Holiday Events 2026

Prescott, Prescott Valley & Chino Valley · Thanksgiving week through New Year's Eve

All season long

Nov 26 – Dec 30	**Valley of Lights** · Fain Park, Prescott Valley	Free; $5 per car donation appreciated
Nov 27 – Dec 24	**Free Visits With Santa at Pine Ridge Marketplace** · Pine Ridge Marketplace, Prescott	Free (bring your own camera)
Nov 27 – Jan 2	**WildLights and Animal Sights** · Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary, Prescott	$12; $10 members
Nov 28 – Jan 1	**Gingerbread Village** · Prescott Resort & Conference Center	

Thanksgiving week Nov 24–29

Tue, Nov 24	5:30–7 p.m.	**Pine Ridge Marketplace Holiday Tree Lighting** · Pine Ridge Marketplace, Prescott	
Thu, Nov 26	11:30 a.m.	**Thanksgiving with the Lemurs** · Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary, Prescott	Included with admission; members free
Sat, Nov 28	9 a.m.–3 p.m.	**CVPOA Holiday in the Park** · Memory Park, Chino Valley	Free admission
	9:30 a.m.–2 p.m.	**Family Makerspace Day: The Great Harvest Bridge Challenge** · YES! Exploration Center, Prescott	$20 per family
	6–8:30 p.m.	**Holiday Light Parade and Bonfire Festival** · Downtown Prescott	Free
		Christmas at Town Center · Prescott Valley Town Center Turf Park	

Parade weekend Nov 30 – Dec 6

Fri, Dec 4	5–9 p.m.	**Renaissance Christmas Feast and Song** · Hassayampa Capital Canyon Club, Prescott	$125 per seat
	5:30–9 p.m.	**December to Remember: Get Your Christmas Kicks on Route 66** · Chino Valley	Free
	5:30–8:30 p.m.	**Joy to the Gallery: December Live Art Auction** · Prescott Fine Art Auction House	$25; $50 with dinner
Sat, Dec 5	1–3 p.m.	**Christmas Parade** · Downtown Prescott	Free
	2–8 p.m.	**Winter Spectacular and Night Light Parade** · Prescott Valley Civic Center	Free
	3 p.m.	**Handel's Messiah** · Jim & Linda Lee Performing Arts Center, Prescott	
	3–5 p.m.	**World of Carols** · St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Prescott	$35; students $10; free 18 and under
	3–8 p.m.	**Frontier Christmas** · Sharlot Hall Museum, Prescott	$5; free for members and youth 17 and under
	5–7:30 p.m.	**Courthouse Lighting and Fireworks** · Yavapai County Courthouse Plaza, Prescott	Free
Sun, Dec 6	3 p.m.	**Handel's Messiah** · Jim & Linda Lee Performing Arts Center, Prescott	
	3–5 p.m.	**A Virtuoso Christmas** · Ruth Street Community Theater, Prescott	$28-$69, or donate what you can
	3 p.m.	**The Christmas Tenors** · Elks Theatre, Prescott	$31-$33

Acker Night week Dec 7–13

Wed, Dec 9	7 p.m.	**National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation** · Elks Theatre, Prescott	Free; donations appreciated
Thu, Dec 10	5–8:30 p.m.	**A Prescott Christmas Carol** · Sharlot Hall Museum, Prescott	
Fri, Dec 11	5–8:30 p.m.	**Acker Night Musical Showcase** · Downtown Prescott	Free; tips support youth music
Sat, Dec 12	10 a.m.	**Christmas City Santa Run** · Brownlow Trail, Prescott	1-mile from $18, 5K from $45, 10K from $61; youth $10
	7 p.m.	**The Nutcracker** · Ruth Street Theater, Prescott	$15-$85
Sun, Dec 13	1–3 p.m.	**Santa with the Animals** · Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary, Prescott	Included with admission; members free
	3 p.m.	**The Nutcracker** · Ruth Street Theater, Prescott	$15-$85
	3–5:30 p.m.	**Esteban: Christmas at the Elks** · Elks Theatre, Prescott	
	6–8 p.m.	**Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland** · Findlay Toyota Center, Prescott Valley	

The week before Christmas Dec 14–20

Tue, Dec 15	10 a.m.–noon	**Singing Santa** · Chino Valley Public Library Community Room	Free
Wed, Dec 16	7 p.m.	**A Christmas Carol (Film)** · Elks Theatre, Prescott	Free; donations appreciated
Thu, Dec 17	7 p.m.	**GENTRI Christmas with Prescott Pops** · Jim & Linda Lee Performing Arts Center, Prescott	
Fri, Dec 18	10 a.m.–noon	**Singing Santa** · Chino Valley Public Library Community Room	Free
	7 p.m.	**The Polar Express (Film)** · Elks Theatre, Prescott	Free; donations appreciated
Dec 18–19		**The Nutcracker Snow Globe Experience** · Pine Ridge Marketplace, Prescott	$10
Sat, Dec 19	3–9 p.m.	**Frost Fest** · Ken Lindley Field, Prescott	Free
	7 p.m.	**Honky Tonk Christmas** · Elks Theatre, Prescott	$31-$33
Sun, Dec 20	3 p.m.	**Holiday POPS: Home for the Holidays** · Jim & Linda Lee Performing Arts Center, Prescott	$35-$70; youth $10
	3 p.m.	**In The Christmas Mood** · Elks Theatre, Prescott	$31-$48

Christmas week Dec 21–27

Dec 21–25		**Kids Week Free at the Zoo** · Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary, Prescott	Free for kids 12 and under
Fri, Dec 25	11 a.m.–2 p.m.	**Don't Spend Christmas Alone** · St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Prescott	Free

New Year's Eve Dec 28–31

Thu, Dec 31	7:30 p.m.	**New Year's Eve Party with DD Alexander** · Crystal Hall, Prescott	$32-$35 (18+)
	7:30 p.m.	**Whiskey Row New Year's Eve Boot Drop** · Whiskey Row, Prescott	Free

Worth the drive: Verde Valley about an hour from Prescott

Nov 27 – Dec 24		**The Magical Christmas Journey Train** · Verde Canyon Railroad depot, Clarkdale	$60 adults, $40 kids 2-10 ($70/$50 on Dec. 24)
Sat, Nov 28	4 p.m.	**Light Up the Mountain** · Downtown Jerome	
Fri, Dec 4	4–7 p.m.	**VIP Wine & Chocolate Experience** · Old Town Cottonwood	Ticketed (21+)
Sat, Dec 5	11 a.m.–2 p.m.	**Cottonwood's 72nd Annual Christmas Parade** · Old Town Cottonwood	Free
Sat, Dec 5	3–7 p.m.	**33rd Annual Old Town Chocolate Walk** · Old Town Cottonwood	Ticketed
Sat, Dec 19	8–10 a.m.	**Breakfast with Santa (Cottonwood)** · Cottonwood Recreation Center	Free
Sat, Dec 19	10 a.m.–8 p.m.	**A Victorian Christmas at Fort Verde** · Fort Verde State Historic Park, Camp Verde	Regular admission: $10 adults, $5 ages 7-13
Thu, Dec 31	7–10 p.m.	**Cottonwood New Year's Eve Celebration** · Cottonwood Recreation Center	Free

Plans change, especially with winter weather. Check the event's own page, or the live list at **prescottinsider.com/prescott-holiday-events**, before you go. Updated November 19, 2026.

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