

Parent Newsletter December 2022

Family Holiday Activity Guide Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Find festive ways to celebrate the holiday season. Here is a list of low-cost or free holiday activities near you. Before heading out, check with the organizer for the latest information and follow Pollywog for more activities throughout the month.

Linn County



Albany Christmas Storybook Land

December 2-16. Free. Linn County Fairgrounds, 3700 Knox Butte Rd E, Albany

Visit Christmas Storybook Land in Albany, Oregon, to relive your favorite childhood nursery rhymes, fairy tales, and family movies in a magical indoor walk-thru forest! Entry is free, although commercially packaged food for the local food bank is gladly accepted.

For open times, please see the schedule on the website.

<u>Downtown Albany Holiday Character Hunt</u> December 1-15. Free. Downtown Albany

Stroll the sidewalks in Downtown Albany and find up to 30 Holiday Movie Character posters on member businesses. Receive one entry per character found. Entry forms are available online or at the Albany Downtown Association office (126 Ferry Street SW, Albany. 541-928-2469).





Albany The Land of Misfit Toys

1:30 pm, Dec 3. Free, donations appreciated. Albany Civic Theater 111 First Ave West, Albany

Get your photo taken with Pirate Santa, The Grinch, and Christmas Elf. Watch a holiday movie, join in a sing-along and snack on delicious holiday treats.

<u>Downtown Albany Twice Around Christmas</u> Parade & Tree Lighting

5:00pm, Sunday, Dec 4. Free. Rain or shine. Downtown Albany

The parade rolls through the streets of Historic Downtown Albany and typically includes the Albany Trolley, Horse Drawn Wagon, community groups, schools, businesses and Santa riding on Albany's Antique Fire Truck! Families can spread out and use the entire 8-block route for viewing the parade.

There will be a short break after the parade then the Community Tree Lighting Ceremony happens in the Two Rivers Market parking lot, corner Ferry and Second.





Albany Whitespires Christmas Eve Sing-Along 2022

7:00-8:00pm, Dec 24. Free. 510 SW 5th Ave, Albany

Join the Whitespires Church in Historic Downtown Albany for a traditional Christmas Eve sing-along.

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Brownsville Tree Lighting and Holiday Lights Tour

6:00 - 7:00pm, Dec 2. Free. Brownsville

Join your community for the annual tree lighting on Spaulding Ave between Main St & Averill St. The light tour begins at 5pm every night after until Christmas.





<u>Harrisburg Light Parade</u>

7:00pm, Dec 3. Free. Harrisburg

This year's parade theme is 'The Polar Express'. After the parade, Santa will be at the Picnic Pavilion. Santa's helpers will hand out treats for everyone.

Lebanon Cascade Christmas Lights

6:00-10:00pm weeknights, 6:00-11:00pm Sat &Sun. Nov 24 - Jan 2. Free, 312 E Sherman St., Lebanon

Watch from the comfort of your car, and listen to the music on the radio while you watch the animated light show to a host of Christmas songs. The show repeats many times throughout the night. Want to skip the traffic? Consider going to see the lights Sunday - Thursday. Donations for The Lebanon Soup Kitchen are accepted.







FREE Event for everyone to come see SANTA and do some fun holiday activities with us at Krake Home Sales!

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Lebanon Holidays in the Park

2:00-7:00pm, December 3. Free. Ralston Park, 925 Park St. Lebanon

Ralston Park will be decorated and host Santa. horse-drawn carriage rides, food, music and entertainment. The Twilight Parade begins at 5:15pm and is followed by the Tree Lighting Ceremony.





Lebanon Holiday Train Rides & Lights

5:00-8:15pm. Sat, Sun, Wed, Nov 26 - Dec 21. Adult \$7.50, Child (age 2-12): \$6.50, Age 1 and under: Free Tennessee Thunder - 37672 Kgal Dr, Lebanon

Holiday Train Rides! Come ride the 1/4 Train through a 4-acre park with thousands and thousands of feet of lights! A ride lasts 11-14 minutes. Children ages 8 and under must be accompanied by a paid adult rider to ride the train. Carpooling strongly encouraged. Cash preferred. No reservations needed.



Sweet Home Community Singing Christmas Tree

7:00pm, Dec 2-3, & 3pm, Dec 4. Doors open one hour early for photos with Santa. Free.

