

{TOP 10} Family Events for January

Discover some fun wintertime activities in and around the Baltimore area

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10 THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

DROP-IN ART MAKING: MINDFULNESS

Let the art speak to your children as they create works of art inspired by the Walters Art Museum's collection. Drop-in art making on weekends beginning Jan. 8 explores a theme of mindfulness. Try some art at the museum or take home an art supply kit.

Free
thewalters.org

JAN. 2-15

HOLIDAY 'PLANES AND TRAINS' GARDEN

Visit the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum for a holiday train garden on Wednesdays, Fridays and weekends through Jan. 15. Discover favorite scenes in the garden such as Bengie's Drive-In Theater, Ocean City and the Polar Bear Plunge. Free; donations appreciated; museum closed Sundays.

mdairmuseum.org/railroad-garden

JAN. 2-15

WINTER VILLAGE AT FOUR SEASONS HOTEL BALTIMORE

Book a family staycation in Baltimore and take in views of the harbor as you glide along the hotel's fifth-floor, 1,800-square-foot skating rink, or just drop by on weekends from 3 to 7 p.m. Families or groups of four can book a semi-private cabana with blankets, pillows, treats and a fire pit. Groups of up to 10 people can reserve a one-hour session.

Tickets start at \$20 for children ages 5 to 10; reservations are required.

fourseasons.com/baltimore

7 JAN. 3-9

HOLIDAY TRAIN GARDEN: SHOPS AT KENILWORTH

Stop in at the food court to see an extensive miniature train display that's been a tradition in Towson for more than 30 years. Every Tuesday and Thursday, kids can participate in a scavenger hunt from The Mine's Showroom. Completed sheets earn you a treat!

Free
theshopsatkenilworth.com

6 JAN. 7-9

MONSTER JAM AT ROYAL FARMS ARENA

Have a little one in your life who likes playing with cars and trucks? How about really big cars and trucks? Children of all ages can see an adult-size rock 'em, sock 'em showdown at Royal Farms Arena. Watch as world record-holding monster truck drivers gear up to compete for their championship title.

Tickets start at \$20.
monsterjam.com

JAN. 8

SNOWFLAKE BALL

Enjoy a winter dance with mom, dad or your favorite adult family member or friend at the Gary J. Arthur Community Center in Glenwood. Howard County Recreation and Parks presents this family ball, featuring refreshments (including an ice cream sundae bar), a live DJ, games and crafts. Take home a keepsake photo of you and your child (ages 4-12) to remember the festivities. In the event of inclement weather, the ball will take place Jan. 15. Pre-registration required.

Tickets start at \$40 for Howard County residents and \$50 for nonresidents, one pair (child + adult).

howardcountymd.gov

8 JAN. 8

BEAR NECESSITIES AT CROMWELL VALLEY PARK

Learn all about what bears do in the winter. Where do they go and how do they survive? Staff at the Willow Grove Nature Center in Parkville will explain it all, and curious explorers ages 4 to 10 will go home with a bear-themed craft. Parents must attend, but registration is only required for children.

Admission is \$2 for members and \$4 for nonmembers.

cromwellvalleypark.org

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3 JAN. 14

FULL WOLF MOON HIKE AND CAMPFIRE AT BANNEKER PARK

Howl at the full moon and maybe hear some scary stories about how wolves used to roam the woods in colonial Maryland (they were especially hungry at this time of year). Gather around the campfire after a short hike at Benjamin Banneker Historical Park & Museum in Catonsville.

Free; ages 6+, registration required
baltimorecountymd.gov

2 JAN. 17

BAKING BREAD FOR KIDS

What's more cozy during the cold-weather months than a warm loaf of bread fresh out of the oven? During a special cooking class for children at Baltimore's Schola cooking school, kids will learn about bread-making essentials, such as leavening agents, and bake five different types of bread: Irish soda, focaccia, whole grain, flat and "old school" Parker House rolls. The best part? Kids get to take their baked goods home with them!

Tickets are \$59.
scholacooks.com

1 JAN. 30

POPOVICH COMEDY PET THEATER

Catch this unique blend of comedy, juggling skills and extraordinary talents of performing pets. Former Moscow Circus veteran Gregory Popovich will delight and amaze audiences with the antics of his pet entourage. This event takes place at the Gordon Center on the campus of the Rosenbloom Owings Mills JCC.

Tickets are \$15-\$28 in advance; \$18-\$31 at the door. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is required for anyone older than 11 years of age; masks are required.

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