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A Snow-filled Setting Served as Stunning Background for the Trek to the Tree Ceremony at Kings Canyon National Park

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, CA – With a snow-filled setting as a stunning background, a total of 213 people participated in the Trek to the Nation’s Christmas Tree ceremony at Kings Canyon National Park on Sunday, December 8, 2013, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. The event, which was sponsored by the Sanger District Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the National Park Service, included the Jubilation Singers, Sanger High School Choir, and a non-denominational holiday message. During the ceremony, Acting Superintendent Colleen Bathe spoke about the General Grant Tree’s role as a national shrine in memory of the men and women of the Armed Forces who have served, fought, and died to keep America free. A memorial wreath was placed at the base of the General Grant Tree during the ceremony.

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