

2024 Holiday Happenings

Pioneer Winter Wonderland

3901 W. Pioneer Road., Phoenix

pioneerwinterwonderland.com



Pioneer Winter Wonderland

Nov 1 to Jan 5: (Thursday – Sunday): Experience a magical event celebrating the holiday season with a unique blend of Arizona’s rich history and modern holiday cheer. Be enchanted by the Old West with cowboy reenactments, acrobatic North Pole elves, and live music, all set against authentic period buildings and state-of-the-art technology. Enjoy exclusive experiences like a private carriage ride, train ride, priority seating at the live cowboy show, and a photo session with Santa and his elves. Each guest will receive a personalized engraved lanyard, plush toy for children, a box of Mrs. Claus’ cookies to take home, and more. Don’t miss out on this unforgettable holiday adventure, where you’ll learn, laugh, and make cherished memories with family and friends. 4pm to 11pm. For tickets and package details visit the website.

The North Pole Experience

Little America Hotel

2515 E Butler Ave., Flagstaff

northpoleexperience.com

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The North Pole Experience in Flagstaff

Nov 15 to Dec 24: Experience the magic of the holidays at Santa's 400-year-old workshop. Explore the toy factory, Mrs. Claus's bakery, Elf University, Santa's Sleigh Hanger, and enjoy special moments with St. Nick himself, including family photos. Santa's incredible workshop is a must-see, so sneak a preview before you arrive (the elves won't spill the secrets!). Dates and times vary, for more details see the website.

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

Herberger Theater Center
222 E. Monroe St., Phoenix
childsplayaz.org

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Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

Nov 16 to Dec 23: Follow the delightful journey of Rudolph and his friends as they encounter the Abominable Snowman and journey to the land of Misfit Toys. With projection magic and incredible costumes, the iconic stop-motion sensation truly jumps from the TV to the stage! Filled with holiday hits like “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” and “Holly Jolly Christmas,” Sam the Snowman floats across the stage and tells the story of Rudolph’s journey. The North Pole will come to life, complete with Santa Claus and his hilarious elves! Childsplay Theatre will bring magic to your holiday celebrations as Rudolph soars in the air, teaching us that what makes us different can also make us special. There will also be free family activities at each show – visit the Elves Workshop to construct a craft, enjoy a cup of Mrs. Claus’ hot chocolate, and every child gets a free red nose! Tickets start at \$15. Visit website to view show times and purchase tickets.

World of Illumination

Rockin’ Christmas at Desert Diamond Casino

9431 W. Northern Ave., Glendale

Enchanted Safari at Tempe Diablo Stadium

2200 W. Alameda Dr., Tempe

worldofillumination.com



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World of Illuminations at 2 Valley Locations in 2023

Nov 16 to Dec 29: World of Illumination, the producer of the world's largest drive-through animated light show, presents two theme parks in the Phoenix-metro area for the 2024 holiday season. Light and sound collide to spark your holiday spirit with over 1 million animated lights that are synchronized to a holiday musical experience along with over 500 themed displays. The shows will operate rain or shine, Tues- Sun from 6-10pm and some Mondays. Tickets start at \$39.99 per vehicle and are available online worldofillumination.com.

Miracle on 34th Street: A Live Musical Radio Show

The Phoenix Theatre Company
1825 N. Central Ave., Phoenix

phoenixtheatre.com/miracle-34th-street-live-musical-radio-show



Miracle on 34th Presented by Phoenix Theatre Company

Nov 20 to Dec 28: Set against the cozy backdrop of a winter hearth, a beloved musical from 1947 brings to life the story of Kris Kringle, a charming man who claims to be Santa Claus. His arrival challenges the skepticism of Doris Walker, a Macy's executive responsible for hiring the store's Santa, as she witnesses the joy he brings to her daughter, Susan. When Kris' identity is questioned in a remarkable court case, the narrative explores the power of belief through the innocent eyes of a child. With original songs and classic carols, Miracle on 34th Street beautifully illustrates that the most meaningful gifts come from an open heart and mind, rather than material possessions. Tickets start at \$59. Visit website for dates and showtimes or call the box office at 602-254-2151.

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Christmas At The Princess

7575 E. Princess Dr., Scottsdale

christmasattheprincess.com



Christmas at The Scottsdale Princess

Nov 22 to Jan 4: Transforming into The North Pole's sister city, Christmas at the Princess is where moments become memories. Feel the bliss of winter envelop you while ice skating and snacking on s'mores around the fire. Witness the Sonoran Desert illuminated by over 10 million different lights and meet Saint Nicholas himself. Ride the Princess Express Train through the resort's majestic lagoons, enjoy an array of activities such as mini golf, slides, rides, character meetings, and more invite you to experience Christmas like never before.

