



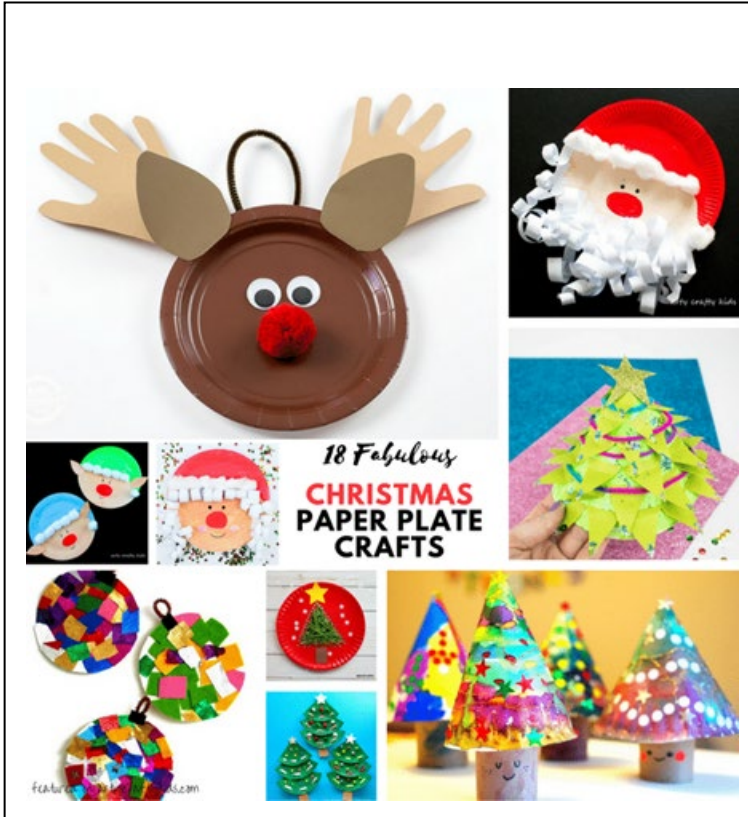
We're all busy this time of year, no matter which holidays we celebrate. However, the most important thing is to enjoy the season and share the joy. So, tap into your inner child and have fun, laugh loudly, play games, sing with your heart, and share all the joy of the season with everyone you encounter this month.

It's always energizing and inspiring during the "big" holiday season. Beautiful lights, gorgeous decorations, amazing food, and even the shopping can be so much fun! Sometimes that's not true for everyone. Sharing thoughts and worries about the season lets others know that you're in it together, you'll will make it through, and make it great, together. So, take the time for selfcare and sharing!

As we are all busy with the hustle and bustle with friends, family, and your community celebrating the big holidays don't forget to have some fun with the smaller holidays too!

- **December 1st** – [National Christmas Lights Day](#) and [Rosa Parks Day](#). While not related, they are both good reasons to celebrate the first day of December.
- **December 3rd** – [Faux Fur Friday](#). Oh, the alliteration!
- **December 3rd** – [Global Fat Bike Day](#). There are no fat bikes. Only [Fat Tires](#).
- **December 7th** – [National Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance](#).
- **December 9th** – [Christmas Card Day](#). Whether you send snail-mail cards to your biggest clients and most loyal customers or send a virtual card to everyone on your list, don't forget the value of a heartfelt, personal card.
- **December 12th** – [Gingerbread House Day](#) and [National Poinsettia Day](#).
- **December 15th** – [National Cat Herders Day](#). If you know, you know.
- **December 17th** – [Festival of Winter Walks](#), and [National Wreaths Across America Day](#).
- **December 21st** – [Winter Solstice](#) and [World Snowboard Day](#). Bundle up, buttercup.
- **December 24th** – [Christmas Eve](#) and National [Eggnog Day](#).
- **December 26th** – [Boxing Day](#). Not just for gift boxes, this holiday is now associated with shopping and sporting events.
- **December 31st** – [New Year's Eve](#). Take a deep breath. The new year is coming.

Crafty Things To Do



"These Christmas crafts offer a creative twist on the 'usual', with curly beards and hair added to Santa and Mrs. Claus for maximum effect. Christmas Trees with a 3D perspective and characterized, with enhanced fine motor crafting. You will also find woven snowflakes, a personalized snow globe and much much more..."

