

Living Nativity at Shepherd's Cross
Costumed Characters & Fiber Art Demonstrators Needed

Shifts available on the following dates & times:
December 8, 9 & 10 & 15, 16 & 17 , 2011
Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10:00 am – 8:30 p.m.

CHARACTER PORTRAYAL OPPORTUNITES AVAILABLE

Shifts available:

10:00 am - 12:15 pm

12:15 pm - 2:30 pm

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Arrive 30-40 minutes prior to shift for costuming

GENERAL CHARACTER INFORMATION

- This is a great opportunity for family or church small groups/Bible studies to participate in. Each shift can facilitate from six to twelve participants.
- Babies, young family members and folks of all ages are welcome and encouraged to participate
- Children & infants are welcome participants. This is a living real life depiction of that first Christmas. A crying babe in the manger can be one of the most precious moments in the stable.
- To schedule see contact info below; to obtain your desired time please contact us as soon as possible, shifts fill early.

COSTUMES

- Costumes available for the youngest and smallest member of the family, through adult sizes
- Costumes are worn over clothing
- Costume co-ordinator assists with attire
- Costumes available are: Mary, Joseph, Angels, Wisemen (Kings & Queens), & Shepherds/Shepherdesses. Costume coordinator will fill positions available. If particular positions are desired, please discuss this with the coordinator prior to arriving for the shift. We will do our best to accommodate those requests, however, sometimes it may not be possible.

CHARACTER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Characters arrive a few minutes prior to shift change.
- No words to say or memorize
- Characters will sit or stand in the stable scene, housed within the tour barn, quietly reflecting upon the meaning of Christmas. This is a "living nativity" consequently, members may move within the stable area, may interact with the animals, and speak quietly to one another.
- The objective of the Living Nativity is to provide a time for spectators and participants to reflect upon the meaning of Christmas. A silent "ministry at the manger"
- Adult supervision & participation is required when children participate.
- No electronic devices of any kind are allowed when in costume
- No food or beverages in stable area - with exceptions for wee babes.
- No "horse-play" or "course joking"
- This is a smoke free facility
- Please read Shepherd's Cross Rules & Regulations & sign waiver prior to participating. Link is [here](#).
- Participants may bring a sack lunch to have following or preceding their shift. No formal kitchen area is available, however, tables & chairs & an outdoor picnic area are available.

- If you are unable to fill your position, we request at least 48 hours advance notice, so we can adequately fill the vacant positions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Live farm animals are housed in stalls adjacent to the stable scene area.
- There is hay and straw in the stable area. Additional farm harvest items may be in the surrounding area, including but not limited to corn, corn stalks, evergreen branches, pecans and walnuts.
- The tour barn is heated. The temperature is generally in the fifties, however, the doors will occasionally be opened to provide care for the animals, and temperatures can vary.
- Some ask “Where is the performance.” We say “The performance is in your heart.”

BENEFITS FOR PARTICIPANTS

- Some have said that participating in the nativity has become their most meaningful Christmas activity
- Escape from the hustle and bustle of the season
- Quality family time
- Opportunity for Christmas gift of serving others
- Pictures of participants will be made available - family moments to treasure.
- Free family activity
- Christ is made the center of Christmas

FIBER ARTS DEMONSTRATOR OPPORTUNITIES

- Spinners, weavers, knitter’s, crocheters, felters and other artists - welcome
- Costumes provided. If you would like to wear your own costume, simply visit with us well in advance of your shift. Period costumes, appropriate for the time of Jesus Birth, are the costumes used for this event.
- Shifts Available
 - 10:00 am - 3:30 pm
 - 3:30 pm - 8:30 pmhowever, we will work with your scheduling requirements
- Contact us to be placed on the schedule
- This is a great opportunity for individuals, families, knitting circles, quilters, weaving groups or church small groups/Bible studies to participate. We can facilitate 3 - 12 fiber artists per shift.
- Costumes are provided; see costume section above.
- Share the legacy & joy of fiber arts & enjoy a peaceful respite to finish that Christmas project.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<http://www.shepherdsCross.com/livingnativity.html>

FOR SCHEDULING PLEASE CONTACT

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