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1 Start off the month with a Snow Day in LA! Experience multiple winter themed PowderPak synthetic tubing lanes built directly onto the giant hills of The Old Lodge at Montecillo De Leo Politi Park! Only 5 minutes from Downtown LA! Hop on a tube and fly through twinkling light archways, decorated trees and falling snow! Tickets start at $16.	**2** Join the North Hollywood Amelia Earhart Regional Library for Family Night. This evening, create a work of art, read a story and more! This program is great for children ages 3-8. Free admission. Event starts at 5pm.	**3** The first Tuesday of the month from 4- 8pm is Kidspace's Free Family Night. Admission to the museum is FREE for everyone during these hours only. On these special nights, Kidspace will promote family learning about the arts, while emphasizing the diverse cultures and communities present in Greater Los Angeles.	**4** Visit the San Fernando Rey De Espana Mission, a restored Spanish colonial mission that includes gardens, a museum and a replica of the original church. The in-house workshops show the tools used at the mission for blacksmithing, weaving and candle making, etc. Free admission, open 9am-5pm.	**5** The Bike Skills Workshop invites your family to participate in the City of San Fernando's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony and Parade. Grab your bikes and peddle with them as the community honors the ancestral land of the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians. Even if you don't hop in the fun, it is free to spectate and enjoy! Event runs from 6-9pm.	**6** The wildly popular story of true love and acceptance between sisters makes its debut at the Lancaster Performing Arts Center! Based on the animated movie Frozen, join Anna, Elsa, Olaf and the entire cast of beloved characters on an adventure loaded with magic, humor and music you can't help but sing along to. Admission cost $15. The show starts at 8pm.	**7** The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce presents the 83rd Annual Holiday Parade commemorating the 50th Moon Walk Anniversary and themed "Twas the Moon Landing Before Christmas". Bring the family, your lawn chairs, and your holiday spirit and enjoy the festivities on Lancaster Boulevard. Event starts at 10am.
8 For over 25 years the Crèche Festival has shared the gift of holiday spirit, art, and music with the Antelope Valley community. This FREE annual community event brings together hundreds of local musicians and other performers for families to enjoy. Be sure to check out the Children's Room to make a craft, work puzzles, read stories, and play dress up! Event runs from 2-8pm.	**9** It's never too early to drive through Candy Cane Lane and get into that holiday spirit! Candy Cane Lane is a group of homeowners at Lubao & Oxnard Streets in Woodland Hills who collectively decide each year to put on an amazing holiday display of lights and decorations. Free admission. Residents ask that visitors drive by no later than 10pm on weeknights and 11pm on weekends.	**10** Take in the world around you with the Tesoro Adobe Historic Park Walking Club. The group is open to all ages. This is a great opportunity for exercise and outdoor fun. Free admission. Event starts at 9am.	**11** The Help Group's Kids Like Me Program presents a parent-to-parent support group on the second Wednesday of each month. This free meet-up is for those facing the joys and challenges of raising a child or adolescent with autism spectrum disorder or other special needs. Come benefit from the experience and support of other parents and professionals. Event runs from 6-7:30pm.	**12** Join the Pacoima Branch Library for a special, seasonal-themed craft program for children and their caregivers, and create something to take home as decorations for the holiday. Free admission. Event starts at 3:30pm.	**13** The Nethercutt Collection features rare collectibles ranging from mechanical musical instruments, antique furniture, and over 250 American and European automobiles dating from 1898 to 1997. Today enjoy a Holiday Concert. The establishment is offering 300 free tickets, you could be the lucky one! Event starts at 8pm.	**14** Lancaster's Winter Wonderland celebration is an opportunity to bring the entire family together and spend the evening with carolers, dancers and outstanding holiday entertainment. Children can enjoy a train ride, make crafts in Santa's Workshop and go sledding in real snow. Come on down because magic is coming to The BLVD. Event runs to 5-9pm.
15 It's a Holiday Hoedown at Gilchrist Farms! Bring the whole family out to enjoy a festive petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, holiday crafts and more! Free admission. Event runs from 10am-5pm.	**16** Join Bump Club and Beyond and La La Land Indoor Playground for a FREE play date. Everyone goes home with goodies from Seventh Generation and Generation Good. This facility is clean, safe, comfortable and most importantly fun for the kid that focuses on physical, imaginative and interactive play that fosters social, emotional and motor skills. RSVP required. Event starts at 10:30am.	**17** If you've never visited the beautiful Descanso Gardens, the third Tuesday of the month is a perfect time to check it out for free! Kids can run wild and play, take a ride on the Enchanted Railroad, and enjoy a show under the shady oaks. Open 9am-5pm.	**18** We Exist's LGBTQI2-S Allyship Group is a safe and confidential space for family members, caregivers, and community members in the San Fernando Valley to come together and learn about being allies for their LGBTQI2-S loved ones. All attendees get a free gift card incentive every week!	**19** Arthur Murray Dance Studio invites you and your family out to their Ugly Sweater Dance Party! Mingle, dance and celebrate the holidays with your community. No dance experience, partner or ugly sweater needed to participate. All levels welcomed! Free admission. Event runs 8:30-10pm.	**20** Watch out because its a Jingle Bell Jamboree at the Newhall Community Center. Enjoy free arts & crafts, games, music, refreshments, a visit from the man in the red suit, and more! Event runs from 6-8pm.	**21** Every Saturday at Placerita Nature Center they offer a Family Nature Walk at 11am and a Native Live Animal Presentation at 1pm. There is no charge for these programs and they are fun for the whole family. Come out and enjoy a day of nature and creepy crawly education!
