



Arizona's Gift

from the Grand Canyon State
CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE 2009

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ORNAMENTS

American families across the nation hold fond memories of decorating their own trees over the years. The Capitol Christmas Tree 2009 is no different. Schoolchildren throughout Arizona will make 5,000 ornaments to be placed on the iconic symbol often called "The People's Tree." An additional 1,000 ornaments will decorate 75 trees placed throughout federal buildings in the Capitol, including the United States Supreme Court.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 5,000 **outdoor** ornaments will be placed on the Capitol Christmas Tree 2009.
- 1,000 **indoor** ornaments will decorate 75 companion trees installed throughout the Capitol.
- Outdoor ornaments are 9 to 12 inches tall.
- Outdoor ornaments need to survive 3 weeks of harsh winter weather, which could include snow and rain.
- A 12-to-15-inch loop of 20-gauge wire (coat hanger weight) is needed on each ornament for hanging.
- Indoor ornaments are 3 to 7 inches tall.

DESIGN

- Capitol Christmas Tree 2009 design theme is *Arizona's Gift from the Grand Canyon State*.
- Ornaments are designed to be viewed up close and as far away as 75 feet.
- Natural materials will be used that are eco-sensitive and recyclable. Glass will not be used.

FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE CAPITOL

- Arizona's educators are encouraged to build classroom experiences around The Capitol Christmas Tree 2009.
- Students can learn about Arizona when making ornaments and engage in the spirit of volunteerism.
- During the state and national tour of the Capitol Christmas Tree, students will be able to follow the trip online.
- One lucky student, parents and teacher will win a trip to Washington, D.C. to light the tree!

To download Capitol Christmas Tree Ornament Program information, visit
www.CapitolChristmasTree2009.org

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