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Custer Christmas returns to Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park

The Custer Christmas holiday tradition returns to Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-8, with a variety of activities and amusements for kids and adults planned from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

“Custer Christmas gives people a chance to escape the busy holiday season, if only for an afternoon, says Park Manager Dan Schelske.

Visitors can enjoy a leisurely stroll through the Custer House decorated in the traditional Victorian style, have a meet and greet with General George Custer, or join the state park interpreters in decorating the tumbleweed Christmas tree. There is an opportunity for people to make their very own Victorian Christmas ornaments as a free souvenir. Sleigh rides on Cavalry Square are available both days.

“We want people to have a relaxing afternoon,” says Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park Interpretive Coordinator Matt Schanandore. “They can string popcorn for the tree, or just enjoy frosting a cookie with homemade frosting, or enjoy a brisk ride around Cavalry Square on a sleigh.”

In the Commissary visitors can take old-fashioned photographs dressed up as soldiers or laundresses, individually or as a family for FREE. The Commissary Store and Coffee Shop are open during the event, offering holiday gift ideas and serving hot chocolate, apple cider and the finest gourmet coffee drinks around.

Admission to the event is \$6 per adult and \$4 per student. The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department has waived the vehicle entrance fee in honor of Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park’s Visitor Appreciation Weekend.

For more information about Custer Christmas and Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park, visit www.parkrec.nd.gov or call 701-667-6340.