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December County Holiday Events

For public use and media to publish in online and printed calendars. In order by date.

Dec. 4, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Light Up The Estates (All ages)

Cost: Free

Location: Max Hasse Community Park, 3390 Golden Gate Blvd. W.

This is the third annual tree lighting ceremony for Max Hasse Community Park. There will be pictures with Santa, games, crafts, food and holiday music to enjoy.

Dec. 10, 6 p.m.

Holiday Workshop

Cost: Free / Children under 18

Location: Immokalee Branch Library, 417 N. First St.

Design your own stocking, create a wreath and trim a tree with ornaments at your library.

Dec. 10, 6 p.m.

A Child's Christmas In Wales by Dylan Thomas (for Adults)

Cost: Free

Location: South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway

This poetic tale, almost as familiar to some of us as Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, showcases Thomas' genius for language and remains one of the poet's most high prized and beloved pieces of prose. This theatrical presentation has been adapted by John Herr, Professor Emeritus, University of Connecticut and is performed by members of The Naples Players. For information, call (239) 252-7542. For Adults.

Dec. 11, 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

5th Grade Dance at Max Hasse Community Park

Cost: \$10 includes refreshments

Location: Max Hasse Community Park, 3390 Golden Gate Blvd. W.

Dance the night away at this school dance. Refreshments provided.

Tickets go on sale two weeks in advance.

Dec. 12, 12 p.m.-2 p.m.

South Pole Express

Cost: Free / All ages

Location: Collier County Museum, 3301 E. Tamiami Tr.

This is a fantastic way for children to meet Santa....on a train! The Polar Express will make way for Santa at the Collier County Museum. A fun event for all ages. Bring your own camera for photos with Santa.

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Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Santa's Workshop

Cost: \$10 / Ages 4 – 10

Location: East Naples Community Park, 3500 Thomasson Dr.

Participants enjoy a creative outlet for making holiday crafts and play a variety of holiday games and activities.

Dec. 12, 2009, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Breakfast With Santa

Cost: \$10

Location: Vineyards Community Park

6231 Arbor Blvd. W.

Dec. 12, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Elves Sweet Shop

Cost: \$15 / Ages 5 – 11

Location: Veterans Community Park, 1895 Veterans Park Drive

Kids join in and help Santa's Elves prepare yummy holiday goodies. You must pre-register by December 7.

Dec. 12, 2009, 6 p.m.-10 p.m.

Christmas Around The World

Cost: Free entrance; games require ticket purchases

Location: Immokalee Sports Complex, 505 Escambia St.

Dec. 17, 3:30-5 p.m.

Holiday Craft Workshop

Cost: Free / Ages 2 and up

Location: Marco Island Branch Library, 210 S. Heathwood Drive

Drop in the children's library and make a craft to brighten up your holiday.

Dec. 17, 6 p.m.

Here Comes Santa Claus

Cost: Free

Location: Immokalee Branch Library, 417 N. First St.

Santa Claus is coming to your library, so come and whisper to him what you want for Christmas. Don't forget your camera! For information, call (239) 657-2882.

Dec. 18, 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Preschool Santa Pajama Jam

Cost: \$10 / 3 ½ – 5 years

Location: Max Hasse Community Park, 3390 Golden Gate Blvd. W.

Children will enjoy eating pizza and have fun making a Christmas craft.

Dec. 18, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Santa Calling

Cost: Free

Location: Vineyards Community Park, 6231 Arbor Blvd. W.

Make your kids' holiday with a phone call from Santa. He'll call between 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Pre-register children by December 12.

Dec. 18, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Polar Bear Express Pajama Party! Kids Day Out!

Cost: \$15 / Ages 3 – 6

Location: Veterans Community Park, 1895 Veterans Park Drive

Parents drop your children off and go shopping while your children enjoy holiday fun. You must pre-register by December 7.

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Dec. 19 to Jan. 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed 12/25)

Sun-N-Fun Lagoon Hours for Winter Holiday Break

Location: North Collier Regional Park, 15000 Livingston Rd.

Splish splash this holiday. Forget about missing the snow! Sun-N-Fun Lagoon packs in the fun for you during Collier County's Public School Winter Break! Only closed Christmas Day. For more information, call (239) 252-4021 or visit

www.collierparks.com.

Dec. 21-23 and Dec. 28-Dec. 31, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Winter Holiday Camp

Cost: \$45/3 days, \$60/4 days

Location: All Community Parks

We provide a safe environment for your children during their winter school break. Call your local community park for more information or the Parks and Recreation Administration at (239) 252-4000, Monday through Friday.

Dec. 26, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

Kids Program Educational Event

by Friends of Barefoot Beach

Cost: Free

Location: Barefoot Beach Preserve, Bonita Beach Road West of U.S. 41

The Friends of Barefoot Beach present a lecture series each year which covers a range of wonderful, educational subjects. Presenter: Kay Thorpe Bannon. For more information about this particular lecture, call the Friends at (239) 495-9100.

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