

DALLAS - FT. WORTH

Holiday Guide



**Events, Activities,
Camps, Gifts & More**

**North
Texas**
Kids **COM!**

See Holiday Lights

ADDISON

Holiday Lights Spectacular at Vitruvian Park
Vitruvian Park transforms into a magical Holiday wonderland weekends through January 1st.

ARLINGTON

Enchant Christmas
Explore the world's largest Christmas light maze and help Santa find eight gifts hidden by the mischievous Eddie the Elf in time for the Christmas delivery. Through December 30th. General & VIP admission.

Holiday in the Park - Six Flags Over Texas
See the park transformed into a winter wonderland with millions of twinkling lights, select days through December 30th.

Interlochen Lights
More 200 homeowners decorate their homes with lights and holiday-themed displays. December 14th through December 25th 7-11pm. Free drive through display. [MAP](#)

CEDAR HILL

Holiday on the Hill
Free family event and tree lighting December 6th from 6-8pm. Train rides, kids activities, live performances, photos w/Santa & snow hill slide.

CLEBURNE

Whistle Stop Christmas
Lighted Christmas parade on December 7th. Celebration after at Johnson Market Square with food & gift vendors and a special visit by Santa & Mrs. Claus. Throughout the holiday season, both of Cleburne's live theater groups will be present holiday plays.

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LONE STAR CIRCUS' FOREVER

BUY TICKETS

DEC. 28 - JAN. 1
ALL AGES

Your Family Arts Center
DALLAS CHILDREN'S THEATER

Jugglers, acrobats, clowns, & four-legged performers from around the world come together to create a parade of not-to-be forgotten moments for the entire family.



Deck the Paws

HOLIDAY PET EXPO

Don't miss this tail waggin' event you and your pet will fa-la-la-love!

DEC. 1-2, 2018 FAIR PARK

HOLIDAY SHOPPING
FOR PETS & ANIMAL LOVERS

PAW-TASTIC KIDS' ZONE

BEER & WINE GARDEN

FESTIVE FOODS

NORTH TEXAS' FIRST ART EXHIBIT FOR DOGS

SANTA'S VILLAGE
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UGLY SWEATER CONTEST
FOR HUMANS & THEIR PETS

MUSIC & HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

BENEFITS LOCAL NONPROFITS ARTISTS FOR ANIMALS, DFW PUP PATROL, AND OPERATION KINDNESS



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It's Flu season! "Flu-proof" with a few common sense tips.

As we head into flu season there are a few steps you can take to help keep the flu at bay.

1. Keep your surroundings clean; wipe surfaces and keep your cell phone clean. According to the CDC viruses can survive on a surface for up to 8 hours!
2. Wash your hands frequently and use a hand sanitizer. Remember the workplace and public spaces are a hotbed for germs. Wash your hands frequently!
3. Increase your intake of vitamins D, C, E and A. Include foods such as red bell peppers sweet potatoes, chicken soup, salmon and garlic.
4. Get a full night's sleep. When you feel run down your body is more susceptible to illness.
5. Exercise regularly. Doing 30 minutes of moderate cardio per day is optimal to enhance the performance of infection fighting white blood cells.



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Hanukkah Events in DFW

Community Menorah Lighting

December 3 from 6-9pm in Dillard's Colurt. Join hundreds as we share the message of the Festival of Lights at The Shops of Willowbend. Featuring live DJ, Chanukah STEM activities, make an LED circuit Mehnorah, make your own plush Dreidel, enjoy hot Latkes, Gelt & more.

Frisco Community Chanukah Celebration

Sunday, December 2 from 4:30 - 5:30pm. Menorah Lighting, live DJ and Chanukah dancing. Gelt and Dreidels for kids, bounce houses, photo booth, glitter body art, balloon twister, crafts, Latkes, and donuts.

Fourth Annual Gelt Drop

@ Southlake Town Square

Sunday, December 2 rom 5:30pm - 7:00pm The big Gelt Drop. Catch and collect chocolate coins dropped by firefighters from 25 feet up in the air. Donuts, hot Latkes, fund for everyone.

