one, 6-foot Tree, Menorah, or Kinara upon request. Lights will be furnished for each by the Town of Davie. The Town will also supply signs for each Tree, Menorah, or Kinara. The signs will indicate: Decorated by (your school): Sponsored by (Sponsor's name).

•When you arrive to decorate your Tree, Menorah, or Kinara, it will have a temporary sign hanging on it to indicate that this is your assigned Tree, Menorah or Kinara.

•When you complete your decorating, please reattach the sign somewhere on the Tree, Menorah, or Kinara. We will replace this sign later with the professionally painted one.

•**Please do not remove decorations from your Tree, Menorah, or Kinara until after December 29, 2008 and if you wish to keep your decorations, you must remove them before January 2, 2008. The Town is not responsible for decorations left after this date.**

4) Schools and groups must supply all decorations and supplies needed to complete their project.

BE SURE DECORATIONS WILL WITHSTAND WET WEATHER CONDITIONS AND WIND.

The Tree, Menorah, or Kinara will be located outside, so secure your decorations to your display with wire or strings to prevent them from blowing off.

5) A holiday lunch consisting of a hot dog or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, drink, and candy cane will be served free of charge to all participating teams' members and their chaperones until 1:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, December 3rd** only.

6) The displays will be judged for best decorated Tree, Menorah or Kinara in six divisions: pre-K and K, elementary school, middle school, high school, children's non-profit group or club, and adult non-profit group or club. Theme for the contest is:

“Going Green for the Holidays”

7) Trophies will be awarded for the best decorated Tree, Menorah or Kinara in each division. Rosettes will be awarded for 2nd and 3rd places. All groups receive a group participant ribbon.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Awards will be presented to winning decorating teams on **Sunday, December 7, 2008**, during the “Winter Holidays” Lighting of the Greens reception at the Davie Town Hall. ALL groups are encouraged to attend the ceremony to see if their group has won the contest. There will be plenty of FREE activities for everyone including; 20 tons of snow, free refreshments, climbing wall, bounce houses, and much more!

WINTER HOLIDAYS TREE, MENORAH & KINARA DECORATING CONTEST APPLICATION

Fill out and return to:

Town of Davie
Holiday Tree, Menorah, & Kinara Contest
6591 Orange Drive
Davie, FL 33314
Attn: Bonnie Stafiej

School or Club (include Troop number if applicable)

Name: _____

Group Classification: Pre-K and K Elementary Middle High
 ___ School ___ School ___ School ___ School
 Civic Civic Special Needs
 ___ Club Youth ___ Club Adult ___ School or Group Other type _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone # Day: _____ Phone # Night: _____ Cell Phone: _____

(Choose one and place an X)

___ We will decorate a Tree

___ We will decorate a Menorah

___ We will decorate a Kinara

___ **Our school or group** will decorate our Tree, Menorah or Kinara on Wednesday, December 3rd between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. We will bring ___ number of children and ___ number of adults for lunch.

___ **Our school or group** will decorate our Tree or Menorah after school or during the evening hours. Our Tree or Menorah will be completed no later than Friday, December 5th before NOON.

CONTEST THEME: "Going Green for the Holidays"

I agree to hold harmless, The Town of Davie, their officers and employees singly or collectively for any injury, misadventure, harm, loss, inconvenience or damage suffered or sustained as a result of participation in the 20th Annual "Winter Holidays Celebration" Tree, Menorah and Kinara Decorating Contest. I acknowledge that I have been notified that I am expected to know and obey the rules and conditions governing this event.

School or Official Signature
(must be 21 years of age or older)

Date

Trees, Menorahs and Kinaras are assigned on a first come first served basis. The number of Trees, Menorahs and Kinaras are limited. Once this number is met no other applications will be accepted. Mail your request early!