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Come Celebrate the 6th Annual Nature of Christmas in Goshen

Oldham County, KY- The Mahan Public Library and Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve are teaming up to bring the Nature of Christmas back to Goshen! This is the ever-popular event's sixth year.

Traditionally held on the first Saturday of December, the event offers something for everyone in the family. This year will be no exception. Participants can experience a wagon ride, nature themed crafts, a book sale, story telling by Father Christmas himself, a chili and hot dog luncheon, a marshmallow bonfire, and visit with Santa Claus himself, **all free of charge.**

"It's a great day, full of activities to get the family in the Christmas mood," says Bethany Morse, Outreach Librarian for the Oldham County Libraries. *"The Nature Preserve is the perfect place to have the program. It's always beautiful at Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve, but this time of year just makes it even more special."*

The event begins at noon on December 6th, and lasts until 3 pm. Lunch will be served until 2. This event is family-friendly and is open to the public (and all media), free of charge.

Christmas in Goshen Details

Saturday, December 6, 2008, Noon-3 p.m.

At Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve, 12501 Harmony Landing Road, Goshen, KY 40024

For Information: Call Library Offices 241-9899 or Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve 228-4362

12:00 Event Opens (following events throughout the day)

Wagon rides

Kitchen open

Marshmallow roasting at the bonfire

Vendors open

1:00 Crafts

1:30 Santa Claus Arrives

2:00 Kitchen closes

2:00 Story telling with Father Christmas

About Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve

The 168-acre nature preserve was setup as a non-profit organization in 1975 and made possible by the generous foresight and donations of Virginia Creasey-Mahan and Howard Mahan. Last year, the nature preserve welcomed over 22,000 visitors! Visitors can enjoy over 7-miles of winding trails, spring-fed creeks, waterfalls, grassland habitats and forest. For photos, visit www.kynaturepreserve.org.

The Executive Director, Tavia Cathcart, adds, *“The nature preserve offers a safe haven for a wide variety of animals, birds, and native plants. It presents many opportunities for individuals and families to explore their natural environment.”*

Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve is open every day from dawn to dusk, and is always free. Office hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30p.m., Monday through Friday. March through October, CMNP offers “Open House Saturday” on the third Saturday of every month. Interpreter-led forest hikes are offered, as well as tours of the 200-year old Mahan Manor.

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