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## MU's Forestry Club relocates Christmas tree sale

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COLUMBIA — MU's Forestry Club on Friday will continue its 40-year tradition of selling Christmas trees but at a new location.

The Forestry Club will hold its annual Christmas tree sale Friday through Sunday and Dec. 7 through 9 at the MU Reactor Field lot on Providence Road. The sale is normally at Memorial Stadium, but it has been moved this year because of construction. Hours are 4 to 8 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Club members have 200 trees for sale: 160 balsam firs from Nova Scotia and 40 Scotch pines from MU's Turkey Farm Lake, said Ben Tiefenbrun, the tree farm's manager and Forestry Club member.

The farm plants 200 seedlings a year.

The trees that will be sold range from 5 to 15 years old. Scotch pines will be \$5 a foot, and the balsam firs will go for \$7 a foot.

Tiefenbrun said the club sold all but a few trees at the sale last year.

The Forestry Club will also sell wreaths along with oak and hickory firewood. The club makes the wreaths out of tree branches from trees they do not wish to sell, Tiefenbrun said.

"We enjoy making the wreaths and bows," said Abby Kircher, president of the Forestry Club.

The trees can be delivered anywhere in Columbia for \$5, and the firewood is always delivered.

The Forestry Club donated a Christmas tree this year and last year to the Heart of Missouri United Way.

All of the proceeds from the two weekend events will go toward paying for the Forestry Club to attend events such as the 61st Midwestern Foresters' Conclave in the spring. MU students plan to compete against other Midwestern colleges in cross-cut sawing, underhand chopping, ax

throwing and pulp toss.

"It's fun being together and selling trees, helping kids and families pick out a Christmas tree," Kircher said.

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