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Holly-Days at the Gardens spotlights 20-foot lighted Frazier Fir, photo sessions with Santa & animals, kids' storytelling & crafts, holiday music, Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2!



CORPUS CHRISTI— A 20-foot Frazier Fir with 24,000 colored lights, on the Rose Garden lawn, will be the centerpiece of **'Holly-Days' at the Gardens**, 9 am to 6 pm, Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2, at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. At a second large tree in the Rose Pavilion, guests may use phones or cameras for brief photo sessions with Santa, parrots and reptiles. A third, smaller tree will decorate the Bromeliad Conservatory.

Other options for enhancing visitor holiday spirits will include crafts and storytelling for kids; holiday music while strolling through the Gardens; and great gift ideas in Nature's Boutique. * All activities included in general admission except photo sessions with Santa and friends, \$10 donation each, which helps fund parrot and reptile care.



Holly-Days SCHEDULE, Saturday, Sunday

Story-Telling: "The Night before Christmas in Texas",
"Legend of the Poinsettia"

Pictures with Santa, Parrots:

Pictures with Santa, Reptiles:

Parrot Talk Show:

Kids Crafts: Seed Balls & Holiday Craft

Kids "Loose Parts" Program (Natural Materials Block Building)

Food Truck on site for Lunch!

10 am, 3 pm

10:30-11:30 am, 12:30-1:30 pm

3:30-4:30 pm

1:30-2:30 pm

10 am-2 pm

2-4 pm

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***Annual NATURE'S BOUTIQUE "Members' Holiday Sale":** Botanical Gardens members receive a special 20 percent NATURE'S BOUTIQUE discount off regularly-priced merchandise and books in the gift shop beginning **Saturday, November 15 through Monday, December 31.** (Open 9 am-6 pm daily, except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day.)