

Holiday Events

Fri Dec 18, 2009

Winter Wonderland at the Aquarium

Fri Nov 27, 2009 - Mon Jan 4, 2010

Where: 1 Riverside Drive, Camden, NJ

Description:

Winter Wonderland Celebration! November 26, 2009 - January 3, 2010 Meet and take photos with Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, as well as our newest Rudolph character, Bumble, and watch him light a 12-ft Christmas tree; take a fantastical ride on the Polar Express in our 4D Theater (powered by PSE&G); get down and boogie at Gill's holiday mascot dance party; delight in holiday treats; or watch as Scuba Santa dives in our 760,000-gallon Ocean Realm exhibit! FISHMAS at Adventure Aquarium is a family tradition you'll want to create and relive year after year! www.adventureaquarium.com Hours of Operation: Open Daily 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Holiday Lights at Morven Museum

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Where: 55 Stockton Street Princeton, New Jersey 08540

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December 2, 2009 through January 10, 2010 Festival of Trees Morven's annual holiday event where festive trees, artfully decorated by local businesses and garden clubs, grace each of Morven's elegant galleries. Tickets: Adults \$5 Seniors (60 & older)/Students \$4 Morven Museum and Garden 55 Stockton Street Princeton, New Jersey 08540 (609) 924-8144 Days and Hours of Operation Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 11 a.m. - 3p.m. Tours at 11:15, 12:15, 1:15 and 2:15 Saturday and Sunday 12 Noon - 4 p.m. Tours at 12:15, 1:15, 2:15 and 3:15 Holidays Morven Museum & Garden is closed on Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. www.historicmorven.org

10am - 1pm Photos with Santa at Bridgewater Commons

Where: 400 Commons Way, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Description:

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2pm - 5pm Photos with Santa at Bridgewater Commons

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4pm - 7pm Winter Wonderland Tour in Ocean City

Where: 810 Asbury Avenue, Ocean City, NJ 08226

Description:

Winter Wonderland Tour December 5 - 20, 2009 Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays Hours 4-7 pm OC Repertory Theater , 810 Asbury Avenue \$5 admission per child Celebrate the holidays at the OC Repertory Theater's Winter Wonderland Tour, featuring Frosty's Magical Adventure, Santa's Workshop, Rudolph's Forest, Whoville, Candy Land and more For more information call 609-231-3263

5pm - 9pm Holiday Lights Spectacular at Turtle Back Zoo

Where: 560 Northfield Avenue West Orange, New Jersey, 07052

Description:

Experience Turtle Back Zoo in the winter as 100,000 bulbs and 50 lit displays illuminate the zoo this holiday season! Come decorate holiday cards to be sent to members of the armed forces. Admission: \$7 Adults \$3 Children Sponsored by: Prudential Financial, PSE&G, Verizon & the Essex County Parks Foundation. Come see the lights every night in December (except Dec. 24 & 25) from 5 to 9 pm and on Jan 1 & 2. 560 Northfield Avenue West Orange, New Jersey, 07052 Main Phone Number: 973-731-5800 www.turtlebackzoo.org and click on the calendar

5pm - 8pm Photos with Santa (part of Christmas Festival at the Morristown Green)

Where: Morristown, NJ

Description:

Photos and visits with Santa at the Santa House on the Historic Morristown Green part of Christmas Festival at the Morristown Green. For details on this and other Festival events throughout December, please go here: http://www.morristown-nj.org/special_events2.html?id=1034272985

5:30pm - 8pm Holiday Festival of Lights

Where: 3 Riverside Drive Camden, NJ

Description:

Month of December & Jan 2 Friday & Saturday Evenings in Dec. until the 18th and then Jan 1 & 2 - 5:30pm-8:00pm Enjoy a magical holiday tradition on the Camden Waterfront. In the evening, stroll through the 4.5 acres of gardens that include over 100,000 beautiful holiday lights and animated light sculptures. See live butterflies in the Philadelphia Eagles Four Seasons Butterfly House. Meet Santa Claus, his elves and Garden Mascot Mum Bear. Enjoy Plaza de Aibonito, a heated Tropical Holiday exhibit, and learn about the Hispanic tradition of Three Kings Day. Guests can ride the Carousel, Butterfly Spring Ride or the Arrow River Express Train Ride for an additional fee. Amuse yourself in an Enchanted Wonderland with animated scenes and model trains. Separate admission after 5pm. For more information, please contact the Camden Children's Garden at 856-365-8733 or info@camdenchildrensgarden.org. <http://www.camdenchildrensgarden.org/events.html>

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5:30pm - 10pm Holiday Lights at Schaefer Farms

Where: Flemington, NJ

Description:

The Schaefer family proudly presents Holiday Lights on the Farm. Bring your family for our drive through light display. View thousands of colorful farm and holiday themed lights from the comfort of your own vehicle. Twinkling and glowing for your enjoyment through New Years. Holiday Lights on The Farm is open Sundays - Thursdays 5:30 until 9:00pm and Fridays - Saturdays 5:30 until 10:00pm. The cost is \$12.00 per carload, \$17.00 per passenger van, and \$27.00 per busload. Purchase a season pass for \$35.00 per car load and enjoy the show again and again. While you're here stop in at the stand for your Christmas trees, wreathes, grave blankets, holiday crafts and decorations, and much more. Santa Claus will be visiting the farm from 6:00 - 8:00 pm the first three Fridays and Saturdays in December. Photos with Santa available. Bring your family to visit him so he knows what they want under your tree. Enjoy your visit and have a healthy happy holiday season. <http://www.schaeferfarms.com/holiday.html>

6pm - 9pm

Candlelight Christmas Open House at Main Street Manor Bed & Breakfast (Flemington)

Where: 194 Main Street · Flemington, NJ 08822

Description:

