



MAKE MUSIC AT OUR ANNUAL WAY OF LIGHTS!

Dear Friends,

Fall is bearing down upon us, with a chill in the air we vaguely recall from this time last year. It almost seems out-of-place to think so far ahead, but the trees and holiday decorations are up in most of our favorite stores—Christmas (with all its festivities) is not so far away!

Each year the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows presents the WAY OF LIGHTS, a scenic drive of 1,000,000 tiny bulbs depicting the true Christmas story. This year the season begins on November 19 and runs through the first days of January. Area choirs and other musical groups perform holiday music for our visitors in our Visitors' Center lobby, most evenings from opening night until January 2. We encourage groups to have about 20 to 50 minutes of music prepared; you can set up your program, though, as you prefer. There is no audition to come make music, just your interest is enough. You could come make holiday music as a "dress rehearsal" for a school or parish concert, or come lead a sing-a-long, or just to make a joyful noise! A note that performing conditions are not "concert-like" — that is, certainly there will be many people stopping to listen, but that people will come and go, and that there will be chatter and a "hustle-and-bustle" around you as you make music.

I hope that you would like your group to perform, and will fill out the form below and return it to me as soon as possible. Dates will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. Some dates are already booked, and a couple nights will be without music, i.e. Thanksgiving and Christmas Days. I have already received some confirmations from some of you, and these are written on our calendar, but please send in this form too, just for our records.

Thank you in advance for sharing your talents with our WAY OF LIGHTS visitors! I wish you the best for the upcoming holiday season! Please pass this letter along to any other groups you think may be interested.

Yours,

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Name of Group: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Do you need a Piano? _____ Risers? _____ Any other equipment? _____

Number of Adults in group: _____ Children ages 10 & under: _____ Total number performing: _____

Contact person: _____ email: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Performance preference: 6pm 7pm 8pm on 1) Date _____ or 2) Date _____