

All About

ROCKEFELLER

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

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Thanksgiving Traditions

Every year, families in America celebrate a special holiday called Thanksgiving. It's a time when people gather together to give thanks for the blessings they have. One popular tradition on Thanksgiving is eating a big meal with friends. The meal often includes turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. Another tradition is watching a parade on TV or even going to a football game.

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Rockefeller Center

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December Event

Every December, people gather in New York City for a special event called the Rockefeller Christmas Tree Lighting. A giant tree, usually a spruce, is chosen and decorated with colorful lights and ornaments. The lighting ceremony marks the beginning of the holiday season in the city. Families come together to watch the tree light up for the first time, accompanied by music and performances. It's a magical sight that brings joy to everyone who attends.

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Christmas Tradition

Every year in New York City, there is a special Christmas tradition called the Rockefeller Christmas Tree Lighting. This tradition started in 1931 when workers building the Rockefeller Center placed a small Christmas tree at the construction site. Since then, it has grown into a big event that marks the beginning of the holiday season in New York City.

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1. What event is described in the passage?

2. What is the purpose of the Rockefeller Christmas Tree Lighting?

3. What is the significance of the tree lighting ceremony?

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1. What is the name of the event described in the passage?

2. How tall is the Rockefeller Christmas Tree usually?

3. What does the lighting of the tree mark the beginning of?

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Thanksgiving Traditions

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1. What are some traditional foods people eat on Thanksgiving?

2. What is one activity families might do on Thanksgiving?

3. Why is Thanksgiving a special holiday for many people?

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