

'Tis the Season for Christmas Tree Permits

Christmas tree permits are now available from the Forest service & Bureau of Land Management. Here's what you need to know about the tree permits(tags):

* Christmas tree tags are \$5 each

* A family may purchase up to three tags.

* Christmas tree tags can be used to cut trees on: National Forest lands in Northern Idaho & Montana. The Bureau of Land Management lands administers the Coeur d'Alene District Office.

The Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District offers a "permit by mail" system. I have attached a tree tag form so that you can fill it out and mail it in for a Christmas tree tag.

Be prepared for cold weather and snow! Dress warmly, carry extra food and hot drinks and always let someone know your travel plans including the destination and expected time of arrival back home. Start your tree hunting early in the day while there is plenty of daylight. Be sure to carry tire chains as most backcountry roads are not plowed. Cell phone coverage is limited in many of these areas.

Select your tree from thickets or overstocked areas. Leave isolated trees and single growing trees. Do not cut large trees just to get the top! Cut the stem off below the lowest live limb or 8 inches above the ground, whichever is ever lower. Make this a Christmas family tradition and let the kids help pick out the perfect Christmas tree. Happy Hunting!

OFFICE HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS TREE TAGS ARE LISTED BELOW

Interagency Office for Idaho Panhandle National Forests & Bureau of Land Management

3815 Schreiber Way
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815-8363
FS: (208) 765-7223. BLM: (208) 769-5000
FAX: (208) 765-7307
North of I-90, between U.S. Hwy. 95 and Ramsey Road on Kathleen Ave
HOURS: 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays

Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District Fernan Office

2502 East Sherman Ave.
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814-5899
(208) 664-2318
FAX: (208) 769-3062
East of I-90 at exit 15
HOURS: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays
Extended Holiday Hours:
12/7: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (or until customers stop coming in)
12/14: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (or until customers stop coming in)
NOTE: Fuel wood permits are not available during extended holiday hours.

Sandpoint Ranger District

1602 Ontario Street
Sandpoint, ID 83864
(208) 263-5111
FAX: (208) 265-6670
West edge of Sandpoint on U.S. Hwy. 2
HOURS: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays

St. Joe Ranger District St. Maries Office

222 S. 7th St., Suite 1
St. Maries, ID 83861-0407
(208) 245-2531
FAX: (208) 245-6052
Federal Building in downtown St. Maries
HOURS: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays

Silver Valley Office

173 Commerce Dr.
Smelterville, ID 83868
(208) 783-2363
FAX: (208) 783-2154
South of I-90 at exit 48
HOURS: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays

Bonnors Ferry Ranger District

6286 Main Street
Bonnors Ferry, ID 83805-9764
(208) 267-5561
FAX: (208) 267-3732 1 mile south of Bonnors Ferry on U.S. Hwy. 95
HOURS: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays





CHANGES TO TOYS FOR TOTS FOR 2014-----TAKE NOTE!!

Toys for Tots is for low income families in Kootenai County who are on public assistance and is open to children who are 12 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER.

To participate in Toys for Tots YOU MUST PROVIDE verification.

This verification can be provided by PROOF of participation in any of the following:

Medicaid

WIC

TAFI

Quest Card (food stamps) -- verification of active status must be provided

Social Security Disability

Supplemental Security Income

Military Active Duty

ONLY the CUSTODIAL PARENT/GUARDIAN may apply. PROOF OF CUSTODY FOR EACH CHILD such as: birth certificates, social security cards, guardianship papers, WIC, TAFI, Medicaid or an active Quest card.

PROOF OF KOOTENAI COUNTY RESIDENCY must be verified by presenting a valid Idaho driver's license with current address, utility bill or rental agreement. The parent/guardian's name must be on the document.

You MUST bring PROOF of the above to the Request Center when you apply. Applications will be accepted SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29th through WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17th.

Hours of operation are: 10:00AM to 4:00PM, Monday through Saturday. NO applications will be taken over the telephone and no online applications--you must apply in person!!