<https://www.artycraftykids.com/christmas/fabulous-paper-plate-christmas-crafts/>



Jessica's Corgi Corner

We are doing well out here in Florida! Danny is doing fantastic and adjusting well. He does miss his yard however.

Introductions are going good and intakes have really picked up. As far as visit note approvals, providers are doing a good job with the notes. Please just make sure you are getting those signatures before submitting the shifts.

~Jessica



If you know of any events that would be of interest to our Providers and Families

Let us know!!!

Other Events

<https://www.fcgov.com/events/>

<https://www.denver.org/events/>

<https://www.pueblo.us/2801/Events>

<https://www.coloradosprings.com/events/#!/>

PPRS is always on the lookout for things for our Providers and Families to do.

We keep a close eye on upcoming events in the areas we serve.

Many times we find out about events a few days or a week before they happen, and always post them to our Facebook Page!

Please like and share our Facebook Page to receive up to the minute news!



CYM of the Month!
Congratulations

Alayna McKenna

December Birthdays!



Ciera H.	3-Dec
Alayna M.	4-Dec
Samantha T.	6-Dec
Casey A.	7-Dec
Henry H.	7-Dec
Kacey W.	7-Dec
Oyuky M.R.	8-Dec
Christine F.	15-Dec
Newlene L.	15-Dec
Jasmine B.	19-Dec
Brenda R.	20-Dec
Yvonne D.	27-Dec
Abigail K.	29-Dec
Calley T.	31-Dec

Anniversaries!



Tiffany H. A lot of Years!

Sherry H. 5 Years!

Dena V. 3 Years!

Hallie K. 3 Years!

Cherish M. 2 Years!

Leland K. 2 Years!

Faith F. 2 Years!

Walter J. 2 Years!

Caylee W. 1 Year!

Jeremy B. 1 Year!

Kevin D. 1 Year!

Nicci J. 1 Year!

Keera R. 1 Year!

Reminders From PPRS

Crisis Resources

- **Colorado Crisis Services hotline:** Call 1-844-493-8255 or text “TALK” to 38255 to speak with a trained counselor or professional. Counselors are also available at walk-in locations or [online to chat](#) between 4 p.m. and 12 a.m.
- A list of [mental health providers offering therapy for those impacted](#). Many are providing sessions free or at a reduced charge.
- **Diversus Health:** Offers a 24/7 walk-in crisis center for crisis services and counseling for all ages, regardless of ability to pay. You can request [an appointment here](#) or visit 115 S. Parkside Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80910.
- **Peak View Behavioral Health Assessment team:** 719-444-8484 or www.peakviewbh.com.
- **Inside Out Youth Services:** provides support and resources for LGBTQ youth and [are coordinating vigils for people to gather](#).



**Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much**

PPRS NEWSFLASH GROUP

Join our Facebook Newsflash Group to fill your schedule!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/156823936506856>

PPRS Facebook Page

For the most up to date news and Events like our Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/PikesPeakRespiteServices>

**“Healthy
caregivers
make better
caregivers.”**

Peter W. Rosenberger



We love to see you!
Stop by our office and say hi!

The PPRS Office is located at:

411 S Cascade
Colorado Springs 80903



PARENT/GUARDIAN SUPPORT GROUP

For Parents and Guardians of Individuals Ages 0-18

Pikes Peak Respite Services will be starting a virtual parent support group starting in January of 2023

Parents and Guardians will choose what day of the week and time these meetings will take place

An opportunity to interact with other families with shared experiences

Email Claire Williams at clairewilliamspprs@outlook.com or text 719-205-4800 if you are interested in participating

Notes from Admins:

Good communication is a major key to success.

Please let's remember that monitoring and evals are required quarterly.

Claire

On the billing side of things, there are often times signatures and revised notes are needing to be communicated and completed.

Calista

Please note providers are required to respond to email for ISSPs and protocols per the state of Colorado. If you receive an email all you need to do is email back "Received".

