

NIGHTFALLS



May 2-4, 2024

8:30pm - 11pm

Ramsey Park, Redwood Falls



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WELCOME

We're excited to have you join us for our 11th year as we bring you more lights than ever! We saw a big increase in attendance last year with over 8,500 visitors over the three nights! Twenty-three community businesses and organizations along with Event Sound & Lighting join Celebrate Redwood Falls to bring you a fun and unique event in Ramsey Park. The lights come on at 8:30pm to showcase the natural beauty of the woods and trails. We're glad you came to enjoy the show!

What began in 2014 as Founders' Day celebrating the arrival of a small group of settlers establishing the future town of Redwood Falls has evolved into the NightFalls event you're experiencing today. The event evolved to a drive-thru event and expanded to encompass the entire park in 2021. We've added over 100,000 lights this year to make it bigger than ever!

We hope you can help keep NightFalls growing with a donation to light up more of Ramsey Park. In addition to growth, we also replace lights each year—those pesky squirrels, rabbits and deer do some damage and of course, normal wear and tear plays a role too! Donate at one of the barrels in the park, send a check, or go online to contribute (see page 8 for details).

We'd like to extend a very special thank you to everyone who has helped make this event possible. We couldn't do this without the support of all the volunteers, Illuminators, sponsors and donations. On behalf of the Celebrate Redwood Falls board, thank you for coming to explore the park in the dark at NightFalls!

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

**8:30 - 11:00 PM NightFalls
Drive Thru and Walk Thru Event**

Over 419,000 lights on display

4 miles of lighted trails

Kid's themed trails

New light features!

**Radio broadcast:
Tune in on your drive to 88.7 FM**

**23 Light displays from local organizations
and businesses**

**Sound and light display along the river by
Event Sound & Lighting**

2 Lighted waterfalls, 8 lighted bridges



**LSIC dancers and singers
on Friday Night**

**RVHS Drumline
on Saturday night
Every 15 minutes starting at
9pm near Ramsey Zoo**

**Food from
Sweet Kettle
Madness and
Rubi's Kitchen
Friday and Saturday**



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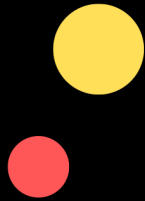
ILLUMINATOR LOCATIONS



LEGEND	
	One-way Traffic
	Road Closure Barricade
	Road Barricade (controlled entry/exit)
	Volunteer Staffing
	Lighted Trails
	No Parking
	Illuminator Area

- 1** First Presbyterian Church
- 2** HomeTown Bank
- 3** E-Free & Redwood Alliance Church Youth Groups
- 4** Minnwest Bank
- 5** Cornerstone Christian Church
- 6** Friends of the Park
- 7** Farmers Union Industries
- 8** Scenic City Realty
- 9** Schult Homes
- 10** American Legion Post 38
- 11** RE/MAX Realty Plus
- 12** Discover Downtown Redwood Falls
- 13** CentraCare Home Health and Hospice
- 14** Redwood Falls Rotary Club
- 15** Lower Sioux Indian Community
- 16** Dakota Wicohan
- 17** Audacia Study Club
- 18** WoMen's Rural Advocacy Programs (WRAP)
- 19** Big Buddies
- 20** Redwood Falls Lions Club
- 21** State Farm - Ryan Esse
- 22** Gertsema Family

LIST OF ILLUMINATORS



BE ON THE LOOKOUT...



Fairies, dinos, animals, & spooks are sure to be spotted on special trails!



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- Number of lights used: 419,300
- Miles of trails illuminated: 4
- Number of lighted bridges: 8
- Number of lighted waterfalls: 2
- Number of business & organizations decorating areas: 23
- Number of creatures hidden along the designated trails: Spooks 10+, Animals 24+, Dinos 15+, and Fairies 16+
- Past attendance: 8,500 attendees in 2023 including 1,416 vehicles and 4,474 walkers
- NightFalls began as Founders Day in 2014 during Redwood Falls Sesquicentennial
- The 2014-2019 events were entirely at Ramsey Falls, 2020 had 4 drive-thru displays installed by Celebrate Redwood Falls and a Home Edition contest, 2021 expanded drive-thru displays with 21 groups participating and lighting on some trails, 2022 had 22 groups & all trails lighted to include the entire park, and 2023 increased to 26 groups.
- Future goals for the event: Add more lighting along trails by decorating trees and ground areas, increase local participation, and bring more tourism to Redwood Falls



FUN FACTS

RAMSEY PARK

- Ramsey Park is 256+ acres which makes it the largest municipal park in the state
- The unique swayback bridge built in 1938 is on the National Register of Historic Places
- Home to 2 waterways - Redwood River which creates the Falls of the Redwood and Ramsey Creek which creates Ramsey Falls
- 5 Bridges cross Ramsey Creek and 2 cross the Redwood River



Light the Trails

Please continue to help us purchase lights to illuminate 4 miles of trails, bridges, and scenery in Ramsey Park!

