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COMING TO A CONSERVATION AREA NEAR YOU!

Coming to you, in real 3D, no special glasses required, it's Christmas in the Country! Featured at Sulphur Spring Conservation Area (formerly known as Headquarters C.A.), our biggest spectacle to date is coming Friday, November 25th (5 – 10pm), Saturday, November 26th (2 – 10pm) and Sunday, November 27th (2 – 7pm), south of Hanover, for one weekend only. This high definition production is put on by the Saugeen Valley Conservation Foundation and Saugeen Conservation.

Plenty of hands-on attractions, demonstrations and activities, this is an exclusive production from mother nature herself. Not available in any virtual format, this genuine event requires no special computer software!

Featuring a cast of hundreds of volunteers and supporters from far and wide, visitors can enjoy thousands of festive lights and decorations amongst wooded pathways and hundreds of candle lanterns glowing throughout the park. Horse-drawn wagon rides, Martin's Animal Barn, native storytelling, cookie decorating, lantern making, Make and Take a Craft, train rides, motorized duck rides and a pioneer encampment and demonstrations are just some of the highlights of this one-of-a kind show. Audiences can also enjoy homemade goodies in the Christmas café, Annie's Chocolates and warm roasted nuts by the Nutty Bavarian.

The high point, of course, will be a visit from the main character, Santa Claus himself! He will be seeing his special visitors throughout the event in his very own panoramic igloo.

A new creation this year is a special conservation exhibit entitled Creepy Crawlies in XL! Saugeen Conservation and the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre teamed up to develop the production which features insects and bugs in life size formats! Designed to be interactive, and educational, volunteers and staff have been working all summer, using as much recycled material as possible, lending to its unique character. A truly 'creepy' experience!

Christmas in the Country is a heart-warming experience for the entire family! Admission is only \$8.00 per adult, a toonie per child and pre-schoolers free. Please note that this is the admission price only.

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mention the hundreds of other volunteers, local businesses and the Town of Hanover who truly make this possible.

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