Galleria Menorah Lighting

Sunday, December 2- 10 @ sunset. Level 1, near guest reception center. Celebrate Chanukah with our large-scale menorah as we light a candle every evening.

Hanukkah Hoopla 2018

Sunday, December 2 from 1pm - 5:30pm The J's Hanukkah Hoopla is the ultimate holiday experience for the whole family. Patrons will get the opportunipty to explore all of our local and unijque vendors as well as partake in family activities and delicious food. The event culminates with the community menorah lighting. DJ, dancing, face painting, balloon artist, trackless train, PJ Library Dallas Story Walk, children's crafts, photography and more.



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Light Up the Night

Hanukkah Celebration

Wednesday, December 5 @ 6:30pm at Texas Live in Arlington. Music, Latkes and donuts.

Menorah Lighting at Tom Thumb (Coit @ Campbell)

Thursday, December 6th @ 5pm. Chanukah crafts, DJ, Gelt and more.

Northpark Mall Menorah Lighting

Tuesday, December 2 from 5 – 8pm, Level One between Nordstrom and Macy's. Join Chabad of Dallas to celebrate Chanukah with the lighting of the menorah at North Park. Featuring face painters, magicians, lego-dreidels, Chanukah treats, special appearance by Akiba Academy's 3rd grade Choir and more.

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THE COLONY

The Colony Christmas Spectacular Light show choreographed to music starting on Dec. 1 from 5:30pm to 10:30pm Sunday-Thursday and 5:30pm to 10:50pm Friday and Saturday. Tune your radio to 99.9FM to enjoy the music. Free event. TheColonyTx.gov

DALLAS

Dallas Arboretum

This holiday season experience The 12 Days of Christmas through December 30. Exhibit features a collection of 25-foot Victorian style gazebos. DallasArboretum.org

Dallas Holiday Parade

December 1 @ 10am in Downtown Dallas. DallasHolidayParade.com

Dallas Zoo Lights

After the animals head in for the evening, the Dallas Zoo will transform into a winter wonderland with over 1 million twinkling lights illuminating ZooNorth. Select nights through January 1, 5-9pm. DallasZoo.com

Deck the Halls and Welcome All: Christmas at the House 2006

A glimpse into the magical White House holiday celebrations of 2006. The exhibit will be adorned with recreations and decorations of the Christmas White House holiday, behind-the-scenes photos, and a replica of the Blue Room White House Christmas tree. Through January 6 at the George W. Bush Library & Museum. GeorgeWBushLibrary.smu.edu

Deck the Paws Pet Expo

Make your holidays extra merry and bright at this two-day pet-topia of fun for the whole family! Promising to be your new fur-vorite holiday tradition, you'll fa-la-la-love the paw-tastic festivities! Saturday 12/1 and Sunday, 12/2, 11am - 7pm at Fair Park. Seniors 65+, Kids 12 & under and pets free. DeckthePawsDFW.com



Family Traditions



Lone Star Circus Forever

In a fun and daring tribute to the birth of the modern circus, Dallas' own Lone Star Circus brings its unique brand of spectacle back for the holidays in this all-new show! Jugglers, acrobats, clowns, and four-legged performers from around the world come together to create a parade of not-to-be-forgotten moments for the entire family. Limited Run: December 28 – January 1, 2019 at the Dallas Children's Theatre. DCT.org

Trains at North Park

This holiday family tradition has become a favorite for generations of Dallasites and includes 1600 feet of track rolling from coast to coast on a whimsical rail journey across America. Runs November 17 - January 6. Check website for specific dates and times. TheTrainsatNorthPark.com

White Rock Holiday Market

Local produce, meats eggs, baked goods, artisan crafts and more. Shop local for your holiday feasts while you also shop for friends. [Facebook event page.](#)

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Santa's Village Operating Hours

Dec. 1 - 2	6-9 p.m.
Dec. 7 - 9	6-9 p.m.
Dec. 14 - 16	6-9 p.m.

