



The Tradition of “Christmas in August”

The story began early in the century and goes like this:

On August 24th, 1912 a sudden, unexpected snowstorm stranded a group of travelers in Yellowstone National Park. The travelers, making the best of the situation, decided to celebrate Christmas by singing carols and preparing a sumptuous Christmas feast. They enjoyed the celebration so much that a tradition was born.

Since that day, the tradition of “Christmas in August” is celebrated each year by U.S. National Parks and here at the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge.

Christmas Celebration Activities

Friday, August 24th – Christmas Eve

All day tune in to channels 17 and 18 for Christmas movies

Come to the main lodge during the evening for free Christmas cookies, while supplies last

Ask your server in the Mountain View Dining Room and 20320 Alaska Grill about our Christmas specials

From 6:30 to 8 p.m. Santa will make a special visit to the lodge for pictures, and he will bring a real reindeer from his team with him.

Saturday, August 25th – Christmas Day

All day tune in to channels 17 and 18 for Christmas movies

Ask your server in the Mountain View Dining Room and 20320 Alaska Grill about our Christmas specials

From 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Santa will make a special visit to the lodge for pictures, and he will bring a real reindeer from his team with him.