

# HOLIDAY LIGHTS

## *Parent Tips & Tricks*

- For smaller crowds, we suggest attending Holiday LIGHTS Tuesday-Thursday to avoid high-traffic on the grounds. Plan on arriving early if you can: we open a holding area 30 minutes prior to the grounds opening at 5pm—you can take a look through the gift shop or use the restroom in the same building.
- Although our grounds are lit with 1 million lights, there can be some dark spots on walkways. If you have a child that easily gets disoriented or has a tendency to run from you, we suggest getting a glow stick or glow stick necklace to hang around their neck, or yours, for easy identification in the dark.
- All Cheekwood staff members can be identified by a nametag and green glow stick hanging around their neck.
- Know that there will be a Quiet Room on the grounds located on the third floor (or upstairs) of the Frist Learning Center.
- Reindeer Respect:
  - This area tends to get crowded and congested.
  - The reindeer are contained in a fence that is surrounded by a smaller, red fence. No one is allowed to cross or go past the red fencing for the safety of the reindeer.
  - Feeding the reindeer is not allowed.
  - Sticking your hands or fingers through the fencing is not allowed.
  - Deliberate loud noises or screaming at the reindeer is prohibited.
  - Throwing objects into the reindeer pin is not allowed.
  - There will be a reindeer keeper present at all times—if you have any questions regarding the reindeer, our keeper will be more than willing to educate you.
- Fire Pits will be out in the parking lot with a kiosk providing s'mores to roast for purchase. There will be contained, open flames in the fire pit with a Cheekwood staff person managing the area. Please know that although we have a staff member present, this area tends to get crowded—it is imperative that you watch your child near the fire pits.
- There are flashing lights near the trains below the Frist Learning Center—if you have a child that is sensitive to bright flashing lights, avoid this area.
- Although our grounds offer a lot of free space to roam and play during the day, we ask that all visitors stay on the lit paths throughout our grounds at night.

**For more detailed information on everything that's offered during Holiday LIGHTS, please visit our website:**

<https://cheekwood.org/calendar/holiday-lights/>