At Main Street Manor Bed & Breakfast on December 18 from 6 to 9 PM In the spirit of the Victorians, we open our doors for the fifth consecutive year and invite you in! Nostalgic traditions, collections of snowbabies and Santa Clauses adorn the Inn's public space. Two gaily decorated evergreen trees will abound with vintage glass ornaments and sparkling strands of tinsel to herald in this magical season. Merrymakers are invited to visit the Innkeepers and their grand Manor House elaborately festooned for the best of the Holidays! Come and partake of refreshments and traditional Christmas treats provided by your hosts. A \$5.00 minimum donation is requested which will be given to a Flemington based non-profit, K9 Soldiers. Come and enjoy some holiday cheer and donate to a great cause in the spirit of the season...We hope to see you here! 194 Main Street · Flemington, NJ 08822 908-782-4928 <http://www.mainstreetmanor.com/announcements.php>

6pm - 8pm Congregation Kehilat Shalom To Host Night of Blazing Candles

Where: 253 Belle Mead-Griggstown Road Belle Mead, NJ 08502

Description:

Congregation Kehilat Shalom To Host Night of Blazing Candles Dec 18, 2009:
Congregation Kehilat Shalom will hold its annual "Night of Blazing Candles" Chanukah party on Friday, Dec. 18 at 6 pm. The evening will begin with a pot luck dinner and community candle-lighting followed by a short Shabbat service and Chanukah songs led by Rabbi Susan Falk and the Kol Ahavah choir. Dessert Oneg Shabbat, dreidel and other Chanukah party games after services. Bring your kids, your favorite dish (parve/dairy only), and your own menorah for group candle-lighting! For more information and to RSVP, call the synagogue office at 908-359-0420 or e-mail robin@ksnj.org. info from: <http://montgomerynewsonline.com/community/events.php>

6pm - 7pm Sounds of the Season: Holiday Caroling at Bridgewater Commons

Where: 400 Commons Way, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Description:

Check out the wandering carolers at the Bridgewater Commons Mall December 14 7:15PM Hunterdon Central HS Choir December 17 6:00PM Kris Kringle Carolers December 18 6:00PM Kris Kringle Carolers December 21 6:00PM Kris Kringle Carolers December 22 6:00PM Kris Kringle Carolers December 23 6:00PM Kris Kringle Carolers

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7pm - 9pm Lamplighter Christmas Tour

Where: Cape May, NJ

Description:

Part of Christmas in Cape May event Fridays, November 27 to December 18; Saturdays, November 28 & January 2; Sunday, December 27; and Tuesday, December 29: 7pm-9pm Relive the memories of Christmas past by joining in this self-guided evening tour of five of Cape May's finest Bed and Breakfast inns, specially decorated for the holidays. Innkeepers will share their holiday spirit at each location. The tour also includes a visit to the Carriage House Gallery at the Emlen Physick Estate where you can see "An Old-fashioned Christmas: Holiday Traditions through the Years" exhibit while enjoying seasonal treats. Adults: \$20; children (3-12): \$15. For information or to order advance tickets by phone call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 www.capemaymac.org

7pm - 8pm Nutcracker Ballet

Where: 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550

Description:

Performed by the NJ Youth Ballet at the Kelsey Theatre (part of Mercer County Community College) Fri. Dec. 18, 2009 at 7pm Sat. Dec. 19 at 1pm** & 4pm Sun. Dec. 20 at 1pm** & 4pm The Dance Connection magically transports you to the Land of the Sweets in this hour-long, fully narrated version of the classic ballet - the perfect holiday event for the whole family. **Note: Special Time Change For more information and photos please visit <http://www.kelseyatmccc.org/nutcracker09.shtml> www.newjerseyyouthballet.org

8pm - 10pm It's a Wonderful Life

Where: 689 Amwell Road (Rte 514), Hillsborough NJ 08844-3317

Description:

"It's a Wonderful Life" by James W. Rodgers as adapted from the film by Frank Capra. December 11th, 12, 18, 19 at 8:00 pm Sunday December 13 (*See below) & 20 at 2:00 pm (*This show has only wheelchair and/or specially reserved seats available. The seats which have been reserved will be released on the day of the performance; please call the box office at (908) 369-7469 for details. The wheelchair positions are not available to people who are not using wheelchairs.) The traditional and heartwarming holiday classic comes alive on stage, as George Bailey, guided by his devoted wife Mary and the bumbling but lovable Clarence the Angel, finds love and redemption in the small town of Bedford Falls. This timeless story, and all its familiar and colorful characters, captures the Christmas spirit. Start the season with this loving family saga which touches the heart and enriches the soul. Somerset Valley Players - <http://www.svptheatre.org/home.htm> Tickets can be ordered online - <https://www.ticketturtle.com/index.php?actions=4&p=1>

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Christmas in Historic Smithville

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Where: Smithville, NJ

Description:

Every weekend in December the following events occur in Smithville: 10am - closing - Christmas Train. Cost \$2 The Christmas Train will take you on a ride to see the whimsical decorated Village Noon - 5 pm -Magical Talking Tree. Free The Magical Talking Tree wakes up every weekend to talk to the young and young at heart. 1:00 - 8:00 pm - SANTA strolls the Village. Free. A Victorian Santa strolls The Village... bring your camera 1:30 - 4:30 pm - Story Time with Mrs. Claus. Free. Mrs. Claus will read stories to the children in her Christmas Cottage <http://www.smithvillenj.com/events/index.cfm>

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8:30am - 11:30am Breakfast with Santa (Ocean City)

Where: 955 Asbury Avenue, Ocean City, NJ

Description:

December 19, 2009 - Breakfast with Santa from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Scully's Asbury Cafe, 955 Asbury Avenue. For more information call 391-1111 <http://www.oceancitychamber.com/calendarofevents.asp>

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10am - 2pm 2nd Annual Santa Fun Run/Community Day at Brookdale College!

