

Eagle Lake Chamber Christmas Mall December 12

Feliz Navidad! Meli Kalikimaka! Gun Tso Sun Tan'Gung Haw Sun! Kala Christouyenna! Buone Feste Natalizie! Merry Christmas!

It is that time of year again and the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce is preparing for the Holiday "Parade of Lights - Christmas Around the World" and our first annual Christmas Mall! What a great place to get ready for the holidays!

The first annual Christmas Mall will be held Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 10 AM - 9 PM in the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce building at 303 East Main Street.

This is the perfect opportunity to sell goodies, crafts, jewelry, gifts and more.

The Chamber of Commerce will actively market this event and you will be guaranteed many visitors, especially when Santa joins us that evening.

Vendors will be allocated a 10' x 10' space for only \$10. Additional space can be purchased for \$10 each.

Vendors will be given access to the building on Friday, December 11, 2009 from 10 AM to 2 PM and 5 PM to 8 PM for setup.

The building will also be open to vendors at 8 AM on Saturday before doors open to the public at 10 AM. This year's parade will begin at 6:45.

Santa will be meeting and greeting immediately following the parade.

Whether you decide to join us by having a booth in the Christmas Mall, a float in the parade, a holiday shopper or just an onlooker, you are sure to have a great experience!

Please return the entry form to the Chamber of Commerce at the above address with your \$10 fee

(additional fee for more space) by Tuesday, December 1, 2009.

Placement in the Christmas Mall is on a first-come, first serve basis, so hurry and enter.

We hope you will join us in this fun-filled event. Please remember to encourage others to participate

in our Christmas Mall and parade.

Feel free to call the Chamber at 979-234-2780 or e-mail events@VisitEagleLake.com if you have any questions or need additional entry forms. Information and entry forms are also available at www.VisitEagleLake.com.

Tips For Unique Gift Wrapping

Gift wrap heightens the sense of anticipation at any occasion by masking the identity of a gift until it's time to reveal the surprise. A well-presented gift can sometimes elicit as much excitement as unearthing what's stored within.

Too often people take the safe, and somewhat boring, route when gift wrapping, relying on preprinted papers or gift-wrap kits.

That can leave gifts looking like carbon-copies of the others. For those looking for interesting and crafty ideas for wrapping presents, here are some unique ways to wrap that you may have not considered.

1. Gift boxes come in a variety of colors, so why hide them under gift wrap? Use the box itself to create a personalized package.

Simply cut out patterns in the box, such as a snowflake, snowman, candle, etc., depending upon the occasion. Use a sharp cutting tool like an X-acto knife.

Line the box with colored tissue paper, and the color will show through the cutouts you've created.

2. Wallpaper can be used for much more than just home decor. With its varied color palettes and styles, creating one-of-a-kind gift wrap is easy.

While more expensive than paper gift wrap, wallpaper can lend a feeling of opulence to special gifts, such as jewelry, collectibles and more.

3. Fabric can also be put to use as gift wrap. It can cover awkward-shaped gifts not easily wrapped by paper.

For those who are especially handy, fabric can be sewn to form gift sacks, stockings or wine cozies.

Stock up on reduced-price novelty pattern fabric at a local craft store at the end of the season, so the fabric will be on hand come next year.

Or browse the remnants bin for small pieces of fabric that can form a patchwork or wrap small gifts.

4. Other housewares items can also be used when wrapping. Use drapery tassels to tie up gifts in lieu of ribbon.

It can make the gift look elegant and expensive. With some drapery tassels costing about \$1.00 at a discount store, this can be an inexpensive touch that just looks like a lot was spent on it.

5. Make the wrapping part of the gift. Use decorative scarves, hair clips, towels and similar items.

6. Don't throw out all of those scraps of ribbon that often become left over. Weave them together so that they cover the lid and bottom of a gift box completely. The result will certainly be a unique gift wrap.

7. For those with a "Dollar Store" nearby, browse the aisles

for other inexpensive trinkets or ideas into thoughtful and creative gift wrap.

8. Sometimes simple materials have the most impact. Brown postal paper stamped with a pattern and tied off with raffia will set gifts apart.

9. Creativity should not only lie in the gift wrap. Think of clever ways to present the gift to heighten the sense of anticipation.

Have the gift recipient follow a set of clues on a "treasure hunt." Or hide the gift inside something else.

For example, a ring set inside of a rosebud that has not yet opened will yield a wonderful surprise when the flower blooms.

Don't underestimate your own sense of creativity when wrapping gifts.



Eagle Lake Parade of Lights



Saturday, December 12, 2009 • 10 AM - 9 PM

Application for Christmas Mall Booths
Food ★ Drink ★ Crafts ★ Jewelry ★ Gifts

Fee: \$10

Booth Size: 10' x 10' • Additional Space: \$10 • Must provide own display table, chairs and props.

Setup: Friday, December 11th 10 AM - 2 PM & 5 PM - 8 PM • Saturday, December 12th 8 AM

Deadline for entry: Tuesday, December 1, 2009

No Alcoholic Beverages

Name of Individual or Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Phone # of Contact Person: _____

Contact's e-mail: _____

What do you plan to sell?

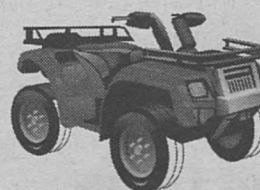
Please complete and return this form to the address or email below at your earliest convenience to assist us in the planning and organization this event. Thanks and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call or e-mail the chamber.

Return Entry and \$10 To:
Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce
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Eagle Lake, TX 77434
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