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# Holidays in Hamilton County, Indiana

## **Stonycreek Farm Country Christmas**

Through December 20, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily

Continue a family tradition and take a hayride to the <u>Stonycreek Farm</u> field to choose and cut your own Christmas Tree. You will also find a wide selection of freshly cut trees, fresh wreaths and garland at the greenhouse.

## Gingerbread Village

December 1 to 31; Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tempt your taste buds as you stroll through a wonderland of gingerbread creations in all shapes and sizes at <u>Conner Prairie</u>. Visit the Science Lab for some gingerbread-themed experiments.

## **Good Things Come in Small Packages**

Open House, Friday, December 2, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Regular Hours, Thursdays – Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come visit and see art that represents "Good Things Come in Small Packages" at the Hamilton County Artists Association's <u>Birdie Gallery</u>. Meet the artist on December 2.

## **Dinner with Santa**

December 2-3, 9-10, 16-17; 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Enjoy a delicious dinner and a visit with Santa at <u>Conner Prairie</u>. Reservations required.

## **1836 Outdoor Adventure**

Saturdays, December 3, 10 and 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The residents of 1836 Prairietown at <u>Conner Prairie</u> need your help decorating for the holidays. Visit the Campbell home for a holiday party and enjoy the sights from a horse-drawn wagon ride (additional cost).

### **Conner Prairie by Candlelight**

Weekends in December, staggered tour times between 5:30 – 9 p.m. Visit different homes in 1836 Prairietown at <u>Conner Prairie</u> on this family-friendly, 60-minute guided tour. Join the Ullman's Hanukkah celebration and meet the German Pennsylvania Santa Claus. Chat and joke with the Rowdies around the bonfire and join in the dancing, singing and good conversation at the Campell family holiday party.

### **Holiday Farmers Market**

December 3, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Come enjoy a festive market at the Exhibition Hall at the 4H Fairgrounds with all the craft & food vendors from the <u>Noblesville Farmers Market</u> – just in time for Christmas!

## **Victorian Family Holiday Celebration**

December 3, 2 to 4 p.m.

Ambassador Addison and Mrs. India Harris invite you to celebrate the holiday season at <u>The Historic Ambassador House & Heritage Gardens</u>. Enjoy storytime in the Peppermint Parlor, traditional crafts to make and take, and games from the Guilded Age. Dickens Carolers & characters will entertain, and there will be a special visit from St. Nick himself. Reservations required.

## Holiday in the Arts District

#### December 10, 2 to 6 p.m.

Experience the wonder of the holidays in the <u>Carmel Arts & Design District</u> with elves and reindeer, strolling carolers from the Midwest School of Music, carriage rides, a visit from Santa and Mrs Claus, special activities and more! The Museum of Miniature Houses will be hosting their annual Candlelight Tour from 5 – 8 p.m. The third annual Art of Gingerbread Scavenger Hunt begins on December 3 and continue until December 23.

## Holiday shows at The Center for the Performing Arts

- Holiday Memories at the Palladium, December 2, 7:30 p.m.
- Chanticleer at the Palladium, December 4, 7 p.m.
- A Christmas Carol at The Studio Theater, December 8 18, various dates and times
- Holidays with Angela!, Angela Brown and the Carmel Symphony perform at the Palladium, December 10, 3 and 7:30 p.m.
- Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka at The Tarkington, December 16 January 7, various dates and times

## Lunch with Santa

### December 17, 1 p.m.

<u>The Mansion at Oak Hill</u> will host Santa Claus for a special day of holiday fun including singa-longs, pictures with Santa and a full buffet. Reservations required.

### Holly Jolly Jamboree

### December 18; 1:30 p.m.

Come be merry with at Cool Creek Nature Center as we welcome Mrs. Claus and the Jolly Old Elf himself, Santa Claus. The Claus' will be available for pictures throughout the event. From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Jingle John of Silly Safaris will be presenting his Animals of the North Pole program which will include several animals that like the cold weather, including a reindeer.

### Race to the New Year

December 31, Registration opens at 8:15 a.m., Race at 9:30 a.m.

Start your New Year's resolution to get in shape at <u>Cool Creek Park</u>! The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with Washington Township Parks and Recreation and Westfield Parks and Recreation for this 5th Annual 5K walk and run. Awards will be given in seven ages groups.

### **Not Your Usual Holiday Gift**

• Feather hair extensions are being replaced this season with tinsel extensions and hair jewels, according to <u>Chateau Bijou Salon and Spa</u>.

- <u>Gallery 116</u> in Fishers has added the Rednek Wine Glass, a ball jar wine glass complete with a screw-on lid, to its inventory. Enjoy wine to white lightning in these extra classy glasses.
- The fall/winter collection of candles and skin care at <u>Herbal Arts</u> includes Reindeer Poop. Don't worry, it's really is made from holiday pine scents.

For a complete list of activities and events, visit <u>www.8greattowns.com</u>.

The Hamilton County Convention and Visitors Bureau promotes tourism growth through strategic marketing, hospitality and community development initiatives. It has welcome centers in Carmel, Fishers, and Noblesville.

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