

Winter in Tennessee

Festivals, celebrations, activities and more



This listing includes a selection of events of statewide interest scheduled in December, January and February as provided by the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development. Events are subject to date change or cancellation; please call the contact listed before traveling long distances to attend.

Due to space limitations, additional information and events can be found online through the department's Web site, www.tnvacation.com.

December

DECEMBER 4
CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE & CRAFT FAIR
Rose Center, Morristown

Celebrate the season with music, dance and good food. Buy your Christmas presents and decorations from the finest craftsmen of the region. CONTACT: Robert Lydick, (423) 581-4330, postmaster@rosecenter.org, www.rosecenter.org

DECEMBER 4
CAROLS IN THE CITY
Historic Downtown Cleveland
 Mainstreet Cleveland lights the community Christmas tree on the Courthouse Square and welcomes Santa Claus. CONTACT: (423) 472-6587, www.mainstreetcleveland.com

DECEMBER 4-5
CHRISTMAS AT THE CARTER MANSION
Elizabethton
 Spend the evening in this 18th-century home

on the frontier decorated for Christmas in the style of 1780s. Costumed interpreters, candlelight, refreshments and music. CONTACT: (423) 543-5808

DECEMBER 5
CHRISTMAS IN OUR TOWN
Liberty Square, Sparta
 Horse and buggy rides, entertainment, carolers, music, and more. CONTACT: (931) 836-3552, www.sparta-chamber.net

DECEMBER 5
18th-CENTURY CHRISTMAS AT OLD FORT LOUDOUN
Ft. Loudoun State Historic Park, Vonore
 This 18th-century Christmas will have actors in authentic costumes. CONTACT: (423) 884-6217, fortloudoun@tds.net, www.fortloudoun.com

DECEMBER 5
ADOPT A TREE AT WARRIORS' PATH STATE PARK
Kingsport
 Come help plant our future woodlands. For every tree you plant in the park, you get to take one home to plant on your own. CONTACT: (423) 239-6786

DECEMBER 5
MERRY TUBA CHRISTMAS
Harriman
 Tuba and euphonium players gather to pay tribute to composers who have embraced these noble instruments with solo and ensemble compositions. CONTACT: Dr. Joseph H. Williams, (865) 882-3446, www.tubachristmas.com

DECEMBER 5
OAKLANDS CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HOMES
Murfreesboro
 Tour of Homes features beautiful and historic private homes and the graceful Oaklands Historic House Museum. CONTACT: Oaklands Historic House Museum, (615) 893-0022, info@oaklandsmuseum.org, www.oaklandsmuseum.org

DECEMBER 5
CONFEDERATE CHRISTMAS BALL
Memorial Building, Columbia
 Step back in time and fill your dance card as you swirl the floor to authentic reels, promenades and waltzes popular during the 1860s. CONTACT: Tammy Hatcher, (931) 698-3876

DECEMBER 5
CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY
Exchange Place, Kingsport
 Fresh mountain greenery and wreaths, baked

goods and crafts. Ends with a traditional Yule Log Ceremony on an 1800s living history farm. CONTACT: Exchange Place, (423) 288-6071, www.exchangeplace.info

DECEMBER 5

VISIONS OF CHRISTMAS: 1859

**Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site,
Johnson City**

Join the Haynes family as they celebrate an Antebellum Christmas with tours throughout all of the historic buildings. CONTACT: (423) 926-3631

DECEMBER 5

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

Centennial Park, Dayton

Features the Christmas Arts Showcase where artists and crafters open their downtown shops. Features food, pictures with Santa, pet pageant, parade and caroling. CONTACT: (423) 775-0361, www.mainstreetdayton.org

DECEMBER 5

DOWNTOWN FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Historic Downtown Clarksville

Immediately following the Jaycee's Christmas Parade there will be live music, dancing, and children's activities. CONTACT: Brittnye Tranberg, (931) 645-7476, www.cityofclarksville.com

DECEMBER 5-6

SANTA EXCURSION TRAIN

Oak Ridge

Who needs a sleigh? Catch a ride with Santa Claus on the Secret City Excursion Train. CONTACT: (865) 241-2140, www.southernappalachia.railway.museum

DECEMBER 6

19th-CENTURY

CHEROKEE CHRISTMAS

Red Clay State Historic Park, Cleveland

This event features live history presentations, including pioneer Christmas cooking, Cherokee arts & crafts demonstration, storytelling and carols. CONTACT: (423) 479-0339, www.mainstreetcleveland.com