Jaime



El Paso

Colorado College Arts and Crafts Fair	<p>Where: 902 N Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs 80903</p> <p>When: December 2nd and 3rd, 4:00pm-8:00pm</p> <p>What: The Arts and Crafts fair celebrates local and regional creative makers working in a variety of media. This Fair is unique in that it brings together artists at all different points of their practice and careers including Colorado College students as well as artists in the community.</p> <p>Please join us for two days of incredible art created by local artists, art making activities, and music! We will update this page with a full list of activities and exhibitors in the coming months.</p> <p>Parking is available for fair attendees at the Ed Robson Arena (on Tejon).</p> <p>Cost: Free Admission</p>
First Friday Print Free for All	<p>Where: 13 Bijou St., Colorado Springs 80903</p> <p>When: December 2nd, 4:00pm-8:00pm</p> <p>What: Celebrate First Fridays with us. This month we will be hosting a collaboration between the Pikes Peak Pantry and Fixer Brand Studio. Fixer has created a special design for the event, please come and crank our old press for yourself to create this print that you can take home - it is a free event. Any food or monetary donations collected will be given to The Pikes Peak Little Free Pantry. They provide food and personal items available 24/7, no questions asked at 516 West Pikes Peak Ave. Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80905. Their motto is the epitome of mutual aid — give what you can, take what you need. Meet with Hailey Radvillas who provides the location of the pantry, learn about ways that you participate, and celebrate our wonderful human capacity to take care of one another.</p> <p>We'll be collecting donations for the pantry at this event. These items are of greatest help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hygiene products (tooth brushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, menstrual products) Small winter gear (hats, gloves, hand warmers, mittens, ect) Food (Ready to eat and shelf stable) <p>Please don't bring Items that require prep or access to a kitchen (dried beans, rice, items that need a can opener, expired foods)</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Holiday Craft Fair at Cheyenne Mountain High School	<p>Where: 1200 Cresta Rd., Colorado Springs 80906</p> <p>When: December 3rd, 9:00am-4:00pm</p> <p>What: The 10th Annual Holiday Craft Fair at Cheyenne Mountain High School has become one of the most popular arts, crafts and gift shows in Colorado Springs. This year, we will welcome over 3,000 shoppers and more than 140 vendors. Our vendors offer ALL HANDCRAFTED items including stocking stuffers, apparel & accessories, toys, decorations, art, and jewelry, home decor and gourmet food items. See the List of Vendors for a complete list of last years' vendors and links (when available) to their web sites.</p> <p>Our Holiday Craft Fair is convenient with wide aisles and single-level shopping and food for anyone using wheelchairs, walkers or strollers.</p> <p>Our event offers free admission to shoppers - no ticket required!</p> <p>Our complimentary parking lot shuttle offers assistance getting to/from vehicles as needed.</p>

	<p>Our seating area is available throughout the day, as well as coffee, hot chocolate & bottled water for purchase.</p> <p>Our student-elves offer complimentary assistance to both shoppers and vendors to load and unload vehicles, as needed.</p> <p>Our Taste of the Holiday's bake sale offers homemade desserts to-go, to simplify your valuable holiday-time with loved ones.</p> <p>Every 15-minutes a shopper wins \$10 Holiday Dollars to spend at fair vendors.</p> <p>Cost: Free Admission</p>
Festival of Lights	<p>Where: 215 S Tejon St., Colorado Springs 80903</p> <p>When: December 3rd, 10:00am-2:00pm</p> <p>What: Enjoy a full performance schedule, crafts, and activities led by a variety of community organizations. Don't miss this special tradition that's brought magic to the Pikes Peak region for over 30 years!</p> <p>Cost: Free – Registration Required https://www.peakradar.com/event/festival-of-lights-3/</p>
SEE Bonfire: Give! Fundraiser Event	<p>Where: 3890 Old Ranch Rd., Colorado Springs 80908</p> <p>When: December 3rd, 4:30pm-6:30pm</p> <p>What: We will offer s'mores, hot chocolate, tea, and a holiday craft! Bring lawn chair and a blanket to enjoy comfortably!</p> <p>Purchase Stocking Stuffers - Profits Benefiting SEE:</p> <p>SEE T-Shirts, Stickers, and Dried Goods from Garden: Spinach, Kale, Calendula, Marigold, Basil, Oregano</p> <p>What better way to give this holiday season, than to support a cause you believe in! Donate to SEE through the Give! Campaign, November 1st through January 3rd to help us continue to provide inspired learning opportunities for our community through sustainable education.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
CC Chamber Chorus Concert: 'Kaleidoscope'	<p>Where: 5 W Cache La Poudre St., Colorado Springs 80903</p> <p>When: December 4th, 3:00pm-5:00pm</p> <p>What: The Colorado College Chamber Chorus performs its fall concert, "Kaleidoscope," at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 in Packard Hall, under the direction of Deborah Teske.</p> <p>The concert is free and open to the public. It features an eclectic program of the old and new, featuring music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Reena Esmail, Amy Beach, Eric Whitacre, and Roxanna Panufnik.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
'Polar Express'	<p>Where: 505 Popes Bluff Trl., Colorado Springs 80907</p> <p>When: December 6th, 5:00pm-8:00pm</p> <p>What: Hop aboard the Polar Express, and journey along with us to experience the holidays in a way only the Springs could offer. Participate in holiday themed games and activities as you and your family wait for your boarding time. Once it's your turn to embark, make sure you have a copy of your special Polar Express ticket printed out to present to the Conductor.</p> <p>During your adventure, you will experience many of the sights and sounds of Colorado Springs as our narrator reads the "Only in Colorado Springs" Polar Express. Once you arrive at each of our magical stops, you and your family will debark and be greeted by one of our delightful hosts as they greet you with a musical number, a holiday treat, and a brief presentation of their humble abode.</p>