HOMETOWN THURSDAYS

Dec 6 and 13

www.cor.net/SantasVillage

Richardson residents may pick up FREE tickets for Dec. 6 and 13 at these locations while supplies last:

Richardson City Hall
Heights Rec Center
Huffhines Rec Center

Richardson Civic Center
411 W. Arapaho Rd.
Richardson, Texas 75080



Granny Ellen's Sugar Cookies

Ingredients

2 1/2 cups flour
1 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
(C&H brand seems to work best)
1 stick butter
1 large egg
1 tsp. vanilla

Frosting: 1 pound confectioners' sugar and milk or water. Various colors food coloring and/or sprinkles

Directions

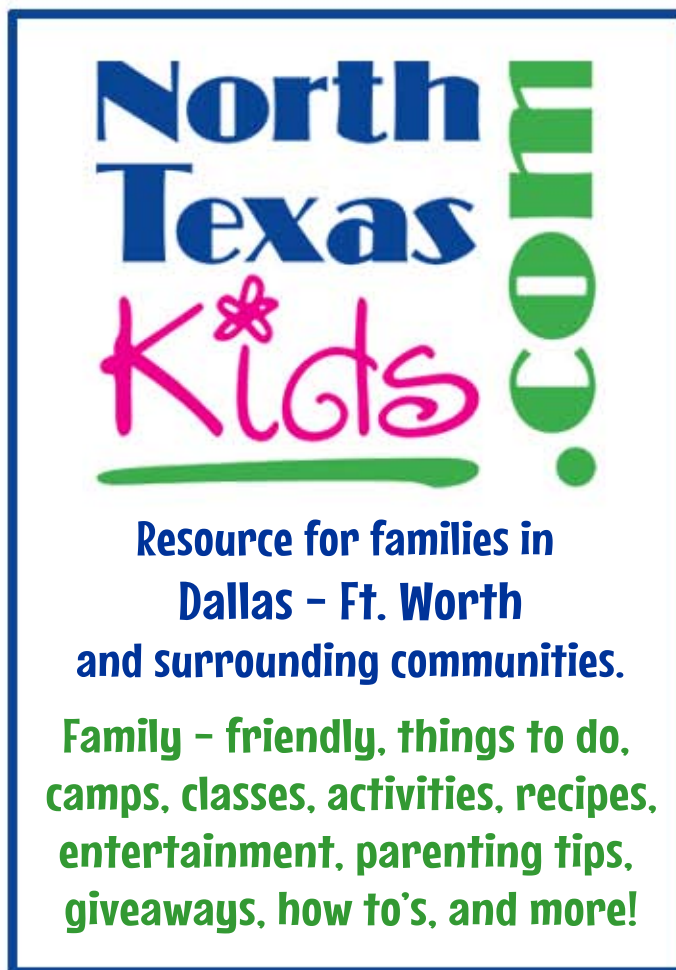
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter and 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar, then add egg and vanilla. Stir in the flour. Roll out dough about 1/4 inch thick and cut into desired cookies shapes (kids will love this part!) You can use powdered sugar or flour to coat your surface before rolling. (Powdered sugar seems to stabilize the cookies better.) Bake on ungreased cookie sheet for 7-10 minutes (until light brown). Let cool.

Mix remaining powdered sugar (about one pound for 32 cookies) with enough water or milk (milk may set frosting better) to flow smoothly. Spread frosting on cooled cookies with a table knife. Dry at least overnight and then paint with small brush using various food colors. Kids can get as creative as they want "painting" on the cookies! As an alternative to painting the cookies, you can add sprinkles once the frosting is just set, but not completely dry.

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FARMER'S BRANCH

Farmers Branch

Christmas in the Branch

Create new holiday traditions at *Christmas in the Branch*, where you can explore Santa's Village, shop our holiday Marketplace and ice skate *Under the Stars* at our outdoor skating rink. Our traditional *Tour of Lights* drive thru display has been re-imagined into this exciting interactive Christmas experience where now you can get out and play!

December 1 - January 6.

Christmas Tree Lighting

December 1 at Liberty Plaza.

FRISCO

Christmas in the Square

Christmas in the Square draws over 750,000 visitors annually. Families, friends and holiday guests from all over come and enjoy the spectacular show. The Holiday lights and music will run daily 6-10 PM through December 31.