Additional experiences can be added for an additional cost. To purchase tickets and find out times visit the website

Desert Farm Lights

14629 W. Peoria Ave., Waddell

desertfarmlights.com

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Desert Farm Lights

Nov 22 to Dec 29: The West Valley's premier walk-thru holiday light celebration will immerse families in a bright winter wonderland. Sip on hot cocoa and stroll through the scented candy cane maze, take a ride on a giant gingerbread slide, bounce on Christmas bungee trampolines, and more! Stop by the exclusive Santa Tree for a free photoshoot with Santa or step into the Grinch's Lair to meet the not so mean green guy himself.

Tickets pricing varies depending on the day, check website for details. Hours are. 5:00pm until 10pm Sundays thru Thursdays; 5pm to 11pm Fridays and Saturdays.

AZs Largest Tree Lighting and Concert

Outlets North Phoenix

4250 Anthem Way, Anthem

northphoenixoutlets.com

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Arizona's Largest Christmas Tree in Anthem

Nov 23: Outlets North Phoenix will kick off the holiday season with the 23rd Annual Tree Lighting Concert! Special guest will Good Morning Arizona's Gibby Parra, Elleigh Marie of American Idol and singer, songwriter Ashley Wineland. This year's white fir tree measures 70-feet tall and will be topped with a three-foot tall copper star, which is a nod to the state's official metal. More than 1.5 miles of LED lights, approximately 10,000 bulbs, will illuminate the tree and roughly 5,000 ornaments and bows will finish off the breathtaking spectacle. The festivities start at 5pm.

Las Noches de la Luminarias

1201 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix

dbg.org



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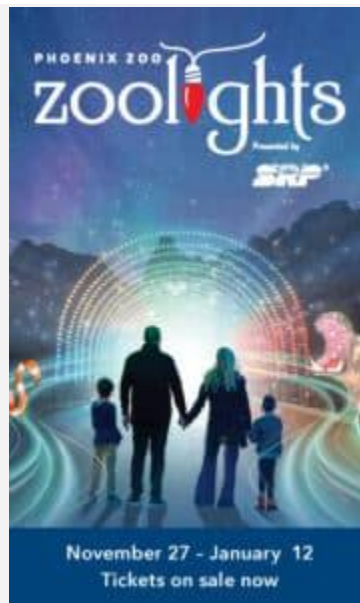
Nov 24 to Dec 30: The Garden shines bright during the holiday season! Explore a desert wonderland this holiday season at Desert Botanical Garden. Enjoy an evening filled with sparkling luminarias and twinkling holiday lights. Musical performances, entertainment and holiday charm line the trails for a blissful night. Plus, experience Fernando Botero: El Maestro in the Garden and in Dorrance Hall, where a harmony of color and beauty come together in paintings, drawings and monumental sculpture.

Select nights only, please verify event details at dbg.org

ZooLights

455 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix.

phoenixzoo.org/zoolights



2024 ZooLights at Phx Zoo

Nov 27 to Jan 12: Immerse yourself in a winter wonderland at this favorite holiday tradition! Get in the holiday spirit as millions of twinkling lights transform the Zoo into a dazzling spectacle, guiding you through the illuminated pathways alongside animal habitats and Zoo trails.

Don't miss the brand-new light show, featuring vibrant visuals and mesmerizing music that will captivate visitors of all ages. Warm up with delicious treats at our cozy s'mores' pits and sip on delicious hot cocoa as you take in the festive atmosphere. Enjoy a stroll through the even longer

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light tunnel, get your photo with Santa and embrace the opportunity to create lasting memories in a magical setting.

\$30 per person for members and \$35 per person for general admission, discounts available if you buy your ticket online ahead of your visit. Children two and under are free. 5:30-10:30pm.

Holiday SnowFest

Salt River Fields

7555 N. Pima Rd. Scottsdale

holidaysnowfest.com



SnowFest at Salt River Fields

Nov 27 to Jan 2 (Closed Mondays & Tuesdays): Experience the ultimate action-packed winter wonderland with an extensive snow village located in the valley. Crafted with more than 350 tons of real snow with more than 50 tons of fresh snow added daily, Holiday SnowFest is a snowy adventure to experience classic “snow days” right here in the Arizona desert. Guests enter through a magical tunnel made of more than 100,000 white lights, followed by a 25-foot Snowman made completely out of lights, which also makes for a stunning backdrop for family holiday cards. The event is fun for the whole family and welcomes guests of all ages with many dazzling features including a 20-foot toboggan hill with a canopy of 50,000 light plus a mini hill for children under four feet, snowman building stations, snowball throwing contest and more. Open 12-9pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Open 12-11pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets start at \$25 for adults, \$15 for kids 12 and under.

Arizona Lights in the Night

Thompson Events Center, 1901 N. Alma School Rd., Mesa

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[ArizonaLightsintheNight.com](https://arizonalightsinthenight.com)



Arizona Lights in the Night

Nov 27 to Dec 28: Get ready for a magical evening at this drive-through holiday experience, featuring over one million synchronized lights and festive music, creating a breathtaking atmosphere for all ages. This family-friendly, one-mile event showcases dazzling displays, including glowing reindeer, oversized snowmen, and candy canes, all choreographed to both classic and modern holiday tunes.

