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## Kentucky Museum's 'Christmas in Kentucky' set to return

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After last year's event was canceled due to COVID-19, Western Kentucky University's Kentucky Museum will host its 15th Christmas in Kentucky celebration free for the public next month.

Scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., a number of different attractions will be available such as ornament making, a magic show, a performance by the WKU Treblemakers and a chance to meet Big Red along with Santa & Mrs. Claus.

Museum Education Curator Christy Spurlock said the event brings in anywhere from 600 to 1,200 attendees who often come after the conclusion of the Jaycee Christmas Parade.

"We are so excited, of course, to be able to host it," Spurlock said. "It is always every year our largest event. It's become a holiday tradition for many families. It also gives people an opportunity to see the new exhibits that we have."

While most of day's offerings will take place inside the museum, the Treblemakers will sing Christmas Carols at the outside entrance upon the beginning of the event, and gingerbread and cider will be available at the nearby Felts Log House at noon.

Spurlock referenced a whole "army of volunteers" who make the celebration possible to pull off including WKU's Delta Zeta sorority who will be assisting with ornament making.

"It's just a great group effort, and we are so happy to bring this to the community," Spurlock said. "We literally have children in our community who have grown up during this. People will stop me and tell me that they really look forward to it. Christmas in Kentucky is really a love fest between the museum and the community."

She said the museum encourages all attendees to wear masks upon entry, and all events were free due to Atmos Energy being the day's title sponsor.

New exhibits that are now available for attendees to view include "Gazing Deeply: The Art & Science of Mammoth Cave" and "Styles & the gist of it".

"Gazing Deeply" showcases how Mammoth Cave is being studied, interpreted and is inspiring action on environmental change while the other spotlights the many garments of former Bowling Green dressmaker Carrie Taylor who began her business, the Mrs. A. H. Taylor Company, in 1878.

A detailed schedule of the museum's Christmas celebration along with details on other exhibits can be found at [www.wku.edu/kentuckymuseum/](http://www.wku.edu/kentuckymuseum/).

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