

World of Energy prepares for holidays

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SENECA — The World of Energy education center at Duke Energy's Oconee Nuclear Station recently announced dates for its fifth annual Festival of Trees event, along with several free holiday activities scheduled throughout the season.

The Festival of Trees is a free holiday tree display open to the public for viewing 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nov. 30 through Dec. 29. Nearly 30 trees will be decorated by local organizations and businesses. Visitors are asked to vote on their favorite tree; the top three winning organizations receive a \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 grant from Duke Energy to donate to their registered charity of choice.

Anyone interested in reserving a tree for an organization can email worldofenergy@duke-energy.com. Trees are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, free of charge. Limited space is available.

ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The World of Energy will host its free Holiday Gathering event to kick off the season from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 25. Several local artists and crafters will demonstrate their skills during the gathering, including Asheville woodcutter Alicia Williams, of Heartwood Rocking Horses. Rocking horses are made from reclaimed and recycled lumber, or sustainably harvested local hardwoods. Other artisans' organizations include Hawk's Handcrafted Bowls, Wolf Mountain Farm handmade soaps, The Pendleton Cottage, Gourd Art by Pat McKee, Basket Kase handcrafted baskets, Quilting and Woodturning by Lucille and Kevin McLaughlin, Miss Lillian's Louisiana Pies and Spices, Dynamite Kettle Corn and more.

• Santa Claus will visit the World of Energy during its

Holiday Gathering event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 25, for photographs with children. Parents are welcome to take photos with their camera or phone. No reservations are required for this free event.

• Join Duke Energy's World of Energy for its free Festival of Trees lighting ceremony at 5 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30. To kick off the Festival of Trees display, each organization is represented as trees begin to light up the World of Energy lobby. Professional harpist Lisa Handman, of Atlanta, will entertain guests for the evening. Light refreshments will be available.

• Duke Energy's World of Energy will host its final free Super Tuesday event of 2017 at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 12. For the season program finale, Greenville's Vocal Matrix women's chorus will perform live in the World of Energy auditorium. Light refreshments will be provided after the show.

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Whether you're looking to fill an hour or an entire afternoon, Duke Energy's World of Energy at Oconee Nuclear Station has plenty to keep you educated and enlightened. Many guests enjoy starting with the educational exhibits located inside our education center. From there, you can tour our butterfly garden or take a walk along our nature trail. Picnic shelters, located along the beautiful shores of Lake Keowee, are available for those who want to end their visit with an outdoor lunch.

The oldest continually operating nuclear education center in the world, the World of Energy hosts events throughout the year, including concerts, outdoor movies, guest speakers, community forums and much more.

For more information, contact the World of Energy at (864) 873.4600 or visit duke-energy.com/WorldOfEnergy.