22 A "quilt" by definition is three layers held in place by tying or stitching. The Ava Gallery celebrates the art of quilt making with their weekly Art Quilt Show. Stop by and view the challenge quilts created for the featured exhibitions. Free admission. Event runs from 12-6pm.	**23** Your pet has a secret, and the Granada Hills Branch Library knows what it is. Stop on by today for a special screening of The Secret Life of Pets 2. Max and his pet friends explore their new idyllic farm home to hilarious results. This film is rated PG. Free admission. Event starts at 3:30pm.	**24 Christmas Eve** Grand Park will have a new look during December nights! Families can wander the 12 acre art projections and light display, exhibit and installation while experiencing the first ever Winter Glow. This free immersive art experience is perfect for the holiday season. Display opens from 6-10pm.	**25 Christmas Day** Turn today's celebrations into brain building moments with Vroom, a free mobile and online resource with over 1,000 tips and learning activities that will turn everyday events like mealtime, bathtime, bedtime, into a learning activity.	**26** Every Thursday the Vegan Exchange is making its home in SCV. At Vegan Exchange Events, you'll find a rotating list of vendors serving tacos, cinnamon rolls, drinks, burgers, elote and more alongside apparel, cosmetics, candles, and then some. Guaranteed fun for all ages! Free admission. Event runs from 4-9pm.	**27** Visit the Elyze Clifford Interpretive Center and experience wild desert exhibits, learn about the Native American tribes that once inhabited Lancaster, engagement activities and local art. Free admission, open 10am-4pm.	**28** Cozy up with a mug of homemade hot chocolate! Combine ¼ cup cocoa powder, ½ cup sugar, dash of salt, ⅓ cup water in saucepan. Heat & stir till smooth. Lower heat and add milk of your choice. Once it hits the desired temperature, pour in mug and add your favorite toppings. Yum!
29 The Placerita Canyon Nature Center is launching a new Community Nature education Series in partnership with the Community Hiking Club. Enjoy a free one-hour educational program that will relate to all things in the natural environment. This program is available for all ages. Monthly themes vary. Meet at the front steps of the Nature Center. Event starts at 2pm.	**30** Books come alive at the West Valley Regional Branch Library with the help of STAR volunteers. Come out and share the joy of reading with a wonderful afternoon of children's stories.	**31 New Year's Eve** Noon Year's Eve at Kidspace Children's Museum is a New Year's Eve celebration for the entire family. Midnight is way past bedtime, so celebrate the new year a bit early with Kidspace. Experience the ginormous balloon drop at noon, sip and toast cups of sparkling cider, and create your own party hats and noisemakers! Ages 1 and older $14, open 9:30am-3pm. Participation is not guaranteed if arriving after 11:00 am.				

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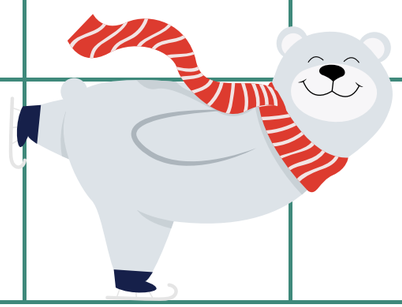
1 You do not want to miss the last day of the Mojave Flea Holiday in the High Desert. Held at the Tumbleweed Sanctuary in Yucca Valley, this market highlights craft makers and merchants from across the Coachella Valley. Free entry and pet friendly too. Event runs from 10am-5pm.	**2** The Festival of Lights in Riverside was voted by USA Today readers as the best public lights display in the US! Check it out for yourself and see the historic Mission Inn glowing in 5 million lights.	**3** Yay for the 4th annual WinterFest at San Bernardino Valley College! Starting at 3pm, attendees will have the opportunity to view classic holiday films, enjoy a holiday opera, golf cart parade, games, tour the resource fair and so much more. This event sounds jam-packed with festive fun!	**4** Yes, drive-in theatres still exist. The Van Buren Drive-in Theatre is open 7 days a week and shows the same films in traditional movie theaters. Visit their website for a showing schedule. Adults $9, children 9 and under $1.	**5** It's that time of year when the trees get all dressed up and festive. Hesperia's annual tree lighting ceremony is tonight at 5pm at Hesperia Civic Plaza Park.	**6** The Pomona Harvest Festival kicks off tonight! Shop over 24,000 handmade creations, snack on specialty foods, see live entertainment, and visit the Kid Zone. General admission is $9 for adults and $4 for youth 13 to 17 and FREE for kids 12 & under. Event starts at 10am.	**7** The Waterwise Community Center is calling all Groundwater Guardians! Children K-6th are invited to learn ways to protect the environment through science, art, literature & crafts. Waterwise is in Montclair. Join from 11:30am-12:30pm.
