

Christmas Tree Contest Rules

No tree will be turned away, but trees not following these requirements will not be eligible for prizes awarded by the judges. Please note a few changes.

1. All displays must include a tree.
2. Trees may be donated by any CHRISTUS Southeast Texas department or affiliate.
3. Trees must be artificial; live trees are not permitted.
4. Trees and all display pieces must fit within a space that is **four feet wide, three feet deep, and five feet tall**. These dimensions have been adjusted to match the size of St. Elizabeth's cafeteria tables. Trees exceeding these dimensions will not fit in the display area.
5. Indoor, electric lighting can be used. **BATTERY POWERED LIGHTS PERFERED.**
6. Each display must include a container for collecting "Crowd Favorite" vote tickets. Container should have a closed lid with a slot to accept tickets.
7. Entry forms must be submitted by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. Late entries will be accepted but may not have access to electricity.
8. Trees should be brought to the cafeteria to be **set up on Monday, November 27st, between 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**
9. Bidding will close promptly at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29th.
10. Judging will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29th. Awards will be announced no later than 2:30 p.m.
11. Trees must be picked up by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, November 29th.
12. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted. Payment must be made at time of pickup.
13. **Volunteer time will be available for clinical ladder points.** These hours will be available on Nov. 28th and Nov 29th only. Please contact Caralee Thompson with questions at caralee.thompson@christushealth.org or Ext. 7598/409-782-4495 cell.

Awards

Grand Prize: The tree that is auctioned off for the most amount of money.

Most Beautiful: The tree that the judges find to be the most visually appealing.

Most Creative: The tree that the judges believe is the most original, imaginative, and interesting.

Most Embracing of CHRISTUS Spirit: The tree that the judges think best represents CHRISTUS' values.

Crowd Favorite: The tree with the most Crowd Favorite votes. (Votes can be cast in person and on Facebook. Each visitor will get one ticket to cast a vote for their favorite tree. Pictures of each tree will be posted on the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in Southeast Texas page. Each "Like" will count for one vote and each "Share" will count for **three** votes. The number of likes, shares, and tickets will be added up to determine the total number of Crowd Favorite votes for each tree.)

Tips

★ If your display includes gift cards or cash, turn it in to Caralee Thompson for safekeeping when you set up your tree.

★ Include a single page list of the contents of your tree display to help bidders know what is included.

★ Make sure your friends, family, and associates know to vote for your tree to win Crowd Favorite in person and through Facebook.

★ For inspiration, view photos of past trees on Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in Southeast Texas Facebook page.

★ If you suspect you will be a winning bidder, bring a cart or box to make carrying your tree easier.

★ Remember that this is fun, and all money raised helps CMN kids in our hospital heal faster.