



## CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY RETURNS TO FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS

**WHAT:** Experience a 19<sup>th</sup> century Florida *Christmas in the Country* at Mildred W. and Doyle E. Carlton, Jr.'s Cracker Country at the Florida State Fairgrounds. Cracker Country is a living history museum that represents aspects of home life, commerce and transportation as it was in many rural Florida communities just before the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

During *Christmas in the Country*, guests can create holiday keepsakes like salt dough ornaments, beeswax candles, sachets and cornucopias, and help with the everyday chores like churning butter and cleaning laundry with an old-fashioned washboard. *Christmas in the Country* also features an exhibit of Victorian holiday cards, which became popular in America in the late 1800s.

Guests can stroll through the four-acre complex and experience seasonal décor, music and traditions in 13 original buildings, including a train depot, historic homes, general store, post office, blacksmith shop and more. The Trail Dogs Bluegrass Band will also be playing live music throughout the event.

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 8, 2018  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Mildred W. and Doyle E. Carlton Cracker Country  
4800 Hwy 301 North  
Tampa, Florida 33610

**TICKETS/PARKING:** Tickets can be bought onsite and are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and children ages 6-12. Children under 5 are admitted FREE. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts receive \$1 off admission if he/she arrives in uniform.

Enter the Florida State Fairgrounds via Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd entrance. Parking is \$8 per car. Buses and RVs are \$14. Cash only.

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**About the Florida State Fair Authority:**

The mission of the Florida State Fair Authority and its Board of Directors is to create positive entertainment experiences through: the annual Florida State Fair; a variety of year-round events; quality competitive programs; a commitment to agriculture, education and community service, and a focus on new opportunities.

The Florida State Fair Authority does not receive state, county or city tax dollars. Operations are funded by revenue generated by the annual Florida State Fair and the rental of Fairgrounds facilities to outside entities throughout the year. For more information about the Florida State Fair Authority, go to [www.floridastatefair.com](http://www.floridastatefair.com).

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