



September 20, 2022

Dear Principal,

The Festival of Trees returns to Danville in 2022 to celebrate our 25th Anniversary and our Silver Bells Anniversary, and we would invite your school to join the combined talents of other area school children with the generosity of civic organizations and local businesses by participating in the 2022 Junior Parade of Trees.

The committee will again be contacting civic organizations and businesses to sponsor a tree for a school in their community. Schools then decorate their tree based upon this year's Festival theme, "*25 Silver Bells*". A competition will be undertaken, and the trees will be judged on the best representation of the Festival theme.

The school whose tree is chosen as Best of Show (best depicts this theme) will win a cash prize to purchase needed equipment/supplies for their classroom. Additional prizes will also be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place runners up.

The amount of space required for the Junior Parade of Trees is limited, so participating schools will be accepted on a first come basis. **The committee will arrange sponsorship for your tree; but if you know of a local business who may wish to sponsor your tree, we will be happy to contact them on your behalf.** The Sponsorship fee remains the same at \$175.00

Please consider our invitation to participate in this wonderful opportunity to allow your students to show off their creativity, to demonstrate their pride in their school and to give back to our community. *We would appreciate if you would share the enclosed flyers with your teachers or class representatives.*

If you wish to register your school, or if you have any questions, please contact pete.goodwin@countrypfinancial.com.

Many thanks in anticipation of your participation,

Pete Goodwin, Ryan O'Shaughnessy and Chris Griffin
Co-Chairs, Junior Parade of Trees

Danville Festival of Trees
2022 Junior Parade of Trees Decorating Guidelines

Thank you for participating in the Festival of Trees, Junior Parade of Trees for 2022. By participating, you agree to decorate your tree according to theme guidelines. Trees will be judged based on the best representation of the Festival theme, “**A Season of Hope**”

This year trees will need to be completely decorated and delivered to the David S. Palmer Arena on **Tuesday or Wednesday November 8th and 9th, 2022 by 9pm**. Trees will be showcased at the Festival of Trees from November 12-16th.

Enclosed you will find a tree transport bag. Place the decorated tree inside and tie at the top and bottom. Be sure to attach the enclosed tree tag with your school’s information on it!

Decorating your Tree:

- + All ornaments and decorations **MUST** be wired directly to the tree using floral wire (4” lengths work best). Remember these trees will be moved and picked up; so wire well.
- + Extra white, single color, or multi-colored lights are allowed on the pre-lit trees. Additional lights will require the school/class to send a power-strip for safety purposes; this power strip will not be returned and will go with the tree.
- + Arena space for each tree is limited. If your decorating will utilize space that exceeds the height of your tree by more than 1’ and the width of your tree by more than 2’, this **MUST** be pre-approved by the Junior Parade of Trees Co-Chairs, as this effects spacing and placement.
- + Trees will be transported after the Festival **in the tree bag provided to you**. Please be sure to securely attach the bag to the base of the tree to ensure proper protection during tear down. Fragile ornaments are not recommended as they do not travel well and may be broken in the transportation of the tree. We cannot be held responsible for any broken ornaments.
- + Do not use loop hangers on any ornament – **WIRE EVERYTHING**.
- + Ornaments with inserted or slip-on hangers must be glued where the two pieces meet.
- + Larger, lighter ornaments show better and fewer are needed.
- + **All decorative items at the base of the tree will go with the tree**. Do not put anything under the tree that will not go with the tree; the buyer of the tree will receive everything that is underneath it.
- + **Please be advised that decorating costs are the responsibility of the school/class**. Be creative, handmade ornaments and crafts work well.

Thank you for helping us celebrate 25 years of Festival of Trees!



The Junior Parade of Trees needs your help!

We're celebrating 25 years of the Festival of Trees and we want your class to join the fun. We need schools and classes to decorate 3 foot trees sponsored by area businesses, clubs, and organizations. All it takes to get started is your great ideas and a little creativity.

This year's theme is "Silver Bells 25th Anniversary"

All schools and classes should decorate their trees based on their interpretation of this theme. The tree that is chosen as best depicting this theme will win a **cash prize for equipment/supplies for their school or classroom**. Past winners include:

Best of Show – Oakwood Jr High Student Council; Lu Ann Grimm

High School:

- 1st Place – DHS Senior Student Council; Lori Woods
- 2nd Place – DHS Future Problem Solvers; Lori Woods

Middle School:

- 1st Place – Oakwood Jr High Student Council; Lori Woods
- 2nd Place – Northridge Middle School; Whitney Spencer

Elementary School:

- 1st Place – Schlarman Academy 3rd Grade; Laurie Sermersheim
- 2nd Place – Liberty Elementary; Angie Carlton

Trees will be showcased at the David S. Palmer Arena from **November 12-16, 2022**.

Space is limited, so contact us soon to reserve your space

Pete Goodwin @ pete.goodwin@countryfinancial.com

Please provide the following information:

Name of school & class, contact name, daytime phone number & e-mail address



Junior Parade of Trees Classroom Application

School/Class Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of Teacher or Contact Person: _____

School Phone (& extension for teacher): _____

Teacher Phone (non-school contact #): _____

E-mail Address: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Festival of Trees
112 N. Vermilion St.
Danville, IL 61832

Pete.Goodwin@CountryFinancial.com

(application deadline 10/15/22)

Junior Parade of Trees Co-Chairs:

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