

**2016 HOLIDAY EVENTS
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CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Kelowna and District SHARE Society,

581 GASTON AVE, KELOWNA

Appointments to receive a 2016 Christmas hamper begin on **Tue, Nov. 8th**. **To register**, call Janine at 250.763.8117 to book a time.

The Salvation Army, **Kelowna and West Kelowna Food Hamper Registrations**

Families who will need some support at Christmas can register for the Sharing Christmas Food and Toy program.

Appointments can be made by calling 250.765.3450 ext 4, Mon-Fri.
For more info, visit www.kelownasalvationarmy.ca

*** Kelowna Community Church:**

1480 SUTHERLAND AVE, KELOWNA

By appointment: Mon, Nov. 21st - Fri, Nov. 25th

*** Community Life Centre:**

101-3531 OLD OKANAGAN HWY

By appointment: Mon, Nov. 28th - Tue, Nov. 29th

The Central Okanagan Community Food Bank

Providing Christmas hampers for singles, couples and families. Christmas Hamper

Registration is done in person at your nearest Food Bank Branch during regular hamper times.

Cut-off for Christmas Hampers is Mon, Dec. 5th at 4pm. Please call 250.763.7161 if you miss the registration cut-off date.

Christmas Hamper Distribution Dates:

*** Kelowna Branch: 1265 ELLIS ST, KELOWNA**

Families, Mon, Dec. 19th, 9am - 3pm

Singles and Couples, Tue, Dec. 20th and Wed, Dec. 21st, 9am - 3pm

*** West Kelowna Branch: 2545 CHURCHILL RD, WEST KELOWNA**

All Hampers, Wed, Dec. 14th and Thu, Dec. 15th, 10am-2pm



COMMUNITY DINNERS

West Kelowna Holiday Celebration of Dinner, Live Music & Friendship,

Westbank Lions Community Centre, 2466 MAIN ST, WEST KELOWNA

Sat, Nov. 26th, 5:30pm

This is a dinner in partnership with Kelowna's Gospel Mission and Powers Creek Community Church. **FREE** admission but **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** by calling Powers Creek Church at 250.768.3924.

Annual Christmas Dinner,

Kelowna's Gospel Mission, 251 LEON AVE, KELOWNA

Sat, Dec. 17th, 12noon - 6pm

Anyone in need is welcome to enjoy the traditional, homemade Christmas dinner with turkey, ham, potatoes, stuffing, and dessert. For more info, please call 250.763.3737.

Feed The People Christmas Dinner,

Ki-Low-Na Friendship Centre, 442 LEON AVE, KELOWNA

Fri, Dec. 23rd, 11am

This is a day to **feed all the people** who are less fortunate. For more information, please call Freda or Raylene at 250.763.4905.

Metro Community Christmas Dinner,

Laurel Packing House, 1304 ELLIS ST, KELOWNA

Fri, Dec. 23rd, 6pm

Welcoming all in search of good food and family over the Christmas holidays. Music and entertainment included. For more information, please call 778.478.9727.

13th Annual Free Christmas Dinner,

Parkinson Recreation Centre, 1800 PARKINSON WAY, KELOWNA

Sun, Dec. 25th, 5pm

Victory Life Fellowship is hosting their 13th Annual Free Christmas Day Turkey Dinner with free gifts for children and youth, 200 food gift bags, entertainment and prizes. No registration required, open to everyone on a first come-first served basis. For information, to donate or volunteer, call 250.862.3044, email vlf2@shaw.ca or visit www.victorylife.ca. **Not one person should spend Christmas alone!**

New Year's Day Dinner,

First United Church, 721 BERNARD AVE, KELOWNA

Sun, Jan. 1st, doors open at 5pm * dinner served at 5:30pm

Free meal, games, door prizes, entertainment! **Tickets available after December 1st** and may be picked up Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am - 12noon, or through the First United Office during office hours. For more information, please call 250.762.3311.

SPONSOR A FAMILY



The Salvation Army, Kelowna & West Kelowna

Assists families with toy and food-support **over Christmas**. Anyone who would like to help by donating toys, food, gift cards or contribute a financial donation can pick up a Sharing Christmas program at the locations below. For more info, please call 250.860.2329, or visit our website at www.kelownasalvationarmy.ca.