6-9 pm on weekdays and 6-10 pm on weekends. Tickets are available online and at the gate starting at \$26.95 per vehicle.

Valor Christmas Light Show

3015 E Warner Rd., Gilbert

arizonachristmaslights.com

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Valor Christmas Light Show

Nov 27 to Dec 28 (Closed Sundays): Experience Arizona's largest and most spectacular holiday light show, featuring over 2 million LED lights at Valor Christian Center. Formerly known as *Lights at the Farm*, this event has grown into a must-see holiday tradition for families across the Valley. Stroll through stunning light displays, all synchronized to your favorite Christmas songs, and enjoy an even bigger and more exciting venue, now spread across 2.5 acres. Perfect for families and friends, *Valor Christmas* is an unforgettable way to kick off the holiday season.

Open nightly from 6 pm to 9:30 pm (Mon-Thurs) and 6 pm to 10 pm (Fri-Sat). Pricing and tickers can be found on the website.

Christmas on The Tolmachoff Farm

5726 N 75th Ave., Glendale

tolmachoff-farms.com



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- **Nov 27 to Dec 23:** Get into the holiday spirit at the Christmas Tree Lot, choose from a beautiful selection of fresh-cut pine trees, then relax and enjoy the festive atmosphere with hot chocolate and plenty of holiday cheer. The tree lot is open daily from 9am to 9pm.
- **Christmas on The Farm, Dec 1 to 16 (Thurs-Sat):** Enjoy sparkling lights, cozy fire pits, a bounce pillow, and a two-story playhouse. Admission is \$5 (children 1 and under free), and don't miss the \$3 train ride (for kids only). Warm up with s'mores, hot cocoa, and festive snacks (prices vary). It's the perfect holiday outing for the whole family! 6 to 9pm.

Pratt Brothers Christmas

Rawhide Western Town
5700 W North Loop Rd., Chandler
PrattBrothersChristmas.com



Pratt Brothers Christmas at Rawhide

Nov 29 to Dec 29 (Close on Dec 2, 3, 9, 10, 24): Pratt Brothers Christmas at Rawhide is a one-of-a-kind family experience during the holiday season. This magical experience features over 7 million lights, a dazzling gingerbread house light show, magical train rides, a nightly parade, stunt shows, holiday shopping, live entertainment, and so much more. The Pratt Brothers welcome guests of all ages to come and experience the magic.

Admission price starts at \$30.00 per person, ages 3 and under are free. Entrance times start at 6pm each night – please reserve your tickets online ahead of your visit

Read the inspiring story of the Pratt Brothers and what inspired them to build this magical Christmas experience in the: [November 2024 issue of Arizona Parenting](#)

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Christmas at Schnepf Farms

24610 E. Rittenhouse, Queen Creek

SchnepfChristmas.com



Christmas at Schnepf Farms

Nov 29 to Dec 1, Dec 5 to 8, Dec 12 to 24: Experience a winter wonderland like no other with seasonal food, fun and festivities for the whole family. Catch a ride on the World of Illumination Express, hop on a hayride to visit Rudolph, skate on ice, or journey through Santa's magic workshop. There will also be a Christmas carousel, cookie decorating with Mrs. Claus, snow globe mini golf, a beer and wine garden for the elves over 21 years of age, bonfires s'mores, and the world's largest inflatable Christmas-themed obstacle course.

Open 5-10pm on Friday and Saturdays; and 5-9pm on Thursdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$24.95 plus tax per person, or \$19.95 plus tax per person after 7:30pm; children under 2 years old are free. Tickets for the Illumination Express train ride can be purchased for \$10 each. This event may sell out so please purchase your tickets online ahead of your visit.

Holidays in Downtown Tempe

DowntownTempe.com

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Tempe Fantasy of Lights Parade

- **Fantasy of Lights Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting, Nov 29:** A holiday tradition enjoyed by generations. Bring your family and friends to an event that kicks off the magic of the season with a street parade, tree lighting ceremony, live entertainment, Santa photos, and so much more! The Fantasy of Lights Street Parade and Tree Lighting officially kicks off the holiday season between 4pm and 8pm; the parade steps off at 6pm. For more event details, visit downtowntempe.com/StreetParade
- **Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade, Dec 14:** One of the Valley's most unique holiday events and a celebrated tradition. Enjoy holiday shopping, festive eats and treats, a dazzling boat parade featuring boats of all shapes and sizes, and spectacular fireworks show. This event is free and family friendly. 4-8pm. For more details and schedule of events, please visit: downtowntempe.com/BoatParade

Holiday Lights at the Railroad Park

7301 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale

therailroadpark.com/holidaylights

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Holiday Lights at the Railroad Park

Nov 29 to Dec 30 (Closed Dec 5, 24,25): Hop on board the Paradise & Pacific Railroad and experience a winter wonderland of holiday lights and displays. No trip to the park is complete without a spin on the historic Charros Carousel or a cup of hot cocoa from Hartley's General Store. Admission is \$15, children 2 and under are free. 6-9:30pm. Tickets can only be purchased online via Active Net beginning Nov. 1.