The request center is located at the American Legion Post, 1138 E. Poleline Avenue, Post Falls, Idaho.

PROOF of PUBLIC ASSISTANCE can be acquired at Idaho Health & Welfare, 1120 Ironwood Parkway Coeur d'Alene, ID

For more information: Ron L Bell 208-771-9093



Christmas Stocking List

Prairie Avenue Christian Center is again filling Christmas stockings for children being raised by a relative other than their parents. They are adopting and filling Christmas stockings with the name, age, sex and interest of a child being raised by a relative that will

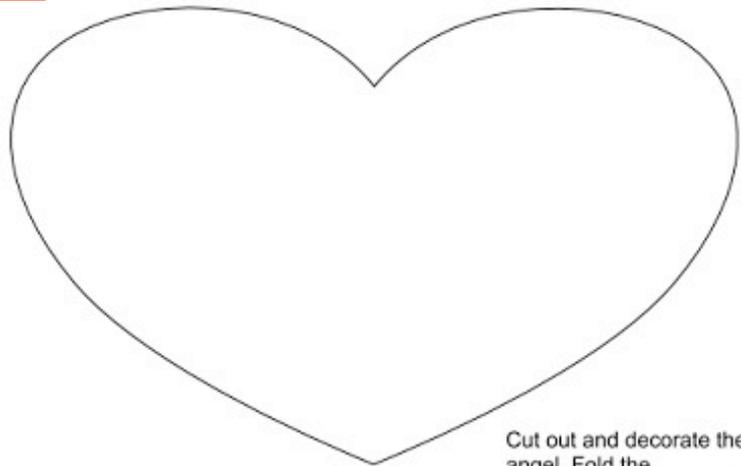
be attached to the stocking. The child of the relative can be from 0 through any age, as long as they still live with and are dependent upon the adult relative. We do not put an age limit because some of these children are going to college and others are "special needs" children/adults.

All relatives raising these relative children need to give me names, ages, sex and interests of your kiddos by December 6, 2014. You may call Jessica Gross at 208-660-4905 or contact her by email at

Kidseverywhere.jg@gmail.com

You do not have to be a member of the Coeur d'Alene Relatives As Parents group. The Christmas stockings that are filled will be distributed at our December RAP meeting held on December 11, 2014 at the Jewett House. If you can not attend this meeting to pick up the Christmas stocking(s) be sure to arrange for someone to pick it up for you.

Printable Christmas Angel Craft



Cut out and decorate the angel. Fold the body so the edges meet and glue. Glue the wings over the join on the body.



COEUR D'ALENE RIVER RANGER DISTRICT

CHRISTMAS TREE TAGS BY MAIL

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS Christmas Tree Tags – Cost \$5.00 per Tag
APPLICATION for gathering Christmas trees on the National Forest System Lands Administered by
the Idaho Panhandle National Forest.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

I wish to purchase _____ Christmas Tree tags at \$5.00 per tag, for a total of
\$_____. (Maximum three tags per family.)

Christmas tree tags will be mailed the next business day after receipt of the application.

Make check or money order payable to: US Forest Service (DO NOT SEND OR LEAVE CASH).

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:

CHRISTMAS TREE TAG
Coeur d'Alene River R.D.
2502 E. Sherman Ave.
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

OR CHRISTMAS TREE TAG
Coeur d'Alene River R.D.
P.O. Box 159
Smelterville, ID 83868

www.fs.fed.us/recreation/nationalforeststore/

Are You A Grandparents, Aunt, Uncle, Cousin or Sibling Raising a Relative Child?

Join our RAP Group if you need a listening ear or some new ideas. Meet us at the Jewett House

The **CdA RAP Support Group** meets the second Thursday of the month at:

Jewett House
1501 E. Lakeshore Drive
Coeur d'Alene, ID
Noon - 2 o'clock

Jessica Gross 208-660-4905
Margo Peebles 208-667-0320

Glenda Weaver
3202 Wedgewood Loop
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815



Relatives As Parents exists to strengthen the safety net of resources and support for local children being raised by a relative.

