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Los Gatos, Santa Clara County, CA Cutting Your Own Christmas Tree PATCHEN Adds Lights For Evening Hours Shopping

One family tradition just got a little easier. Patchen California Christmas Tree Farms, located in the Santa Cruz Mountains, has expanded hours by illuminating portions at their two farms for [late afternoon / evening](#) tree shopping. Owner, Jim Beck says, *"that extra hour allows all those hard-working folks who get off at 5:00 pm some extra time to get their tree after all the other farms have closed."*

Load up the car with family and friends and head out to **PATCHEN** to choose & cut your own Christmas tree. Opening almost a full week prior to Thanksgiving, **PATCHEN** offers ["choose & cut"](#) trees and lots of extras, and now it's possible to go there after work. While other farms close when it gets dark, the lights at **PATCHEN** are on till 6:00 pm, but it's a good idea to get there by 5:30 pm to allow time to choose the perfect tree and have it tied down to your car.

There are thousands to choose from at both farms and **PATCHEN** has all the tools you need. They even bail it (hemp or biodegradable plastic), [install the stand](#) for you (yours or purchase a new one), and tie it on your car for you - all at no charge.

A visit to **PATCHEN** has been a tradition for over 50 years for hundreds of families who return year after year. There are picnic tables, natural ponds with fish, frogs & turtles, free Wi-Fi, and a bonfire that burns late into the evening, for roasting hot dogs or sipping some wine.

The [Gift Shop](#) is located in the turn-of-the-century barn that has been completely restored by the owner. There you can find a wide variety of [tree stands](#), unique ornaments & gift items, Cedar garland, Lavender products and hundreds of [hand-made wreaths](#). You will even find Mistletoe for kissing, Holly for decking the halls, and complimentary hot mulled cider to warm the spirit.

Santa stops by both farms on a regular [schedule](#) so be sure to check his travel plans. He has tons of candy canes - photo-ops and Christmas wishes are free.

PATCHEN continues its [tradition](#) of hosting elementary school children, and donates truckloads of free trees to low income families and local retirement communities.

To take advantage of these expanded hours, access is easy from Hwy 17. Just take the Summit Road exit and [follow the signs](#) to **PATCHEN**.

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