

# November

## Japanese Garden Fall Festival



### **Date/Time**

November 01, 2025 to November 02, 2025 9AM until 5PM

### **Location**

Japanese Garden at Fort Worth Botanic Garden [View map](#)  
3220 Botanic Garden Blvd. Fort Worth, TX, 76107

### **Additional Information**

- **Website:** <https://fwbg.org/>
- **Line/Box Office Phone:** Fort Worth Botanic Garden: 817/463-4160; Botanical Research Institute of Texas: 817/332-4441
- **Cost:** In advance: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors; \$6 children 6-15; under 6 free. Day-of: \$15 adults; \$13 seniors; \$9 children; under 6 free. Free for FWBG|BRIT members.
- **Ages:** All ages

### **Description**

Visitors are invited to celebrate the vibrant colors of fall in the Japanese Garden while exploring the arts and culture of Japan during the Fall Japanese Festival on November. This year marks the 51st anniversary of the Japanese Garden's opening in 1973. Stay tuned for more details about the 2025 festival as they are announced.

2024 cultural activities, included:

- Demonstrations:** Witness traditional Japanese arts and crafts, such as calligraphy, origami, and tea ceremonies.
- Performances:** Enjoy captivating cultural performances, including Japanese dance and music.
- Workshops:** Participate in hands-on workshops and learn new skills.
- Children's storytime at 10:30am at the [Shelter House](#), located at the top of the Rose Garden. Note too that lots of the live performances will take place at the Horseshoe Garden, nearby the Japanese Garden. [Click here](#) for a full schedule of events and a map of the garden.

### **About the Japanese Garden**

The Fort Worth Japanese Garden, completed in 1973, is a traditional strolling garden with winding paths through the landscapes and around ponds. The garden consists of 7.5 acres filled with cherry trees, Japanese maples, magnolias, bamboo, bridges, and ponds filled with koi fish.

## Turkey Trails



### Date/Time

November 01, 2025 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM

### Location

Haltom City High School [View map](#)  
5501 Haltom Rd. Haltom City, TX 76137

### Additional Information

- **Website:**

<https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/HaltomCity/TurkeyTrailsDFW>

- **Line/Box Office Phone:** 760/669-6471

- **Cost:** Tickets from \$17

- **Ages:** All ages

### Description

Join the annual Turkey Trails 5K/10K, a fun, Thanksgiving-themed event for the whole family. (Also held in Dallas on November 15.) The fun includes: Great Swag - designer shirt & custom medal, chip-timing with live results and awards, free photos, delicious Treats waiting at the finish line, and plenty of fun. Held at the baseball field parking lot of Haltom City High School. Grab your friends and family, you are not going to want to miss this one. Can't make the race? No problem! With the virtual race option, you can run anywhere, at any time, and still earn the fun swag. Youth-based pricing for the 5k/10k, 12 & Under are only \$17. 5k/10k registration includes a custom bib, designer shirt, and an awesome finisher medal. 1 Mile registration is untimed and includes a custom bib, designer shirt, and an awesome finisher medal. The kid's dash is a fun, untimed dash for our kiddos ages 10 and under. Registration includes a mini bib, youth-sized shirt, and a specifically crafted medal for our kids' dash event! (If your child wants to run the kid's dash, and doesn't want the SWAG, they are welcome to run with us on race day for free.)

## Día de los Muertos en Fort Worth



### Date/Time

November 01, 2025 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM

### Location

Marine Park [View map](#)  
303 NW 20th Street Fort Worth, TX 76164

### Additional Information

- **Website:** <https://www.diadelosmuertosfortworth.org/>

- **Line/Box Office Phone:** Artes de la Rosa: 817/624-8333;  
ddlmfw@artesdelarosa.org

- **Cost:** Free admission

- **Ages:** All ages

### Description

Join [Artes de la Rosa](#) in celebrating the 22nd annual Dia de los Muertos en Fort Worth: Celebración de Vida, Arte y Cultura. The celebration parade and festival will take center stage on North Main Street, in the heart of the Historic Northside District of Fort Worth. The parade steps off at 10am from North Main Street and Central Avenue and head north towards Stockyards. Followed by the festival at Marine Park. The festival runs from noon to 5pm and lawn chairs are welcome. Families can expect food, visual artists, face painting, and live performances from mariachis, opera and ballet folklórico.



## Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk



### **Date/Time**

November 01, 2025 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM

### **Location**

Kelly Lawn at Texas Christian University [View map](#)  
2820 Stadium Drive Fort Worth, TX 76109

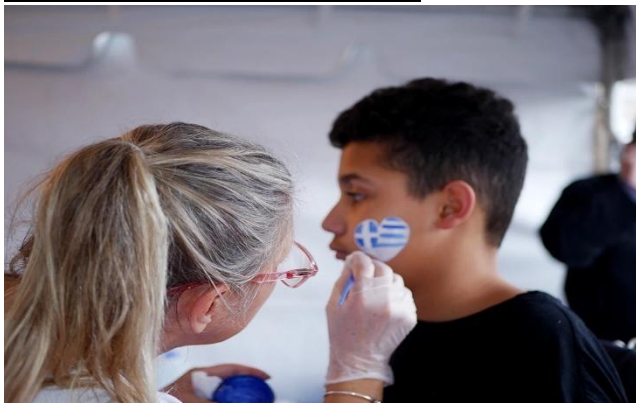
### **Additional Information**

- **Website:** <https://www.dspnt.org/step-up-for-down-syndrome>
- **Line/Box Office Phone:** DSPNT: 682/316-3121
- **Cost:** \$20 for adults; \$10 for children. Add an additional \$10 if you'd like an event shirt. Free admission for those with Down syndrome.
- **Ages:** All ages

### **Description**

The Step up for Down Syndrome Partnership of North Texas is partnering with the Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences Occupational Therapy Program (OTD) to bring its annual Step Up Walk to the Kelly Lawn on the campus of TCU, located outside the [Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center](#), at 2820 Stadium Drive, Fort Worth. (The nearest parking lot is lot 6, close to the Amon G. Carter Stadium.) They expect over 1,600 people to attend and help us raise money for programs that support the Down syndrome community. The Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk is the biggest fundraising event for The Down Syndrome Partnership of North Texas, supporting educational programs, social opportunities and advocacy.

## Fort Worth Greek Festival



### **Date/Time**

November 07, 2025 to November 09, 2025

### **Location**

St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church [View map](#)  
2020 NW 21st Street Fort Worth, TX 76164

### **Additional Information**

- **Website:** <https://www.fortworthgreekfestival.com/>
- **Line/Box Office Phone:** 817/626-5578
- **Cost:** Free admission and parking
- **Ages:** All ages

### **Description**

Experience the sights, sounds, and smells of Greece at the 57<sup>th</sup> annual Fort Worth Greek Festival. Every second weekend of November, enjoy authentic food, pastries, music, traditional dancing, and tours of the beautiful St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Enjoy a Family-friendly environment with free entry for all. Join the festival from November 7 to 9 for a celebration of culture, community, and festivities. Kids activities include face painting, snow cones from the Kona Ice Truck (on Saturday & Sunday). There will also be a booth selling plushies, and opportunities for children (and all ages!) to get up on stage between performances and learn Greek dance.

### **Schedule:**

Friday, November 7, 10am-10pm

Saturday, November 8, 10am-10pm

Sunday, November 9, 11am-3pm

## Tianyu Lights Festival



### **Date/Time**

November 07, 2025 to January 18, 2026 6PM until 10PM

### **Location**

Texas Trust CU Theatre Grounds [View map](#)

1150 Pollock Pl. Grand Prairie, TX 75050

### **Additional Information**

• **Website:** <https://tianyuculture.us/dallas/>

• **Line/Box Office Phone:** 888/484-2698

• **Cost:** Tickets from \$16

• **Ages:** All ages

### **Description**

Tianyu Arts & Culture, Inc.—the leading producer of larger-than-life lantern festivals in North America and the trailblazers who introduced authentic Chinese lantern traditions to the U.S. and Europe—will return this winter to the festival grounds of Texas Trust CU Theatre, located at [1150 Pollock Pl, Grand Prairie, Texas](#). Back by popular demand for a second holiday season in North Texas, the Tianyu Lights Festival will transform the festival grounds of Texas Trust CU Theatre into a glowing wonderland of art, culture, and family fun. Visitors can explore two dazzling themed displays straight from 7-year-old boy, Koda's imagination. Starlit Farm captures the peaceful beauty of summer nights in the countryside, while Magic Ocean dives deep into an illuminated undersea world of reefs and dreamlike creatures. Each evening, live cultural performances add to the magic, featuring the dramatic mask-changing art of Face Changing (Bianlian), breathtaking acrobatics, and the graceful Peacock Dance. Shows are scheduled at 6:45pm, 7:50pm, and 9pm, weather permitting.