Merry Main Street

Downtown Mesa
merrymainst.com



Merry Main Street in Downtown Mesa

Nov 29: Join Downtown Mesa for the lighting of the Christmas Tree and official kick-off of Merry Main Street holiday celebration! Tree Lighting program, visits with Santa, opening of the Winter Wonderland Ice Rink, Jack Frost's food truck forest, live music and more! Event runs from 5 to 10pm. Mesa Christmas Tree is located at 1 N. Macdonald, Mesa

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Nov 29 to Jan 4: Head to Downtown Mesa for a season of fun and merriment! The Winter Wonderland Ice Rink is a great way to enjoy the amazing winter weather while skating under the stars. Take family photos at Mesa's official 40-foot-tall Christmas tree. Free visits with Santa are on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays! A must see is the Mesa Temple featuring hundreds of thousands of colorful lights, provided by volunteers and free of charge each evening of the holiday season. See the calendar on the website for all details, events, and times.

Glendale Glitters

Downtown Glendale/Glendale Civic Center
5750 W. Glenn Dr., Glendale
glendaleaz.com



Downtown Glendale for Glendale Glitters

Nov 29 to Jan 1: The Kickoff Event will take place November 29th & 30th from 5-10pm each night. This two-day event will feature an exquisite arrangement of lights, complimented by beautiful interactive features and picture-perfect holiday displays! Enhance your enjoyment with fantastic products from our vendors, the sweet sounds of holiday songs from our carolers, and even a visit with Santa! Join us for the lighting ceremony on Nov 29th at 5:45PM, in front of the Glendale Civic Center.

The Holiday Light display will remain up from 5-10pm each night through the holiday season. Enjoy some local holiday shopping and treats as you stroll through Downtown Glendale, taking in the magical lights and features!

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Strolling Santas

Surprise Towne Center & Marketplace
Bell Rd. and Grand Ave., Surprise
surprisecmp.com



Strolling Santa at Surprise Town Center

Nov 30 to Dec 15 (Weekends only): Santa and Mrs. Claus are taking a pit stop at Surprise Towne Center and Marketplace before heading to the North Pole to finish getting ready for Christmas! On weekends between November 30 and December 15, the merriest couple will be strolling around the center to take photos, help kids with their Christmas lists and families with their shopping, and spread even more holiday cheer! Visit our website or follow Surprise Towne Center and Marketplace on Instagram at [@surprisecmp](https://www.instagram.com/surprisecmp) for dates, times, and if they'll be at the Center or the Marketplace on a specific day. Don't miss them before they head back to the North Pole!

World's Largest Gingerbread Village

Prescott Resort & Conference Center, 1500 E. State Rte. 69, Prescott
arizonachristmascity.com

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Prescott's Gingerbread Village

Nov 30 to Jan 1: The Prescott Resort & Conference Center invites you to join us for the 32nd Annual Gingerbread Village. Get in the holiday spirit this year and make plans now with your co-workers, family and friends and build a cottage, a bungalow or estate!

Prescott's Holiday Light Parade and Bon Fire

Historic Downtown Prescott, 120 S. Cortez St., Prescott
arizonachristmascity.com



Prescott's Holiday Light Parade and Bon Fire

Nov 30: Kick off the holiday season in Arizona's Christmas City when over 40 festively illuminated floats light up the evening led by Santa himself starting at 6pm on Cortez Street. The parade ends on the field at Mile High Middle School, where the Bonfire Festival will take place from 7:00-8:30pm. There will be music, visits with Santa, and reindeer games for the kids. Attendees can also get a closer look at the illuminated floats – all parked on the field for viewing. Entrance to the field is through the gate on Goodwin Street, across from Old Firehouse Plaza. Free to attend. 6-9pm.

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Scottsdazzle

Old Town Scottsdale

scottsdazzle.com



City of Scottsdale's Scottsdazzle

- **Sing-Along & Tree Lighting Ceremony, Nov. 30:** Kick off the season as Scottsdale is set aglow with its beautifully lit tree and holiday décor, live music performances, themed treats and guest appearances. 7-9pm. 7135 E. Camelback Rd.
- **Santa at the Market, Dec 7, 14, 21:** Scottsdale's beloved farmers market gets into the holiday spirit with a very special guest — Santa! Santa will visit the market to spread some holiday cheer. Children can sit with Santa and receive a printed photo to cherish for years! 8am-1pm. Many market vendors offer special items throughout the season so shoppers can check off their holiday lists while they pick up delicious local produce, artisans breads and other delicious items.
- **Ultimate Family Play Date, Dec 7:** Hosted by Scottsdale Public Library, this is sure to stir up some holiday spirit! Bring the whole family to this free, winter-themed play date extravaganza featuring interactive art, science, sports and more fun activities. Look for the Grinch at the playdate and catch a fun photo with him! Free to attend. 9am-1pm at the Scottsdale Civic Center

