

**BSA TROOP #137**  
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**20,000<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS TREE TO BE SOLD THIS SEASON BY  
FRANKLIN BOY SCOUT TROOP**

**FRANKLIN, Tenn., (November 13, 2008)** -- So, how do you top a successful 2007 Christmas tree selling season? By selling your 20,000<sup>th</sup> tree, of course. And that's just what Franklin-based Boy Scout Troop #137 will do when they open their Christmas tree lots on Friday, November 28, 2008.

In an annual effort that has spanned 28 years in Franklin and involved hundreds of scouts and their parents, the troop will sell four different types of trees – as well as related items - - to raise funds for troop activities.

“This Christmas tree sale has been a special effort of our troop now for almost three decades, and I can't think of a better way to start the Christmas season,” said John Green, Scoutmaster of the troop. “The tree sale is vital to our efforts of providing all boys the opportunities that Scouting offers, helping us raise funds to support camping, badge and education activities. It also helps the boys perfect their salesmanship and teamwork skills as they work the lot and help customers select their Christmas tree. It's a tradition that many people, including the Scouts, look forward to all year.”

Frazier Fir, Douglas Fir, Colorado Blue Spruce and Scotch Pine trees of heights from 6 feet to more than 12 feet tall will be sold at three different Franklin lots manned by the troop: The corner of S. Carothers Rd. and Hwy 96 near Walker Chevrolet; at John Deere Landscapes on Hillsboro Rd. @ Mack Hatcher Blvd., and a new location near downtown Franklin at the Bank of America branch bank at the intersection of Hwy. 96 and Hillsboro Rd.

The trees have been shipped directly from North Carolina and Michigan and are being displayed in water to help guard against dryness. Tree stands, wreaths (with bows), tree preservative, water kits will also be sold at all three lots.

Hours for all three lots are:

Mondays-Thursdays:	4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Fridays:	3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturdays:	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sundays:	12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m.

In 28 selling seasons, the troop has sold more than 19,633 trees. This year's sale continues until Sunday, December 21, or until the trees are sold. For more information on the trees, consumers should contact Greg Boucher, 615-330-1135.

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