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The Inn at Pocono Manor to Present A Yuletide Spectaculaire: A Magical Fireside Christmas

Recall the Thrills of Childhood on Christmas morning!

Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania, _____ 2009 ... The Inn at Pocono Manor has announced a holiday celebration unlike anything ever before seen in the Pocono Region: **A Magical Fireside Christmas!** The yuletide celebration will be open to the public and take place all season long at the historic resort, kicking off Thanksgiving Weekend. A Magical Fireside Christmas will appeal to the “child” within every visitor while providing countless Christmas festivities and holiday activities for guests of every age. The spectacular event will open to the public Thanksgiving Day and remain open weekends through December 27, 2009. Admission is complimentary and activity tickets will be available for purchase at just \$1 per ticket.

The Magical Fireside Christmas experience will begin the moment visitors enter the century-old resort's drive. Here they'll be surrounded by sparkling holiday trees lining the drive up to The Inn at the top of the mountain where guests will be greeted by a dazzling array of Christmas finery, lighting and holiday music. In the distance will be the sounds of sleigh bells jingling. The yuletide adventure will continue in The Inn at Pocono Manor's charming Fireside Lodge with its massive stone fireplaces and historic arts & crafts interiors adorned with glittering holiday decorations. The stately lodge will be transformed into a Christmas vision of Sugarplum splendor with immense seasonal charm and holiday warmth. Interactive family activities will include holiday ornament making and Christmas cookie decorating as well as storytellers recalling tales of Christmas' past. An Old World Santa will be transported straight from the Victorian Era to hold court and dispense Christmas wisdom to girls and boys, moms and dads, while discovering who's naughty and nice. Santa family photos will be welcomed and encouraged, and family portrait opportunities will be available.

The Christmas Celebration continues outside on the Fireside Lodge grounds with holiday music streaming across the twinkling mountain-top while loved ones snuggle by an open hearth making Christmas S'mores. Outside there will be live animals for children to visit, and magical train for children to ride. Even an old-fashioned horse-drawn wagon will be on hand for holiday excursions.

The Inn's main building, itself splendidly decorated with Christmas finery, will feature glowing century-old fireplaces, gingerbread houses, and steaming hot chocolate with peppermint sticks – perfect for warming up after enjoying the winter wonderland outside. The Inn's renowned Exchange Restaurant, located just off the lobby, will feature specially-created holiday-themed menus, ideal for families and all guests.

For those who wish to extend the Magical Fireside Christmas celebration, The Inn at Pocono Manor is providing a **special overnight package for a family of four from \$148 per guestroom**. The package includes a hearty breakfast, elf turn down service, activity tickets, a family holiday gift, snacks during the evening, and all taxes and gratuities. Guests can make their stay even more festive with special package additions such as a personal Christmas tree to decorate in their guest room, luxuriant spa treatments especially for busy moms, and much more.

This winter season, The Inn at Pocono Manor introduces a new holiday tradition to the Northeast: A Magical Fireside Christmas celebration on Pocono Mountain. The public is invited to come and establish their own magical yuletide tradition with family & friends, and journey back in time to the sights, sounds, aromas and thrills of childhood on Christmas morning.

Christmas is a time of sharing and giving, and the Inn at Pocono Manor encourages visitors to A Magical Fireside Christmas to donate an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



A Magical Fireside Christmas at The Inn at Pocono Manor begins with a ‘sneak preview’ from 5 – 8 pm on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, 2009, and extends through December 27, 2009. The holiday celebration will be open to the public Fridays from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Saturdays from 11:00 am – 9:00 pm, and Sundays from 11:00 am – 9:00 pm. Additional times can be scheduled upon request for groups and charitable events.

For more information on A Magical Fireside Christmas, the host of special activities for children and families, and holiday guestroom or dining reservations, call 570-243-4006 / 800-233-8150, or visit <http://www.innatpoconomanor.net/pages/christmas.htm>.

About The Inn at Pocono Manor

The Inn at Pocono Resort blends a century of hospitality with the demands of 21st Century travelers. Lovingly referred to as the “The Grand Lady of the Mountains” and a National Registry of Historic Places property, The Inn at Pocono Manor opened in 1902 as a country retreat for Philadelphia Quakers. Today it is the oldest continuously running Resort in the Poconos and one of the oldest in North America. The all-season resort boasts 237 guestrooms, and 25,000 square feet of flexible meeting and event space that can accommodate up to 500 guests. The Exchange at Pocono Manor restaurant features superb dining with an eclectic flair. The Old Lamplighter Lounge serves specialty beverages and pub fare throughout the day.

Complete recreational amenities are available at The Inn at Pocono Manor, including signature golf, horseback riding, ATV trail rides, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, the luxurious Laurel Spa, fishing, clay shooting, cross country skiing, and more. Striking views of the Pocono Mountains are visible from all sides of the resort’s main building. Complimentary wireless Internet is available throughout. The Inn at Pocono Manor features two 18-hole signature golf courses, including the East Course dating to 1912, which was redesigned by Donald Ross in 1927 and has been host to golf legends like Sam Snead, Arnold Palmer and Jerry Barber. In 1959, the George Fazio-designed West Course opened.

A destination within the Poconos for over a century, the 3000-acre Inn at Pocono Manor is minutes away from Crossings Premium Outlets, Camelbeach Water Park, Camelback Ski Mountain, and the Mt. Airy Casino. The Resort is within two hours of New York City, New Jersey and Philadelphia.

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