Sweet Home High School, 1641 Long St, Sweet Home

The Singing Christmas Tree in Sweet Home will perform at the Sweet Home High School Auditorium. Santa is available for photos one hour before each concert.

Sweet Home Parade of Lights

6:00pm, Dec 10. Free. Sweet Home

The parade will be on Long Street between 22nd and Oak Terrace. Pacific Power sponsors the Parade of Lights.



Sweet Home Tree Lighting

6:00pm, Dec 1. Free.

Sweet Home City Hall, 3225 Main St, Sweet Home

Kick off the holiday season with the Sweet Home Annual Tree Lighting at City Hall!

Benton County

Corvallis Pastega Christmas Light Display

5:00-10:00pm, Nov 27 - Dec 31. Free. Benton County Fairgrounds, 110 SW 53rd St. Corvallis

This drive-through Christmas display is a spectacle of figures, lights and music. 400 - 700 cars enjoy the display each day. Canned food donations are encouraged.





Monroe Light Parade

7:00pm, Dec 10. Free.

Monroe Community Library, 380 N 5th St, Monroe

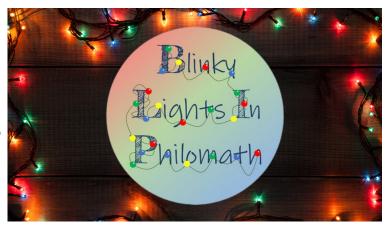
This year's parade theme is 'The Polar Express'. The best viewing for the Light Parade will be at the Monroe Community Library, but anywhere along Highway 99W between Ash Street and Commercial Street will be great!

Blinky Lights in Philomath

Sun-Thurs: 5:00-9:00pm, Fri-Sat: 5:00-9:30pm. Nov 25 - Jan 1. Free.

597 Neabeack Hill Dr, Philomath

Blinky Lights in Philomath is Christmas Lights synchronized to music. Tune your car radio to 87.9FM to listen. Please remember to keep your radio volume reasonable, don't block driveways, turns off your headlights, and enjoy the holiday season!



Lincoln County



Depoe Bay Lights

4:30-9:00pm Mon-Thurs, 4:30-10:00pm Fri-Sun Nov 26 - Jan 1. Free. 350(ish) SW Coast Ave, Depoe Bay

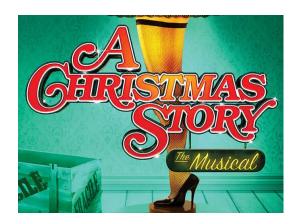
Watch from the comfort of your car, and listen to the music on the radio while you watch the animated light show to a host of Christmas songs. Or walk up and press the button on the No Radio? sign to hear the music. The show repeats many times throughout the night. Please do not block driveways while watching the show.

Lincoln City "A Christmas Story: The Musical"

Dec 8-11. Check the website for show times. Admission by donation.

Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Hwy 101, Lincoln City

Lincoln City Playhouse for Youth presents "A Christmas Story: The Musical". Set in the 1940s in the fictional town of Hohman, Indiana, this show tells the tale of Ralphie Parker and his quest for the Holy Grail of Christmas gifts – an official Red Ryder carbine-action 200 shot Range Model air rifle.





Newport American Legion Kids Christmas 12:00-4:00pm, Dec 18. Free.

424 W Olive St., Newport

American Legion - Post 116 is hosting a Take Out only Kids' Christmas party. Santa will be there behind a glass window.

<u>Yachats Victorian Christmas at Heceta Head</u> <u>Lighthouse</u>

4:00-7:00pm, Dec 10, 11, 17, 18. \$5 Parking Fee; Free Admission Heceta Head Lighthouse, 92072 US-101 S, Yachats

Enjoy the majesty of the beautifully decorated Keeper's House while listening to live music from generous local performers!

The Lightstation Christmas lights will be displayed December 1st – January 2nd.





Yachats Village Christmas Tree Lighting

5:00-6:30pm, Dec 10. Free. 231 US-101, Yachats

Come join the community in the center of town for a Christmas tree lighting event.

Online Holiday Activity Sites

NORAD Tracks Santa

A family-friendly program by the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) to track Santa December 24th around the world using military sensors and technology. The NORAD Tracks Santa website goes live each Dec. 1 with games, videos, information, and more!





Google Santa Tracker

Santa's Village is filled with your favorite characters together with fun, educational and interactive activities for every age. On December 24th, Santa's Village transforms into a tracking experience where you can follow Santa and his reindeer around the world.





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