	<p>After several such stops, you will enter the magical village of the North Pole to be welcomed by a host of elves, reindeer, and Kriss Kringle himself who will present each child with the first gift of Christmas.</p> <p>Cost: Free Admission – Registration Required https://rokstra.com/polar-express/</p>
Jewels of South American Music	<p>Where: 825 N Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs 80903</p> <p>When: December 6th, 7:30pm-9:30pm</p> <p>What: The concert theme is “Jewels of South American Music” and features visiting artist Peter Steiner, performing the world premiere of the wind ensemble version of Dimitri Cervo’s Trombone Concerto. The upbeat program also includes Latin standards arranged for concert band – Ary Barroso’s “Brazil,” Astor Piazzolla’s “Libertango,” and Antônio Carlos Jobim’s “Wave” – and modern compositions by South American composers or inspired by Latin American music – “El Mono,” by Victoriano Valencia, “Carnaval!” by Julie Giroux, and Van Hoy’s arrangement of “Rio” by Hey Marseilles.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Holiday Cardmaking	<p>Where: 832 Village Center Dr., Colorado Springs 80919</p> <p>When: December 9th, 1:00pm-2:00pm</p> <p>What: Make your own holiday cards under the tutelage of local craft guru Theresa Pingel to send to your friends and family. All materials will be provided. For beginner and intermediate crafters.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Manitou Christmas Parade	<p>Where: Manitou Avenue, Manitou Springs 80829</p> <p>When: December 10th, 6:00pm-7:00pm</p> <p>What: ‘Twas two weeks before Christmas and all through the land, excitement grew quickly for the parade we have planned!</p> <p>Celebrate Christmas this tenth of December. Create holiday moments you’ll always remember!</p> <p>Manitou Avenue will be all aglow, As Happy attendees jaunt to and fro!</p> <p>Bring out your family and all of your friends, dawn your red hat and fuzzy mittens. The parade begins at the 6th strike of the clock, from Ruxton to El Paso is where our Marchers will walk.</p> <p>Children can gather for the rare and special site, Of the man all in red with a beard big and white.</p> <p>Come early and enjoy the fine sights of the city, Radiant, Lively, the lights will be pretty!</p> <p>Stay for dinner with family and friends, finish last-minute shopping to tie those loose ends!</p> <p>Rejoice “Seasons Greetings!” and celebrate with us this year, For its the Manitou Christmas Parade, an event full of cheer.</p> <p>Cost: This event is free to all good girls and boys. Those who are kind can bring unwrapped toys. Toys for Tots will collect your gracious gifts, look for the Marines and their fancy outfits. They will collect your offerings as they walk down the street. Because collective kindness just can't be beat!</p>
Family Holiday Movie Marathon	<p>Where: 832 Village Center Dr., Colorado Springs 80919</p> <p>When: December 20th, 12:00pm-6:00pm</p> <p>What: Come and enjoy some holiday movies! Snacks and drinks provided. (Our licensing agreement does not allow us to reveal the titles of the films on advertising; please check out our library calendar link for details!)</p>

	Cost: Free
33rd Annual Citywide Kwanzaa Celebration	Where: 2820 E Pikes Peak Avenue., Colorado Springs 80909 When: December 26 th , 27 th , 28 th , 29 th , 30 th , and 31 st , 6:00pm-7:30pm What: Kwanzaa celebrates the best and highest of the values, history, culture, philosophy, and achievements of people of African descent (living in America and in other parts of the world). Come and join in this celebration of family, community, and culture. Cost: Free