- * *The Community Life Centre, 200 RUTLAND RD S, KELOWNA*
- * *The Salvation Army Main Office, 1480 SUTHERLAND AVE, KELOWNA*
- * *The Community Life Centre, 101-3531 OLD OKANAGAN HWY, WEST KELOWNA*

Kelowna and District SHARE Society, 581 GASTON AVE, KELOWNA

The Adopt-a-Family Program matches a registered family in need with a family, individual or organization who would like to help make the season brighter this year with Christmas dinner and gifts. **For more info, call Janine at 250.763.8117.**

Kelowna Community Resources, 120-1735 DOLPHIN AVE, KELOWNA

You can make a difference for a family in our community. KCR is looking for sponsors for our annual Sponsor a Family Program. Experience the joy of giving with your family, group, or organization. Please call 250.763.8008 ext.121 or email sponsorfamily@kcr.ca between **Tue, Nov. 15th and Thu, Dec. 1st**

The Central Okanagan Community Food Bank, 1265 ELLIS ST, KELOWNA or 2545 CHURCHILL RD, WEST KELOWNA

Be involved in making a difference for a family this Christmas! Sponsors provide a food hamper plus gifts for the family they help. Please send an email to info@cofoodbank.com if you are interested in sponsoring a family this holiday.

The Kelowna & District Society for People In Motion, STE 23-1720 ETHEL ST, KELOWNA

You can make a difference **in the life of a local individual living on a disAbility pension or a family that has a child with a disAbility** by providing a Christmas food hamper and gifts. Please call Louise Abbott for further details at 250.861.3302.

VOLUNTEERING



The Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society invites you to **lend your heart, hands, and energy** towards making a memorable dinner for those in the community who are less fortunate or by bringing smiles to faces at the Children & Youth or the Elders Christmas Parties. For more information on how you can be involved, please contact Freda or Raylene at 250.763.4905.



WISH LIST & DONATIONS

CMHA, Wellness Development Centre, 504 SUTHERLAND AVE, KELOWNA

Gratefully accepting donations of gift baskets, gift cards, or cash for their **Christmas Celebration on Wed, Dec. 14th**. Donations over \$20 are eligible for a tax receipt. Your donation will make such a difference! Please call Wes at 250.861.3644 or donate online at www.cmhakelowna.com/christmas.

Kelowna and District S.H.A.R.E. Society, 581 GASTON AVE, KELOWNA

Gratefully accepting donations of items for our **Christmas Hamper Program**, including new toys for children from newborns to teenagers (gift certificates are appreciated for older children), food (turkeys, hams, Christmas trimmings, and baby food), diapers, etc. For more information, please call Janine at 250.763.8117.

Kelowna General Hospital McNair Unit, 2268 PANDOSY ST, KELOWNA

Please donate craft and art supplies as well as gifts for adults such as scarves, mitts, toques, tube socks, underwear, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, hand and shaving cream, lip balm, combs, brushes, journals, playing cards, individually wrapped chocolates and hard candies. No glass or sharp objects please. Please drop off at Volunteer Services on the main floor. For more information, call 250.862.4497.

Kelowna General Hospital Volunteer Services, 2268 PANDOSY ST, KELOWNA

Accepting donations of **NEW stuffed toys** to hand out to **distressed children in the waiting rooms** at the Hospital. Please drop off at Volunteer Services on the main floor. For more information, please call 250.862.4497.

Central Okanagan Community Food Bank

For our most needed items list or to make a secure online donation, visit www.cofoodbank.com.

* **Kelowna Branch:** 1265 ELLIS ST, KELOWNA

Open: Mon-Fri, 8am - 4pm * Sat, (in December) 10am - 2pm

* **West Kelowna Branch:** 2545 CHURCHILL RD, WEST KELOWNA

Satellite Depot open for donations: Nov. 21st - Dec. 30th * Mon-Fri, 8:30am - 4pm

*** Sat, (in December) 10am - 2pm**

Kelowna's Gospel Mission, 251 LEON AVE, KELOWNA

Please drop off donations of food and gifts: turkeys, hams, coffee, sugar; machine washable single bed blankets, single bed fitted sheets, socks, underwear, razors, towels, pajama bottoms (second hand items are great!) at 251 Leon Ave. **Especially appreciated are men's jeans and warm gloves**. Gifts of cash and gift cards are also appreciated. Please call 250.763.3737 for additional information.

