



San Francisco Holiday Family Fun 2011

All Events are **FREE** Unless Indicated

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Nutcracker Mania!

December 3 & 4

Westlake School for Performing Arts's Nutcracker, 2pm, \$25-\$30, Palace of Fine Arts Theatre, 3301 Lyon, (650) 757-1244. wspadance.com

December 10 & 11

Dance-Along Nutcracker at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, \$16-\$25, 701 Mission St. 978-ARTS, sflgfb.org
City Ballet Nutcracker at Fort Mason, 2pm and 7pm, \$25, Cowell Theatre, Fort Mason Center. 345-7575. Cityballetschool.org

December 9-27

San Francisco Ballet's Nutcracker, \$20-\$159, War Memorial Opera House, 301 Van Ness Avenue, 865-2000, sfballet.org

November 25-December 24

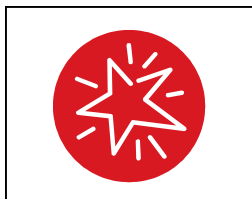
Christmas Ballet, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 701 Mission St., \$20-\$59, 978-ARTS, smuinballet.org

Looking for Holiday Teas?

Check our calendar for a list of holiday festivities.

Give a little extra this holiday season and volunteer in the community. SFkids.org offers a variety of family volunteer ideas. resources on our Parent Resources Page.

Register for our newsletter & like us on Facebook to get our Winter Break Fun flyer and exclusive updates!



Lights, Candles, and Family Fun

November Festivities

18: Snowflakes on Market, lighting ceremony at Powell & Market Streets at the cable car turnaround, 6:30pm. marketstreetassociation.org

18: Embarcadero Center Holiday Lighting. Front and Embarcadero Streets, 6pm. embarcaderocenter.com

20: Pier 39 Holiday Tree Lighting, Beach Street at Embarcadero, 1pm-6pm. pier39.com

25: Ghirardelli Square Tree Lighting, 900 North Point Street. 2-6pm. ghirardellisq.com

25: Macy's Tree Lighting and Holiday Show at Union Square, Geary at Stockton St., 6:30pm, unionsqureshop.com

28: Castro Street Tree Lighting Ceremony and Performance, Bank of America Plaza, 18th St. at Castro. 6pm.

28: Huntington Park Tree Lighting, 1075 California St., 474-5400, 5:30pm

29: 555 California Holiday Tree Lighting, 4:30pm, (925) 930-9848.

29: Ritz-Carlton Tree Lighting, 600 Stockton St., 7pm.

December Festivities

1: A Christmas Carol, Main Library, Second Floor, Fisher Children's Center, 10:30 am.

2: San Francisco Recreation and Parks Holiday Tree Lighting at McLaren Lodge, Stanyan and Fell Streets., 5:30pm.

2: Presidio Tree Lighting, (date to be confirmed), corner of Lincoln Blvd and Funston at the Main Post, 5:30pm. presidio.gov

3: Union Street Fantasy of Lights, Union Street between Van Ness and Steiner. Santa and activities 3-7pm. unionstreetsf.com

3: Oakland Holiday Parade, Broadway at 11th Street, Oakland, 2pm. Oaklandholidayparade.com

9: Posarela at Community Music Center. The play is followed by the breaking of a piñata and refreshments, 544 Capp St. 7pm, sfcmc.org.

10: Cable Car Carolers at Union Square, Powell Street at Geary, 6:30pm

10: Pier 39 Christmas Concert, Beach at Embarcadero, 11:30am. Pier39.com

10: Parol Lantern Festival and Parade, Yerba Buena Lane, 3-8 pm. bayanihancec.org

16: Holiday Lights Boat Parade, Fisherman's Wharf, 6pm. (Many boats will be lit up through early January.) fishermanswharf.com

20-28: Menorah Lighting in Union Square, Powell and Post Sts., 433-4350

22: Holiday Sing-Along at Excelsior Branch Library, 4400 Mission Street, 4:30pm, sfpl.org

25: Contemporary Jewish Museum's Annual Free Family Day, 11am- 3pm, theccjm.org

26: Annual Kwanzaa Celebration, Bay Area Discovery Museum. 11am-1pm, Badm.org
557 McReynolds Road, Sausalito. 100 Larkin Street (at Grove), ages 8 and up
RSVP 557-4549

Visit Santa:

- Stonestown Galleria
- Macy's Union Square
- Westfield San Francisco
- Serramonte Center
- The Shops at Tanforan

Holiday Ice Skating

Embarcadero Center, Front and Embarcadero.
November 9- January 8
Open 10am-10pm, Sunday - Thursday; 10am-11:30pm, Friday and Saturday.
\$6 children 12 and under, \$9.50 adults, \$3.50 skate rental. 837-1931. embarcaderocenter.com

Holiday Ice Rink in Union Square, Geary and Powell.
November 9- January 16
\$10 adults, \$6 children 8 and younger. \$4 skate rental. Add .50 for Friday -Sunday after 6pm, Sundays-Thursday 10am-10pm, Friday/Sat. 10am-11:30pm. 781-2688. unionsquareicerink.com

Yerba Buena Ice Skating Center, 750 Folsom Street.
Open year round with special winter break sessions. Special family nights on Wednesday nights. \$9.25-\$11/includes skates, 820-3532.
Dec. 9 & 10- Holiday Ice Show, 7pm. \$10-\$20 skatebowl.com,

MORE HOLIDAY EVENTS

November 23-January 2

Reindeer Romp at California Academy of Sciences, Music Concourse in GGP, see live reindeer daily at 12:30pm at the Academy. Free with paid museum admission. Calacademy.org

