



The Big Stone Lake Area Holiday Decorating Contest Rules & Instructions

'Tis the season...to turn the Big Stone Lake Area into a magical wonderland of lights! This season, the first ever Big Stone Lake Area Holiday Decorating Contest will be during the following dates:

Decorating & Entry Period: November 1—December 3

Lighting Period: through December 25

Judging: before December 18

Winners Announced: December 21

Please read these rules and instructions. If you have any questions, contact the Big Stone Lake Area Chamber at 320-839-3284. Entry applications are available by visiting bigstonelake.com, by emailing chamber@bigstonelake.com or by stopping into the Chamber office.

1. Participation is open to all businesses within the Big Stone Lake area.
2. Entry is free: no cost or fees apply.
3. **Entry applications must be received no later than 4 p.m. Thursday, December 3.**
4. Contest is for exterior decorations only, including window decorations that are visible from the exterior. Judging will be done from the outside only.
5. An entry card will be provided to each participant. This card must be affixed to the exterior of the building in a visible place where it can be seen by the judges from the street.
6. Participants should ensure all lights, animations and decorations are in place and turned on for the judging period of November 19—November 20. Lighting should continue through the holidays.
7. Judging criteria will include: a) Unique design and creative use of lights and decorations; b) theme; c) overall presentation and display.
8. Participants agree to have one or more photos of the decorated business exterior posted on the Chamber's website and/or Facebook page. Participant agrees there will be no compensation for said posting. Winners will be posted on the Chamber's website and Facebook page and announced on KDIO Radio.
9. **The grand prize winner will receive 10 percent off a 2016 Chamber membership.**
10. **Be creative, be festive and have fun!**