

Ways to Participate in WinterFest 2019

The weekend of Dec. 6-8, WinterFest 2019 will blow into town with a full schedule of family events. Here are seven ways to join the fun.

Get into the Holiday Spirit

Breakfast with Santa. Hosted by the Kiwanis, this event will be from 7-11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 7-11 a.m. at the Betty Ehart Senior Center. 1101 Bathtub Row.

Annual Creche Show. The Los Alamos LDS Church will display an extensive collection of nativity scenes from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Kids Talk with Santa. Santa will be at CB Fox from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Ultimate Parent/Child Gingerbread House Class. Learn how to make a gingerbread house from Chantelle Hanson of Borrow A Baker and Jennifer Martinez of Pampered Chef. There are morning and afternoon classes and molds and recipes are included. The \$40 class is limited to 16 parent/child pairs and advance registration is required. Contact Chantelle Hanson at borrowabaker.com/contact. American Legion Post 90, 1325 Trinity Drive, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Buy Local Gifts

Little Shops. The Community Action Team came up with an idea to help small vendors have a space to sell their products downtown. The YMCA will host the first test of the Little Shops idea on Nov. 30 (Small Business Saturday) and on Dec. 7, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.. The gym will be filled with holiday decorations, there will be live music and food trucks.



Santa stops by CB Fox Department Store on Central Avenue every year for the past 38 years. He will make another appearance during WinterFest festivities. Monitor File Photo

ProjectY Kiosk Mall for Home-Based Businesses. 150 Central Park Square, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

15th Annual Children's Christmas Bazaar. Children in grades K-6 can shop for inexpensive gifts while their parents enjoy coffee. Elves will assist younger shoppers. The proceeds go to charity. 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 7, at Trinity on the Hill.

Annual Group Christmas Show at the Karen Wray Gallery. All the artists will have pieces that are wonderful to give as gifts. The Karen Wray Gallery is located at 1247 Central Ave., Ste D.

Affordable Arts. The Fuller Lodge Art Center has artwork at affordable prices for gift-giving. Elizabeth Brosha will be featured in the Portal Gallery. Affordable Arts will be available from Nov. 9 through Jan. 4. On Saturday, Dec. 6, they will be open until 6 for the Holiday Open House.

Alternative Giving Fair. Purchase meaningful gifts by donating in someone's name, meet local non-profits, and find volunteer opportunities. Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8.

Enjoy Local Music and Dance

Sangre de Cristo Chorale Concert. This holiday concert is a celebration of women. They will premiere a three-movement work by composer Traci Mendel. 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6, the United Church, 2525 Canyon Road. Buy tickets at the door or online at sdccchorale.org.

The Nutcracker "On the Hill." Dance Arts Los Alamos's production of The Nutcracker on the Hill is like the classic ballet, but it takes place in Los Alamos in 1944. Performances are 7 p.m. Dec. 6, 2 p.m. Dec. 7 and 2 p.m. Dec. 8 at Duane Smith Auditorium.

Los Alamos Community Winds Annual Holiday Prism Concert, features local musicians playing "in the round". 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, Crossroads Bible Church, 97 East Road. \$10 suggested donation.

Celtic Christmas. Belisama Irish Dancers will perform. Light snacks will be provided. 1:30 p.m., Fuller Lodge.

Santoro Music Studio Holiday Piano Recital. This free recital starts at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Fuller Lodge.

Los Alamos Big Band Dance. Fuller Lodge from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8.

Appreciate Nature

December Night Sky Show. Astronomer Steve Becker will present a tour of the December night sky at the Los Alamos Nature Center Planetarium (2600 Canyon Road). 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6. Admission is \$6/adults and \$4/children.

Annual Earth Treasure Show. Gems, minerals, jewelry and books will be available, as well as exhibits, a silent auction, and kids crafts. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Masonic Temple, on Canyon Road and 15th Street.

WinterFest Snowshoe Hike. Jean Dewart will lead a snowshoe hike that begins at the Los Alamos Nature Center at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person or \$10 per family. PEEC and Mountaineer member pay \$4 per person and \$8 per family. Register at peechnature.org.

Promote your small business

Businesses can build a float or walk in the light parade. The theme for this year's light parade is "Whoville on the Hill." The deadline to sign up is Nov. 29.

Businesses are encouraged to enter the auto show, host a holiday event, make a special holiday offer or create a window display.



The Holiday Lights Parade is set to light up Los Alamos with Christmas cheer Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. The parade marches down Central Avenue with its decorated floats filled with magical holiday lights and decorations. This year's theme is "Whoville on the Hill" LOS ALAMOS MAINSTREET/Courtesy

Take in the Lights

The "Whoville on the Hill" Holiday Light Parade will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 on Central Avenue. The parade will be followed by the Tree Lighting at Ashley Pond at 7 p.m.

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