DECEMBER 6

HISTORIC HOLIDAY HOME

TOUR IN THE GROVE

**Williamson County Community Center,
College Grove**

Features an Historic Holiday Home Tour, Christmas tree lighting, holiday musical performance and Christmas parade. CONTACT: (615) 368-3456

DECEMBER 6

CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HOMES

Macon County

Candlelight Tour sponsored by the United



Women of Macon County. CONTACT: Linda Tucker, (615) 666-2094, www.maconcountyttn.com

DECEMBER 6-23
CLARKSVILLE TREES OF CHRISTMAS
Smith-Trahern Mansion, Clarksville

Twenty Christmas trees will be decorated and on display throughout the historic mansion. The Open House will be held on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009. CONTACT: Martha Pile, (931) 648-5725, www.clarksville.tn.us

DECEMBER 12
SPIRITS OF CHRISTMAS PAST
Grandpa's House on Ritter Farm, Red Boiling Springs

Storytelling with International Toastmaster Karen Davis and guests. CONTACT: Rita Watson, (615) 699-2738, grandpashouse@nctc.com, www.grandpas-house.com

DECEMBER 12
CHRISTMAS IN OLDE LOUDON
Historic Downtown Loudon

Step back in time at historic Loudon with games, food, parade and fun for the entire family. CONTACT: Lynda Randolph, (865) 458-9020, theyrictheatre@bellsouth.net, www.lyricloudon.com

DECEMBER 12
AT HOME WITH SANTA
Jonesborough

Children and parents will enjoy visits with Santa, games, crafts, and carriage rides. A Santa Mart is available with volunteers to help children buy and wrap surprise gifts for family members. CONTACT: 866-401-4223, info@historicjonesborough.com, www.historicjonesborough.com

DECEMBER 12-13
HISTORIC HARRIMAN
CHRISTMAS TOUR

Harriman
 Come visit the town that Temperance Built! Tour decorated Victorian homes and historical buildings. CONTACT: Donna Demyanovich, (865) 882-9230, www.cornstalkheights.com

DECEMBER 13
LOG CABIN CHRISTMAS TOUR
Elkton

The public will visit six private log cabins and homes all decorated for Christmas. CONTACT: Elkton Historical Society, (931) 468-0668, www.elktonhistory.net

DECEMBER 18
SANTA'S LAST BLAST
Downtown Paris

One of the last chances for youngsters to visit with Santa. Craft booths, Jack Foddrill and his birds, s'mores, reindeer goats, Christmas stories and hot chocolate, live music and more. CONTACT: Downtown Paris Assn., (731) 642-9271, www.visitdowntownparis.com

DECEMBER 24
OLD COUNTRY STORE
CHRISTMAS EVE BREAKFAST

Brooks Shaw's Old Country Store, Jackson
 Christmas Eve Breakfast takes place for its 25th year at the famed Brooks Shaw's Old Country Store. CONTACT: (800) 748-9588 ext. 114, caseyjonestn@yahoo.com, www.caseyjones.com

DECEMBER 29
HAPPY 115th BIRTHDAY SHILOH
Shiloh

A birthday celebration to commemorate the

establishment of the Shiloh National Military Park. CONTACT: (731) 925-8181, www.tourhardincounty.org

DECEMBER 31
NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS
SHOW & BALL DROP

Gatlinburg
 For the 22nd straight year, the Space Needle area at traffic light #8 comes alive at the stroke of midnight with a fabulous fireworks show. Features free party favors and live entertainment. CONTACT: (800) 568-4748, www.gatlinburg.com

DECEMBER 31
ALIVE IN 2010!

Knoxville Museum of Art, Knoxville
 All evening there will be a buffet by Fats BBQ, dancing, party favors and a midnight toast. CONTACT: Michael Gill, (865) 934-2039, www.knoxart.org

January

JANUARY 2-EARLY MARCH
BALD EAGLE TOURS
Reelfoot Lake State Park, Tiptonville

Join us for a two-hour naturalist guided bus tour to view Bald Eagles in their natural environment. CONTACT: (800) 250-8617, www.tnstateparks.com

JANUARY 9-16
20th ANNUAL WILDERNESS
WILDLIFE WEEK™

Pigeon Forge
 Wilderness Wildlife Week is a series of outdoor-themed activities designed to connect visitors with the Great Smoky Mountains. CONTACT: (865) 429-7350, events@cityofpigeonforge.com, www.mypigeonforge.com/wildlife

JANUARY 15
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
LUNCHEON

Dyersburg State Campus, Dyersburg
 Features guest speakers. CONTACT: Jane Vondy, (731) 286-3300

JANUARY 18
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis

Special programs to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. CONTACT: (901) 521-9699, www.civilrightsmuseum.org

JANUARY 28-MARCH 13
STITCHES-IN-TIME QUILT EXHIBIT
Museum Center at Five Points, Cleveland

An exhibit of biblical antiquities on loan from Bob Jones University Museum & Art Gallery.