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- **Starlight Holiday Movie Night, Dec 7:** Gather at the Scottsdale Civic Center for an outdoor holiday viewing of “The Grinch”. Come early for a selfie with Grinchie! Free to attend. 6-9pm.
- **Scottsdazzle Stroll, Dec. 7, 14, and 31:** Stroll into the holiday spirit and surround yourself with beautiful live musical performances of the season’s classic sounds and decor. 6 to 9pm.
- **Pancakes & Pajamas with Santa, Dec 14:** Children of all ages are invited to wear holiday-themed pajamas for a festive breakfast that includes a meet-and-greet with Santa Claus, dance performances by Greasepaint Theatre, and arts and crafts activities. \$30 per person, pre-registration required on the website. Times vary. 7124 E. Stetson Dr., Scottsdale

Mother Nature’s Farm

1663 E. Baseline Rd., Gilbert

MotherNaturesFarm.com



Holiday Shop at Mother Nature’s Farm

- **Dec 1 to 24:** The farm will have fresh cut Douglas Firs and Noble Firs for sale. Bring the family for the hunt for the perfect tree for your holidays!

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- **Santa Visit At The Farm, Dec 14:** Grab your friends and neighbors to come join the fun at Mother Nature's Farm where Santa will be from 9am-3pm. Admission is \$15.00 and includes hayride, spider web Crawl, straw bale maze, bounce house, pedal cars, bull roping area, corn pit, slide, tire mountain, play houses, outdoor games, Santa and the animals. Maneau's Munchies will be available on the weekends.

Sensory Friendly ZooLights

455 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix

phoenixzoo.org/zoolights



One Night Only – Sensory ZooLights

Dec 2: One night only! Join ZooLights for an experience designed for guests that thrive in a sensory-supportive environment.

During this special evening you can expect the same great ZooLights with some modifications to make it more sensory friendly. The experience will include smaller crowd sizes, quieter music volume, the Lake Lights Show turned off to reduced flashing lights (lights will be static), the lights on the Arizona Trail will be slow moving and the rest of the zoo will have reduced light movement to the extent possible.

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There will also be sensory stations throughout the experience. 5:30-10:30pm

The Nutcracker

Symphony Hall: 75 N. 2nd St., Phoenix

[BalletAZ.org](https://www.balletaz.org)



Ballet Arizona Presents The Nutcracker at Symphony Hall

Dec 6 to 24 (Thursdays – Sundays): Ballet Arizona returns to Symphony Hall in grand fashion with this holiday classic. Celebrate the joy and wonder of the season with Ib Andersen's *The Nutcracker* as Tchaikovsky's cherished score is masterfully performed by The Phoenix Symphony. Follow Clara's wintry adventures as she battles mischievous mice and charms the Sugar Plum Fairy. Whether this is your first Nutcracker or your 101st, this heartwarming tradition never fails to enchant and draw smiles from all!

Tickets start at \$39. Use Promo Code AZPARENTING for 10% Off Tickets – Some exclusions apply

City of Goodyear Holidays On The Square

Civic Square

1900 N Civic Sq, Goodyear

[goodyearaz.gov](https://www.goodyearaz.gov)

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Goodyear's Holidays on the Square

- **Dec 6, 13, 20:** There is no better feeling than being home for the holidays. Enjoy creating new family memories and traditions at Holidays on the Square at Goodyear Civic Square Park. This unique holiday celebration features a new theme each week for you to choose your favorites. 5-8pm.
- **The RinQ, Dec 6 to 30:** Glide into the ice-skating season on this synthetic ice-skating rink Friday through Sunday from 5 to 9pm. Skating sessions are 30 minutes and are free to all this year. See goodyearaz.gov/therinq for all details.

A Christmas Carol

Theater Works

10580 N. 83rd Dr., Peoria

theaterworks.org

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A Christmas Carol Presented By Theater Works

Dec 6 to 22: Celebrate the holidays with Theater Works adaptation of A Christmas Carol, featuring Louis Farber in his ariZoni-nominated role as Ebenezer Scrooge. Experience the timeless tale of kindness, compassion, and redemption, brought to life with stunning visuals, costumes, and effects. Gather with family and friends to enjoy this classic Christmas story, reminding us all of the true spirit of the season. Adapted by Richard Powers Hardt. Tickets and times are available on the website.

