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**El Paso County Parks & Recreation Invites Local High Schools to Spread Holiday Cheer at Lights on the Lake**

**EL PASO, TX** - El Paso County Parks & Recreation is inviting local high schools to help spread holiday cheer at this year’s Lights on the Lake drive-thru festival at Ascarate Park. Schools have the opportunity to create festive "Holiday Cards" that will be displayed throughout the event, which runs from December 7, 2024 to January 6, 2025 at 6900 Delta Drive.

Participating schools can decorate an 8ft by 4ft plywood board, incorporating battery-powered lights and school spirit to celebrate the holiday season. The only requirement is to avoid explicit language or imagery, keeping the event family-friendly.

This year’s Lights on the Lake festival will feature three special events:

* **Kick-Off Event**: Saturday, December 7th
* **Winter Posada**: Saturday, December 14th
* **Cookies with Santa**: Saturday, December 21st

Each event will run from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., offering a fun-filled evening for attendees.

To encourage participation, Parks & Recreation will provide the first 25 plywood boards for free on a first-come, first-served basis. The boards measure 8ft by 4ft and 3 ¼ in. thick, but schools are also welcome to provide their own materials. Completed boards should be dropped off by December 2nd at the Ascarate Park Administrative Office, open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For more information or to confirm participation, please contact Lupe Leyva at luleyva@epcounty.com or call 915-771-2380.

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