Where: 765 Newman Springs Rd, Lincroft, NJ 07738

Description:

Time: December 19, 2009 from 10am to 2pm Location: Brookdale Community College
Street: 765 Newman Springs Rd/GSP Exit 109 City/Town: Lincroft, NJ, 07738 Website or Map: <http://www.worthycause-nj.org> Phone: 732-814-2882 On Saturday, 12/19/09, between 10am + 2pm, AWC will host it's 2nd Annual Santa Fun Run/Community Day at Brookdale College! Included in this remarkable, unusual event, is a 'race,' whereas participants walk/run a 1/2 mile course in a Santa Claus costume. The costumes will be given to all persons who collect \$50 or more in 'sponsorship money', to benefit AWC + the several, local, 501[c]3 charities, that will be honored. This event is open to the PUBLIC! Simply email us at aworthycausenj@gmail.com with your name, address + phone number, + pay the \$35 deposit, + we will reserve you a suit. The {\$35} deposit can be mailed to: A Worthy Cause, 1860 New York Ave, Whiting, NJ 08759, or paid via our 'Paypal Donate Button'. Click here for sponsor form: http://api.ning.com/files/-l3X6xgiS2hmoZlyW28XDwtbKUjeuD15fWccrvw3K0Y_/SantaFunRun.pdf If you have a Santa suit already, the deposit is only [\$10], + the total minimum sponsorship money is only \$25. Children can walk/run in the race, but for safety reasons, we don't supply them with suits/beards. Instead, they can run for a flat fee of \$10, which includes a special edition Santa cap [as seen on our Home Page] for them to wear + keep. Adults + kids may sign up at ANY time, includ. 12/19, but we ask that you try + do so by 12/10. On race day, the balance of the 'sponsorship money' is due [\$15 minimum for all adults], and each runner/walker can decide which honored charities that they would like to donate their funds to. One such group is 'American Recreational Military Services [A.R.M.S.], which provides 'wish-list toys' to boys + girls who will have a parent overseas in the military, for Christmas. Our other honored charities include Blossom, Int'l, Clean Ocean Action, The Monmouth County SPCA, The Best Day Foundation, Lunch Break [Red Bank Soup Kitchen], The Bridge of Books Foundation, Coastal Habitat for Humanity, + the local the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. AWC has worked with or for most of these groups in 2009, it's inaugural year! 'Incentive awards,' including commemorative 'AWC Santa Fun Run' beanie winter caps, + jackets, are given to those who collect a least \$75, and \$100 [includ the \$35 deposit], respectively, All runners/walkers will also be given a free, collectible 'Santa Bobblehead Photo Ornament' Additionally, yours truly [dubbed 'Rob Robby'] will be the star of the 1st ever edition of 'Retro Game Show,' an over-the top, comical 'mock game show,' which incorporates elements of ALL of those classic gameshows [and gameshow hosts] of yesteryear, into one show! With my wig + smarmy, cheesy smile in place, I would love to ask YOU to 'Come on downwwwn, + be the next contestant on Retroooooo....Gameshow!' You won't win any MAJOR prizes, but you or another in your group [including children 5+ yrs of age] may get the chance to win SOMETHING decent, + moreover, enjoy the feeling of BEING on a REAL gameshow! Maybe best of all, we will have FUN activities + crafts set up at each charity's 'station,' for children to do These projects mimic the actual 'volunteer work' that AWC members did in 2009! We call this our 'Passport to a Better World,' as we will be providing each child with a faux passport, which will be 'stamped' by a charity member, each time the child completes an 'assignment!' Attendees even get to RACE HERMIT CRABS for FREE! Admission for the entire event....including 'Retro Game Show,' and the 'Passport' project..is free for runners/walkers, \$5 for adult spectators, \$3 for children 5-17 yrs of age, + free for kids under 5. . Also included with admission is lunch + drinks, holiday movies, holiday music by 90.5 'The Night, + FREE photos for kids with 'the REAL' Santa!' Doors of the Brookdale SLC open at 10am. The BIG RACE begins at 12pm, + raindate is 12/20! So sign up TODAY to attend or run in AWC's signature event

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10am - 4pm Pictures & Trolley Ride with Santa/Santa & hot chocolate (Cranford)

Where: N. Union & Springfield, Cranford, NJ

Description:

Pictures & Trolley Ride with Santa 12/19/2009, 10:00 am, Gazebo - N. Union & Springfield Contact Person : Cranford Chamber of Commerce Phone #: (908) 272-6114 Email: cranfordchamber@comcast.net Web Site: <http://www.cranford.com/chamber/> 10:00 am - 12:00 noon: Photos with Santa on Sled (\$3.00 each) 1 pm - 4 pm Trolley Rides with Santa and hot chocolate - (Sponsored by Town Bank). At the Gazabe S. Union and Springfield Aves

11am - 4pm Christmas Express Days

Where: route 524, wall township, nj

Description:

Christmas Express Days: December 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th and 20th. 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM The Christmas Express - A Holiday Tradition! Santa rides the Christmas Express and talks to all the children. Train leaves every half hour. Advance tickets go on sale October 16th! This event sells out every year! Note: Each Person Requires A Paid Full Fare Ticket for this event. Come to the station, as all tickets must be purchased in person. Sorry no credit cards are accepted only cash or checks. Located in Allaire State Park, New Jersey Route 524, Wall Township, New Jersey <http://www.njmt.org/specialevents.htm>

11am - 12pm Santa Ride Polar Express with NYSWTHS

Where: Phillipsburg, NJ

Description:

Santa Train Ride departs weekends in December from Lehigh Junction located in the Historic Main Street area of Phillipsburg New Jersey. This ride features a visit from Santa on the train. Run by the New York Susquehanna & Western Technical & Historical Society, the rides leave 11 am, 12:30 pm, 2 pm and 3:30 pm on weekends only For more info call 908-454-4433 (answered in person operating days) FARES: Train Ride Only Children: \$7.00 Adults: \$14.00 <http://www.nyswth.org/beldel.htm>

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11:45am - 12:30pm Santa's Trolley Rides

Where: Cape May, NJ

Description:

Saturdays & Sundays, November 21 to December 19 Bring the kids to the Physick Estate on weekends for a ride around Cape May with stories and songs led by Mrs. Claus. Santa will greet children with a sweet in the Carriage House. All seats \$8. Advance reservations are strongly recommended. For more information, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278. http://capemaymac.org/content/subpage_main.aspx?id=2026 Saturday, November 21, 2009 5:30 PM 6:15 PM 7:30 PM Saturday, November 28, 2009 11:45 AM 12:45 PM 1:30 PM 2:15 PM Sunday, November 29, 2009 11:45 AM 1:30 PM Saturday, December 05, 2009 11:45 AM Sunday, December 06, 2009 11:45 AM 1:30 PM Saturday, December 12, 2009 11:45 AM Sunday, December 13, 2009 11:45 AM 1:30 PM Saturday, December 19, 2009 11:45 AM

