

Countywide Holiday Events 2010



November 18 through January 9, 2010

Ice Skating at Horton Square, Downtown - Cost: Children - \$12, Adults - \$14. When you're done shopping at Horton Plaza, head next door to the ice skating rink at Horton Square! www.sdice.com/horton

November 20 through December 26

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Old Globe, Downtown - Cost: \$20-\$54. One of America's favorite holiday fables, back for its 12th joyous year. A wonderful, whimsical production that jumps right off the pages of the classic Dr. Seuss book. www.oldglobe.org

November 20 through January 2, 2010

Ice Skating at SeaWorld - Cost: 1 hour rentals \$5-10, all day rentals \$10-20. Lace up a pair of skates and glide beneath SeaWorld's holiday tree. www.seaworldsandiego.com

November 24 through January 2, 2010

Outdoor Ice Skating, Hotel Del Coronado - Cost: 3-hour sessions, \$20 adults / \$15 kids 10 and under; 2-hour matinee sessions, \$15 adults / \$10 kids 10 and under; Skate rentals \$5. Outdoor ice skating overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Skating sessions offered daily. www.hoteldel.com

December 1-23

Art of the Holiday, Fallbrook - Holiday art offerings by California artists and artisans. Hours: Mon-Thurs 10-4, Fri-Sat 10-7, Sun 11-3. 760-728-1414, www.fallbrookart.org

November 26 through December 31

It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play, Cygnet Theatre, College/SDSU - Cost: \$24-\$49. A holiday tradition to share with the whole family. See what brings audiences to tears of joy and cheering on their feet! www.cygnettheatre.com

November 25 through January 2, 2010

Holiday of Lights, Del Mar Fairgrounds - Cost: \$14/car, up to 5 people; \$19/vehicle, 6+ people. Largest animated drive-through light show on the west coast. Hours: Sun-Thurs 5:30-10:00pm, Fri & Sat 5:30-11pm. 858-755-1161, www.sdfair.com/holidayoflights

November 26-28, December 4-12, & 18-31

SeaWorld's Holiday Celebration, Mission Bay - Cost: Included with park admission. The park is transformed into a special wonderland, with Santa's Cottage, Shamu's Holiday show, Clyde & Seymour's Night Before Christmas, carolers, holiday animals, and the Polar Express 4-D. www.seaworld.com

November 28

Fallbrook Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony (4pm) - Tree lighting on the Village Square. www.fallbrook.org

November 29

Legoland Tree Lighting Ceremony (5:30pm), Carlsbad - Cost: included with park admission. It's a tree you have to see to believe! More than 245,000 forest green DUPLO bricks create a 30-foot tall holiday tree. www.legoland.com

December 1-31

LEGOLAND Holly Jolly Holidays, Carlsbad - Holiday festivities include a life-sized LEGO® brick Santa and Reindeer, miniature Santas and reindeer delivering toys throughout Miniland USA and "Let it Snow" the musical. On weekends from December 4 to the 12 and daily from December 18 to the 24. 760-918-5346, www.legoland.com

December 1

Holiday Festival...A Family Celebration (4-7pm), Hotel Del Coronado - A special event for the whole family! In addition to the outdoor ice rink, kids can visit with St. Nick and his elves at Santa's Village and enjoy holiday booths with games and prizes. www.hoteldel.com

December 3

Alpine Village Christmas Parade of Lights (6:30-8pm) - Anyone lighted entry, including costumes, bikes, small trucks, golf carts, lawn tractors, etc. can participate in the parade. Immediately following the Parade, Santa and his helpers will light the community Christmas Tree and everyone is invited to join in a community sing-a-long and snow mountain. 619-445-2722, www.AlpineChamber.com

35th Annual Coronado Christmas Parade, Open House & Snow Mountain - Santa sails into the Ferry Landing and leads the festive parade along Orange Avenue, then lights the 75-foot star pine in Coronado's center. www.coronadochamber.com

December 3-4

29th Annual Christmas Tree Lane Fundraiser, Rancho Bernardo Inn - Win beautifully decorated Christmas trees, complete with gifts. 866-SDYOUTH, www.sdyouth.org

December Nights, Balboa Park - Cost: Free. This beloved San Diego event features sparkling lights, color and music with traditional celebrations. www.balboapark.org

December 3-5

How Do You Spell Chanukah??, North Coast Repertory, Solana Beach - A unique evening of fun, music and story telling. 858-481-1055 www.northcoastrep.org

December 4

Encinitas Holiday Parade (5pm) - Tree lighting ceremony in the Lumberyard, parade along Coast Highway. This year's parade will celebrate all things environmental! 760-633-2740, www.ci.encinitas.ca.us

Vista Christmas Parade and Village Fest (1pm) - Parade, marching bands, floats, and a WWII aerial flyover. 760-726-1122, www.vistachamber.org

Lakeside's Spirit of Christmas (1-8pm) - Tree lighting at 5:30. www.lakesideca.com

Starlight Parade, Chula Vista - The largest nighttime parade in the South County! Carolers, delightfully decorated floats, local school marching bands, and, of course, Santa Claus! www.thirdavenuevillage.com

December 4, 11 & 18

Victorian Caroling & Living Nativity, Julian - Every Saturday until Christmas: Caroling 4-6pm, Living Nativity, 5:30 pm. www.julianca.com

Holiday Events in Escondido, California Center for the Arts and Downtown Escondido - Special holiday activities each Saturday, including complimentary horse-drawn carriage rides, photos with Santa and holiday festivities. www.artcenter.org or www.downtownescondido.com

