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Tennessee Seeks State Capitol Christmas Tree and Ornaments It's "Christmas in July" in the State of Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Department of General Services and the Governor's Office are calling on Tennesseans to help find the perfect Christmas tree for the State Capitol and to contribute ornaments for its decoration.

"Each year, Maria and I look forward to continuing the Tennessee tradition of generosity throughout the holiday season," said Gov. Bill Lee. "As we embark on the search for a Christmas tree, I invite Tennesseans to join us in working together to find an evergreen that embodies the spirit, unity, and pride of Tennessee as we prepare our hearts to receive the ultimate gift, the birth of Christ."

The State is seeking a Norway Spruce tree (or similar), standing between 30 and 40 feet tall, to serve as this year's Capitol Christmas Tree. Residents who wish to propose a tree for consideration should send photographs of the tree along with their contact information and the tree's location to TN.Tree@tn.gov.

In addition to the tree search, the State invites Tennesseans to donate ornaments symbolic of Tennessee or their local community to decorate the Capitol Christmas Tree.

Those interested in contributing an ornament should provide the following information with the ornament:

- Individual or group name
- Mailing address
- Email address
- A brief description of the ornament and its significance



Tennesseans can mail their ornaments and this information to:

CHRISTMAS IN JULY
TN TOWER, DAVIDSON ROOM
312 ROSA L. PARKS AVE, 2ND FLOOR
NASHVILLE, TN 37243

While not all ornaments may be used this year, the State will retain donations for potential use in future years.

The selected tree will be illuminated by Governor Lee during the annual **Christmas Tree Lighting** ceremony as part of the **Christmas at the Capitol** celebration on Monday, December 2, following the Thanksgiving holiday.

This initiative offers a unique opportunity for Tennessee residents to participate in a beloved holiday tradition and showcase their State pride.

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