# **2017 NWA HOLIDAY EVENTS GUIDE**





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## WHERE TO SEE SANTA: Northwest Arkansas Mall,

Fayetteville. Santa Arrives at the NWA Mall Center Court on Nov. 17. Santa's hours are: Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. (break from 2-2:30 and 5:30-6 p.m.) and Sundays, noon to 6 p.m. (break from 3-3:30 p.m.) Pet Pictures with Santa: Dec. 5 & 12, 6-8 p.m. Bring your fur babies to pose with St. Nick!

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Pinnacle Hills Promenade, Rogers. Santa arrives on Nov. 17. Shiloh Museum of Ozark History. Noon to 5 p.m., Nov. 25. Have your picture taken with Santa at the museum's Ritter-McDonald Log

Open House and pictures with Santa, Old Cabin Events, Prairie Grove. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 2. Pictures with Santa (children and pets), tours, food, and homemade cookies.

Breakfast with Santa, Siloam Springs Community Center. 8-11 a.m.,

Dec. 2. Pictures with Santa, crafts, a light breakfast. {Tickets required} Walmart Museum, Bentonville. Bring your camera and meet by Santa's sleigh outside the 5&10 in the evening for pictures with St.

More holiday events listed on the back



#### WHERE TO ICE SKATE:

The Jones Center for Families, Springdale. Indoor rink, open all year.

Lawrence Plaza Ice Rink, Bentonville. Outdoor rink, open Nov. 18-Jan. 15.

#### **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS KICKOFF EVENTS:**

**Lighting of the Fayetteville Square** and parade, 6 p.m., Nov. 17. Lights will illuminate the square each evening from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. through Jan. 1. Nightly carriage and pony rides, fresh hot chocolate and festive holiday music.

**Lighting of the Bentonville Square**, 4-6 p.m., Nov. 18. Grab a warm drink, enjoy live bands at 4 p.m. and at 6 p.m. the mayor will turn on the lights.

**The Stewart Family Christmas Light Display** will kick off at 6 p.m. with fireworks, Nov. 19. Walk-through pathway to enjoy lights and inflatables. Parking available. Train rides for \$1. 4423 E Wyman Rd Fayetteville, 72701. The display runs through Jan. 3.

**Christmas on the Creek**, downtown Springdale, Nov. 25. Live Christmas tree display will be turned on at 5:30 p.m. A variety of events running from noon to 7 p.m.

#### **CHRISTMAS PARADES:**

**The Christmas Parade of the Ozarks**, downtown Springdale, 6-8 p.m., Nov. 25. The Christmas Around the World parade begins at Parsons Stadium and continues west on Emma Avenue.

**The Rogers Christmas Parade: A Hollywood Christmas**, 7 p.m., downtown Rogers, 201 S. 1st St., Dec. 1. Santa makes an appearance at the end of the parade.

Christmas Parade of Lights, 6-7 p.m., downtown Eureka Springs, Dec. 1.

**Siloam Springs Christmas Parade**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Dec. 2. Bentonville Winter Wonderland Christmas Parade, 10 a.m. to noon, Dec. 9. The parade will start at the Fire Station, make it's way up Main Street and end at the Square. Music on the square.

### **HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENTS:**

**NWA Boutique Show**, Holiday Inn Convention Center, Springdale, Nov. 17-18. This juried show features 150 unique boutique booths.

**2nd Annual Cattywampus Co-Op Wampus Wonderland**, Fayetteville Town Center. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dec. 2.

**Fine Art Market, Botanical Garden of the Ozarks**, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Dec. 9. Featuring the work of over a dozen Art Ventures NWA artists. Admission to the market and garden is free.

The Little Craft Show Bentonville, 104 SW A St., noon to 6 p.m., Dec. 16.

Annual "Meet the Artists" Holiday Showcase, Terra Studios, 1-4 p.m., Nov. 19. Art Lab will be open for drop-in arts & crafts for all ages. Free.

The Little Craft Show, Fayetteville Town Center, Nov. 24-25.

#### HOLIDAY MOVIES/MUSIC AND THEATRE EVENTS:

White Christmas, Walton Arts Center, Nov. 7-12, times vary.

Jack Frost by The Arkansas Arts Center at the Fayetteville Public Library, 10:30 a.m., Nov. 18.

**Frosty Flix & Skate-A-Long, movie Frozen**, Nov. 25. Skate-A-Longs will take place at: 5-6:15 p.m. Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.