WISH LIST & DONATIONS



The Kelowna & District Society for People In Motion,

STE 23-1720 ETHEL ST, KELOWNA

Gratefully accepting financial donations or gift hamper items such as non-perishable food items or Christmas gifts for our Christmas Hamper Program. All donations and contributions towards the Christmas Hampers will go directly to local individuals who are living on a disAbility pension and families who have a child with a disAbility. For additional info, please call Louise Abbott at 250.861.3302.

Annual Be a Santa To A Senior, *Sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care*

Tue, Nov. 15th - Fri, Dec. 9th

Drop into London Drugs, Kelowna, West Kelowna or Penticton locations and pull an ornament from the tree, then purchase from the suggestions listed on the ornament. **These gifts will brighten the lives of lonely, isolated seniors this Holiday Season.** For more information, please call Nancy at 250.860.4113.

EVENTS



Yeti-The Untold Story Of The Abominable Snow Monster,

Mary Irwin Theatre (Rotary Centre for the Arts), 421 CAWSTON AVE, KELOWNA

Sat, Nov. 19th, Tue, Nov. 22nd and Wed, Nov. 23rd, 7pm

Have you ever wondered why Yetis are so mysterious and scary? This is the story of the last remaining Snow Beast and how he changed from being a lonely bully to a shining star! Donations for the Central Okanagan Community Food Bank being accepted during December. Tickets are available at www.rotarycentreforthearts.com.

Winter Family Gathering Traditional Pow Wow,

Winfield Memorial Hall, 10130 BOTTOM WOOD LAKE RD, LAKE COUNTRY

Sat, Nov. 19th, 12noon - 8pm

Traditional drumming, dancing, arts and crafts vendors, Dinner, and Indian Tacos Fundraiser. Fun for the whole family! For more information, please call 250.548.3723.

Cool Arts Society Annual Holiday Wreath & Poinsettia Fundraiser

Order form available at: <https://coolartssociety.growingsmilesfundraising.com>.

Order deadline is Sun, Nov. 20th * Pickup deadline is Sat, Dec. 3rd, 9am -11am

*** Pickup location: 555 Fuller Ave, Kelowna**



EVENTS

Victory Life Fellowship's Annual Ladies' Christmas Gala,

Holiday Express Inn, 2429 HWY 97 N

Sun, Nov. 20th, 7pm

Join us for this annual 'LADIES' ONLY' holiday event with special guest, Linda Sharkey. Tickets are \$20 *or* \$15 if purchased before **Tue, Nov. 15th**. Purchase online at www.victorylife.ca, click 'Donate' then select 'Ladies Gala'. For more info call 250.862.3044, or visit www.victorylife.ca.

Jack & The Beanstalk,

Kelowna Community Theatre, 1375 WATER ST, KELOWNA

Evenings: Wed, Nov. 23rd - Sat, Nov. 26th, 7pm * Matinees: Sat, Nov. 26th & Sun, Nov. 27th, 2pm

Kelowna Theatre Society presents a traditional English pantomime as their 2016 Christmas show with a little bit of everything for today's family. Tickets are available at www.selectyourtickets.com. For more information, please visit www.theatrekelownasociety.org.

Tiny Tim Toy Breakfast,

Coast Capri Hotel, 1171 HARVEY AVE, KELOWNA

Thu, Nov. 24th, 6:30am - 9am

Bring your friends, family or co-workers and **enjoy a delicious breakfast** courtesy of the Coast Capri Hotel. Bring one **NEW**, unwrapped toy per person for The Salvation Army Sharing Christmas Toy Program, and take in a morning filled with good food, musical guests, entertainment and festivities. For more information, please call 250.860.6060.

Green Christmas Wreath Making Workshop,

GEECO, 2363A SPRINGFIELD RD, KELOWNA

Fri, Nov. 25th and Sat, Nov. 26th

We supply the cedar, pine and fir clippings from our fall trail maintenance and you bring the artistic genius to create your one-of-a-kind wreath or swag! \$15 fee per person. **Registration required; begins Nov. 1st**. To register, please call 250.469.6139.

