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World of Energy plans holiday events

Festivities will kick off Saturday with gathering

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SENECA — A full slate of holiday events will kick off Saturday at the World of Energy at Duke Energy's Oconee Nuclear Station.

As part of the World of Energy's holiday gathering that day, parents are welcome to take photos of their kids with Santa Claus.

The holiday gathering will take place from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and will feature a variety of local artists and crafters demonstrating their skills and showing off their wares. Visitors will be able to see rocking horses made from reclaimed wood, gourd art, handmade quilts and soap, handcrafted bowls and much more.

The fifth-annual Festival of Trees will be open for public view from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 30 through Dec. 29.

Visitors are asked to vote on their favorite tree, which will be decorated by local organizations and business. The top three winning organizations will

receive grants of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 from Duke Energy to donate to their registered charity of choice.

Those interested in reserving a tree for their organization should email worldofenergy@duke-energy.com. Trees are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, free of charge. Space is limited.

The display will kick off at 5 p.m. Nov. 30 at the Festival of Trees lighting ceremony. Participating organizations will be represented as the trees begin to light up the lobby.

The final Super Tuesday event of 2017 will feature Greenville's Vocal Matrix women's chorus performing Christmas classics live in the World of Energy auditorium.

The performance will begin at 10 a.m. Dec. 12.

The World of Energy is also serving as a drop-off location for mail bound for the North Pole and Santa's workshop.

North Pole mail can be dropped off during normal World of Energy business hours, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Letters to Santa can be written at the World of Energy and placed in the North Pole mailbox. Events are free and open to the public.