A Winnie-The-Pooh Christmas Tail

Valley Youth Theatre, 525 N. First St., Phoenix
vyt.com/tickets

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VYT Presents Winnie the Pooh Christmas Tale

Dec 6 to 23: A very special Friend-and-Relation tells Christopher Robin a story of a Christmas Eve very long ago (about last year) when Eeyore, the old gray donkey who lives by himself in the thistle corner of Hundred-Acre Wood, was absolutely miserable. It seems that he lost his tail and Winnie-the-Pooh and Piglet got all their friends, and a search was organized. There is a great deal of fun and excitement, plus delightful songs, in the adventure that follows. The show's theme, which concerns caring, sharing and the importance of cultivating friends, makes this a very special and enchanting musical suitable for any age.

Reserve your tickets online for \$28.50 each at vyt.com/tickets or call the box office at 602-253-8188 ext. 1.

JOY TO THE HERD

Shamrock Farms Farm, 40034 W. Clayton, Stanfield AZ
shamrockfarms.net/events/joy-to-the-herd

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Joy to the Heard at Shamrock Farms

Dec 7 & 8: A unique holiday event that combines a glimpse into a working dairy farm with festive and fun activities, Shamrock Farms transforms its large Welcome Center Barn into a winter wonderland with holiday crafts, face painting and more! Of course, no holiday celebration would be complete without a special visit from Santa and Shamrock Farms' own jolly spokescow – Roxie! The holiday cheer continues with festive décor added to the cow-spotted tram as visitors take our fun and educational guided Farm Tour where they can get up close and personal with 10,000 cows and learn about how our pure and fresh milk gets from the farm to table! Other tour highlights include a visit to our milking barn that accommodates 1,600 cows (milking 200 at a time) plus a visit to our interactive play zone.

Reservations and pre-payment are required. Tickets are \$15 for adults and children and include all activities. Children under 2 are free. Lunch will be available for an additional cost.

Children's Museum of Phoenix
215 N. 7th St., Phoenix
Childrensmuseumofphoenix.org

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Children's Museum of Phoenix

- **Visits with Santa, Dec 7 & 8:** Make it a magical day at the Museum! Share your holiday wish with Santa, experiment with salt and water on colossal colorful ice blocks, and frolic under snow flurries in the Museum's Atrium. This event is free with paid Museum admission of \$17.00 per person. Members and children under the age of 1 are free. Santa will be available from 10am-12pm and 12:30-2pm each day. Snow flurries will occur every 15 minutes throughout the day.
- **Sock Skating, Dec 7 to 29:** Slip, slide and glide into fun at this annual. Kids and adults alike have a blast skating on slippery tiles reminiscent of ice but without the cold! Sock skating is free with paid Museum admission of \$17.00 per person. Members and children under the age of 1 are free.
- **Happy Noon Year, Dec 31:** Ring in the New Year at the Museum during the Happy Noon Year Celebration! Sip sparkling cider, move and groove on the dance floor, create a colorful noisemaker, and countdown to the festive balloon drop! There are two exclusive events choose from: 9am to noon and 1-4pm. Tickets for this special event will be \$27 per person and \$10 per person for members. Space is limited.

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Winterfest

Avondale Civic Center Complex, 11465 W. Civic Center Dr., Avondale
avondaleaz.gov



Santa and Mrs Claus at Winterfest

Dec 7: Bring the family and make some joyful memories! Avondale turns into a winter wonderland with a visit from Santa, a winter snow zone, holiday light show, train rides, entertainment, annual tree lighting, food, sweet treats and more.
Free admission. 5-9pm

APS Electric Light Parade

Central Phoenix
phoenix.gov/parks/elp

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APS 2023 Electric Light Parade in Central Phoenix

Dec 7: For more than three decades, the APS Electric Light Parade has been an event where families, neighborhood groups and businesses from across the city come together to celebrate the joy of the holiday season.

The "It's Electric" themed parade starts at 7pm beginning at Central and Montebello Avenues and travel south on Central Avenue, then east on Camelback Road, then south on 7th Street ending at Indian School Road.

Prescott's Annual Christmas Parade & Courthouse Lighting

Historic Downtown Prescott

arizonachristmascity.com

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Prescott Annual Christmas Parade

Dec 7: Celebrate this season with a festive parade around downtown Prescott, featuring floats, festivities, and Mr. & Mrs. Claus! Over 100 entries for the whole family to enjoy! A few hours later we gather in the Courthouse Square with eager anticipation as we wait for the Christmas lights to come to life! We take pride in our annual celebration and hope you will be a part of it! Parade begins at 1pm in Downtown Prescott. The Annual Courthouse Lighting Event will be held following parade at 6pm and fireworks will conclude the night. Visit website for event maps and more information.

Winter Wonderland & Tree Lighting

Heritage Square, 6 W. Aspen Ave., Flagstaff

Downtownflagstaff.org

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2024 Winter Wonderland and Tree Lighting

Dec 7: Kick off your holiday season in Downtown Flagstaff – home of Arizona’s Winter Wonderland! Beginning at 2pm there will be hot cocoa, smores and crafts to keep you nice and warm while listening to live performances. The spectacular tree lighting takes place at 6:15pm. Admission is free. 2:30 to 7pm. See website for more information.

