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Christmas At Barker Mansion

Michigan City, IN (November 23, 2005) - This year Michigan City's "Christmas at Barker Mansion" features a Victorian family Christmas.

The decorations may be viewed with a self-guided tour during the annual Open House from December 3rd through December 18th. Hours for the Open House are Monday through Friday from Noon to 3pm CST and on Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 4pm CST.

From December 19th through January 15th, the decorations may be seen only with a guided tour Monday through Friday at 10:00 am, 11:30 am, and 1:00 pm CST. Saturday and Sunday guided tours are at Noon and 2 pm CST.

Christmas family tours are scheduled for Sunday, December 11th and Sunday, December 18th at 5:00 pm CST. Openings for these tours are very limited, and phone reservations are required for this tour.

The Mansion will be closed December 23, 24, 25 and January 1. Admission cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for youth ages 4-18; children age three and under are free. Call 219/873-1520 for more information or group tour reservations.

Barker Mansion is a thirty-eight room 1905 House Museum on the National Register of Historic Places and contains many original furnishings and art objects. John H. Barker, freight car industrialist, built the manufacturing plant that was located on the site of Lighthouse Place Premium Outlet center. The Mansion is only one block east of the mall at 631 Washington Street, Michigan City, Indiana.

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