



CITY OF MERIDIAN

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## CHRISTMAS IN MERIDIAN ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

MERIDIAN – The City of Meridian will ring in the holiday season with *Christmas in Meridian*, a week-long series of traditional and new community events that are fun for the entire family.

Applications are now being accepted to participate in the events and activities including the Winter Lights Parade, Downtown Decorating Contest and the Children’s Winterland Festival.

- Downtown businesses are invited to help light-up Meridian. The Meridian Downtown Business Association is accepting applications for the **Downtown Business Decorating Contest**. Categories include “Inside Display”, “Night Lights,” and “People’s Choice.” Judging will begin on Friday, Dec. 2. Entry deadline is Friday, Nov. 18. Businesses that enter by that date will be listed on a map for holiday shoppers distributed during the Winter Lights Parade. Visit [www.christmasinmeridian.org](http://www.christmasinmeridian.org) to enter.
- The **Winter Lights Parade** presented by Borton-Lakey Law and Policy will take place Friday, Dec. 2, at 6:30 p.m. Illuminated floats will travel Main Street, towards Generations Plaza where Santa will lead the crowd in the Tree Lighting Celebration. Parade applications can be downloaded at [www.christmasinmeridian.org](http://www.christmasinmeridian.org).
- On Saturday, Dec. 3 families are invited to enjoy the **Children's Winterland Festival** presented by All American Insurance. It will include pictures with Santa, cookie decorating, trolley rides, Christmas crafts, games and more. Businesses and organizations wishing to help present a craft or other festive holiday activity are invited to submit their idea. Applications can be downloaded at [www.christmasinmeridan.org](http://www.christmasinmeridan.org).

A full list of involvement opportunities including individual volunteer opportunities can be found at [www.christmasinmeridan.org](http://www.christmasinmeridan.org) or by calling Meridian Parks & Recreation – Special Events Coordinator, Renee White at (208) 888-3579.

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The City of Meridian is located in the center of the Treasure Valley in southwest Idaho. Founded in 1893 and incorporated as a city in 1903, Meridian is now one of Idaho's largest and fastest growing communities. Meridian is cited by Money Magazine as one of its Top 50 Best Places to Live, and by America's Promise Alliance and ING as one of the nation's 100 Best Communities for Young People. For more information, visit [www.meridiancity.org](http://www.meridiancity.org).