12pm - 3pm Holiday Harmonies in Downtown Red Bank

Where: Red Bank, NJ

Description:

Holiday Harmonies in Downtown Red Bank Traditional carolers, choirs, brass bands, rock, folk, jazz & blues musicians bring holiday tunes to the sidewalks of Red Bank! The musicians and singers will be located throughout the Red Bank Business district from 12-3pm every Saturday through December 19th, 2009. Part of celebrating the holidays in Red Bank: <http://www.redbank.com/holiday/1468/red-bank-holiday-events>

12pm - 1pm Ornament Workshop

Where: 943 Asbury Avenue, Ocean City, NJ

Description:

Ornament Workshop Saturday 12/19, Each workshop is 1 hour long Noon-1pm, 1-2pm, 2-3pm / \$6 per person Wide selection to choose from Sign-Ups Are Recommended Children Under 12 Must Be Accompanied by an Adult Activities Are for All Ages, Children & Adults Group Rates Available, please call ahead For more information contact The Butterfly Boutique 943 Asbury Avenue 609.391.0812 www.butterflyboutiqueoc.net <http://www.oceancitychamber.com/calendarofevents.asp>

12pm - 6pm Photos with Santa (Asbury Park)

Where: 1300 Ocean Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712

Description:

at: Grand Arcade 1300 Ocean Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712 Box Office: Asbury Santa will be in Grand Arcade (located between The Paramount Theatre and Convention Hall) near our 40 ft Holiday Tree from noon until 6:00pm today. Come tell Santa your wishes for the holidays. Photos with Santa are also available for \$10.00. <http://apboardwalk.com/events/1195>

12pm - 3pm Photos with Santa (Ocean City)

Where: Ocean City, NJ

Description:

December 12, 13 & 19 2009 - Photos with Santa 12pm - 3pm at the MusicPier. For more information call 609.399.1412. <http://www.oceancitychamber.com/calendarofevents.asp>

12pm - 4pm Pictures with Santa in Red Bank

Where: 2 Bridge Ave, Red Bank, NJ, 07701

Description:

Kids young and old will enjoy Pictures with Santa! Come take pictures with Santa on Saturdays and Sundays through December 20th, from 12-4pm, at The Galleria, 2 Bridge Avenue. Photo packages are available by TSS Photography. Part of celebrating the holidays in Red Bank: <http://www.redbank.com/holiday/1468/red-bank-holiday-events>

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12pm - 2pm Twas the Night Before Christmas

Where: 416 Victoria Ave. Piscataway, NJ 08854

Description:

Saturday: Dec. 12th & 19th, 12:00pm and 3:00pm Sunday: Dec. 13th & 20th, 2:00pm part of Circle Players Children's Theater series An original Musical Play including the famous Christmas poem "A Visit From Saint Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore. Adapted for a large cast of young performers by Kathryn Schultz Miller Directed by Marie Fiorello This adaptation is a fun-filled romp through a heart-warming tale of family love and playful friendship. Hop a ride with Izzy the Mouse on the Christmas Train to the North Pole and hold on to your hat. Be part of Izzy's great adventure where he meets Santa's Elves, Rosie the Reindeer and comes face to face with the Abominable Snowman. Izzy and Rosie save the day, helping Santa and his Reindeer deliver the goodies just in time for Christmas morning! Tickets can be purchased online <http://circleplayers.com/page3.html> Bring the whole family - admission for this holiday show is only \$8 per ticket. 416 Victoria Ave. Piscataway, NJ 08854 Phone: (732) 968-7555

12pm - 1pm Winnie the Pooh Christmas Tail

Where: 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ

Description:

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12:30pm - 1:30pm Santa Train Ride/Polar Express with NYSWTHS

Where: Phillipsburg, NJ

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1pm - 2pm Nutcracker Ballet

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1pm - 2pm Ornament Workshop

Where: 943 Asbury Avenue, Ocean City, NJ

Description:

Ornament Workshop Saturday 12/19, Each workshop is 1 hour long Noon-1pm, 1-2pm, 2-3pm / \$6 per person Wide selection to choose from Sign-Ups Are Recommended Children Under 12 Must Be Accompanied by an Adult Activities Are for All Ages, Children & Adults Group Rates Available, please call ahead For more information contact The Butterfly Boutique 943 Asbury Avenue 609.391.0812 www.butterflyboutiqueoc.net <http://www.oceancitychamber.com/calendarofevents.asp>

Holiday Events

1pm - 5pm Red Bank Classic Horse and Carriage Rides

Where: Red Bank, NJ, 07701

Description:

There will be FREE horse and carriage rides every Saturday in Downtown Red Bank from 1pm-5pm! Every Saturday afternoon through Christmas, from 1-5pm, ride through the Red Bank Business District and enjoy the sights and sounds of the holiday season! There are two locations where the horse and carriage will be picking up and dropping off people: Bridge Avenue (across from the Galleria) and Murphy Style Grill (26 Broad Street. Come take a FREE ride and get in the holiday spirit! Location: Downtown Red Bank Red Bank, NJ, 07701 Part of celebrating the holidays in Red Bank <http://www.redbank.com/holiday/1468/red-bank-holiday-events>

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Where: 1 Railroad Plaza, Whippany, NJ

Description:

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2pm - 5pm Photos with Santa at Bridgewater Commons

Where: 400 Commons Way, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Description:

Photos with Santa until 12/24 LOCATION: Santa Set, Lower level CenterCourt TIME: Mon-Sat: 10am-1pm, 2-5pm, 6-9pm, Sun: 11am-2pm, 3-7pm SPONSOR: Cherry Hill Photo CONTACT: 908.218.0001 Santa feeds his reindeer on Saturdays from 1-2pm and 5-6pm, and on Sundays from 2-3pm. Thank you for your patience. 2009 Santa Photo Packages A. Four 5x7s, Four 3x5s, Eight Wallets, Hi-Res Photo on Flash Drive, and a FREE "Shining Stars" Plush, PLUS a FREE \$20 Card from Shutterfly.....\$49 B. Four 5x7s, Two 3x5s, Four Wallets, Hi-Res Photo on Flash Drive, and a FREE "Shining Stars" Plush, PLUS a FREE \$20 Card from Shutterfly.....\$45 C. Shutterfly Digital Package: Hi-Res Photo on Flash Drive, PLUS a FREE \$20 Card from Shutterfly.....\$32 D. Two 5x7s, Two 3x5s, Four Wallets, PLUS a FREE \$10 Card from Shutterfly.....\$30 E. One 5x7, Six Wallet Photos, Two Wallet Photos in Two Keychains, PLUS a FREE \$10 Card from Shutterfly.....\$25 F. Two 5x7s, PLUS a FREE \$10 Card from Shutterfly.....\$20 G. Two 3x5s, PLUS a FREE \$10 Card from Shutterfly.....\$17 For more information on "Shining Stars" Plush checkout...<http://toys.about.com/od/hotnewtoyreleases/a/shiningstars.htm> For info on the Photos with Santa:<http://www.bridgewatercommons.com/Events/Photos-with-Santa>

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Holiday Events

2pm - 2:40pm The Alien Who Stole Christmas

Where: 118 Lamington Road, Branchburg, New Jersey

Description:

Saturdays & Sundays, December 5-20, 2009 2 pm and 4 pm The Alien Who Stole Christmas (Recommended for ages 6-10) Discover what stars are in tonight's sky. Then follow Santa on a trip through the solar system when a friendly alien kidnaps him. The kids on other planets need presents too, you know! All shows run approximately 40 minutes. Admission: \$6 for one show, \$11 for two shows on the same day Call 908-231-8805 for reservations! <http://www2.raritanval.edu/planetarium/planetarium.htm>

2pm - 3pm The Spirit of Kwanzaa

Where: One Center Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Description:

The Spirit of Kwanzaa comes to NJPAC in this performance featuring master drummer Obo Addy, performing with his Okropong ensemble. Addy and his expert company takes audiences on a musical journey to West Africa, focused on the driving rhythms of traditional Ghanaian dance and music, performed with hand and stick drums, talking drums, bells, shakers, and more. This FamilyTime event is recommended for ages 10 and up. www.njpac.org

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3pm - 3:40pm Winter Wonder Lights

Where: 118 Lamington Road, Branchburg, New Jersey

Description:

Saturdays & Sundays, December 5-20 at 3 pm Winter Wonder Lights (Recommended for all ages) A lively Holiday laser concert the whole family will enjoy, from Jingle Bells, Run, Run, Rudolph, and Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree at the Planetarium at Raritan Valley Community College. All shows run approximately 40 minutes. Admission: \$6 for one show, \$11 for two shows on the same day Call 908-231-8805 for reservations! <http://www2.raritanval.edu/rvcc/frameset/planetarium.html>

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4pm - 7pm Winter Wonderland Tour in Ocean City

Where: 810 Asbury Avenue, Ocean City, NJ 08226

Description:

Winter Wonderland Tour December 5 - 20, 2009 Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays Hours 4-7 pm OC Repertory Theater , 810 Asbury Avenue \$5 admission per child Celebrate the holidays at the OC Repertory Theater's Winter Wonderland Tour, featuring Frosty's Magical Adventure, Santa's Workshop, Rudolph's Forest, Whoville, Candy Land and more For more information call 609-231-3263

5pm - 9pm Holiday Lights Spectacular at Turtle Back Zoo

Where: 560 Northfield Avenue West Orange, New Jersey, 07052

Description:

Experience Turtle Back Zoo in the winter as 100,000 bulbs and 50 lit displays illuminate the zoo this holiday season! Come decorate holiday cards to be sent to members of the armed forces. Admission: \$7 Adults \$3 Children Sponsored by: Prudential Financial, PSE&G, Verizon & the Essex County Parks Foundation. Come see the lights every night in December (except Dec. 24 & 25) from 5 to 9 pm and on Jan 1 & 2. 560 Northfield Avenue West Orange, New Jersey, 07052 Main Phone Number: 973-731-5800 www.turtlebackzoo.org and click on the calendar

5:30pm - 8:30pm Christmas Candlelight House Tours

Where: Cape May, NJ

Description:

Christmas Candlelight House Tours (part of Christmas in Cape May event) Saturdays, December 5, 12 & 19: 5:30pm to 8:30pm Experience the highpoint of Cape May's holiday season during these self-guided tours, which feature: • Homes, inns, hotels & churches specially decorated for the holidays (at least 15 each night) • Christmas caroling and strolling musicians, trees and garland & good old-fashioned cheer • Hospitality centers with warm beverages & home-baked goodies • Admission to the Emlen Physick Estate, Cape May's only Victorian house museum, and to "An Old-fashioned Christmas: Holiday Traditions through the Years" exhibit in the Carriage House Gallery • Continuous shuttle service on heated trolleys \$25 adults, \$20 children (ages 3-12). Limited tours. Reserve early! Call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278. www.capemaymac.org Tickets are available online or at the Washington Street Mall Information Booth at Ocean and the Hill House office at the Emlen Physick Estate.