Guests are invited to shop, snack, and stroll through the festival grounds. The marketplace showcases handcrafted treasures like traditional Chinese lanterns and intricate inner-bottle paintings, while the food court offers hot drinks, sweet treats, and meals from both local and traveling vendors.

Families will especially enjoy the illuminated playground with interactive displays and photo-ready backdrops. New this year, kids can hop aboard glowing Magic Rides (available until 9pm for a separate fee).

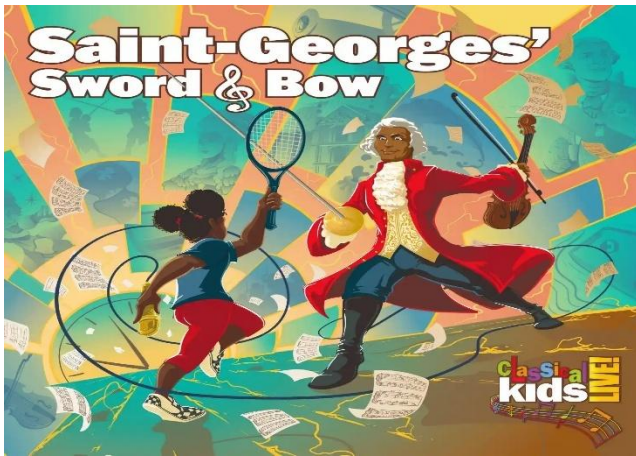
This year's festival features 19 immersive scenes with larger-than-life lantern sculptures crafted from metal, fabric, and LED lights by skilled artisans. With twinkling displays, rich cultural traditions, and activities for all ages, the Tianyu Lights Festival is sure to become a holiday tradition for neighbors and families across North Texas.

The Tianyu Lights Festival runs November 7, 2025, through January 18, 2026, open Tuesdays-Sundays from 6 to 10pm and will be shining bright through all the major winter holidays.

Tickets range from \$16 to \$35 and go on sale October 8. Visitors can take advantage of special discounts:

-Early Bird (Oct. 8- Nov.5): 15% off General Admission & Child Tickets

## Saint-Georges' Sword and Bow



### **Date/Time**

November 08, 2025 11:00 AM

### **Location**

Bass Performance Hall [View map](#)  
525 Commerce Street Fort Worth, TX 76102

### **Additional Information**

- **Website:** <https://fwsymphony.org/concerts-tickets/25-26-season/family-series>
- **Line/Box Office Phone:** 817/665-6000
- **Cost:** \$15
- **Ages:** All ages

### **Description**

**About *Saint-Georges' Sword and Bow*:** Hoping to become the next great pop sensation, a young girl discovers her music teacher was the biggest star in 18th century France. In this time-bending musical adventure, Giselle learns about life's triumphs and tragedies from the most accomplished man in Europe, the Chevalier Saint-Georges. The FWSO, conducted by Michelle Di Russo, brings to life a captivating story of passion, dreams, legacy, and hope. The story of *Saint-Georges' Sword & Bow* is centered on a rivalry as old as time: classical vs. contemporary. The 13-year-old Giselle is dead set on becoming a famous pop star, while her father insists that studying music theory is much more important. The supernatural arrival of Joseph Bologne, Le Chevalier de Saint-Georges, whisks Giselle back in time to learn about Bologne's personal and professional life. As she gets to know Joseph, his complicated story, and his incredible compositions, Giselle realizes that fame can turn on you in a minute, but true passion can last a lifetime.

## H-E-B's Feast of Sharing Holiday Dinner - Fort Worth



### **Date/Time**

November 12, 2025 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM

### **Location**

Dickies Arena [View map](#)  
1911 Montgomery St. Fort Worth, TX 76107

### **Additional Information**

- **Website:** <https://www.centralmarket.com/feastofsharing>
- **Cost:** Free
- **Ages:** All ages

### **Description**

H-E-B's Feast of Sharing dinner will return this holiday season to both Fort Worth and Dallas. The Fort Worth Feast of Sharing is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12 at Dickies Arena (on the lower level, southeast side of arena), and the [Dallas event](#) will be held on Thursday, November 20 at the Fair Park Centennial Building. Both events will feature a Texas-style holiday meal alongside a festive celebration complete with a kid's zone, live entertainment, health and family services, Santa greetings, and more. Meals are free and open to the public (first-come, first-served). The organizers are seeking 1,000 volunteers in each city to assist with serving meals, clearing tables, hosting, and supporting the kid's zone area during the four-hour events.