November 18—April 8

Playland at the Conservatory of Flowers, JFK Drive, GGP, replicas of San Francisco's most famous places are set amongst miniature gardens and parks to create a magical setting for this holiday attraction. 9am—4:30pm \$1.50 - \$5; children 4 and under free, 666-7001. conservatoryofflowers.org

November 25-December 11

The Velveteen Rabbit Presented by ODC at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

Special shows this year include:

- Studio to Stage, Nov. 19, 4—5:30pm. The whole family can learn the dances. \$20, includes admission to workshop and a ticket to the show.
- Milk & Cookies Party, Nov. 27, 3:30pm Tickets sold separately.
\$15-\$45, 863-9830. odcdance.com

November 24

Indigenous People Sunrise Gathering on Alcatraz Island, Pier 33, \$14—advance tickets required. Boats start at 4:45am. alcatraz-cruises.com/website/sunrise-gathering.aspx

Daily in December except Tuesdays

Christmas with Walt Disney at Walt Disney Family Museum, 104 Montgomery St., The Presidio. Holiday film screening., “*Nutcracker Suite*” and other holiday film clips and rarely seen behind the scenes clips. Through January 4. 345-6800, \$12.50—\$20. WaltDisney.com

December 4

Deck the Hall Sing Along

Festive party at Davies Symphony Hall. \$34, 503-5500. SFSymphony.org/holiday

December 9

Community Music Center Posarela

544 Capp Street. A traditional Mexican celebration and holiday play commemorating Mary and Joseph’s journey in search of “posada” (shelter). Carols sung in Spanish and English. The play is followed by breaking of a piñata and refreshments. 221-4515. sfcms.org

December 9

Tree Frog Treks Cookie Exchange, 2114 Hayes Street, 4pm, treefrogtreks.com

December 10

Christmas Live at Pier 39, Beach Street at Embarcadero. Live music and family entertainment at 11:30am. Stick around and enjoy the Pier 39 holiday tree. Pier39.com

December 10

Nutcracker Workshop at Main Library, 100 Larkin Street, 10:30 & 11:30, Dance workshop includes 4 free tickets to a performance by SF Ballet. Pre-registration required. (415) 557-4554, sfpl.org

December 10 & 11

Annual Holiday Ice Show, “Ice Adventures” Yerba Buena Ice Center, 750 Folsom St. 820-3521. Tickers \$10-\$25. skatebowl.com

December 18

Support For Families of Children With Disabilities Ice Skating Party, Yerba Buena Ice Center, RSVP required, 920-5040. \$10 donation

December 25

Contemporary Jewish Museum’s Annual Free Family Day 11am—3pm. Family activities, storytelling and entertainment. thecjm.org

December 17, 26-30

Holiday Animation Film Festival at the Exploratorium at noon. \$9-14. exploratorium.edu

Events are free unless otherwise indicated on listings.



HOLIDAY STORIES AND CRAFTS

December 1

A Christmas Carol at the Main Library

English actor Martin Harris plays Charles Dickens in a dramatic reading of an abridged version of the beloved story. For ages 8 and older. 10:30-11:30am. Main Library, Second Floor, Fisher Children’s Center, 100 Larkin Street at Grove. Sfpl.org

December 2

Jingle in the Jungle at Presidio Branch

Library, 3150 Sacramento Street, 4:30pm. Enjoy a special holiday puppet show with Joe and his animal friends at the library. Sfpl.org

December 3

Holiday Crafts Day at the Randall Museum

Don't just shop for gifts this holiday season, make presents for people on your list! Piñata and refreshments. 647-6015. 10am—3pm, Free admission; craft fees vary. 199 Museum Way, 554-9600. randallmuseum.org

December 10

Frosting the Conservatory at the Conservatory of Flowers in GGP, JFK Drive, 11am-3pm, \$10 plus regular admission. Conservatoryofflowers.org

December 10

Holiday Cardmaking Family Workshop, create a handmade edition of greeting cards. Ages 3 and up. San Francisco Children’s Art Center \$30/parent & child, 771-0209. childrensartcenter.org

November 26– December 18

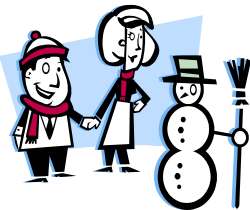
Gingerbread Architecture Extravaganza, Bay Area Discovery Museum in Sausalito. Sat.—Sun. (daily Dec. 19-23). \$30 per kit, 339-3900. baykidsmuseum.org

December 15

Felt Ornament Making at Ocean View Branch Library, 345 Randolph Street, 3pm. Get crafty at the library and take home something special to decorate your own house. Sfpl.org

December 20

Gingerbread Crafts at Western Addition Branch Library, 1550 Scott Street, 4pm. Make and take a tasty holiday craft. Sfpl.org



*May all your wishes
come true from*



NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATIONS

December 31

Japanese New Year Bell-Ringing at the Asian Art Museum, 200 Larkin Street.

Show up at 10am and get your ticket to participate in this annual tradition of ringing in the New Year. Bell-ringing begins at 11am; tickets handed out at 10am. asianart.org

Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos Noon Years Eve Party. 10am-1pm. Free with admission. Hiller.org

New Year’s Eve Firework celebration over the Bay. View from The Embarcadero Waterfront at midnight.

Need Winter Break Ideas?

If you are looking for something to do, a Winter Camp, or a special adventure be sure to check out SFkids.org Activity and Adventure pages.