8 Kimberly Crest Mansion is one of Redlands' beautiful landmarks. Their tree lighting ceremony is tonight at 6:00pm. Attend for free and enjoy the sights and sounds of the season. Tours of the decorated house will also be offered for $5 per person. Open 1-4pm.	**9** The Yucca Valley Library wants to invite you to their Craft Corner! Join in the fun starting at 11am to learn new skills and create a new project every week.	**10** The second night of the Community Ho Ho Parade is tonight. Enjoy the lighted spectacle of classic and exotic cars as they move from the Little League HQ to Wildwood Park. Visit HoHoParade.com to see their routes around San Bernardino from the 9th-12th. Tonight the event runs from 5-8pm.	**11** Join the Phelan Memorial Library for their annual Whoville Holiday Open House. This family event will include crafts, refreshments, a special performance you won't want to miss and much more. For every fifteen items checked out, you will receive a special incentive and a treat ticket, so don't forget your library card! Event starts at 4pm.	**12** Every Thursday, State Street in Redlands shuts down to host Market Night! This open-air farmer's market features local vendors, food stands, and local entertainment. Tonight the Jolly man himself will be in attendance to take photos with your little ones.	**13** The best Native American dancers, drum groups and artisans from across North America will gather at San Manuel Stadium in downtown San Bernardino this weekend to celebrate their culture and spiritual roots at the 24th Annual San Manuel Pow Wow. This free event will feature contests for tiny tots, juniors and teens, as well as audience participation dancing open to all attendees. Event starts at 8pm.	**14** It's the Festival of Winter in Fontana at Miller Park from 11am-4pm.There will be activities for the whole family to enjoy!
15 Watch out, because there's a Holiday Spectacular in Riverside today! This family-friendly event will feature carolers, holiday cookie decorating, and more. Free admission. Event runs from 11am-1pm.	**16** The Phelan Certified Farmers Market happens every Monday at the Community Center from 2pm to 5pm. It is a weekly opportunity to find fresh and local produce and other vendors.	**17** Experience Kiddos 101, an indoor museum-style activity center designed for children 6 and under. No charge for adults, littles 6 weeks - 12 years, $15. Open 9am-7pm.	**18** Kids Against Drugs is hosting a family friendly advocacy event where everything is free. There will be kid's activities and giveaways. Learning has never been this fun! Event runs from 12-4pm.	**19** It's never too early to introduce your children to the library and develop a lifelong love of books. Redlands Smiley Public Library hosts Baby Storytime for children 2 and under every Thursday in the Young Readers' Room at 9:30am.	**20** Visit San Bernardino Valley College's historic George F. Beattle Planetarium. Enjoy "The Christmas Star" program starting at 6:30pm. Tickets are $3.00 general admission & $1.00 for children 10 & under.	**21** Movies in the Meadow series continues in Big Bear. Tonight features a holiday classic. Bring the family out for free from 4:45pm-6:45pm to the Snow Summit Base Area.
22 Consider making it a museum day! The Victor Valley Museum in Apple Valley is open from 10am-4pm and features a unique cultural and science collection and Native American and historical objects. Admission is $5 for adults and $2.50 for kids or free ifor 5 and under.	**23** Visit the Feldheym Library for a Bilingual Story Time in the Children's Room at 4pm. Bilingual learning has been shown to strengthen memory skills, multi-tasking, decision making skills and more.	**24** Christmas Eve Every moment is a brain building one! Vroom is a free mobile app and online resource with over 1,000 tips & learning activities that will turn everyday events like mealtime, bath time, bedtime, and more into a learning activity.	**25** Christmas Day Cozy up with a mug of homemade hot chocolate! Combine ¼ cup cocoa powder, ½ cup sugar, dash of salt, ⅓ cup water in saucepan. Heat & stir till smooth. Lower heat and add milk of your choice. Once it hits the desired temperature, pour in mug and add your favorite toppings. Yum!	**26** The Dorothy Inghram Library in San Bernardino hosts a story time for preschoolers every Thursday at 4pm. Reading to kids early helps build their communication skills and grows their imagination.	**27** IEHP Community Resource Center in Victorville is hosting a free kids arts and crafts class from 4:30-5:15pm. Head over and see what they have planned!	**28** Let's get ready for 2020! Lakeshore Learning Stores in Upland and San Bernardino are hosting their free Saturday crafting class from 11am to 3pm. Today, kids ages 3 and up will make Party Hats and Poppers.
29 Yes, drive-in theatres still exist. The Van Buren Drive-in Theatre is open 7 days a week and shows the same films as traditional movie theaters. Visit their website for show times. Adults $9, children 9 and under $1.	**30** Are you ready to move it move it? Head over to IEHP's Community Resource Center in Riverside for their Zumba for Kids class. Perfect for children between the ages of 4-11. Free admission. Event starts at 4pm.	**31** New Year's Eve It's the 55th annual Torchlight Parade in Big Bear. Watch skiers and snowboarders light up the slopes then stay for the free NYE party with music and activities for the whole family.				



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