Elf at the Encore Theatre,

3645 GOSSET RD, WEST KELOWNA

Presented by Investors Group in Partnership with Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs,

Sat, Nov. 26th, 3:30pm

Bring your family and friends to enjoy Elf, and help local families enjoy some Christmas Cheer! Donations of food, cash, or toys will support the West Kelowna Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs Christmas Hamper Program. For more information, please call Cassandra at 250.707.3265 or email Cassandra.kepke@Investorsgroup.com **All families welcome!**

Noel, Noel, Noel,

First Lutheran Church, 4091 LAKESHORE RD, KELOWNA

Sat, Nov. 26th, 7:30pm

The Kelowna Community Chorus along with the Merrie Pipers Recorder Orchestra are bringing you a family-friendly seasonal program. Tickets available at the door or at Wentworth Music. For more info, please call 250.764.7830.

EVENTS



A Family Christmas, *Okanagan Festival Singers*, 2600 HEBERT RD, WEST KELOWNA Sun, Nov. 27th, 2:30pm

A Matinee performance with part of proceeds going towards the Emmanuel Youth Group's mission trips. For more information, please visit www.ofsingers.com. Admission: Adults, \$15 / Students, \$5 / Under age 12, **FREE**.

A Christmas Story - The Musical, *Kelowna Actors Studio*, 1379 ELLIS ST, KELOWNA Evenings: Wed, Nov. 30th - Sun, Dec. 18th, 7:30pm Matinees: Sat, Dec. 3rd, 10th and 17th, 1pm

Based on the movie classic and set in the 1940s in the fictional town of Hohman, Indiana, you will follow 9 year old Ralphie Parker on his quest for the Holy Grail of Christmas gifts - an Official Red Ryder carbine-action, 200-shot Range Model air rifle. For more information, please call 250.862.2867 or email info@kelownaactorsstudio.com.

Dining Out to End Homelessness, *Rose's Waterfront Pub*, 1352 WATER ST, KELOWNA Wed, Nov. 30th, 6pm - 9pm

Invite your friends and family to join you and enjoy a great meal at Rose's Waterfront Pub. Rose's will donate the proceeds to Inn from the Cold - Kelowna. 50/50 tickets will also be available! For more info: <http://www.innfromthecoldkelowna.org/>.

Bohemian Christmas, *St. Michael & All Angels Cathedral*, 608 SUTHERLAND AVE, KELOWNA Fri, Dec. 2nd and Sat, Dec. 3rd, 7:30pm

Join us for an evening featuring performances from young and aspiring opera singers, special professional opera soloists and youth ensembles. For more info or to purchase tickets: www.operakelowna.com/a-bohemian-christmas/.

Community Christmas Light Up, *Peachland Community Centre and Heritage Park*, PEACHLAND Fri, Dec. 2nd, 5pm - 7:30pm

The fun starts at **5pm** with a pre-parade children's party at the Community Centre followed by the Children's Glow Parade which departs for Heritage Park at **6pm**. **Light Up events at Heritage Park** include entertainment, refreshments and a special visit with Santa. For more information, please call 250.767.2133 or visit www.peachland.ca.

City of West Kelowna Town Centre Light Up, BROWN RD N, WEST KELOWNA Fri, Dec. 2nd, 5pm - 8pm

Get in the holiday spirit with West Kelowna's Town Centre Light Up! Enjoy caroling, kids' activities and a variety of fun for the whole family. Admission is **FREE**, but food bank donations will be accepted.



EVENTS

28th Annual Downtown Kelowna Light Up,

VARIOUS DOWNTOWN KELOWNA LOCATIONS

Sat, Dec. 3rd, 10am - 5:30pm

FREE community event featuring photos with Santa, ice skating, hot chocolate, festive food, live entertainment, musical petting zoo and Santa lighting the Christmas tree in Stuart Park! For the full line-up of events, please visit www.downtownkelowna.com/lightup.

An Okanagan Christmas,

Okanagan Festival Singers, 4091 LAKESHORE RD, KELOWNA

Sat, Dec. 3rd, 6:30pm

This **family-friendly evening of Christmas music and fun** will infuse you with the Christmas Spirit. Special guest is Kelowna Community Music School Youth Choir, ranging in age from 7 - 17. For more info, please visit www.ofsingers.com. Admission: Adults, \$20 / Students \$10.

Breakfast with Santa,

Peachland Community Centre, 4450 6TH ST, PEACHLAND

Sat, Dec. 3rd, 9am - 11:30am

Delightful for all family members, from young children to Great Grandparents. Enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by St. Margaret's Anglican Church, entertainment, plus a visit with Santa. Bring your own camera for a picture perfect day. Advance tickets only. For more information, call 250.767.2133.

