

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

★ **Christmas at Biltmore**—Christmastime at Biltmore is a memory in the making. Each room in the house is decorated beautifully as they would have in the late 1800's with dozens of trees, hundreds of wreaths, bows, poinsettias and a magnificent 35 foot tree in Grand Banquet Hall. Inquire about the Candlelight Christmas at Biltmore as well.

★ Where: Biltmore Estate

★ When: November 6 through January 3

★ Cost: ticket to the estate (\$55 at Brookstone Lodge for 2 day pass)

★ **The Polar Express** – The Polar Express comes to life when the train departs Bryson city for a journey to our North pole. Read along with the magical story and meet Santa. Enjoy holiday caroling, hot cocoa, a special treat and a memento for the children. Daily departure times vary. Ticket price includes admission to the Smoky Mountain Trains Museum! www.gsmr.com or 1-800-872-4681

★ Where: Great Smoky Mountain Railroad, Bryson City (approx 1 hour west of Asheville)

★ When: November 6 through December 23

★ Cost: \$38 to \$57 per adult / \$26 to \$40 per child ages 2-12

★ **Grossology at The Health Adventure** – The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body, is a science-in-disguise exhibition where kids get the answers to many of the slimy, oozy, crusty, stinky questions they absolutely love to ask about the human body. www.thehealthadventure.org

★ Where: The Health Adventure

★ When: Through January 3

★ Cost: 8.50 for adults / \$7.50 for students (12 & up) & seniors /\$6 for children (2 -11) /

★ Children under 2 are always FREE! (see Brookstone Lodge for tickets)

★ **National Gingerbread Competition and Display at Grove Park Inn**—Contestants from across the country will bring their culinary masterpieces to The Grove Park Inn this holiday season. Enjoy these wonderful creations. "Stories of Gingerbread" Guided Tours gives a behind the scenes to the world of gingerbread. Guides will share stories about the artists and their houses, details about the construction of unusual entries, and a behind-the-scenes look at the workings of the judging, competition and display itself. www.groveparkinn.com

★ Where: Grove Park Inn

★ When: November 16 through January 3

★ Cost: free / Behind the Scenes Tour \$10 adults/\$5 children (reservations required)

★ **Winter Wonderland at the Grove Arcade** – Enjoy viewing 35 gingerbread houses set in a winter wonderland setting. Grove Arcade is teaming up with Grove Park in to host some of these entries into the National Gingerbread Competition at GPI) . www.grovearcade.com

★ Where: Grove Arcade, 1 Page Avenue, Asheville

★ When: November 18 through January 3

★ 10:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Saturday

★ 12:00pm to 5:00pm on Sunday

★ Cost: Free

★ **It's a Wonderful Life: A Life Radio Play** – The NC Stage Company presents an adaptation of Frank Capra's Christmas Story. www.ncstage.org

★ Where: NC Stage Company

★ When: November 27 through December 20

★ Cost: \$20 for adults and \$8 for children 8 through 18



★ **Charles Dickens – A Christmas Carol** – The annual production by the Montford Park Players is a tradition for the entire family with period costuming and sets.

Where: Asheville Arts Center, 308 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville
When: December 3 through 13
Cost: Call 828-524-5146

★ **First Friday at Grove Arcade**—Enjoy live music by Chris Rhodes and enjoy food and beverages from Grove Arcade restaurants. www.grovecarade.com

Where: Grove Arcade, 1 Page Avenue, Asheville
When: December 4th – 5:00pm to 8:00pm
Cost: \$1 suggested donation

★ **Dillsboro Lights and Luminaries** – The town is transformed into a winter wonderland of lights, candles, laughter and song! 2500 luminaries light your way to shops and studios. Shopkeepers provide live music and serve holiday treats with hot cider and cocoa. Carolers sing and children visit with Santa at Town Hall.

★ www.visitdillsboro.org

Where: Dillsboro (about 1 hour west of Asheville)
When: December 4 and 5 and 11 and 12 – Beginning at Dusk
Cost: Free

★ **Biltmore Village Dickens Festival** – Historic Biltmore Village marks the season with 3 days of merriment and music. Through the weekend there will be musicians, singers, storytellers, carolers and entertainers performing on stage and on the streets. www.biltmorevillage.com

Where: Biltmore Village
When: December 4 through 6
Cost: Free

★ **Lake Julian Festival of Lights** – Drive through Lake Julian Park which is brightly lit with thousands of colored lights and more than 50 animated and stationary light displays.

Where: Lake Julian
When: December 4 through 20
Cost: \$5 per car/\$10 per van (proceeds go to the Buncombe County Special Olympics)

★ **Seasonal Sizzle Celebration** – Come and celebrate the season with evening fireworks in downtown Asheville. www.ashevilleseasonalsizzle.com

Where: Downtown Asheville
When: December 4, 12, 19 – 7:00pm to 8:00pm
Cost: Free

★ **Christmas on the Farm at Historic Johnson Farm** – Christmas on the Farm with house tours, bake sale, wagon ride, children’s crafts, live music, refreshments, and more. www.historicjohnsonfarm.org

Where: Historic Johnson Farm, Hendersonville
When: December 5
Cost: \$5 adult / \$ 3 students / free – children kindergarten and younger

★ **Santa on the Rock at Chimney Rock Park** – Santa practices on 315-ft. Chimney Rock before climbing down millions of much shorter chimneys all around the world on Christmas Eve. USA Today named Chimney Rock one of the top 10 places to catch up with Santa last year. www.chimneyrockpark.com

Where: Chimney Rock Park
When: December 5 and 12 between 11:00am to 2:00pm
Cost: Included with park admission (see Brookstone Lodge Front Desk for tickets)





★ **Major Bear's Holiday Party** – Grove Park Inn hosts a party for kids featuring ornament making, face painting, ★ games, refreshments, and more. Call 800-438-0050 ext. 7005 or 8045 for reservations. ★

★ Where: Grove Park Inn
★ When: December 6 – 2:00pm to 4:00pm
★ Cost: \$25 adult / \$22 children

★ **Christmas Candlelight Stroll** – Luminaries, carolers, carriage rides, refreshments, raffle, and Santa. ★

★ Where: Downtown Weaverville (north of Asheville) www.visitweaverville.com/candlelight
★ When: December 11 – 6:00pm to 9:00pm
★ Cost: Free

★ **Christmas at Vance Birthplace** – Take a candlelight tour of the Vance Birthplace and get a glimpse of how ★ Christmas was celebrated in the early 19th century in the southern Appalachian Mountains. ★

★ www.nchistoricsites.org/vance

★ Where: Vance Birthplace, Weaverville
★ When: December 13 – 4:00pm to 7:00pm
★ Cost: Free

★ **Asheville's Symphony Holiday Pops Concert** – The Asheville Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, as well as ★ Children's Chorus, perform. www.ashevillesymphony.org

★ Where: Thomas Wolfe Auditorium
★ When: December 19 at 8:00pm
★ Cost: ?

★ **Hops and Vines Tastings**–, Each week they have FREE beer tastings, many of which are local brews, every ★ Friday from 4-7pm, and FREE wine tastings every Saturday from 3-6pm.

★ Where: W. Asheville at 797 Haywood Road
★ When: Every Friday from 4-7pm (beer)
★ Every Saturday from 3-6pm (wine)
★ Cost: Free

★ ***** Brookstone Lodge has tried to relay accurate and reliable information to help you stay informed of ★ upcoming events, but please check with each place prior to visiting to verify times, dates, pricing, etc... .***** ★

