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Experience the Holiday Festival of Lights while paddling the lake on a Dragon Boat

[JAMES ISLAND] – On select evenings this holiday season, Charleston County Parks is offering the chance to view the Holiday Festival of Lights from a new perspective: from the cockpit of a dragon boat on the lake at James Island County Park!

As the sun goes down and the lights come on for the evening, participants will enjoy an on-the-water introduction to the ancient sport of dragon boating beginning at 4:30 p.m. They will also get an up-close and unique view of some of the most iconic light displays on the lake at James Island County Park.

Team up with a pal or forge new friendships while learning the sport! Experience is not necessary. After the paddle is complete, guests will also enjoy a tasty hot chocolate and have the opportunity to enjoy the rest of their evening at the Holiday Festival of Lights.

The dragon boat program will be offered on select Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout the Holiday Festival of Lights: Nov. 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 30, and Dec. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16. Registration is available at this [link](#) or CharlestonCountyParks.com.

The program is offered for ages 10 and up. Ages 10-15 must be accompanied by a registered chaperone. Registration fees of \$30 per person includes dragon boating and an evening-of Holiday Festival of Lights admission. Advance registration is required and on-site registration will not be available.

The Holiday Festival of Lights will be open every evening from Nov. 13 – Dec. 31, 2026, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. nightly. Millions of visitors have toured the Holiday Festival of Lights, which is hosted by the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission at James Island County Park. Families will make magical, lasting memories driving along the three-mile display of glittering lights through the park. Guests can also park the car and explore family attractions, shopping, and more.

For more information on the Dragon Boat program, visit CharlestonCountyParks.com. For more information on the Holiday Festival of Lights, visit HolidayFestivalofLights.com.

The mission of CCPRC is to improve the quality of life in Charleston County by offering a diverse system of park facilities, programs and services. The large park system features over 11,000 acres of property and includes six land parks, three beach parks, a historic plantation site, four seasonally-lifeguarded beach areas, three dog parks, two landmark fishing piers, three waterparks, 19 boat landings, a climbing wall, a skate park, a challenge course, an interpretive center, an equestrian center, cottages, a campground, a marina, as well as wedding, meeting and event facilities. The park system also offers a wide variety of recreational services - festivals, camps, classes, programs, and more. For more information on CCPRC, call 843-795-4386 or visit www.charlestoncountyparks.com.