## ICE! Featuring Elf



### Date/Time

November 14, 2025 to January 04, 2026

### Location

Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center [View map](#)  
1501 Gaylord Trail Grapevine, TX 76051

### Additional Information

- **Website:** <http://christmasatgaylordtexan.com>
- **Line/Box Office Phone:** 817/778-1000
- **Cost:** ICE! tickets from \$34.32 for adults (12 and up) and from \$24.32 for children ages 4-11; children under 4 free. Pricing varies for other activities. Visit [christmasatgaylordtexan.marriott.com/offers](http://christmasatgaylordtexan.marriott.com/offers) for more details
- **Ages:** All ages

### Description

The beloved Christmas tradition, ICE!, returns to [Gaylord Texan Resort](#) this holiday season featuring, for the very first time, the holiday classic, Elf™. Visited by millions over the years, ICE! is a larger-than-life frozen showcase featuring more than two million pounds of hand-carved ice sculptures, meticulously crafted into vivid, floor-to-ceiling scenes from treasured Christmas classics.

This 17,500-square-foot walk-through spectacle is a dazzling display of artistry and imagination, transporting visitors of all ages into the season's most memorable stories. Tickets are now on sale. A fan-favorite at Gaylord Texan since 2005, ICE! creates a vibrant, icy walk-through winter wonderland filled with more than 10 immersive scenes, thrilling two-story ice slides, and awe-inspiring passageways. Kept at a frosty 9-degrees, the experience is made cozy with signature blue parkas and offers countless photo-worthy moments the entire family can enjoy.

ICE! is brought to life by forty master artisans from Harbin, China, home of the world-famous Harbin Ice Festival, who spend over a month sculpting these frozen masterpieces using more than 6,000 blocks of ice and a 300-page design book.

The ice exhibit is enhanced with vivid colors, LED lighting, and intricate detail that spotlight the carvers' generational craftsmanship. Since its debut, ICE! has been a cherished holiday tradition, inviting families nationwide to celebrate the season through artistry, storytelling, and unforgettable frozen fun. In addition to ICE!, Gaylord Texan will feature a robust lineup of classic and unique Christmas activities designed to check off every item on a holiday bucket list from exhilarating ice tubing adventures and interactive scavenger hunts to festive character dining and cherished photo ops with Santa himself.

### More magical Christmas events and activities will include:

- An original Cirque-style show, Cirque: Frost
- Ice tubing offering guests the thrill of racing down icy lanes.
- Snowball Build & Blast, where guests can dig into real snow and launch snowballs.
- Elf Training Academy, where kids can create a keepsake craft.
- Mrs. Claus' Christmas Traditions, a cozy storytelling and cookie-sharing experience.
- Holiday Atrium Light Shows featuring thousands of glowing lights synchronized to festive music.
- Ice Skating offering guests the chance to take a yuletide glide across real ice.
- Gingerbread Decorating allowing visitors to create delightful (and delicious) houses and cookies.

## **GM Financial Parade of Lights**



### **Date/Time**

November 23, 2025 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM

### **Location**

Downtown Fort Worth [View map](#)  
777 Taylor Street Fort Worth, TX 76102

### **Additional Information**

- **Website:** <http://www.fortworthparadeoflights.org>
- **Line/Box Office Phone:** 817/336-2787
- **Cost:** Free to attend. Reserved street seats from \$19.50
- **Ages:** All ages

### **Description**

The GM Financial Parade of Lights will brighten up the streets of Downtown Fort Worth for its 43rd year at 6pm on Sunday, November 23, marking the City of Fort Worth's official kickoff to the holiday season. This year's theme is Sparkle, Dazzle and Shine. While the parade is free and open to the public, attendees can get the most illuminating experience by purchasing reserved tickets, or "Street Seats," in advance.

**Arrive Early & Enjoy Pre-Parade Festivities:** Due to the numerous street closures and anticipated traffic delays, attendees are encouraged to arrive downtown early to enjoy festive holiday décor, music, shopping, dining, and other family-friendly activities.

