

In a few weeks, you'll get to see more than two-and-a-half million Christmas lights, and dozens of specially decorated holiday trees, in La Crosse's Riverside Park.

Rotary Lights begins its 18th year on November 23rd. Pat Stephens, the president of Rotary Lights, says about 40 performing groups are scheduled to entertain this season inside the heated Ice Castle in the park. Stephens says getting to perform indoors is a big incentive for attracting those groups, because just a handful of groups used to volunteer when they only had the option of performing at the park bandshell on cold nights. The main goal of Rotary Lights is to collect food for area pantries. Over 225-thousand food items were donated just last year.