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Candlelight Christmas Returns for Two Evenings of Appalachian Holiday Traditions

NORRIS, Tenn. – The Museum of Appalachia will host its annual Candlelight Christmas event Friday and Saturday, December 11-12, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. each evening. Candlelight Christmas is a holiday celebration held in the spirit of early Appalachian and pioneer Christmas traditions.

The centerpiece of the event is an evening tour of the Museum's Pioneer Village, festively lit for the occasion and alive with the sights, sounds, and smells of an Appalachian Christmas. As visitors explore the grounds, they'll encounter live music, sassafras tea, apple butter-making, popcorn stringing, storytelling, fiber arts, animal encounters, and more.

Candlelight Christmas will also feature a Holiday Market, where regional artisans will offer a wide selection of handmade and one-of-a-kind gifts for Christmas shoppers. Santa Claus will also be on site during the event, offering meet-and-greets with children throughout the evening.

Guests can also explore Homestead Holidays inside the Hall of Fame building, which highlights Christmas-themed artifacts from the Museum's collection and offers additional historical context for how the season was observed in Appalachian homes.

Hearty seasonal food and warm refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the event.

Discounted tickets are available online through Thursday, December 10th at museumofappalachia.org/christmas. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door during the event.

For more information, visit museumofappalachia.org/christmas, email museum@museumofappalachia.org, or call 865-494-7680.