



THE MARTIN COUNTY BAND BOOSTERS INC.

in support of the

MARTIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BAND 2008 HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

Balsam Fir Christmas Trees

Fresh from Nova Scotia

Sometimes called premium or ultra. This is a #1 Grade tree, visually a medium to heavy brush density tree, no major defects on any side.

Eight years of annual care combined with superior genetic characteristics of the Balsam Fir creates

...dense balanced shape...

...superior needle retention...

...full rich fragrance...

... it is a very attractive tree presented with immense pride ...



20" Balsam Fir Wreath

adorned with
weatherproof red velvet gold back bow
five natural pine cones
five holly berry clusters

\$35.00

Also available

15' Balsam Fir Garland Roping

perfect size to fit around a door

\$25.00

(not available for gift giving)

Add \$6.00 per wreath or centerpiece
to have UPS delivered as a Gift
with your personal message
anywhere in Continental USA or Canada



15" Centerpiece

encircled with four 10" red candles
gracious red velvet puff bow
six natural pine cones, nine crabapples
six holly berry cluster
... presented on a rattan tray ...

\$40.00

6' - 7'	\$55.00	9' - 10'	\$85.00
7' - 8'	\$65.00	10' - 11'	\$95.00
8' - 9'	\$75.00	11' - 12'	\$110.00

Local delivery
for \$12.00
additional fee



26" Plain Balsam Fir Wreath

\$25.00

(not available for gift giving)

All orders must be placed by Tuesday, November 18th

Pick up: Thursday, December 4th ** 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. ** MCHS-Old Cafeteria

(Any merchandise not picked up by 9:00 p.m. will be donated)

For further information, contact Ellen Norris: 772-287-1255 (home) 772-285-3435 (cell) e_a_norris@hotmail.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How long will my wreath last ?

Hung outdoors, your wreaths should last throughout the holiday season and into the new year. What may affect the greens is if your door faces south with long periods of direct sunlight, or hanging a wreath between a door and storm door creating a greenhouse effect. Some people like to hang our product indoors for part of the season to enjoy the balsam fir fragrance, then hang outdoors for longer enjoyment. When using indoors, misting with water may prolong the freshness. When the greens begin to look tired, mist and return to the outdoors. In cool moist climates, the product may reclaim some of its' freshness.

How long will my centerpiece last ?

Indoors, your product should last for two to three weeks. If you do not plan on using your centerpiece right away, leave it packaged as you received it, place in a cold, dark spot such as under the doorstep or in the garage. If you live in a warm climate, in the fridge works great or even the deep freeze works best. (Be sure to let item thaw before handling)

I usually go to a tree yard and look at all the trees before choosing. Will I do the same with your fundraising group ?

Retail tree yards purchase many different grades of trees from premium heavy density to economy grade light density. We are purchasing only one grade, DeLong Farms top grade called premium heavy density. All of our short needled Balsam Fir Christmas Trees will have a dense balanced cone shape, dark green colour, pleasant fragrance with no major defects on any side. Your tree will be hand cut and placed through a cone shaped machine that folds the tree towards its center, and tightly wraps a light nylon cord around the outside. This will make it easy for taking home in a cars trunk or on a roof rack. At home, leaving it bundled until decorating time will avoid moisture loss and maximize its freshness.

How Fresh will my tree be?

Very fresh. Our fundraising group is the only middle man between you and DeLong Farms. Your tree will not be sitting on display in a tree yard, unbundled and exposed to the drying elements while waiting to be sold.

Where has my tree come from?

Christmas Trees require many frosty mornings to set their needles. This is mother natures way of making sure the tree makes it through the long winter without loosing its needles. We chose Nova Scotia Canada due to their Atlantic Ocean climate with abundant precipitation and fall frost. We chose DeLong Farms due to their 49 years of experience growing and caring for Christmas Trees from seedling to harvest. We feel their experience and rigorous quality control will guarantee you a robust, healthy Christmas Tree.

How should I take care of my Christmas Tree ?

Once you receive your Christmas tree, keep it in a sheltered, unheated area such as a porch or garage to protect it from the wind and sun until you're ready to decorate it. We recommend that you keep your tree bundled until you take it into your home. If you will be storing your tree for more than one week or your climate is very warm, give the trunk a fresh cut, leave bundled and place in a bucket of water, not allowing the water to go dry.

DeLong Farms recommends that before you set up your tree, make another fresh, straight cut across the base of the trunk (about one to two inches up from the original cut). Mother Nature has created a seal of natural sap which helps the tree from drying out during shipping. If this seal is not removed (by this fresh cut) your tree will not take up water.

Next place the tree in a tree stand that holds at least two gallons of water. After you have the tree standing straight from all angles, cut the cord which binds the tree starting at the top and working down. Then let the tree fall out naturally, do not pull at the branches. We like to let our tree fall out over night.

Do not be alarmed if your tree looses needles at first. This is natural to the Balsam Fir and does not indicate your tree is dry. There are quite a few discoloured needles close to the trunk of the tree where sun has not reached that will fall over the next couple of days, but this will slow down. In Christmas Retail Yards, a tree is shaken and banged on the ground every time it is shown to a potential customer resulting in the removal of loose needles. Instead, your tree has arrived quick & fresh, direct from the forest.

Caring for your real tree is easy. The most important thing to remember is that real trees need water daily, Never let your tree stand go dry. A seal of dried sap will form over the cut stump if the water drops below the base of the tree, preventing the tree from absorbing water when the tree stand is refilled. If a seal does form, another fresh cut will need to be made. A tree will absorb over one gallon of water in the first 24 hours and one or more quarts a day thereafter. Do not think that just because the tree didn't drink any water the first day that it's not going to get thirstier. Be sure to check the water level every day and keep at least two gallons of water in the stand. Water is important to prevent the needles from drying and the boughs from drooping.

There are quite a few tales out there regarding what should be added to your tree's water, 7-up, sugar, aspirin, and many more remedies. Osmosis happens from weak to strong, and a mixture of sugar too strong will actually drain your tree instead of feeding it. A tree's capillaries clogged with a sugar will only result in the tree not taking in any further water. DeLong Farms recommends just plain water.

Customer's Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail address _____ **PAID** _____

ITEM	QTY		PRICE	AMOUNT
26" plain balsam fir wreath		X	\$25	
20" balsam fir wreath (decorated)		X	\$35	
20" balsam fir wreath (decorated) GIFT DELIVERY (fill in shipping info on back page)		X	\$41	
15' garland roping		X	\$25	
15" centerpiece		X	\$40	
15" centerpiece GIFT DELIVERY (fill in shipping info on back page)		X	\$46	
6-7 ft. tree		X	\$55	
7-8 ft. tree		X	\$65	
8-9 ft. tree		X	\$75	
9-10 ft. tree		X	\$85	
10-11 ft. tree		X	\$95	
11-12 ft. tree		X	\$110	
Local Delivery 12/04/08 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. (trees will be left by door if not home)		X	\$12	
Donation				

Seller's name (student) / phone number _____

TOTAL _____

Pick up: Thurs., December 4th
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. MCHS—Old Cafeteria

Make checks payable to:
MCBB Inc. (no sales tax)

Students:
drop form and
payment into blue
box in band room

Mail form and payment to:
Ellen Norris
4473 SW Long Bay Drive
Palm City, FL 34990

Home: 772-287-1255 / Cell: 772-285-3435
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To download additional order forms, go to
<http://www.mcbbinc.homestead.com/wreaths.html>