The Santa Express

HD South, 10 S. Gilbert Rd., Gilbert

HDSouth.org/events



Breakfast with Santa at HD South in Gilbert

Dec 7: Stop by this beloved holiday tradition and annual fundraiser for HD SOUTH. Anticipating nearly 150 attendees, the event features a private tour of a model train display, holiday-themed activities, hot cocoa, cookies, and a visit with Santa for photos. More than just an event, Santa Express celebrates community, joy, and the spirit of giving during the festive season. 5:30-8pm. \$15 per person, ages 2 and under are free.

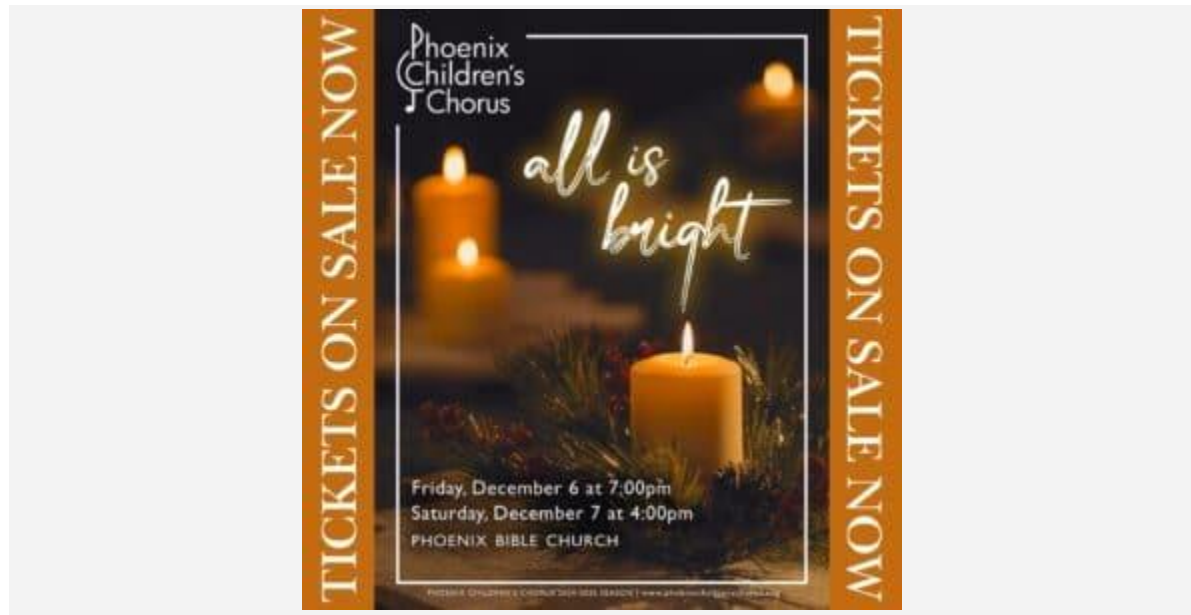
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Phoenix Children's Chorus Wish Winter Concert Series

Phoenix Bible Church on Dec 6 & 7

Sandra Day O'Connor High School on Dec 14

phoenixchildrenschorus.org



Phoenix Children's Chorus 2024

Part of Phoenix Children's Chorus 2023 Concert Season

All Is Bright Winter Concert Series, Dec 6 & 7: Join Phoenix Children's Chorus as they share hopes and dreams through a repertoire of beloved holiday songs, illuminating the spirit of togetherness and goodwill. Please visit the website for times and to print tickets prior to your arrival. Phoenix Bible Church, 6060 N 7th Ave, Phoenix.

Voices Winter Concert Series, Dec 14: The PCC Voices neighborhood choirs will present a program filled with songs of the season that are sure to put you in the holiday spirit. Performance at 6:30 pm, doors open at 6. Please visit the website for tickets to print them prior to your arrival. Sandra Day O'Connor High School, 25250 N 35th Ave, Phoenix

Christmas Adventure

Hope Church Lutheran

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3030 E Thunderbird Rd, Phoenix
hopephx.com/events



Santa and Mrs. Claus Day at Kidstop Toys & Books

Dec 8: Kids, come on out and build a nativity scene, using graham crackers, frosting and candy. Yum! And, there will be hot chocolate for you to enjoy while you're working! 10:30am-11:30am

Santa and Mrs. Claus Day

Kidstop Toys & Books
6990 E. Shea Blvd., #103, Scottsdale
kidstoptoys.com

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Santa and Mrs. Claus Day at Kidstop Toys & Books

Dec 8: Parents are welcome to use their camera/phone to capture those magical moments with Ole Saint Nick. 12-2pm.

Donate any toy to Operation Santa Claus and be entered to win a NEW vehicle from Sanderson Lincoln.

Local businesses are joining in offering event day giveaway gift baskets full of goodies.