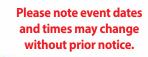
**Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical**, Walton Arts Center, 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Dec. 2.

Frosty Flix & Skate-A-Long, movie The Grinch, Dec. 2. Skate-A-Longs will take place at: 5-6:15 p.m. Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.

The Nutcracker presented by The Conservatory of Classical Ballet, Arend Arts Center, Bentonville, Dec. 2-3.

**Caroling on the Creek**, Downtown Springdale, Dec. 15. Over 20 choirs will perform at 5 p.m. Santa arrives at 6:30 p.m.

**A Very SoNA Christmas**, Walton Arts Center, 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., Dec. 16. Featuring the SoNA Singers, regional high school choirs, and special guest soloists.



For more details and links to each of these events, visit **nwaMotherlode.com**. Look for more printable event calendars on our site seasonally.

**Frosty Flix & Skate-A-Long, movie The Santa Clause** Dec. 16. Skate-A-Longs will take place at: 5-6:15 p.m. Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.

**The Snowman: A Family Concert** presented by Walton Arts Center and Symphony of Northwest Arkansas, 2 p.m., Dec. 17. A special screening of the award-winning film "The Snowman" as SoNA musicians bring to life the extraordinary score.

### **HOLIDAY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:**

**Jingle Bell Jog 5K and Reindeer Fun Run**, Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, Fayetteville, Dec. 2. Wear your Santa hats, elf ears -- anything that sparkles and jingles.

**Children's Christmas Train Ride**, Dec. 2, Emma Street Train Depot in Downtown Springdale. The 40 minute ride to Johnson and back will include singing Christmas carols, stories, and a visit from Santa. Activities after the ride. Children 2 years and under don't require a ticket.

#### 19th Annual Winter Dreams Tour of Homes, Dec. 3,

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tour homes in Washington and Benton counties. Tickets will be available for sale at the door of the VIP Jingle Mingle event (on Dec. 1st) or at any home on the Tour of Homes. Visit juniorleaguenwa.org for more info.

Night of 1000 Santas scavenger hunt, Eureka Springs, 5-11 p.m., Dec. 9. 21 and older.

**Santa's Big Trip,** The Jones Center, Springdale, Ozark Figure Skating Club will host shows at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., Dec. 9. After each show, the audience is invited to skate with Santa and the cast. Skating with Santa and the cast and skate rentals are free with admission to the show.

Little Sprouts Holiday Hoopla, Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, 9:30-10:45 a.m., Dec. 13.

Winter Wonderland Princess Ball, John Q Hammons Center, Rogers, 4-6 p.m., Dec. 16. {Tickets required}

**Christmas Open House**, Peel Mansion, Bentonville, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 16. Music, hot cocoa, cookies and a visit from Santa. Free, family-friendly event.

#### WHERE TO SEE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:

**Bentonville Heart Lites display**, starts Nov. 23. Family Christmas light display starting on Thanksgiving, 5:30-10:30 p.m. 3505 NW Edgewood Ave, Bentonville 72712

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**Great Passion Play Lights Drive-Through**, Eureka Springs, starts Nov. 23. Enjoy a forest of 200 Christmas trees on the way to see the Christ of the Ozarks statue. Dark through 8 p.m. on Thursdays through Sundays.

**McKim Family Light Display**, starts Nov. 24. Lights are on Sunday-Thursday 5:30 pm-9:30 pm, Friday-Saturday 5:30-10:30. Tune to FM 91.1 to hear the music. 3506 Hamm Ln, Springdale, 72762

**Dye Family Christmas-Cloverdale Lights**. Starts Nov. 24, 10537 Oak Tree Circle, Rogers. Family light show is sequenced to music and uses new technology lighting.

**Conover Christmas Lights**. 3700 SW Plateau Blvd, Bentonville. Starts Nov. 25. Family light show synced to music. Look for a sign at the house to let you know which radio station. This year the family is accepting donations for the new NWA Children's Hospital.

#### WHERE TO FIND REAL CHRISTMAS TREES:

**Wonderland Christmas Tree Farm**. This is a choose-and-cut Christmas tree farm in Pea Ridge, opens Nov. 18. They also have pre-cut trees and wreaths available for purchase. This real working tree farm offers a hay ride out to the fields and a family atmosphere. 14821 Miser Road, Pea Ridge.

**Shipley Farms**. Pre-cut Christmas trees and wreaths, opens on Nov. 24th. They also have hay rides, hot chocolate, music and lights. 14339 Wildcat Creek Road, Springdale 72762