Fill The Van for Sally Ann,

Organized by Wade Webber & the Team of Royal LePage Kelowna, SAVE-ON-FOODS LOCATIONS

Sat, Dec. 3rd, 9am - 5pm

Donate and drop off non-perishable food items at the **Save-On-Foods stores located at Orchard Plaza, Lakeshore and Westbank**. For more information, please call 250.860.1100.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities Film Festival and Cool Arts' Holiday Bazaar,

UBC Okanagan Campus Arts Room 366, 1147 RESEARCH RD, KELOWNA

Sat, Dec. 3rd, 1:30pm - 4:30pm

This film festival sponsored by Inclusion BC features entertaining and memorable short films starring people with intellectual disabilities. **Cool Arts will be selling art, cards and festive creations**. For more information, please email info@coolarts.ca.

Lake Country Christmas Light Up,

Lake Country Memorial Park, 10241 BOTTOM WOOD LAKE RD, LAKE COUNTRY

Sat, Dec. 3rd, 3pm - 5pm

Bonfire, free hot dogs, coffee, hot chocolate, and great entertainment. Call Lake Country Lions Club at 250.766.4688 for more info.

EVENTS



Lake Country Santa's Craft Shop,
Lake Country Community Complex, 10241 BOTTOM WOOD LAKE RD, LAKE COUNTRY
Sat, Dec. 3rd, 1pm - 3pm

Bring the kids and spend time together making Christmas crafts. **Santa arrives at 1:30pm.** For more info, please call 250.766.5650.

Little House Lanterns,
Kelowna Art Gallery, 1315 WATER ST, KELOWNA
Sat, Dec. 3rd, 10am - 4pm

Create a beautiful paper lantern to light up the winter nights! Inspired by our current solo exhibition, Home Made Home, participants will create and decorate their very own micro-home lantern for the Downtown Kelowna Light Up that evening. For more information, please call 250.762.2226 or visit www.kelownaartgallery.com.

Santa Shuffle, Fun Run or Elf Walk,
Presented by The Running Room, WATERFRONT PARK, KELOWNA
Sat, Dec. 3rd, 10am

Get out your festive wear, bring the kids, your dogs, your family, friends and co-workers for the 24th Annual 5K Santa Shuffle Run/1K Walk. Create a team, or take on a personal challenge and possibly win a fun award. **Gather pledges and support The Salvation Army** and get rewarded by the Running Room. Registration for an individual or a group: <http://www.santashuffle.ca/register-s14132>.

Christmas at Benvoulin,
Benvoulin Heritage Church and Reid Hall, 2279 BENVOULIN RD, KELOWNA
Sun, Dec. 4th, 2pm

Please join us for festive music by '8 Misbehavin', seasonal goodies, Christmas crafts and more family fun at the beautiful historic Benvoulin Heritage Church. For more info, please visit www.okheritatesociety.com or call 250.861.7188. Admission by donation. **LIMITED SEATING.**

The Santa Sleigh Bus,
KELOWNA REGIONAL TRANSIT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SANTA
Sun, Dec. 4th - Sat, Dec. 10th

The Santa Bus with its antlers, bright red nose and dancing lights will be making the rounds again this year with Santa on board spreading good cheer and candy canes. Bring a non-perishable food item or cash for The Salvation Army Kettle to help those in need. For more info call, 250.860.8121.

Tim Horton's Free Skate with Santa,
Winfield Arena, 9830 BOTTOM WOOD LAKE RD, LAKE COUNTRY
Sun, Dec. 4th, 3pm - 4:30pm

Bring the whole family and enjoy a festive afternoon of skating. **FREE.** All ages welcome. For more information, call 250.766.5650.



EVENTS

Valley First Credit Union presents the **Uptown Rutland Christmas Light Up 2016**

Willow Park Shopping Centre and Roxby Square, Kelowna

Sun, Dec. 4th, 3pm - 6pm

This fun-filled, family event starts at Willow Park Shopping Centre with refreshments and treats, followed by all of us singing carols during the candlelight procession to Roxby Square for the Tree Light Up. **Light Up events include** RSS Choir, Kelowna Chiefs, City of Kelowna Obstacle Course, refreshments, and a special visit from Santa on the Santa Sleigh Bus. For more info, visit www.ourrutland.ca. Please bring a non-perishable food item for The Salvation Army.