Pueblo

Holiday Celebration at El Centro del Quinto Sol	Where: 609 E 6 th St., Pueblo 81001 When: December 10 th 12:00pm-2:00pm What: Join us at El Centro del Quinto Sol on Saturday, December 10 from 12-2pm for a FREE Holiday Celebration! Take part in holiday games and activities for the whole family! Gift giveaway for the children! Children must be present to receive a gift, while supplies last. Cost: Free
Annual Winter Solstice hosted by Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas River	Where: Chappa Place and Pearl St., Pueblo 81004 When: December 17 th , 2:00pm-7:30pm What: Join the Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas River at their Annual Winter Solstice on December 17! The Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas River will have a variety of booths promoting recreation on the trail and in the water, ways to stay safe on the trail and in the water, education about the importance of water and nature along with tables to make your own lantern for the lantern parade. The lantern parade will begin around 5:30pm at Pillar Park (600 Rapids Pl). There will be food trucks on site for everyone to purchase something to eat from local trucks, music all day. Cost: Free
Gingerbread Jubilee	Where: 100 E Abriendo Ave., Pueblo 81004 When: December 3 rd , 1:00pm-4:00pm What: Free family friendly annual event! Gingerbread house contest, crafts & activities, scavenger hunt, letters to Santa and carolers. In partnership with Pueblo Mall & Kiwanis. *While supplies last* Cost: Free
Creative Space: Holiday Polaroid Pictures	Where: 1315 E 7 th St., Pueblo 81001 – Patrick A Lucero Library When: December 7 th , 3:00pm-5:00pm What: Come to the Creative Space table to take a picture on our polaroid camera for you to take home! This month it is themed for winter! Cost: Free
Christmas Bird Count and Birdseed Bag Craft	Where: 24655 US-50 BUS, Pueblo 81006 – Giodone Library When: December 9 th , 11:00am-12:30pm What: Learn about the Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count and how you can participate. Then make a cloth bag to fill with birdseed in the Scandinavian tradition to ensure good luck next year! Cost: Free
Gift Making for the	Where: 24655 US-50 BUS Pueblo 81006 – Giodone Library When: December 9 th , 1:00pm-3:00pm

Holidays: Mason Jar Recipes	What: Add all of the ingredients for a delicious cookie recipe and festive decorations to make a great gift. While supplies last. Cost: Free
World Holiday Celebration: Las Posadas	Where: 100 E Abriendo Ave., Pueblo 81004 – Rawlings When: December 9 th , 2:00pm-4:00pm What: Crafts, activities, and snacks to celebrate and showcase this beautiful Mexican tradition. Cost: Free
Free Stockings and Books!	Where: 1315 E 7 th St., Pueblo 81001 – Patrick A Lucero When: December 10 th , 12:00pm-1:30pm What: Grandpa Sam and Grandma Connie's' 7th Annual Holiday Festivities. Enjoy us for some family fun! There will be a stocking giveaway, Santa Claus, and snacks. Cost: Free
Creative Space: 2023 Vision Boards for Tweens and Teens	Where: 1315 E 7 th St., Pueblo 81001 – Patrick A Lucero When: December 14 th , 3:00pm-5:00pm What: Who will you be next year? Join us and let's map out an idea of who you can be and what you want to do. Create a vision board to map out dreams, goals and intentions for your upcoming year. Cost: Free
Family Sensory Playtime	Where: 1300 Jerry Murphy Rd., Pueblo 81001 – Barkman Library When: December 16 th , 3:00pm-5:00pm What: Join us for a fun sensory playtime! Children of all ages are welcome. Did you know that sensory play helps build connections in the brain, and develops motor skills and problem-solving skills? Join us for a fun time playing with various sensory materials, like fake snow, water, moon sand, and a pretend play pie-making station! Children of all ages are welcome. Cost: Free
Creative Space: Free Play with Pastels	Where: 1315 East 7 th St., Pueblo 81001 – Patrick A Lucero When: December 19 th , 3:00pm-5:00pm What: Enjoy the school break with us at the Creative Space tables and play with art paper and pastels. Make a beautiful piece of art or doodle! Cost: Free
Sensational Sensory Bins	Where: 24655 US-50 BUS, Pueblo 81006 – Giodone Library When: December 21 st , 22 nd , and 23 rd , All day What: Come explore our sensory bins. There will be a new bin to explore each of the 3 days. Cost: Free
Polar Express Pajama Party!	Where: 2525 South Pueblo Boulevard, Pueblo 81005 – Lamb When: December 23 rd , 3:00pm-5:00pm What: All aboard! Join us at Lamb for a screening of "Polar Express," cultural crafts, and refreshments! Hot cocoa and snacks will be served, along with a goodie bag that includes a few traditional holiday items from different countries! Jammie dress code encouraged, but not required. Cost: Free
Creative Space: New	Where: 1315 East 7 th St., Pueblo 81001 – Patrick A. Lucero When: December 28 th , 3:00pm-5:00pm

