

"Holly-Days"
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Eighth **HOLLY-DAYS** at the **GARDENS** delivers Santa plus four weekends of magical merriment!

CORPUS CHRISTI—The eighth annual festive "HOLLY-DAYS at the GARDENS," at South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St., makes the Coastal Bend sparkle, 5:30-7:30 pm, Fridays and Saturdays, November 28/29, December 5/6, 12/13, 19/20-- presented by Valero.

SANTA visits, hayrides, kids' crafts, lighted Hay Maze, photo cut-outs, pictures with animal ambassadors, s'mores with cocoa easily fill your Holly-Days visit! All except refreshments, and animal photo vet-expense donations is included in general admission or membership.

Center stage is the traditional 20-foot fresh-cut lighted fir tree in the Rose Garden. "Cherry Blossom" trees, seasonal ocean décor, Texas-sized wood reindeer, lighted Butterfly House, Poinsettia Tree in Bromeliad Conservatory and many other creative tree and light displays turn the grounds into a lighted wonderland for families, friends, date-nights and houseguests!



"Emerald Forest"-- by internationally-known environmental artist Shelia Rogers-- features a brilliantly inner-lit 18-foot "Eco Christmas Tree" and four smaller matching versions made with thousands of recycled green plastic bottles, making the Plumeria Garden, empty for winter, a "Recycled Christmas." A "Tire Tree," wreathes and snowmen crafted from old bicycle rims, and small holiday characters made from recycled stair rail bannisters join them. FMI: STX BOT.ORG, 361-852-2100.



HOLLY-DAYS at the GARDENS!

TREES & LIGHTS around every corner
Holiday Cut-Out Photo Ops
Lighted Hay Maze in Children's Area
PHOTOS with SANTA in Rose Pavilion
KIDS CRAFTS
HAYRIDES tent behind Pavilion
Reptile Room Open, Gift Shop Open in Visitors Center
Photos with Animals donation to Vet Care
S'mores & Cocoa \$5 at Fire Pit

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