

# 2018 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. 16 at 6 p.m.

**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 at the NWA Mall:** Dec. 4th & 11th, 6-8 p.m. Bring your fur babies to pose with St. Nick!

**Pinnacle Hills Promenade, Rogers.** Santa arrives on Nov. 16.

Santa will be at the **Teddy Bear Picnic** on Nov. 24th at Inn at Carnall Hall, 3-5 p.m. Tickets required.

Santa will be available for pictures at **Christmas on the Creek**, downtown Springdale, 3-8 p.m. on Nov. 24th.

Have Breakfast with Santa at **Arts Center of the Ozarks** in Springdale on Dec. 1. Tickets required.

Santa will be at the **Bentonville Community Center** for pictures from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 8. Choir music, refreshments, and fun. Event is free to members / \$5 for non-members.

Santa will be stopping by **The Walmart Museum** on the Bentonville Square again this holiday season. Bring your camera and pose with St. Nick, friends and family.

## WHERE TO ICE SKATE:

**The Jones Center for Families, Springdale.** Indoor rink, open all year. A Merry and Bright Christmas Show on ice will be at the Jones Center on Dec. 8.

**Lawrence Plaza Ice Rink, Bentonville.** Outdoor rink, opens at noon, Nov. 17 for the season. There will be three special holiday Skate-A-Longs on Nov. 24, Dec. 1 and Dec. 15.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS KICKOFF EVENTS:

**Lighting of the Fayetteville Square** and parade, 6 p.m., Nov. 16. 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, 5-6:30 p.m., Nov. 17.** Join thousands on the square for a beautiful, classic Bentonville tradition. Before the lights come on, there will be live music and Santa is usually around for some pictures. The holiday lights will come on at 6pm on the Square. The lighting of the tree will be at 6:30pm at Lawrence Plaza.

**Christmas on the Creek**, downtown Springdale, Nov. 24. 3-8 p.m. Downtown fills with lights, live music, the region's largest live Christmas tree, photos with Santa, mini-train rides, and more.

## CHRISTMAS PARADES:

Lighting of the downtown **Fayetteville Square Parade**, Nov. 16, 6 p.m. The parade will kick off the winter wonderland of lights.

**The Christmas Parade of the Ozarks**, downtown Springdale, Nov. 24. Meet downtown on Emma Street to kick off the holidays and get into the Christmas spirit with music, lights, rodeo queens, and "Merry Christmas" wishes. Parade begins at 6 pm and proceeds west to Downtown Emma.

Nov. 24: **Christmas on the Creek**, downtown Springdale, 3-8 p.m. Always the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Christmas on the Creek is Springdale's holiday family tradition. Downtown fills with lights, live music, the region's largest live Christmas tree, photos with Santa, mini-train rides, and more.

**Christmas Parade of Lights**, downtown Eureka Springs, Nov. 30, 6-7 p.m. One of Eureka's favorite parades. This evening's Parade of Lights rolls at 6 PM through the beautifully decorated downtown streets with floats, walkers, bands and thousands of lights.

**The Rogers Christmas Parade** is Dec. 7, downtown Rogers, 201 S. 1st St. 7-9 p.m. The 2018 Christmas parade includes music and floats. This year's theme is Simply Christmas.

More holiday events listed on the back

For more details and links to each of these events, visit [nwaMotherlode.com](http://nwaMotherlode.com). Look for more printable event calendars on our site seasonally.

**Please note event dates and times may change without prior notice.**



**Bentonville Christmas Parade**, Dec. 8. Thousands of people line Main Street for the annual Christmas Parade. Enjoy the show and music. Parade starts at 10 a.m. The route: From the fire station, up Main to the Square. It turns left on 2nd street and ends on the corner near Preacher's Son.

#### **HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENTS:**

**Christmas Bazaar**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Riordan Hall, Bella Vista. More than 50 vendors and local crafters, Nov. 10.

**NWA Boutique Show**, Holiday Inn Convention Center, Springdale, Nov. 16-17. This juried show features 150 unique boutique booths.

**Christmas in the City**, Fayetteville Town Center. Enjoy shopping, drawings, good food & live music, Nov. 16-17

**The Little Craft Show Bentonville**, The Record, noon to 6 p.m., Nov. 17

**The Little Craft Show**, Fayetteville Town Center, Nov. 30-Dec. 1

**Wampus Wonderland and Nerd Prom**, Hilton Garden Inn, Fayetteville. Dec. 7-8

**Winter Wonderland NWA**, Benton County Fairgrounds, Dec. 15-16.

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

**The Nutcracker**, Walton Arts Center, Nov. 23-25, times vary.

**The Nutcracker** performed by The Northwest Arkansas Regional Dance Company. December 8 at 7 p.m. and December 9 at 2 p.m. at Rogers High School.

**The Polar Express**, Walton Arts Center, 7 p.m., Dec. 21. You're invited to wear your PJs to watch the movie. Hot chocolate bar included in \$10 ticket price.

**A Very SoNA Christmas**, Walton Arts Center, 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., Dec. 15. Featuring the SoNA Singers, regional high school choirs, and a special guest soloist.

**The Snowman: A Family Concert** presented by Walton Arts Center and Symphony of Northwest Arkansas, 2-4 p.m., Dec. 16. A special screening of the award-winning film "The Snowman" as SoNA musicians bring to life the extraordinary score.

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

**A Charlie Brown Christmas Live** event, 6-8 p.m., Nov. 28. Loch Lomond recreation complex at the corner of Glasgow Rd & Scotsdale Dr., Bella Vista. A Santa's Village area complete with local food trucks, vendors, an opportunity for pictures with Santa Claus and the Peanuts Characters + other fun activities. Benefits Arkansas Children's Hospital.

**A Modern Christmas Carol**, Peel Mansion, Bentonville, 6-9 p.m., Nov. 30. The mansion will be transformed into an interactive representation of A Christmas Carol. Period-themed rooms, food and drink pairings, and live music.

**Children's Christmas Train** ride, Dec. 1, 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. Tickets required.

**20th Annual Winter Dreams Tour of Homes**, Dec. 2, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tour homes in Washington and Benton counties. Tickets will be available for sale at the door or online at [juniorleaguenwa.org/winterdreams](http://juniorleaguenwa.org/winterdreams)

#### **WHERE TO SEE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:**

**The Stewart Family Christmas Light Display** will kick off at 6 p.m. with fireworks, Nov. 17. Walk-through pathway to enjoy lights and inflatables. Parking is \$5. Train rides for \$2. 4423 E Wyman Rd Fayetteville, 72701.

**Great Passion Play Lights Drive-Through**, Eureka Springs, starts Nov. 22 through New Year's Day. Enjoy a forest of 300 Christmas trees on the way to see the Christ of the Ozarks statue. Daily, dark through 8 p.m.

**Bentonville Heart Lites** display, starts Saturday, Nov. 24. Family Christmas light display, 6:30-10:30 p.m. 3505 NW Edgewood Ave, Bentonville

**McKim Family Light Display**, starts Nov. 23. 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,

**Dye Family Christmas-Cloverdale Lights**. Starts Nov. 22, 5:30 p.m. to midnight, 10537 Oak Tree Circle, Rogers. Family light show is sequenced to music and uses new technology lighting.

#### **WHERE TO FIND REAL CHRISTMAS TREES:**

**Wonderland Christmas Tree Farm**. This is a choose-and-cut Christmas tree farm in Pea Ridge, opens Nov. 27. 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 (including snow-flocked) and wreaths, opens on Nov. 23rd. They also have hay rides, hot chocolate, music and lights. 14339 Wildcat Creek Road, Springdale