Years, New Buttons	What: Design or choose from images at the Creative Space table to make a button! Pin the button on a bag and take it home. Cost: Free
Intentions for 2023: Wish Capsules	Where: 24655 US-50 BUS, Pueblo 81006 – Giodone Library When: December 30 th and 31 st All Day What: Write your intention, wish, or goal for 2023 on the paper scroll & place it in the small capsule. The capsules are inspired by the vials worn by carrier pigeons. While supplies last. Cost: Free

Denver Metro

35th Annual Holiday Show at AoSF Gallery	Where: 747 Santa Fe Dr., Denver 80204 – Artists on Santa Fe When: Daily December 1 st -31 st Sundays: Noon - 4 PM Mon., Wed., Thurs.: 11 AM - 3 PM Fridays & Saturdays: 11 AM - 5 PM Closed Tuesdays. December 2 nd 6:00pm-9:00pm – 1 st Friday Art Walk; December 16 th 5:00pm-8:00pm – 3 rd Friday Collectors Evening What: Before you know it, the winter holidays will be upon us and the festivities will begin. Be prepared this season, if you aren't already, and finish your gift shopping now to avoid that last-minute hectic rush. Artists on Santa Fe Gallery + Studios has a huge variety of specialty handcrafted items that will be perfect for your family and friends. Stop in and have a leisurely look at our fantastic array of functional and decorative art. We will be displaying contemporary paintings, ceramics, jewelry, sculpture and more. Join us during the week and on 1st and 3rd Fridays for fun evenings at our gallery. While you're there, explore two floors of studios inhabited by thirty artists working in a variety of media. Visit the artists and see what's happening at Artists on Santa Fe Gallery. Cost: Free
Holiday Pottery Sale	Where: 6901 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada CO 80003 – Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities When: December 1 st -11 th Monday-Saturday 10:00am –8:00pm and Sundays 1:00pm-5:00pm What: Instructors and students of the Center's own ceramics education studio offer an extensive selection of functional and sculptural pottery, with all purchases supporting the artists and the Arvada Center. Cost: Free
Holiday BrassFest	Where: 1400 Curtis St., Denver 80202 – Denver Performing Arts Complex When: December 3 rd , 12:00pm What: Deck the halls with Denver Brass as we make the sounds of the season ring through DPAC. Join us December 3rd for our favorite holiday tradition where we play a free concert of heartwarming holiday music with some of our favorite guest artists: you. Give back to your city through song. All brass players at any level are encouraged to register.

	Cost: Free
Holiday Celebration at the Mansion	<p>Where: 9950 E Gateway Dr., Highlands Ranch 80126</p> <p>When: December 3rd 10:00am-3:00pm</p> <p>What: Make this fun, free community event your holiday tradition. Enjoy visits with Santa, self-guided tours of the Mansion, games with fun prizes, holiday storytime, vendors and entertainment. Refreshments will be available for purchase. This all-ages event is free and no reservations are required.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: All parking is off-site at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 9203 S. University Blvd. Free shuttle buses will begin running at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until after the event is over. There is no parking available at the Highlands Ranch Mansion.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Lights of December Parade	<p>Where: The Parade starts at 15th & Walnut. Reviewing stand is located at Broadway & Pearl streets.</p> <p>When: December 3rd 6:00pm</p> <p>What: For over 30 years, spectators have enjoyed floats created and decorated by local businesses, churches, and civic groups. Includes marching bands, lit fire engines, holiday carolers and much more. The grand finale includes an appearance by the jolly old man himself - Santa Claus!</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Parade of Lights	<p>Where: Starts on 14th St, Denver</p> <p>When: December 3rd, 6:00pm</p> <p>What: This FREE holiday spectacular features more than 40 units including extravagantly illuminated floats, giant helium-filled character balloons, magnificent marching bands, traditional equestrian units, and vibrant cultural displays. And of course, a special appearance by Major Waddles the Penguin and Santa!</p> <p>Join us for the live parade on December 3rd, 2022 at 6:00pm and check out the floats displayed throughout the month of December.</p> <p>Catch all the excitement on the 9NEWS Parade of Lights telecast on 9NEWS!</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Who-ligan Holiday Entertainment	<p>Where: 1800 Wazee St., Denver 80202 – Dairy Block</p> <p>When: December 3rd, 10th, and 17th 11:30am-3:00pm</p> <p>What: Bring the whole family down for some Who-ligan Holiday Entertainment at Dairy Block this season – including surprise visits from Cindy Lou & the “mean one” himself!</p> <p>Start the day off at Denver Milk Market, inside of Morning Jones, where Cindy will be hosting story time on Saturdays throughout the month of December at 11:30AM. Followed by [free] holiday photo opportunities inside of Crumpit Cave, located off of The Alley, from 12-3PM.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
SCFD Museum Free Days	<p>December 5th: Denver Museum of Nature and Science</p> <p>December 7th: Clyfford Still Museum</p> <p>December 9th: Four Mile Historic Park</p> <p>December 13th: Denver Art Museum</p> <p>December 15th: Plains Conservation Center</p>
Holiday Tree Lighting	<p>Where: 15151 E Alameda Parkway, Aurora 80012</p> <p>When: December 6th, 5:00pm-7:00pm</p>

