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## ***Winterfest***

Join us at Cross Ranch State Park on Saturday, February 11th, 2017 for our annual *Winterfest* celebration! This event will start at 1pm to include a winter scavenger hunt, cookie s'mores, snowman/fort building contest, candlelight cross country ski, horse sleigh rides, and delicious soups to keep everyone warm!

To kick-off the winter celebration at 1pm, free soup and chili will be served until gone. There will also be refreshments such as cookies and hot chocolate.

Some events that will be featured throughout the day are a winter scavenger hunt starting at 2pm followed by cookie s'mores at the amphitheater around a warm fire. A snowman/fort building contest will start at 3:30pm followed by judging at 4:15pm. At 4:30pm, resident cross country skier, Lisa Kudelka will give skiers some tips on cross country skiing before our candlelight ski. To end the evening, there will be solar lights lining the trail to guide you through the night by cross country ski or snowshoe. Horse drawn sleigh rides and a snowflake decorating craft will be available throughout the day.

Feel free to bring personal cross country skis or snowshoes to the candlelight ski. Cross country skis or snowshoes can also be rented throughout the day at the River Peoples Visitor Center for \$15.00. Remember to dress according to the weather and bring some mittens to play in the snow.

The events throughout *Winterfest* are free of charge in accordance with a daily pass, annual pass, or campground permit. Cross Ranch State Park and Nature Preserve are located 12 miles southeast of Hensler via paved roads, or 6 miles by gravel. For paved access roads follow the brown park directional signs located on Highway 25.

The mission of North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department is to provide and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities through diverse parks and programs that conserve the state's natural diversity.

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