

{TOP 10} Family Events for December

Explore these fun holiday activities in and around the Baltimore area

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DEC. 4

FAMILY DAY AT THE CHRISTMAS VILLAGE IN BALTIMORE

From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Baltimore's Christmas Village at West Shore Park will feature children's activities including lessons on what it takes to be a Scout from the Boy Scouts of

Central Maryland, photos with princesses, balloon artists on stilts and face painting. The evening will close with a Lantern Parade featuring St. Nicholas organized by Zion Church of the City of Baltimore.

Free for children; \$5 for adult entry to heated festival tent
baltimore-christmas.com

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SANTA ON THE FARM

Santa is making a special visit to Blue Star Farm in White Hall to help local children. Proceeds from the holiday celebration will directly benefit the Among the Stars Foundation and Johns Hopkins Children's Center for Child Life Services. Letters to Santa, a hot cocoa bar, cookies, games, visits with Santa, a petting zoo and crafts will keep the kids entertained while adults can create and purchase farm-fresh wreaths.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children; bring an unwrapped toy for the Johns Hopkins Children's Center for Child Life Services
eventbrite.com/e/santa-on-the-farm-tickets-203802919017



DEC. 6-9

SLIME CLASS

Get your sillies out with slime! Slime Land Maryland at Towson Town Center is offering slime classes, including three slime games, a bubble contest and slime photo shoot. Learn all about the gooey stuff from the experts without making a mess at home.

Tickets are \$30
eventbrite.com/e/slime-class-md-tickets-168494446425

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SOCK MONKEY SATURDAY

Take on the challenge of making your own sock monkey! Stuffing, sewing needles, thread and visionary baubles will be provided at this family-friendly event. Make a holiday gift out of your wacky, colorful socks or choose from what's on hand at the American Visionary Art Museum.



Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5 for children ages 10 and older
avam.org



DEC. 11

HOLIDAYS WITH HOOT

It will be a hoot to hang with Irvine Nature Center's owl mascot for crafts and gift making, seasonal games, live animal encounters and hot cocoa. Learn about nature with the family at this outdoor owl-themed event in Owings Mills.

Tickets are \$10 per child (\$5 if purchased before Dec. 8) and free for adults and children ages 2 and younger.
explorenature.org

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DEC. 18

WINTER'S CHRISTMAS WISH

Receive a free picture with Santa, milk and cookies and a gift thanks to one child's generosity. A young girl named Winter, who lost her parents to gun violence in Baltimore City, has chosen to spread kindness to other children through her wish of donating 1,000 toys to 1,000 children. Pre-register online to reserve age-appropriate gifts for boys and girls. Search eventbrite.com for Let's Thrive Baltimore Winter's Christmas Wish. Free
letsthreibaltimore.org



DEC. 17, 19, 21, 26 & 28

REINDEER RAILWAY: EVENING TRAINS & HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Families visiting the B&O Railroad Museum this holiday season can hop on a train after visiting Santa's Winter Village. He needs his littlest conductors to put on their reindeer antlers to light the way for his journey. Everyone will enjoy hot beverages (spiced cider for kids and spiked cider for adults) and cookies on the festive getaway.

Tickets start at \$10 | borail.org

DEC. 27-31

DECEMBER BREAK CAMP WITH LURE OF THE WILD

Children ages 5 to 10 will enjoy the creative free play and guidance from a naturalist with more than 20 years of experience as they trek through the Patapsco Valley State Park in Catonsville. Space is limited. Sign up for one day or the full week of camp. Tuition is \$95 per day or \$385 for the week; a 5% discount is applied for each sibling.

lureofthewild.com

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DEC. 29-JAN. 2, 2022

PORT DISCOVERY WINTER BREAK

With admission to the museum, enjoy special morning and afternoon programs during winter break. Explore the Winter Land of Wonder, add a snow person to the community collage and have some educational fun with the Tots on Board Early Education Programs—including music, stories and coding, to name a few.

Museum admission starts at \$19.95 | portdiscovery.org



DEC. 31

NOON TIME NEW YEAR: ROCK THE BOAT

Let your little ones ring in the new year (at noon) and still go to bed early. Celebrate the start of 2022 in the morning with Seashell the Mermaid, DJ jams, a winter story, circus performances and stilt walking before the countdown to noon at Port Discovery. An afternoon session includes circus fun, a cardboard pirate ship ride, a fishing boat carnival game and a take-home art project from the STEAM Discovery Cart.

Museum admission starts at \$17.95 | portdiscovery.org

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