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December 4-5, 12, 18-19

Holiday Activities, Del Mar Plaza - Sip hot chocolate, enjoy ice cream, visit with Santa and more. www.delmarplaza.com

December 5

La Jolla Christmas Parade & Festival (9-5)- Marching bands, floats, holiday crafts. www.ljparade.com

Vista Holiday Home Tour Fundraiser (10-4) - \$20/adv, \$25 day of event. Four homes plus the Rancho Buena Vista Adobe, all professionally decorated for the holidays. Tickets: 760-631-5000 x1139 or www.vistacommunityclinic.org

Del Mar Holiday Wonderland (1-5pm) - Activities encompass downtown area. www.delmarmainstreet.com

Pups on Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony, Carlsbad - Dogs decked out in their best holiday attire march down the street with Santa! Cider and cookies, storytelling, crafts and a tree lighting ceremony. www.visitcarlsbad.com

December 8

Cajon Classic Cruise Parade of Lights (5-8 pm), Downtown El Cajon - Decorated car parade. www.downtownelcajon.com

December 9-30 (5-9pm)

Garden of Lights, San Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas - Cost: \$6-10; children 3-12 \$3. Additional fees for some activities. 90,000 sparkling lights, horse-drawn wagon rides, holiday crafts, marshmallow roasting, Santa, live music, refreshments. 760-436-3036, www.sdbgarden.org

December 10-11

Christmas in the Village, La Mesa - The Village is transformed into a Victorian Wonderland, perfect for holiday gift giving! www.lmvma.com

December 11

Escondido Annual Christmas Parade (9:30am) - Bands, floats and youth groups. www.escondidojaycees.org

Christmas in the Park, (4:30-8:30) Poway - One-of-a-kind, old-fashioned holiday traditions. Live music, food, treats, crafts, Santa. 858-668-4575, www.ci.poway.ca.us

Breakfast with Santal, Pine Hills Lodge, Julian - Enjoy an old fashioned Christmas Brunch and have your photo taken with Santa in front of the big stone fireplace. Reservations required. www.pinehillslodge.com, 760-765-1100

Fiesta Navidad, Old Town - Embrace the holidays of yesteryear with live action performances, caroling around the fires, music, dancing and tours, and special holiday treats. www.oldtownsandiegoguide.com

December 11 through January 2, 2010

Jungle Bells, San Diego Zoo, Balboa Park - Cost: Free with admission. www.sandiegozoo.org

December 12

Gaslamp Holiday Pet Parade (1-5pm) - Pets dressed in their holiday finest will parade through the Gaslamp Quarter. www.gaslamp.org

December 12 & 19

38th Annual Port of San Diego Boat Parade of Lights (5:30-9pm) - Cost: Free Viewing! Dazzling parade of lighted boats on San Diego Bay. www.sdparadeoflights.org

December 14 (6-9pm)

Christmas at the Mission, Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside - Cost: Carolers, food, drinks and decorations. 760-757-3651 x146, www.sanluisrey.org

December 16-19

Mistletoe, Music & Mayhem!, North Coast Repertory, Solana Beach - Musical comedy adventure that transcends the holidays. 858-481-1055 www.northcoastrep.org

December 18

Mission Bay Christmas Boat Parade of Lights - Free. Boats decorated for the holiday season sail around Mission Bay. www.missionbayparadeoflights.org

December 18-19

Breakfast With Santa (9-10:30am), Harbor House Restaurant, Embarcadero - \$25. Santa makes an appearance, in his traditional garb, for photos. www.seaportvillage.com

December 20-21

An Unscripted Carol, North Coast Repertory, Solana Beach - An improvisational telling of the Christmas classic. Never the same show twice! 858-481-1055 www.northcoastrep.org

December 22-24

Sister's Christmas Catechism, North Coast Repertory, Solana Beach - Sister delivers a sleigh full of laughs as she attempts to answer the age-old question - Whatever happened to the Magi's gold? 858-481-1055 www.northcoastrep.org

December 23 (5pm kickoff)

SDCCU Poinsettia Bowl, Qualcomm Stadium, Mission Valley - Cost: \$28-\$50. Match-up: Mountain West Conference vs. Navy. www.poinsettiaowl.net

December 29 (10am)

Port of San Diego Big Bay Balloon Parade - Cost: Free street side viewing, \$15 grandstand tickets. Move over Macy's, because this is "America's Largest Balloon Parade!" www.portofsandiego.org

December 30 (5pm kickoff)

Pacific Life Holiday Bowl, Qualcomm Stadium, Mission Valley - Cost: \$60-\$85. Match-up: PAC-10 vs. BIG 12. www.holidaybowl.com

December 31

Kids' New Year's Eve Party (3-6), Legoland, Carlsbad - The party kicks off with entertainment and ends with fireworks. 760-916-LEGO, www.legoland.com

Big Night San Diego (9pm-2am) 21+ only, Hilton Bayfront, Downtown - Tickets: \$110-170 per person all inclusive. Big Night features 12 themed party areas: Mardi Gras Ballroom & Stage, Vegas Casino Lounge, 91X Stage & Ballroom, Retro Ballroom (Best of 70's, 80's & 90's dance tunes), Electronica Club Ballroom, Hip Hop Club Room, and Guitar Hero plus VIP Lounges & VIP Club Zones. www.bignightsandiego.com

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