The ChemE Holiday Party is on Friday, December 11th.

We have all sorts of fun events coming up, so keep on reading for all the details!

Secret Snowflake!!!

All participants should have been notified of their Secret Snowflake via email. All wrapped gifts should be brought to Suzanne Maguire by the morning of December 11th. Please remember that there is a $15 limit on all gifts.

Charity Giving Tree!!!

We all know the true reason for the season - planetary axial tilt. But it’s also about gratitude and good will, and as such we'll be organizing a charity event to benefit our local community. This year the ChemE Holiday Party Charity Committee has chosen the MIT PSC Giving Tree as our charity! Here is an overview of how to get involved: Come to ChemE headquarters (66-366) to pick up gift labels and drop off your gift by Thursday, December 10th by 12pm to 66-366.

Baking Contest!!!

On Friday, December 11th the Holiday Baking Contest will kick off the festivities at noon in (66-366) -- baking entries must be dropped off here by this time! Please email Suzanne Maguire (easterly@mit.edu) by Monday, December 7th if you want to participate. And, for those of you didn't enter a sumptuous sweetmeat in the contest, please come on by as well! We need brave volunteers like you to help us in sampling the desserts and voting for the winners - we in AIChE and GSC-X will be totally thrown off of our holiday diets if we're the only ones doing the heavy lifting. If you won't come for the free, delicious desserts, at least come on behalf of our collective waistline.

Holiday Skits!!!

The world-renowned ChemE Holiday Skits will begin at 4:00 pm in Room 34-101, and it will be an event you will not want to miss. Past entries have gone on to win coveted awards such as the Sundance Film Festival's "Special Jury Prize for Singularity of Dramatic Vision," the "Golden Apricot" at the Yerevan International Film Festival in Armenia, and the 2003 Oscar for Sound Editing.

Dinner!!!

Bring your adjustable pants and a government-issued photo ID, because the holiday skits will be followed by a delicious, catered, all-you-can-eat buffet, beginning in the lobby of Building 66 at 6PM. In keeping with tradition, all participants competing for spots at the front of the line are encouraged to speed-walk, throw 'bows, and get way too intense about making the transition from Building 34 to Building 66. The more winded you are upon your arrival, and the more relationships you've done irreparable damage to, the better.
**Kids Corner!!!**

This is a family-friendly event, so feel free to bring your kids! We'll have a Kids' Corner set up in the **first floor classroom near the lobby of Building 66** from **6-8 pm**, complete with pizza and games! More information on how to RSVP for the Kids Corner will be sent in a later email.

**Santa and Tim the Beaver!!!**

Despite their busy schedules preparing toys for all the good boys and girls of the world, both **Santa** and **Tim the Beaver** have agreed to join us at the festivities, from **7-8:30 pm**! No holiday season is complete without receiving a hug from Santa and a festive tail thump from Tim, so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

**Holiday Carols!!!**

This may come as news to you, but "vocal range" and "soulfulness" were actually little-advertised criteria used by the Course X selection committee in choosing the new members of the department. For the roughly 40% of you who were asked to submit an audition tape of you singing "Jingle Bell Rock," this is the moment you were chosen for. Starting at **7:15PM**, come on down to the **lobby of Building 66** to join in our annual Holiday Caroling! We'll be singing all of your most beloved holiday standards, including "Who Let the Dogs Out," by the Baha Boys, "Gangsta's Paradise," by Coolio, and "Walking in a Winter Wonderland," by 50 Cent.

In short, it's time to start working yourself up into your yearly holiday frenzy!!! Don't resist any longer - just give in to the mania, let the red and green pall settle over your eyes, and come partake in the annual ChemE Department Holiday Party and Associated Festivities! Hope to see you there!

With ample holiday cheer,

Your AIChE and GSC-X boards