



The Tradition Continues

NORAD has been tracking Santa since 1955 when a young child dialed the misprinted phone number from a department store advertisement in the local newspaper. That phone number rang into the Continental Air Defense Command (CONAD) Operations Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The operations center director was quick to realize a mistake had been made, and assured the youngster that he was Santa. And so began the affiliation of NORAD and Santa.

The tradition continued when NORAD was formed in 1958. Each year since, NORAD has dutifully reported Santa's location on Dec. 24 to millions of children and families across the globe.



*The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) is a United States and Canadian bi-national organization charged with the missions of **aerospace warning, aerospace control, and maritime warning** in the defense of North America.*

NORAD also tracks Santa Claus every Dec. 24 through the NORAD Tracks Santa program.

NORAD Tracks Santa spreads good will and holiday cheer, while also informing people around the world about NORAD's missions.