**Parade Route:** The 2025 GM Financial Parade of Lights starts at 6:00 PM on Sunday, November 23, at the intersection of Weatherford and Throckmorton Streets. The parade will proceed east along Weatherford Street, turn south on Commerce to 9th Street. At 9th Street, the parade turns west, then past the Convention Center to Houston St., and north on Houston Street to 2nd St. The final turns for the parade are west on 2nd St. to Throckmorton Street, and south to 3rd St., where the parade ends.

**Parade History:** Year after year, North Texas-based nonprofit organizations, businesses, schools, art and cultural groups, and more have dazzled crowds with their expertly crafted floats, sparkling vintage cars, festive horse-drawn carriages, spirited marching bands, and carolers as they parade along the 1.59-mile route. Carrying on the long-standing tradition, this year's parade—which is the largest illuminated parade in the state of Texas—will conclude with a special appearance from Santa and Mrs. Claus on the specially designed, LED-lit, grand finale float.

Serve as the parade's Grand Marshal is Fort Worth's hometown MLB baseball team and reigning World Series champions, the Texas Rangers, who won the World Series in November 2023 after defeating the Arizona Diamondbacks in five games, achieving their first World Series championship in franchise history.

What began in 1983 with a crowd of only 25,000 spectators and 25 floats has grown to become Fort Worth's most beloved holiday tradition and Texas' largest illuminated holiday parade. Year-after-year, North Texas families gather to experience the lights on 100+ professionally designed floats, energetic marching bands, sparkling antique cars, precision equestrian units, festive horse-drawn carriages, and carolers spreading Christmas cheer along the 1.59-mile parade route. The night will conclude with Santa and Mrs. Claus appearing on the specially designed, LED-lit, grand finale float.

## Carol of Lights



### **Date/Time**

November 24, 2025

### **Location**

Grapevine City Hall [View map](#)

200 S. Main St. Grapevine, TX 76051

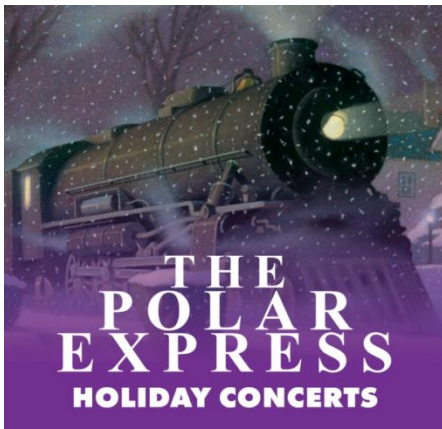
### **Additional Information**

- **Website:** <https://www.grapevinetexasusa.com/christmas-capital-of-texas/>
- **Line/Box Office Phone:** 817/410-3185
- **Cost:** Free admission
- **Ages:** All ages

### **Description**

On Monday, November 24, the 37th annual Carol of Lights in Grapevine marks the official kickoff to the destination's Christmas celebrations, transforming it into the Christmas Capital of Texas. Watch as Historic Main Street is lit up with dazzling Christmas lights. Enjoy live performances on several stages, family-friendly activities and food vendors. [Learn more here.](#) Mayor Tate will flip the switch during the tree lighting ceremony at Peace Plaza, illuminating the Christmas tree. Then stay to play in the [Peace Plaza Ice Rink.](#)

## Cliburn Family Concerts: The Polar Express



### **Date/Time**

November 29, 2025 to November 30, 2025

### **Location**

Fort Worth Stockyards Station - Stampede Room [View map](#)

140 E. Exchange Avenue Fort Worth, TX 76164

### **Additional Information**

- **Website:** <https://cliburn.org/concerts/cliburn-family-concerts>
- **Line/Box Office Phone:** Van Cliburn Foundation: 817/738-6536
- **Cost:** \$20 per person, or \$75 for a family of four
- **Ages:** All ages

### **Description**

All aboard the Polar Express! Celebrate the wonder and spirit of the holidays with the Van Cliburn Foundation as you travel to the North Pole to visit Santa's home at the [Stockyards' Stampede Room.](#) This one-of-a-kind show features dynamic narration and illustrations from Chris Van Allsburg's beloved classic book, *The Polar Express*, with accompanying, hopeful musical interludes and a few surprises. It's a new holiday tradition in the heart of the Fort Worth Stockyards, where your family can also enjoy the ice rink, photos with Cowboy Santa, the world-famous Herd, and many other festivities.