



*** WE GOT A TREE!***

South Dakota Masters Swimming was chosen from a lottery of entries to decorate a Christmas tree for the South Dakota Christmas at the Capitol!!

This is an exciting opportunity for our Master Swimmers from across the state to participate in coming together as a community and building up our camaraderie by participating in one way or another to get the final decorated tree completed. ☺ The Christmas at the Capitol theme this year is “Winter wonderland”.

WHO:

All Masters Swimmers from across South Dakota AND for those that live out of state!

WHAT:

Our Vice-Chair, Christine Maki, is spearheading this project. She will soon send out her wish list of items she needs to bring the “Winter Wonderland” themed Christmas tree to fruition. Contact information:

Christine Maki

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Cell: text or call (626) 641-5680

Our chair, Katherine Olson, will be hosting a Christmas ornament decorating activity in Sioux Falls this October. *Details: Swimmers and guests are invited to the Ronning Branch library (Meeting Room A, 3100 E 49th St., Sioux Falls) on Saturday, October 7th from 3-4:30 p.m. Look for more details to come, or email SDChair@usms.org with any questions.*

We hope that swimmers outside of Sioux Falls will consider organizing their own events or contribute to the project in another way!

We will keep the communication lines going through the development and building of this Christmas tree, so stay tuned on Facebook and e-mail for details all the way up to decorating time at the capitol before Thanksgiving.

WHEN:

Starting now, we will be collecting ornaments, photos, and other tree decorating necessities. Contact Christine Maki at the info above if you would like to organize a decorating project in your area, or if you'd like to send her some ornaments and decorations.

The tree will be decorated between November 17th & November 19th, the South Dakota state capitol, in Pierre. We are interested in hearing from swimmers who would be interested in making the trip to Pierre to assist Christine in the decorating.

Christmas at the Capitol runs November 20-December 26. The Christmas at the Capitol website should be updated soon, but you can [view the 2022 page here](#) for the time being.

WHERE:

South Dakota state capitol, in Pierre.

WHY:

To enjoy the holiday season in community with all of our Masters swimmers and show the state our love of swimming and the families we create through sport, fitness, and camaraderie.

HOW:

We will reach out to our entire membership via Facebook and e-mail. Between NOW and November 16th, we will keep everyone informed as to what we would like from each team, workout group and individual swimmer. We look forward to building this South Dakota Masters Swimming Christmas tree and sharing in the holiday spirit.