Winter Wonderland,

Arion Therapeutic Farm, 2457 SAUCIER RD, KELOWNA

Sun, Dec. 4th, 10am - 3pm

Pony rides, music, hay wagon, seasonal bake sale, face painting, concession, petting zoo, a visit with Santa, and the Okanagan World of Reptiles. **FREE** admission. Activity tickets: 1/ \$2 or 6/ \$10. For more info, please call 778.477.1006 or visit www.ariontherapeutic.farm/.

Winterfest in West Kelowna,

Mount Boucherie Community Centre, 2760 CAMERON RD, WEST KELOWNA

Sun, Dec. 4th, 9am - 3pm

Kick off the Christmas season with fun the whole family at Winterfest in West Kelowna. Enjoy skating, crafts, face painting, cookie decorating and entertainment. Admission and activities are **FREE**, but a donation to the food bank will be greatly appreciated.

Lake Country RCMP 5th Annual Cram the Cruiser,

Coopers Foods, 9522 MAIN ST, LAKE COUNTRY

Sat, Dec. 5th, 9am - 2pm

RCMP regular members, auxiliary members and volunteers will be on site in uniform with marked police vehicles, inviting the public to donate non-perishable food for the Lake Country Food Bank. Cash donations also accepted. Everyone who donates is eligible to enter a prize draw from both Lake Country and Kelowna businesses. For more information, please call Cpl. Jesse O'Donaghey at 250.762.3300.

24th Annual Christmas Candlelight Memorial Service,

The Salvation Army Community Church, 1480 SUTHERLAND AVE, KELOWNA

Mon, Dec. 5th, 7pm

If you would like to honour and remember those you are missing this Christmas season, please join us at this annual inter-denominational memorial service. Presented by The Salvation Army in partnership with First Memorial.

EVENTS



Multi-Cultural Christmas Potluck, *Project Literacy Kelowna Society, 1635 BERTRAM ST, KELOWNA*

Mon, Dec. 5th, 1pm - 3pm

We invite you to join us for our Multi-Cultural Christmas Potluck Lunch. This event is open to anyone and admission is **FREE**...simply bring your favourite dish to share with others. **RSVP is required** by emailing admin@projectliteracykelowna.org.

Tree of Memories, *Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery, 1991 BERNARD AVE, KELOWNA*

Mon, Dec. 5th, 2016 - Thu, Jan. 5th, 2017, 7am - 5pm

Those with loved ones who have passed may place an ornament on the Tree of Memories to honour them. There is a Tree of Memories located at the Promontory Green and at the Legacy Gardens. For more information, please call 250.862.5518 or email kmhc@kelowna.ca.

West Kelowna Fire Rescue, Door-to-Door Food Drive

Tue, Dec. 6th, and Wed, Dec. 7th, 6pm - 9pm

Annual door-to-door collection of non-perishable food donations for the **Westside Community Food Bank**. You can also drop off your donation at the Main Fire Hall at 3651 Old Okanagan Hwy, or the Lakeview Heights Hall, at 2708 Olalla Rd. For more information, please call 778.797.3200.

11th Annual Scrooge Christmas Breakfast, *Sandalwood Retirement Resort, 580 YATES RD, KELOWNA*

Wed, Dec. 7th, 7am - 9:30am

Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast in exchange for purchasing one of our gift cards. **The Salvation Army** will give the cards to teenagers in need in our community. For more event info or to become a sponsor, call 250.717.1884 or email markk@regencyresorts.ca or jenniferb@regencyresorts.ca. **No RSVP required.**

23rd Annual Kelowna Nativity Exhibit, *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 696 GLENMORE RD, KELOWNA*

Wed, Dec. 7th - Fri, Dec. 9th, 10am - 8pm * Sat, Dec. 10th, 10am - 2pm

This must-see annual Christmas favourite features nativity sets from all over the world and provides a spiritual start to the Christmas season for the entire family. Wheel chair accessible. Everyone Welcome!! Admission is **FREE**.