	<p>What: 'Tis the season to be merry and bright at Aurora's annual Holiday Tree Lighting from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at the Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway. Join us to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with a variety of sights, sounds and tastes to ring in the holiday season.</p> <p>This year's entertainment lineup includes performances from Aurora Dance Arts, Aurora Singers and a special visit from the one and only, Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus. Take a stroll through Santa's workshop and witness the illumination of thousands of sparkling lights around the Aurora Municipal Center. Partake in merrymaking activities and enjoy hot cocoa and cookies that are Santa-approved.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
16th Street Mall Holiday Festival	<p>Where: 1001 16th St., At Welton at Glenarm, Denver 80202</p> <p>When: December 10th, 11:00am-6:00pm</p> <p>What: The 16th Street Mall Holiday Festival is a the Holiday shopping event of the year taking place on the historic 16th Street Mall in Downtown Denver. This highly attended annual curated marketplace will feature an awesome selection of one of-a-kind seasonal items, high quality handcrafted goods, fabulous holiday gift ideas, delicious specialty foods, home décor, and unique holiday gifts. The 16th Street Mall is Denver's most significant public space - it is one of our city's most powerful economic engines thanks to its 200 street-level retailers and restaurants, 22,000 residents, and 130,000 employees; and claims international significance as one of the largest pedestrian and transit corridor of its kind in the world.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Chanukah Celebration	<p>Where: 2401 E 2nd Ave., Ste 150, Denver 80206 – Cherry Creek North</p> <p>When: December 18th, 5:00pm-11:59pm</p> <p>What: Celebrate the first night of Chanukah with Chabad of Cherry Creek. Families and guests of all ages will enjoy what is truly a festival of lights with face painting, fire juggling, festive treats, and crafts.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
The Orchard's Grand Menorah Lighting	<p>Where: 14697 Delaware St., Westminster CO 80023</p> <p>When: December 18th, 5:30pm-6:30pm</p> <p>What: Come and celebrate Chanukah with The Orchard's Grand Menorah Lighting Celebration. Enjoy live music, latkahs, donuts, hot beverages and a variety of performances. Hosted by The Chabad of NW Metro Denver in loving memory of Jessica Ridgeway on The Orchard entertainment stage near Windfall Brewing Company.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>

