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Downtown's First-Ever Chinese Lantern Festival Illuminates the Centennial Park District
In Centennial Olympic Park through January 15

The Centennial Park District, Downtown Atlanta's premiere entertainment district, is proud to announce its role as a sponsoring partner of the 2016 Chinese Lantern Festival.

Making its first appearance in the Southeast, the Festival will illuminate the southern end of Centennial Olympic Park. Visitors are sure to be dazzled by brightly-colored lanterns in a variety of shapes, including a 200-foot-long dragon and impressive three-story pagoda. These authentic, Chinese-crafted structures will be complemented by nightly activities, such as craftsman demonstrations and live theatrical and dance performances.

Hotel members of the Centennial Park District—the Omni Hotel at CNN Center, Hilton Garden Inn Atlanta Downtown, and Embassy Suites by Hilton Atlanta at Centennial Olympic Park—have played a key role in the Chinese Lantern Festival's success by offering lodging to the many festival performers who will be staying in Atlanta for the duration of the festival.

In addition to the Festival and the Park's annual ice rink and holiday lights, festival attendees are warmly encouraged to explore the surrounding Centennial Park District. From world-class attractions to upscale hotel lodgings and eclectic dining options, the Centennial Park District is an ideal destination for family-friendly activities, particularly during the holiday season.

"As active members of the Centennial Park District, we are thrilled to partner with the Georgia World Congress Center Authority to bring a new, exciting event to the neighborhood. This holiday season, families can come to the District to enjoy the festival and all that surrounds it, including attractions like SkyView. We hope this becomes a tradition metro Atlanta can enjoy for years to come," said Todd Schneider, Managing Partner of Skyview Atlanta

When: Now through January 15th, 2017

Hours: Sunday-Thursday 6pm-10pm and Friday-Saturday 6pm-11pm

Price: \$16 for adults and \$12 for children at Freshtix.com

For more information, visit gwcca.org/park or on the following social media channels:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/centennialolympicpark/>

Twitter: [@centennial_park](https://twitter.com/centennial_park)

Instagram: [@centennial_park](https://www.instagram.com/centennial_park)

About the Centennial Park District

Whether you're a local or visitor, single or married with kids, you'll find the iconic experience you're looking for inside the Centennial Park District. Walkable, safe, vibrant and fun, you'll find world-class attractions, renowned dining, exquisite hotels and a host of entertainment options all nestled around Centennial Olympic Park. The Centennial Park District is supported by area businesses and is administered through Central Atlanta Progress (CAP). ###