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(Neb.)-NORAD Tracking Santa's Flight Path



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PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AP) - Volunteers are pulling on their Santa hats, phone lines are set, and tracking screens are ready - NORAD Tracks Santa is primed for its 57th annual goodwill mission.

Santa trackers start taking calls early Monday, telling children - and some adults - when Santa is due at their house. The last shift won't end until nearly 24 hours later.

The number is 877-HI-NORAD or 877-446-6723.

Updates will be posted online (<http://www.noradsanta.org>), on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/noradsanta>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/NoradSanta>).

The operation is based at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo., home of the North American Aerospace Defense Command.

NORAD Tracks Santa began in 1955 when a newspaper ad listed the wrong phone number for kids to call Santa. They wound up calling the Continental Air Defense Command, NORAD's predecessor.

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