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Metro Sets Family Picnic for April at Universal Studios Hollywood

- Picnic replaces Holiday Magic dinner dance
- Other holiday parties, breakfasts are scheduled

(Dec. 7, 2004) Metro will start a new tradition next spring: an employee picnic with food and fun for the whole family.

The Saturday, April 16, event at Universal Studios Hollywood will replace the annual Holiday Magic formal dinner and dance.

The Metro family picnic will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Universal Amphitheater Concourse. In addition to a buffet lunch, there will be games and prizes, balloon artists and face painters, celebrity look-alikes, cartoon characters and a disc jockey.

Tickets, priced at \$25 each, will admit employees and their families to both the picnic and to the theme park, generally open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The tickets will go on sale in February at the Metro Store. Store employees will visit the operating divisions in the spring to sell picnic tickets. Ticket sales are limited to five per employee.

"Employees told us they wanted a more casual event they could enjoy with their whole family and that would be easier on the pocketbook," says Danielle Boutier, executive manager, Communications Services. "Having a dinner dance was hard because it conflicted with so many other holiday activities and family occasions."

Meanwhile, however, the operating divisions have scheduled their traditional holiday parties and breakfasts. The Christmas Eve breakfast at the Gateway Building has been set for Thursday, Dec. 23 since Friday, Dec. 24 is a holiday for non-contract employees.