

Why Christmas in August?



A Christmas celebration was held at the Yellowstone Airport on August 24. Why Christmas in August you ask?

This celebration dates back to August 25, 1925 when tourists were stranded by a heavy snowfall at the Old Faithful Inn in West Yellowstone. With tourists stranded the employee hosts decided to make the best of their situation. Since it was the 25th of the month they suggested a Christmas celebration in August. The snowbound visitors loved the idea. Gifts were exchanged and Christmas carols were sung around the crackling fireplace in the rustic lobby of the Inn.

From that time on, it has become a tradition to celebrate Christmas in August, during the period of the 23rd to the 25th the Inns, lodges, and stores of Yellowstone have their own employee parties where small gifts are exchanged, dinners are enjoyed, and employees offer entertainment.

This is also a time for all employees at the airport to get together and have a little fun as they near the end of the working season.