Yukon's Christmas in the Park returns

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ukon's Christmas in the Park has returned following a Nov. 19 start to the 2022 festivities.

The event, which attracts people from all 48 contiguous states, is Oklahoma's premiere lights tour. The event has over 5 million lights on display and has been a staple to the Yukon community for years. It takes place every night from Nov. 19 until New Year's Eve from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Those lights, which are placed over the course of nearly three miles, also has over 500 imaginative displays for people to experience. Folks can view the drive-thru lights display on foot as well, as it starts at Yukon City Park and ends at Chisholm Trail Park.

Jenna Roberson, the City of Yukon's PIO and Media Specialist, talked about the event ahead of the opening Nov. 19.

"It's really this big, beautiful spectacle," Roberson said. "You can enjoy it either by driving through, a lot of people do it that way, or you can park in Chisolm Trail Park and walk, or you can go to the Santa Express Train Station and take the train through the lights in Chisolm Trail Park."

Walkers, and those who want to visit Santa, are encouraged to park in the

Millions of Christmas lights

WHAT: Christmas in the Park

WHEN: Now through December 31

WHERE: Yukon City Park

DETAILS: The event has over 5 million lights on display and has been a staple to the Yukon

community for years.

MORE INFO: www.yukonok.gov/ChristmasinthePark

Oklahoma Parking Lot, located on the North end of Chisholm Trail Park.

"We think that we have something special here," Roberson said. "We have a lot of displays that are custom built, and so you won't see them anywhere else. A lot of them are custom built and sponsored by businesses or individuals and each tells a Christmas themed story. It's just something you can't get anywhere else."

Various costume characters will be in attendance each night, and even sightings of Santa on Fridays and Saturdays make each trip a different experience for those interested.

The 395th Army Band will be performing as part of the festivities on Dec. 2. The group has performed concerts in the parks before, and Roberson said they always do a really good job. They will be in a stage area near the train station.

Admission to the event

is free, but there are some costs involved on the inside of the exhibit like the tickets to ride the train and costs of purchasing food from the food trucks. The train station is \$5 per rider, and then there is an ice rink with a price for use.

Donations are accepted at both Chisholm Trail Park and City Park exits, which in turn makes it possible for people to enter for free.

To learn more information about the City of Yukon's Christmas events, including Christmas in the Park, call 405-354-8442 and/or 405-350-8937. People can also visit www.yukonok.gov/ChristmasinthePark for additional information.

