

Fundación Cepsa Christmas Marquee opens its doors

- **Over the last ten years, nearly 22,000 children have enjoyed this educational leisure activity offered every Christmas in the Plaza Los Sabandeños**
- **It will remain open until 5 January, in the morning and afternoon**

This morning, the Fundación Cepsa officially opened its Christmas Marquee in Santa Cruz de Tenerife, an initiative aimed at the youngest members of the family during the Christmas school holidays, located in the Plaza Los Sabandeños (in Tomé Cano).

The event was attended by the head of the Fundación Cepsa in the Canary Islands, Belén Machado, and the councillor of the Salud-La Salle District, Yolanda Moliné, accompanied by 50 primary two children from Tomé Cano Primary School.

La Marquee, which was once again sponsored by the Salud-La Salle District, is aimed at children between the ages of 3 and 12, and will remain open until 5 January (except for 25 December and 1 January), from 10.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. and from 4.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Over 50 children can fit into this leisure, sport and fun space, with workshops, fun activities, games and many other educational leisure activities, divided according to age groups. Admission is free. It also allows parents to have a break, while they relax or spend their free time shopping or other activities, leaving their children under the care and supervision of specialized monitors.

"For the Fundación Cepsa it is highly satisfactory to be able to contribute to making these festivities even more special by allowing parents from Santa Cruz de Tenerife to have a break, and lots of other activities. Over the festive period, we adults are very busy while children have a lot of free time, so this leisure space is perfect for everyone. Children can play, learn, do handicrafts, perform multiple activities, play and interact with other children, which is a great experience for them in the festive period," Belén Machado said during the opening ceremony.

Councillor Yolanda Moliné stressed that "this year the Salud-La Salle District is working once again with the Fundación Cepsa Marquee in Tomé Cano as it is a good option for children to spend their free time over their Christmas holidays.

It is also good for business in the area, because parents can go Christmas shopping after dropping off their children. The Marquee is completely accessible, so it is a good way of promoting functional diversity.

This is the eleventh year of this entertainment and learning space promoted by the Fundación Cepsa. It is the residents in Salud-La Salle district who benefit most from this initiative. In recent years, 80 percent of the more than 22,000 children who have enjoyed the Marquee are from this district.

There is a plethora of activities to do in this leisure space, including: Christmas workshops, handicrafts, exercises, didactic and educational games, cognitive/motor activities, board games, inflatable castles, karaoke, dancing, storytelling, performances by cartoon characters, and collection of letters by Santa Claus and the page of the Three Wise Men.

This year the Fundación Cepsa is once again collaborating with other social, cultural and sporting activities organized in the capital of Tenerife for Christmas.

For example, the Tenerife Children's Park, where the Foundation promotes theater and other activities; the Tenerife Ports Christmas Concert; the "Anaga Trail Solidario" non-competitive mountain race organized by the Santa Cruz Sustainable Foundation; a program of intergenerational visits to the Palmétum of the capital; the Christmas campus of the Santa Cruz Basketball Club; and the Christmas Campus organized by IDECO at the Ofra-Costa Sur Sports Complex.

Fundación Cepsa is a general interest, non-profit entity with the goal of undertaking initiatives to serve the needs and priorities of the local communities where its founder, COMPAÑÍA ESPAÑOLA DE PETRÓLEOS S.A.U. (Cepsa), conducts its activities. The areas of action for Fundación Cepsa are social, cultural, environmental, scientific-educational, and support for amateur sports.

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