Holiday Events

5:30pm - 8pm Holiday Festival of Lights

Where: 3 Riverside Drive Camden, NJ

Description:

Month of December & Jan 2 Friday & Saturday Evenings - 5:30pm-8:00pm Enjoy a magical holiday tradition on the Camden Waterfront. In the evening, stroll through the 4.5 acres of gardens that include over 100,000 beautiful holiday lights and animated light sculptures. See live butterflies in the Philadelphia Eagles Four Seasons Butterfly House. Meet Santa Claus, his elves and Garden Mascot Mum Bear. Enjoy Plaza de Aibonito, a heated Tropical Holiday exhibit, and learn about the Hispanic tradition of Three Kings Day. Guests can ride the Carousel, Butterfly Spring Ride or the Arrow River Express Train Ride for an additional fee. Amuse yourself in an Enchanted Wonderland with animated scenes and model trains. Separate admission after 5pm. For more information, please contact the Camden Children's Garden at 856-365-8733 or info@camdenchildrensgarden.org. <http://www.camdenchildrensgarden.org/events.html>

5:30pm - 10pm Holiday Lights at Schaefer Farms

Where: Flemington, NJ

Description:

The Schaefer family proudly presents Holiday Lights on the Farm. Bring your family for our drive through light display. View thousands of colorful farm and holiday themed lights from the comfort of your own vehicle. Twinkling and glowing for your enjoyment through New Years. Holiday Lights on The Farm is open Sundays - Thursdays 5:30 until 9:00pm and Fridays - Saturdays 5:30 until 10:00pm. The cost is \$12.00 per carload, \$17.00 per passenger van, and \$27.00 per busload. Purchase a season pass for \$35.00 per car load and enjoy the show again and again. While you're here stop in at the stand for your Christmas trees, wreathes, grave blankets, holiday crafts and decorations, and much more. Santa Claus will be visiting the farm from 6:00 - 8:00 pm the first three Fridays and Saturdays in December. Photos with Santa available. Bring your family to visit him so he knows what they want under your tree. Enjoy your visit and have a healthy happy holiday season. <http://www.schaeferfarms.com/holiday.html>

8pm - 10pm It's a Wonderful Life

Where: 689 Amwell Road (Rte 514), Hillsborough NJ 08844-3317

Description:

"It's a Wonderful Life" by James W. Rodgers as adapted from the film by Frank Capra. December 11th, 12, 18, 19 at 8:00 pm Sunday December 13 (*See below) & 20 at 2:00 pm (*This show has only wheelchair and/or specially reserved seats available. The seats which have been reserved will be released on the day of the performance; please call the box office at (908) 369-7469 for details. The wheelchair positions are not available to people who are not using wheelchairs.) The traditional and heartwarming holiday classic comes alive on stage, as George Bailey, guided by his devoted wife Mary and the bumbling but lovable Clarence the Angel, finds love and redemption in the small town of Bedford Falls. This timeless story, and all its familiar and colorful characters, captures the Christmas spirit. Start the season with this loving family saga which touches the heart and enriches the soul. Somerset Valley Players - <http://www.svptheatre.org/home.htm> Tickets can be ordered online - <https://www.ticketturtle.com/index.php?actions=4&p=1>

Sun Dec 20, 2009

Winter Wonderland at the Aquarium

Fri Nov 27, 2009 - Mon Jan 4, 2010

Where: 1 Riverside Drive, Camden, NJ

Description:

Winter Wonderland Celebration! November 26, 2009 - January 3, 2010 Meet and take photos with Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, as well as our newest Rudolph character, Bumble, and watch him light a 12-ft Christmas tree; take a fantastical ride on the Polar Express in our 4D Theater (powered by PSE&G); get down and boogie at Gill's holiday mascot dance party; delight in holiday treats; or watch as Scuba Santa dives in our 760,000-gallon Ocean Realm exhibit! FISHMAS at Adventure Aquarium is a family tradition you'll want to create and relive year after year! www.adventureaquarium.com Hours of Operation: Open Daily 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Events

Christmas in Historic Smithville

Sun Dec 20, 2009 - Mon Dec 21, 2009

Where: Smithville, NJ

Description:

Every weekend in December the following events occur in Smithville: 10am - closing - Christmas Train. Cost \$2 The Christmas Train will take you on a ride to see the whimsical decorated Village Noon - 5 pm -Magical Talking Tree. Free The Magical Talking Tree wakes up every weekend to talk to the young and young at heart. 1:00 - 8:00 pm - SANTA strolls the Village. Free. A Victorian Santa strolls The Village... bring your camera 1:30 - 4:30 pm - Story Time with Mrs. Claus. Free. Mrs. Claus will read stories to the children in her Christmas Cottage <http://www.smithvillenj.com/events/index.cfm>

Emlen Physick Estate Christmas Tours

Sun Dec 20, 2009 - Mon Dec 21, 2009

Where: Cape May, NJ

Description:

Daily, November 20 to January 3. No tours November 26 and December 25. Visit the 1879 Physick Estate, Cape May's only Victorian house museum, decorated in authentic Victorian style. Learn about Victorian Christmas decorations and traditions on this guided daytime tour. Can also be combined with a historic district trolley tour. Tickets: Adults: \$10; children (3-12): \$5. Call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 to purchase tickets or for more information. Please go to website and click their link for specific times for the day of interest http://capemaymac.org/content/subpage_main.aspx?id=822

Holiday Lights at Morven Museum

Sun Dec 20, 2009 - Mon Dec 21, 2009

Where: 55 Stockton Street Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Description:

December 2, 2009 through January 10, 2010 Festival of Trees Morven's annual holiday event where festive trees, artfully decorated by local businesses and garden clubs, grace each of Morven's elegant galleries. Tickets: Adults \$5 Seniors (60 & older)/Students \$4 Morven Museum and Garden 55 Stockton Street Princeton, New Jersey 08540 (609) 924-8144 Days and Hours of Operation Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 11 a.m. - 3p.m. Tours at 11:15, 12:15, 1:15 and 2:15 Saturday and Sunday 12 Noon - 4 p.m. Tours at 12:15, 1:15, 2:15 and 3:15 Holidays Morven Museum & Garden is closed on Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. www.historicmorven.org

8:30am - 11:30am Breakfast with Santa (Ocean City)

Where: 947-949 Asbury Avenue, Ocean City, NJ

Description:

Breakfast with Santa from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on December 20th at Casa del Dolce, 947-949 Asbury Avenue. For more information call 398-9300 <http://www.oceancitychamber.com/calendarofevents.asp>

11am - 4pm Christmas Express Days

Where: route 524, wall township, nj

Description:

Christmas Express Days: December 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th and 20th. 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM The Christmas Express - A Holiday Tradition! Santa rides the Christmas Express and talks to all the children. Train leaves every half hour. Advance tickets go on sale October 16th! This event sells out every year! Note: Each Person Requires A Paid Full Fare Ticket for this event. Come to the station, as all tickets must be purchased in person. Sorry no credit cards are accepted only cash or checks. Located in Allaire State Park, New Jersey Route 524, Wall Township, New Jersey <http://www.njmt.org/specialevents.htm>

Holiday Events

11am - 5pm Holiday Filmathon at Paramount Theatre

Where: 1300 Ocean Avenue Asbury Park, NJ 07712

Description:

Holiday Filmathon at Paramount Theatre 1300 Ocean Avenue Asbury Park, NJ 07712 Box Office: 732.897.8810 APFI and the Asbury Park Boardwalk are hosting a day of children's movies in Paramount Theatre, starting at 11am (free admission to all movies). The lineup, starting at 11 am, includes: 1. The Polar Express 2. Dr. Seuss's How The Grinch Stole Christmas (old) 3. Nightmare Before Christmas 4. A Christmas Story 5. Elf <http://apboardwalk.com/events>

11am - 12pm Jingle Bell Trail Ride

Where: 256 S. Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge, NJ

Description:

Take a short break from holiday preparations on the back of a horse. \$28 for county residents & \$36 for non-residents At Lord Stirling Stable; 908-766-5955 www.somersetcountyparks.org

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Where: 4 Vreeland Rd., Florham Park, N.J. 07932

Description:

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Holiday Events

12pm - 6pm Photos with Santa (Asbury Park)

Where: 1300 Ocean Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712

Description:

at: Grand Arcade 1300 Ocean Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712 Box Office: Asbury Santa will be in Grand Arcade (located between The Paramount Theatre and Convention Hall) near our 40 ft Holiday Tree from noon until 6:00pm today. Come tell Santa your wishes for the holidays. Photos with Santa are also available for \$10.00. <http://apboardwalk.com/events/1195>

12pm - 4pm Pictures with Santa in Red Bank

Where: 2 Bridge Ave, Red Bank, NJ, 07701

Description:

Kids young and old will enjoy Pictures with Santa! Come take pictures with Santa on Saturdays and Sundays through December 20th, from 12-4pm, at The Galleria, 2 Bridge Avenue. Photo packages are available by TSS Photography. Part of celebrating the holidays in Red Bank: <http://www.redbank.com/holiday/1468/red-bank-holiday-events>

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Holiday Events

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Where: 1 Railroad Plaza, Whippany, NJ

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Description:

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Holiday Events

2pm - 4pm **It's a Wonderful Life**

Where: 689 Amwell Road (Rte 514), Hillsborough NJ 08844-3317

Description:

"It's a Wonderful Life" by James W. Rodgers as adapted from the film by Frank Capra. December 11th, 12, 18, 19 at 8:00 pm Sunday December 13 (*See below) & 20 at 2:00 pm (*This show has only wheelchair and/or specially reserved seats available. The seats which have been reserved will be released on the day of the performance; please call the box office at (908) 369-7469 for details. The wheelchair positions are not available to people who are not using wheelchairs.) The traditional and heartwarming holiday classic comes alive on stage, as George Bailey, guided by his devoted wife Mary and the bumbling but lovable Clarence the Angel, finds love and redemption in the small town of Bedford Falls. This timeless story, and all its familiar and colorful characters, captures the Christmas spirit. Start the season with this loving family saga which touches the heart and enriches the soul. Somerset Valley Players - <http://www.svptheatre.org/home.htm> Tickets can be ordered online - <https://www.ticketturtle.com/index.php?actions=4&p=1>

2pm - 3pm **Santa Ride/Polar Express with NYSWTHS**

Where: Phillipsburg, NJ

Description:

Santa Train Ride departs weekends in December from Lehigh Junction located in the Historic Main Street area of Phillipsburg New Jersey. This ride features a visit from Santa on the train. Run by the New York Susquehanna & Western Technical & Historical Society, the rides leave 11 am, 12:30 pm, 2 pm and 3:30 pm on weekends only For more info call 908-454-4433 (answered in person operating days) FARES: Train Ride Only Children: \$7.00 Adults: \$14.00 <http://www.nyswths.org/beldel.htm>

2pm - 2:40pm **The Alien Who Stole Christmas**

Where: 118 Lamington Road, Branchburg, New Jersey

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2pm - 4pm **Twas the Night Before Christmas**

Where: 416 Victoria Ave. Piscataway, NJ 08854

Description:

Saturday: Dec. 12th & 19th, 12:00pm and 3:00pm Sunday: Dec. 13th & 20th, 2:00pm part of Circle Players Children's Theater series An original Musical Play including the famous Christmas poem "A Visit From Saint Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore. Adapted for a large cast of young performers by Kathryn Schultz Miller Directed by Marie Fiorello This adaptation is a fun-filled romp through a heart-warming tale of family love and playful friendship. Hop a ride with Izzy the Mouse on the Christmas Train to the North Pole and hold on to your hat. Be part of Izzy's great adventure where he meets Santa's Elves, Rosie the Reindeer and comes face to face with the Abominable Snowman. Izzy and Rosie save the day, helping Santa and his Reindeer deliver the goodies just in time for Christmas morning! Tickets can be purchased online <http://circleplayers.com/page3.html> Bring the whole family - admission for this holiday show is only \$8 per ticket. 416 Victoria Ave. Piscataway, NJ 08854 Phone: (732) 968-7555

Holiday Events

2pm - 4pm Visit Santa at Crane-Phillips House Museum

Where: 124 North Union Ave, Cranford, NJ

Description:

Visit Santa at Crane-Phillips House Museum 12/20/2009, Sunday from 2:00-4:00pm, Crane-Phillips House Museum, 124 North Union Ave Contact Person : Maureen Wakeman Phone #: 908-276-0082 Email: cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net Web Site: cranfordhistoricalsociety.com The Cranford Historical Society invites children of all ages to stop and visit Mr. and Mrs. Claus at the Crane-Phillips House Museum. Come say hello and take your picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Take a tour of our museum decorated for the holidays-Victorian Style! All visitors will receive a little gift when they stop by. ADMISSION IS FREE. http://www.cranford.com/events/month.asp?look_for=December