FORTH WORTH

Gift of Lights

The *Gift of Lights* is back and this family friendly holiday show is a great opportunity to share the joy of the season with friends and family. Located at the Texas Motor Speedway, you will enjoy a Texas-sized drive thru light park every night of the week from 6pm - 10pm November 29 - December 30.

Starlight Symphony

Set to the beat of favorite holiday tunes, Crockett Row will be transformed into a glowing wonderland with a 5-minute music & lights show every night from November 30 through December 31 from 6pm - 9pm.

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ENCHANT

A WORLD OF CHRISTMAS WONDER AWAITS

THE WORLD'S LARGEST CHRISTMAS LIGHT MAZE & MARKET

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 30

Inside Globe Life Park



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Nature and Science



Three Ingredient Holiday Fudge

Ingredients

2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips,
1 (14 oz can) condensed milk
1 tsp vanilla

Directions

Pour 2 cups of chocolate chips into a microwave safe bowl. Add the can of condensed milk and gently mix with a spatula. Once mixed, microwave at 50% power for 1 minute. Take out and stir. Chocolate chips should continue to melt and blend with milk. Depending on your microwave you may need to heat it again for another 30-45 seconds. Remove from microwave and stir in vanilla.

Pour mixture into an 8x8 square baking dish lined with waxed paper (for easy removal) and let cool enough to place in refrigerator for a few hours or overnight. Remove from dish and cut into "bite size" pieces.

Fudge is ready to eat! If giving as a gift, arrange on a tray or plate and cover with plastic wrap or festive clear plastic tissue paper and ribbon.

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GRAND PRAIRIE

Prairie Lights

Drive-thru display with 4 million lights set along 2 miles of path. Half way through, get out of your car for a stop at Holiday Village where you will find food, gifts, Santa, a brand new indoor Holiday Show and the Holiday Magic Lighted Walk-Through Forest.

GRAPEVINE

Hometown Christmas

Experience the charm and spirit of a classic American town preparing for Christmas. Stroll through vintage vignettes and snap pictures to create Instagrammable memories. This interactive Christmas exhibition will delight kids of all ages. November 23 - December 23

HIGHLAND PARK

Highland Park Christmas Light Tours

Suggested place to start your light tour is at Armstrong Parkway and Preston Road. It's free to drive through. Tree Lighting Ceremony at Armstrong Parkway, just west of Preston Road, on the first Thursday in December, at 6:00 p.m

IRVING

Holiday Lights at Centennial Park

Two-part event, featuring a community parade through the Heritage District followed by a tree lighting ceremony outside of Irving City Hall. December 25 from dusk - 10pm.

PLANO

Deerfield Holiday Lights

Deerfield is located in Northwest Plano between Preston Rd. and Coit Rd. Holiday lights are usually on between the hours of 7pm-10pm during the entire month of December.

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PLANO

Lantern Light, A Victorian Holiday
The twinkle of lights and the glow of over 75 kerosene lanterns make this location explode with historic holiday magic. Guests will enjoy sledding in the North Meadow on the Farmstead snow hill. There will be tours of the Historic Victorian homes throughout the event, storytelling, the unique Magic Lantern Show, wagon rides, children's crafts in the one room school house, choirs in the Pole barn, photos with Santa Claus and more.

Holidays at the Heard

A fun, festive and family-friendly fundraising event benefiting Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary. December 14 & 15.

RICHARDSON

Santa's Village

Santa's Village, a tiny town of 16 holiday dwellings on the north side of City Hall is a holiday tradition for families from Richardson and beyond. Each colorful building offers children a fun activity and even a visit with Santa Claus! Attendees can also enjoy live performances, holiday photo ops and warm up with a cup of hot chocolate or a snack.

SOUTHLAKE

Santa's Village

Nothing marks the holidays like pictures with Santa Claus. Kids of all ages can visit with the jolly fella in the big red suit at Santa's Village in Rustin Park through December 24th. New for 2018: Reserve your family's private, no-wait visit with Santa at Santa's Village

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Happy Holidays!

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December 8th 10am-7pm
December 9th 11am-6pm
Fair Park - Dallas, TX



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DALLAS' FAMILY-
FAVORITE HOLIDAY
TRADITION

NOV. 21
DEC. 30

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