

December Parent Newsletter

Low-Cost & Free Holiday Activities

In November, we published our holiday resource guide with local food pantries, hot meals, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, clothing closets, and household assistance. Please take a look at our Pollywog and Early Learning Hub website for the guide.

The Christmas season is filled with so many different ways to celebrate. In addition to enjoying a fulfilling meal, special holiday activities put a smile on family's faces. Listed below are low-cost and free holiday activities that can bring your family together.

Linn County



American Legion Children's Christmas Party

Noon-2:00pm, December 17, 2019
1215 Pacific Blvd SE, Albany

This party is for our veterans and their families but we also invite our community families. Everyone needs a gift of kindness. If you can share, please let us know.

Pioneer Christmas Party for Children

3:00pm, December 1, 2019
Monteith House, 518 2nd Ave SW, Albany

Celebrate the Christmas season the way the pioneers would have done in the 1800s by joining the festivities at the Monteith House.

Children ages 5-16 are invited to join. Children will make pioneer Christmas crafts, decorate the Christmas tree at the Monteith House, sing carols, eat Christmas cookies, and have the option to ride on the horse drawn wagon in the "Twice Around Downtown Christmas Parade" at 5pm. The cost is \$15 per child and \$10 for additional siblings. Reserve your child's spot today by calling the Albany Visitors Association at (541)928-0911. Space is limited.

Decorate Your Front Door Like a Present!



Use paper scraps, newspaper, or buy construction paper from the Dollar Store to decorate your home's front door like a Christmas present.

Christmas Storybook Land

Linn County Fair & Expo Center, Cascade Livestock Building, 3700 Knox Butte Rd, Albany

Visit Christmas Storybook Land in Albany, Oregon to relive your favorite childhood nursery rhymes, fairy tales and family movies in a magical indoor forest!

Friday, Dec 6	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Sat / Sun, Dec 7-8	10:00 am – 8:30 pm
Mon-Thurs, Dec 9-12	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Friday, Dec 13	2:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Sat / Sun, Dec 14-15	10:00 am – 8:30 pm
Mon-Thurs, Dec 16-19	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Friday, Dec 20	2:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Benton County

Philomath Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration

December 2, 2019
1101 Main St, Philomath

Join us on the lawn at the Benton County Historical Museum for the Philomath Community Christmas tree lighting celebration. Come enjoy music, hot chocolate and cookies, and special guest appearances from the Philomath Frolic and Rodeo Queen and Santa!



Philomath Frolic & Rodeo Holiday Craft Fair

9:00am-5:00pm, November 2, 2019
 9:00am-4:00 pm, November 3, 2019
 Philomath Elementary School, 239 S 16th St

Pastega Christmas Light Display

November 29, 2019 - January 1, 2020
 Livestock Building, 3700 Knox Butte Rd, Corvallis



Make Red and Green Play Dough

Does your child like scents?
 Play with making cranberry sauce,
 peppermint candy cane, Christmas tree,
 and gingerbread cookie scents!

Community Christmas Parade

7:00pm, November 29
Downtown Corvallis

The annual Community Christmas Parade is a holiday tradition in Corvallis, complete with music, floats, hot chocolate and more.

Lincoln County

Annual Sea of Lights Celebration

Oregon Coast Aquarium

December 6-7, 2019 6:00-9:00pm

- \$2 with 2 canned food (or pet food) donations

December 13-28, 2019 5:00-8:00pm

- \$10 or free with same day paid admission



Newport's Lighted Boat Parade

Dusk, December 7, 2019

Historic Bay Front, Yaquina Bay

Come down to the bayfront and enjoy the start of the holiday season with the Lighted Boat Parade.



"A Charlie Brown Christmas"

7:00pm, December 6-7, 2019

7:00pm, December 13-15, 2019

Lincoln City Playhouse for Youth, Lincoln City

This family-friendly show will help you get in the Christmas spirit with this holiday classic with a cast of local kids. \$10 adults, \$5 youth.



Camp Under the Christmas Tree

Children love camping outside, but when it's chilly, make camping magical by grabbing your sleeping bags, pillows, blankets, and stuffed animals and spend the night under the lit Christmas tree.

Make a Homemade Movie Night

Who is your child's favorite superhero or favorite animal? Help them create a coloring book and give it to a sibling to color on Christmas Day. You can also film your kiddos acting out a movie, edit it on your phone, and create a homemade movie theater on the TV.



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