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## Amicalola Lodge holds Christmas open house

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With a roaring fire, complete with stockings hung on the mantle, an enormous Christmas tree and a view of the mountains through the fog, the lobby of Amicalola Lodge was the best spot to meet Santa Claus and pose for a photo before exploring the other open house festivities held downstairs in the conference room.



Santa sent his helper, Andy Ferrell - or "Santa Andy" – to meet with all the good little boys and girls at the Lodge.



The halls were decked with boughs of holly, wreaths and nutcrackers at the Amicalola Lodge for the holiday season. The décor was the perfect welcome as guests entered the main lobby to partake in the open house festivities.



Doug Grant, one of the two Naturalists at Amicalola State Park, told interested guests about Gizmo, a full grown screech owl the park rescued.



One of the big hits of the open house was the ornament decorating table. With many colors of crayons, glitter, glue, paper and paint, children made an assortment of crafts to take home and hang on their Christmas trees.