2pm - 3pm Winter Nature Detectives

Where: Chatham, NJ

Description:

Ages 7 - 12. Whose track is that? Join a naturalist to solve the mystery as you hunt for clues left behind by our winter wildlife. Location: Great Swamp OEC. Cost: \$3. <http://www.morrisparks.net/aspparks/gswampmain.asp>

3pm - 7pm Photos with Santa at Bridgewater Commons

Where: 400 Commons Way, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Description:

Photos with Santa until 12/24 LOCATION: Santa Set, Lower level CenterCourt TIME: Mon-Sat: 10am-1pm, 2-5pm, 6-9pm, Sun: 11am-2pm, 3-7pm SPONSOR: Cherry Hill Photo CONTACT: 908.218.0001 Santa feeds his reindeer on Saturdays from 1-2pm and 5-6pm, and on Sundays from 2-3pm. Thank you for your patience. 2009 Santa Photo Packages A. Four 5x7s, Four 3x5s, Eight Wallets, Hi-Res Photo on Flash Drive, and a FREE "Shining Stars" Plush, PLUS a FREE \$20 Card from Shutterfly.....\$49 B. Four 5x7s, Two 3x5s, Four Wallets, Hi-Res Photo on Flash Drive, and a FREE "Shining Stars" Plush, PLUS a FREE \$20 Card from Shutterfly.....\$45 C. Shutterfly Digital Package: Hi-Res Photo on Flash Drive, PLUS a FREE \$20 Card from Shutterfly.....\$32 D. Two 5x7s, Two 3x5s, Four Wallets, PLUS a FREE \$10 Card from Shutterfly.....\$30 E. One 5x7, Six Wallet Photos, Two Wallet Photos in Two Keychains, PLUS a FREE \$10 Card from Shutterfly.....\$25 F. Two 5x7s, PLUS a FREE \$10 Card from Shutterfly.....\$20 G. Two 3x5s, PLUS a FREE \$10 Card from Shutterfly.....\$17 For more information on "Shining Stars" Plush checkout...<http://toys.about.com/od/hotnewtoyreleases/a/shiningstars.htm> For info on the Photos with Santa: <http://www.bridgewatercommons.com/Events/Photos-with-Santa>

3pm - 3:40pm Winter Wonder Lights

Where: 118 Lamington Road, Branchburg, New Jersey

Description:

Saturdays & Sundays, December 5-20 at 3 pm Winter Wonder Lights (Recommended for all ages) A lively Holiday laser concert the whole family will enjoy, from Jingle Bells, Run, Run, Rudolph, and Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree at the Planetarium at Raritan Valley Community College. All shows run approximately 40 minutes. Admission: \$6 for one show, \$11 for two shows on the same day Call 908-231-8805 for reservations! <http://www2.raritanval.edu/rvcc/frameset/planetarium.html>

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4pm - 5pm Nutcracker Ballet

Where: 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550

Description:

Performed by the NJ Youth Ballet at the Kelsey Theatre (part of Mercer County Community College) Fri. Dec. 18, 2009 at 7pm Sat. Dec. 19 at 1pm** & 4pm Sun. Dec. 20 at 1pm** & 4pm The Dance Connection magically transports you to the Land of the Sweets in this hour-long, fully narrated version of the classic ballet - the perfect holiday event for the whole family. **Note: Special Time Change For more information and photos please visit <http://www.kelseyatmccc.org/nutcracker09.shtml> www.newjerseyyouthballet.org

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4pm - 7pm Winter Wonderland Tour in Ocean City

Where: 810 Asbury Avenue, Ocean City, NJ 08226

Description:

Winter Wonderland Tour December 5 - 20, 2009 Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays Hours 4-7 pm OC Repertory Theater, 810 Asbury Avenue \$5 admission per child Celebrate the holidays at the OC Repertory Theater's Winter Wonderland Tour, featuring Frosty's Magical Adventure, Santa's Workshop, Rudolph's Forest, Whoville, Candy Land and more For more information call 609-231-3263

Holiday Events

5pm - 9pm Holiday Lights Spectacular at Turtle Back Zoo

Where: 560 Northfield Avenue West Orange, New Jersey, 07052

Description:

Experience Turtle Back Zoo in the winter as 100,000 bulbs and 50 lit displays illuminate the zoo this holiday season! Come decorate holiday cards to be sent to members of the armed forces. Admission: \$7 Adults \$3 Children Sponsored by: Prudential Financial, PSE&G, Verizon & the Essex County Parks Foundation. Come see the lights every night in December (except Dec. 24 & 25) from 5 to 9 pm and on Jan 1 & 2. 560 Northfield Avenue West Orange, New Jersey, 07052
Main Phone Number: 973-731-5800 www.turtlebackzoo.org and click on the calendar

5:30pm - 9pm Holiday Lights at Schaefer Farms

Where: 1051 Flemington/Whitehouse Road, Flemington, NJ

Description:

The Schaefer family proudly presents Holiday Lights on the Farm. Bring your family for our drive through light display. View thousands of colorful farm and holiday themed lights from the comfort of your own vehicle. Twinkling and glowing for your enjoyment through New Years. Holiday Lights on The Farm is open Sundays - Thursdays 5:30 until 9:00pm and Fridays - Saturdays 5:30 until 10:00pm. The cost is \$12.00 per carload, \$17.00 per passenger van, and \$27.00 per busload. Purchase a season pass for \$35.00 per car load and enjoy the show again and again. While you're here stop in at the stand for your Christmas trees, wreathes, grave blankets, holiday crafts and decorations, and much more. Santa Claus will be visiting the farm from 6:00 - 8:00 pm the first three Fridays and Saturdays in December. Photos with Santa available. Bring your family to visit him so he knows what they want under your tree. Enjoy your visit and have a healthy happy holiday season. <http://www.schaeferfarms.com/holiday.html>