



### JROTC Cadets Support Toys for Tots in Anson County

Each year the Anson High School Army JROTC cadets select a project as part of their service learning. In prior years the Bearcat battalion has raised funds for charity, participated in a variety of community clean-ups for residents of Meadowview Assisted Living. This part of the JROTC curriculum can really make a difference in the community and the cadets look forward to it. This year the Anson cadets chose to support the Toys for Tots program in Anson County by assembling shoe box gifts for children. As anticipation for the holiday season grew the cadets were busy wrapping gifts with the hope that their work might bring the joy of Christmas to less fortunate children this year. Community leaders, led by Mrs. Vancine Sturdivant, were overjoyed by the great efforts of the cadets as they were presented with nearly 200 gifts to distribute throughout the county.

### Christmas Programs Coming Up At the Planetarium

The Rotary Planetarium and Science Center will once again host the Christmas story, The Star of Bethlehem. This program was written and is narrated by Ansonian Mike Treadaway. It depicts the astronomical and biblical representation of the bright star in the eastern sky that the wise men followed that first Christmas season. This program is presented on the planetarium dome with the stars rotating in the background.

Along with your admission cost of \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12, a hands-on tour of the animal room will be given with opportunities to handle various species of snakes and lizards. Show times for the Star of Bethlehem are Wednesday, December 19 at 6 p.m. and Thursday, December 20 at 4 p.m. The actual show lasts approximately 40 minutes.

Another Christmas show geared especially for the children is The Polar Express. This program will feature a hands-on adventure in the planetarium with the snakes and lizards. A short program in the dome discussing stars and planets will follow the visit. Children will also be able to play on the exhibits located within the exhibit area. The program will conclude with an animated reading of Chris Van Allsburg's book, The Polar Express as a surprise activity at the conclusion of the program. The admission cost will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Show time for The Polar Express is 6 p.m. on Friday, December 14.

Reservations are required for each show since seating space is limited in the dome to 30 people. Reservations can be made by calling the Rotary Planetarium at 704-694-7016. When calling please leave your name, telephone number where you can be reached in case of changes, and the number of seats you would like to reserve.

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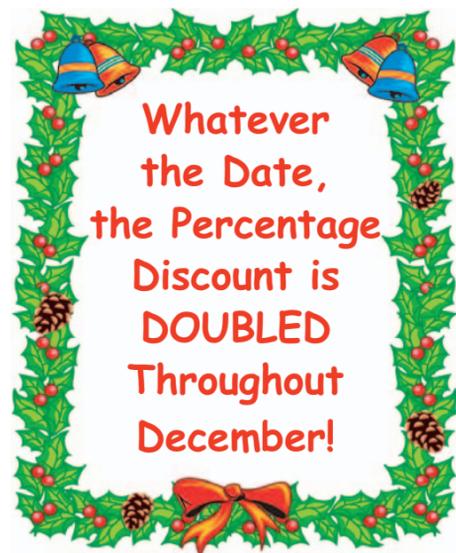
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