CONTACT: Tracy O'Connell, (423) 339-5745,
info@museumcenter.org,
www.museumcenter.org

JANUARY 29

5th FRIDAY FISH FRY

Donoho Hotel, Red Boiling Springs

Features bluegrass and gospel music,
and fried catfish with all the fixings.

CONTACT: Pam Dean, (615) 699-3141,
pamdean1950@yahoo.com,
www.donohohotel.com

JANUARY 29

LUNCH WITH THE ARTS

Rose Center, Morristown

Meet the region's artists with the unique
opportunity to buy fine art. Enjoy warm soup
or stew for lunch. CONTACT: Becky Hamm,
(423) 581-4330, postmaster@rosecenter.org,
www.rosecenter.org

February

FEBRUARY 4-7

WINTER HERITAGE FESTIVAL IN THE SMOKIES

Townsend

Activities include illustrated talks, tours,
demonstrations, history hikes, music and
dance, museum exhibits, walks in the
National Park, and a Cades Cove reunion.
CONTACT: Jeanie Hilten, (865) 448-6134,
jhilten@smokymountains.org,
www.smokymountainfestivals.org

FEBRUARY 6 & 12-14

VALENTINE DINNER TRAIN EXCURSIONS

Tennessee Valley Railroad, Chattanooga

Take your Valentine for a rail excursion trip
and enjoy a romantic four-course dinner
while on board. CONTACT: (423) 894-8028,
www.tvrail.com

FEBRUARY 19

AN EVENING OF CLASSIC LILY TOMLIN

Tennessee Theatre, Knoxville

Lily Tomlin, one of America's foremost
comedians performs. CONTACT:
(865) 656-4444, www.tennesseetheatre.com

FEBRUARY 20

ANTIQUE APPRAISAL FAIR & SHOW

Greeneville

The Antique Appraisal Fair offers local and
regional antique dealers showcasing and
selling treasures and six certified appraisers
assessing the value of antiques brought in
by the public. CONTACT: Tammy L. Kinser,
(423) 638-4111, tkinser@greeneop.com,
www.visitgreenevilletn.com

FEBRUARY 20-21

HOUSTON MUSEUM ANTIQUES SHOW

Chattanooga

Over 35 exhibitors have antiques, exotic
plants and garden accessories for sale.

CONTACT: (423) 267-7176,
www.thehoustonmuseum.com

FEBRUARY 25-28

10th ANNUAL SADDLE UP! CELEBRATION

Pigeon Forge

Celebration of the American West featuring
cowboy musicians and poets in concert,
Cowboy Symphony, Chuckwagon Cookoff,
Western Swing Dance, Cowboy Church, and
more. CONTACT: (800) 251-9100,
events@cityofpigeonforge.com,
www.mypigeonforge.com/saddleup

FEBRUARY 26-28

MEMPHIS COIN CLUB ANNUAL COIN SHOW

DeSoto Civic Center, Memphis

Buy, sell and trade coins, medals and
currency. Features educational exhibits.
CONTACT: Ray Brown, (901) 321-3408,
www.memphiscoinclub.org

FEBRUARY 26-28

ANTIQUES ON THE MOUNTAIN

Crossville

A distinctive array of fine painted and
primitive antique furniture, exquisite
furnishings, unique accessories, and
outstanding collectibles. Features a large
selection of rare antiques dating from before

Green Travel Tips

1 Carpool whenever possible to reduce
your carbon footprint – and you'll also
spend less money on gas.

2 Staying overnight? Unplug major
appliances to save energy and lower
your electric bill.

3 Support Tennessee's sustainable
tourism. Find green lodging, dining
and attractions at tnvacation.com/green.

1930. CONTACT: (931) 456-5035,
www.antiquesonthemountain.com

FEBRUARY 27

EAST TENNESSEE YOUNG MUSICIANS BLUEGRASS CONTEST

Hawkins Elementary School, Rogersville

The contest is open to musicians eighteen
and under. Categories include fiddle, guitar,
mandolin, banjo and vocal. The contestants
are also divided by age groups. CONTACT:
Patricia Humbert, (423) 272-1961,
phumbert@rogersvilleheritage.org,
www.rogersvillefiddle.com

FEBRUARY 27

9th ANNUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PIG TOURNAMENT

Forbus General Store, Pall Mall

World Championship card tournament of the
regionally acclaimed card game called Pig.
CONTACT: (800) 327-3945,
www.bigssouthfork.org