Larimer County

Holiday Fest	<p>Where: 1608 S College Ave., Fort Collins 80525 – Alpine Bank</p> <p>When: December 3rd, 3:00pm-6:00pm</p> <p>What: Join Alpine Bank Fort Collins for a grand opening holiday fest! This community event will bring together local businesses, organizations, and neighbors. Fun, free holiday activities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photos with Santa for the whole family • Cookie-tasting • Mistletoe-making
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food trucks with delicious food and drink on site • Plus, giveaways — including Broncos tickets! <p>Local vendors include: Flashbox Photo Booth, Mary's Mountain Cookies, Rocky Mountain Audio, Get Plattered Charcuterie, Bloom Floral Boutique, and Backyard Bird Co.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Fort Collins Holiday Gift Festival	<p>Where: 112 E Willow St., Fort Collins 80524 – Northside Aztlan Community Center</p> <p>When: December 4th, 11:00am-5:00pm</p> <p>What: The biggest and best annual holiday craft fair in Northern Colorado. The Fort Collins Holiday Gift Festival is a curated marketplace featuring an enormous array of fine arts, handmade crafts, delectable food, home décor, and unique holiday gifts. Shoppers will find a vast array of amazing high-quality gifts that are locally made. This fun and unique shopping experience can be enjoyed by the whole family. Admission is free and there is a holiday concert starting at noon. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind shopping experience on Sunday December 4th.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Ginger and Baker 2nd Annual Holiday Market	<p>Where: 359 Linden St., Fort Collins 80525 – Ginger and Baker</p> <p>When: December 18th, 9:00am-4:00pm</p> <p>What: Do your Holiday Shopping with Local Makers in all different categories!</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
The Upcycled Holiday	<p>Where: 5887 South Taft Hill Road Building D, Fort Collins 80526 – Garbage Education Center</p> <p>When: December 20th, 21st and 22nd 10:30am-1:00pm</p> <p>What: Bring the whole family for seasonal fun: create festive reindeer, Pinterest worthy Christmas trees, and memorable ornaments- all from reused and recycled materials! All items created will be a keepsake for you to take home. We look forward to celebrating a "more joy, less waste" holiday with you and your family at the Garbage Garage!</p> <p>Cost: Free Admission</p>
FRCC Chamber Choir "To Brighten Winters Sadness"	<p>Where: 4616 S Shields St., Fort Collins 80526 – Harmony Library</p> <p>When: December 2nd 7:00pm-7:45pm</p> <p>What: Please join the FRCC Chamber Choir, under the direction of Tessa Espinosa, for an evening of music from different times and places, meant to lift the spirit this winter season.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Gay for the Holidays	<p>Where: 201 Peterson St., Fort Collins 80524</p> <p>When: December 11th 3:00pm-4:00pm</p> <p>What: Holidays can be a stressful time for everyone, but they are often extra stressful for LGBTQIA+ people. For LGBTQIA+ folks, returning home for the holidays can mean being forced back into the closet, misgendered, and unable to be their authentic selves. We'll be creating a safe and supportive community environment at Old Town Library where Queer adults of all ages can meet, connect, talk through coping strategies, and express fears, stressors, and joys leading up to the holiday season.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>

Candy Cane Hunt	<p>Where: Poudre River Public Library District</p> <p>When: December 14th-December 24th</p> <p>What: Santa's elves have hidden 12 candy canes in the library. Find all 12 hidden candy canes and receive a surprise! See a staff member for your game sheet and pick up your surprise. All ages are welcome to play!</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Bite Sized Crafts	<p>Where: 2733 Council Tree Ave., Fort Collins 80525 – Council Tree Library</p> <p>When: December 9th and 16th, 3:30pm-5:00pm</p> <p>What: December 9th – Thaumatrope and exploring other optical illusions. December 16th – Yarn stars to hang as decorations or give as gifts.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>

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Ute Pass Kiwanis Breakfast with Santa	<p>Where: 210 E Midland Ave., Woodland Park 80863 – Ute Pass Cultural Center</p> <p>When: December 3rd, 8:00am-10:00pm</p> <p>What: Ute Pass Kiwanis is inviting you all to our annual Breakfast with Santa -Dec. 3rd, Saturday morning, 8 am to 11am. Please come and enjoy a pancake and sausage breakfast, a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, games, fun and more. The Kiwanis Service Leadership Clubs help make this event special. The K-Kids, Builders Club and Key Club students all come together with the Kiwanis members and community volunteers to give a jolly start to your holiday season! Everyone is welcome and everything is free! It is our gift to you! Hope to see you there!</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
Lighter Side of Christmas Parade	<p>Where: Downtown Woodland Park</p> <p>When: December 3rd, 6:00pm-7:00pm</p> <p>What: The annual Lighter Side of Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, December 3, 2022. Our theme this year, “May the Forest Be With You,” gives participants an opportunity to celebrate our wonderful backyard, the forest. Several anniversaries this year celebrate the forest including the 80th anniversary of Bambi and the 30th anniversary of Fern Gully. Even more float ideas can grow from the variety of ecosystems in the Stars Wars movies as it celebrates 45 years in a galaxy far, far, away.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>