

## Thanksgiving Point Celebrates Cultural Tradition Las Posadas

Celebrate the holiday season with folkloric performances, caroling, and Mexican traditions

LEHI, Utah (December 8, 2021) – Thanksgiving Point is excited to host the Mexican celebration, Las Posadas, at Farm Country on December 17 and 18, 2021. Guests of all ages are invited to participate and learn more about this cultural holiday tradition in a fun, interactive environment.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Las Posadas festivities will feature traditional celebrations, like the Las Posadas Navideñas walk, caroling, performances by the Bailando Con El Corazon dance group, and more. "Las Posadas invites us all to gather with family and friends," says Nassari Everett, Signature Experiences Team Member. "Together, we can learn about the true meaning of Christmas."

Las Posadas Navideñas, or the Christmas Inns, is a traditional religious observance originating in Mexico and spreading throughout Latin America and the United States. Meant to replicate Mary and Joseph's journey to find shelter, participants are encouraged to walk along a route and ask for space in the inns. At the last stop on their journey, the "innkeeper" will allow them to enter, at which point a fiesta will begin. Guests will be required to purchase tickets in advance by visiting thanksgivingpoint.org.

Featured interactive activities at Las Posadas include:

- Traditional Las Posadas Navideñas walk
- Tractor rides around Farm Country with Christmas caroling
- Folkloric and cultural performances by the Bailando Con El Corazon dance group
- Creating paper luminaries
- Interacting with a live camel and Farm Country celebrity Banjo the Donkey
- Piñatas and holiday lights
- I-Spy and coloring sheets
- Food trucks featuring Mexican cuisine

Las Posadas will be celebrated December 17 and 18, 2021 with time slots available from 4:30 pm to 8 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person and the event is free for children ages 2 and under and Thanksgiving Point members. Tickets may be purchased online by visiting thanksgivingpoint.org. Thanksgiving Point recommends that all attendees dress warmly as the event will be outside.

## **About Thanksgiving Point**

Thanksgiving Point is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit garden, museum, farm, and discovery complex founded as a gathering place and gift to the community. Created in 1995 by Alan and Karen Ashton, Thanksgiving Point has become a center of community engagement and transformative learning for more than two million annual visitors from around the world. Thanksgiving Point is located at 3003 North Thanksgiving Way in Lehi. For more information, call 801.768.2300 or visit thanksgivingpoint.org.

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