In 2024 we purchased an additional 1,013 light strings.

WHAT CAN MY DONATION HELP LIGHT UP?

It can help with adding to displays and replacing lights annually due to wear and tear.

- \$40 - Small Tree
- \$60 - Medium Tree
- \$75 - Large Tree
- \$240 - Trail Crossing Canopy
- \$480 - Swayback Bridge
- \$600 - Trail per 10th of a Mile
- \$1,000 - Decorated Area or Walk Bridge

*Every Dollar
Makes A
Difference!*

WAYS TO DONATE :

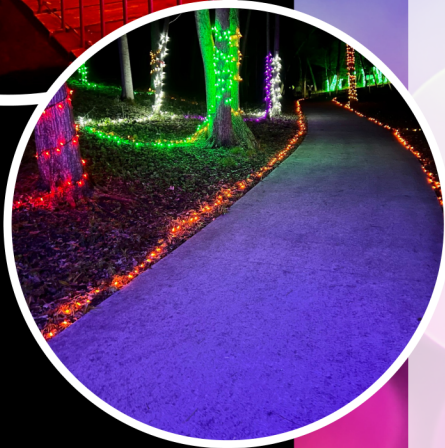
Mail Your Donation To:
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At the Entrances During the Event

On Our Website CelebrateRedwoodFalls.com



Scan to Donate



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

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Thank you to all the volunteers who put in countless hours to help light up the park and make this event possible each year. Your support is very much appreciated!

COME BACK TO RAMSEY PARK FOR MORE EVENTS THIS YEAR!



Photo Contest: May 8 - 29, 2024

Medallion Hunt: May 30 - June 5, 2024

Drive-Thru Picnic Dinner: June 5, 2024 in the Ramsey Park Campground

Follow the Friends of the Park Facebook page for details!

Friends of the Park a 501 3C organization operating under the umbrella of the Redwood Area Communities Foundation, Inc.

**KIWANIS
HOLIDAY
LIGHTS**
MANKATO, MINNESOTA

November 29-December 31, 2024

Sunday-Thursday 5:00-9:00 p.m. | Friday & Saturday 5:00-10:00 p.m.

Free and Open to the Public ♦ Walk or Drive Through

NIGHTFALLS SPONSORS

Thank you to the businesses, organizations, & individuals who continue to make NightFalls a success each year!

TRAILBLAZERS



ILLUMINATORS



SPARKLERS

- Chuck Lussenhop
- Daktronics
- Dan Schmid Photography
- Dave & Corrine Gertsema
- Glenn Tiffany
- Henle Printing Company
- Jason Garman
- Jay Johanneck
- Jesse Bell
- Klabunde Electric
- Lonnie Leske
- Mark & Brenda Dressen
- MnDOT District 8
- Redwood Falls Golf Club
- Rick Morris
- RVHS Drumline
- Scott Johanneck
- S & S Rental
- Steve Medrud
- Thrivent Financial
- Tiffany Farms
- West Central Sanitation

Thank You!

ELDON "BUTCH" FLUCK

We lost a very good friend and long-time board member this year. It's hard to express what Butch meant to all of us at Celebrate Redwood Falls or to quantify how valuable he was to our organization. Butch contributed untold hours before, during and after each event but if you knew Butch, you know it was as much about his attitude, his effort, and his smile as it was about the time he put in. You could always count on Butch to be there if he was needed.

Butch joined the Celebrate Redwood Falls board in 2015 and he was a fixture at all of our events from the beginning. Butch's favorite event was the Francois Haunted Hotel and from July to October, he'd be in the basement moving panels and decorations, setting lights, making props, and doing anything and everything to get ready for opening night. Butch loved to give tours of the Haunted Hotel and he especially loved scaring anyone who stepped foot in the basement!

Butch, you were the best teammate and will always be in our hearts. We miss you.

Craig, Cindy, Laura, Julie, Steven, Rhonda, and Dan



THANK YOU FOR COMING!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS!



Celebrate Redwood Falls is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to creating and promoting events in Redwood Falls which celebrate the city's history and showcase the many amenities available within our community. We are 100% volunteer driven and host four annual events: Fire & Ice Festival in February, NightFalls in May, Summer Splash in June and The Francois Haunted Hotel/Monsters on Main Street in October.

Celebrate Redwood Falls is a subsidiary of the
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