Sensitive Santa

Surprise Stadium

15850 N Bullard Ave., Surprise

phxautism.org/events/sensitive-santa

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Sensory Santa Visit at 3 CCV Locations

Dec 14: The Autism Society of Greater Phoenix invites you to the 11th Annual Sensitive Santa Experience from 9am to 3 pm.

This special event provides a sensory-friendly environment with no long lines, bright lights, or loud noises, making it perfect for individuals with sensory challenges. Families can enjoy games, crafts, snacks, and visit with vendors while they wait for their one-on-one private visit with Santa. All activities will be outdoors, with Santa's visit taking place indoors.

There is a \$5 fee to guarantee a visit with Santa, and walk-ins are welcome but may not be able to meet Santa due to the event's popularity.

'Tis the Season: Holidays at MIM

4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix

[MIM.org/events](https://mim.org/events)

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Holidays at Musical Instrument Museum

Dec 14 and 15: Get in the holiday spirit at this merry event as MIM transforms into a musical “Winter Wonderland” with seasonal songs and musical traditions from around the world.

9am to 5pm. Included with paid admission to the museum, free for members. Daily schedule of events/performance times can be viewed here:

azparenting.com/event/tis-the-season-holidays-at-mim-2/2024-12-14/

Candy Cane Lane

Peoria Sports Complex

16101 N 83rd Ave., Peoria

peoriasportscomplex.com/community-events



2024 Candy Cane Lane at Peoria Sports Complex

Dec 20 & 21: This festive 2-day Christmas celebration has over 150 shopping vendors, delicious food trucks, and fun activities like Santa photos, a dinosaur land, free snow and bubble play, bounce

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houses, face painting, axe throwing, and more. Treat yourself to festive cookie decorating, free photos with princesses, a photo booth, and a caricature artist. Don't forget to bring a toy for our toy drive and make lasting memories with family and friends!

Tickets are \$5, kids 2 and under are free. 4pm to 10pm.

Peoria's Old Town Holiday Festival

Johnny E. Osuna Memorial Park

Located at Peoria and Grand Avenues

peoriaaz.gov/events



Peoria's Old Town Holiday Festival

Dec 14: Head to Old Town Peoria for holiday fun for the whole family including live music, meet-and-greets with Santa, entertainment, a variety of interactive activities and much more. Several local craft vendors will be selling gift items, and a variety of food and beverage trucks will be onsite. Don't miss the highlights of the night, which include a tree-lighting ceremony in Osuna Park and photos with Santa! Free to attend.

The fun happens from 5-9pm.

Happy Holidays, With Love

Madison Center for the Arts

5601 N. 16th St., Phoenix

benderperformingarts.com/tickets

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Happy Holidays, With Love is presented by Bender Performing Arts, in association with the DanceMotion Performing Company

Dec 14 & 15: Bender Performing Arts and DanceMotion Performing Company presents Happy Holidays, With Love. Like most families, The Tinsel family appears, in their holiday portrait, to live a happy and flawless life. However, parents Ellis and Emily, along with their three daughters are far from perfection. Upon taking a closer look, each reveals an obstacle he or she must overcome to become the loving family they appear to be from the outside looking in. By taking a magical trip through five classic holiday stories, each member of the family learns an important lesson that helps them to overcome their personal struggles and rediscover the happiness and love they thought they had lost forever. Visit website for show times and ticket prices.

Southwest Youth Ballet Theatre Presents The Nutcracker

Higley Center for the Performing Arts

4132 E. Pecos Rd., Gilbert

southwestyouthballettheatre.org

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The Nutcracker Presented by Southwest Youth Ballet Theatre

Dec 20 to 22: Southwest Youth Ballet Theatre, a pre-professional ballet company, returns with their 18th annual production of the timeless holiday classic for four performances. All performances are accompanied by live music by the Chandler Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are \$32 and can be purchased at higleycenter.org.

Winter in the Park

Anthem Community Park
41703 N. Gavilan Peak Pkwy., Anthem
onlineatanthem.com/events



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Winter in the Park at Anthem Community Park

Dec 11: This new holiday event will feature live music, food trucks, holiday gifts for purchase made by local crafters, and a North Pole Pass.

The North Pole Pass is \$10 per person, both adults and children must purchase a pass to be able to participate (children under two are free). The pass will include a digital picture with Santa, a train ride on Daisy Mountain Railroad and a holiday craft!

5 to 9pm. Purchasing passes online is encouraged but they will also be available the day of the event. Check out all the event details on the website listed above.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

3030 E Thunderbird Rd, Phoenix

hopephx.com/events



Holidays at Musical Instrument Museum

Dec 24: Come experience the hope of Christmas this year with special music, a message on “The Purpose of Christmas,” and candlelight at the conclusion of each service.

4:00 & 5:30pm – Contemporary

7:00pm – Traditional

****We recommend visiting websites for the current status of all events as well as any changes that may happen due to extreme weather.***

Please check event websites for pricing and special information.