Gift of Giving Lunch, *Missionwood Retirement Resort, 1075 BARNES AVE, KELOWNA*

Wed, Dec. 7th, 11:30am - 1:30pm

Missionwood is cooking up their delicious Turkey Lunch with all the trimmings once again. Every dollar you donate goes directly to the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign to support kids and families in the Okanagan. Suggested Donation is \$15. **RSVP to 250.860.9308.**



EVENTS

Beadiful Bracelets,

Okanagan Regional Library - Westbank Branch, 31-2484 MAIN ST, WEST KELOWNA

Thu, Dec. 8th, 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Bring your friends and enjoy learning how to make a lovely beaded bracelet for yourself--or to give as a Christmas gift! All materials will be provided. For children ages 9 - 13 years. **Registration is required.**

Night at the North Pole,

Lake Country Boys and Girls Club, 3130 BERRY RD, LAKE COUNTRY

Wed, Dec. 8th from 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Join us for an evening of Christmas Crafts, baking, Gingerbread Houses, food, entertainment and a special appearance from Santa himself! For more information, please call 250.766.5277.

Christmas Puppet Show,

Okanagan Regional Library - Westbank Branch, 31-2484 MAIN ST, WEST KELOWNA

Thu, Dec. 8th, 10:15am - 11am

Bring the kiddies (ages 3-5) and join us for Christmas stories and puppets at the Westbank Library!

Orchard Park Charity Gift Wrap,

Orchard Park Shopping Mall, 2271 HARVEY AVE, KELOWNA

*** Fri, Dec. 9th - Sat, Dec. 24th**

*** Mon - Sat, 9am - 9pm * Sun, 9am - 6pm**

*** Christmas Eve, 9am - 5pm**

Local non-profit agencies will wrap your Orchard Park Mall purchases with 100% of the monies you donate going to several non-profits in the Central Okanagan. For more information, please email christy@kcr.ca.

The Parade of Lights,

Departing from Costco Parking Lot,

KELOWNA REGIONAL TRANSIT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SANTA

Fri, Dec. 9th and Sat, Dec. 10th, 7pm

Take part in this annual Holiday tradition by donating cash or a child's toy to The Salvation Army Sharing Christmas Toy Program. To purchase a ticket, drop off your donation at Castanet, 202-346 Lawrence Ave, or Power 104.7/Q103-1, 3805 Lakeshore Rd. For more info, please call 250.860.5050, 250.763.1047, or 250.762.3331. Tickets sell out very quickly, so please plan ahead to get yours!

EVENTS



The Nutcracker,

Kelowna Community Theatre, 1375 WATER ST, KELOWNA

Fri, Dec. 9th, 7:30pm * Sat, Dec. 10th, 2pm and 7:30pm * Sun, Dec. 11th, 2pm

Filled with fantasy and magic that has captivated generations of families around the world making it a seasonal tradition. Enjoy the fantasy and magic of this annual Christmas favourite presented by the Canadian School of Ballet featuring Ballet Kelowna. For more info, visit www.csbal-letdance.com.

Rock Around the Christmas Tree Christmas Dinner and Dance,

Okanagan Centre Hall, 11099 MADDOCK AVE, LAKE COUNTRY

Sat, Dec. 10th, 6pm

Tickets go on sale starting November 11th. For more details, contact 250.766.5345 or visit www.okanagancentre.net.

Swim with Santa,

Parkinson Recreation Centre, 1800 PARKINSON WAY, KELOWNA

Sat, Dec. 10th, 1pm - 4pm

You are invited to an afternoon swim with Santa, where kids can have their photo taken with the jolly man underwater! Photos are complimentary with purchase of a daily pool pass and will be emailed to participants. For more info, please call 250.469.8800.

Toonie and Toy Pancake Breakfast with Santa,

Okanagan Mission Community Hall, 4409 LAKESHORE RD, KELOWNA

Sat, Dec. 10th, 8am - 11am

Don't miss out on our very popular Breakfast with Santa event in support of the Central Okanagan Community Food Bank Toy Drive. Tickets must be purchased in advance online, however, please bring toys on the day of the event. To purchase tickets, please visit www.okmissionhall.com. For more information, email okmissionhall@shawlink.ca.

Christmas Carol Services,

St. Michael & All Angels Cathedral, 608 SUTHERLAND AVE, KELOWNA

Sun, Dec. 11th, 3pm and Mon, Dec. 12th, 7:30pm

Sunday service is geared towards those who cannot attend an evening service. All ages are welcome. Donations to the Emergency Food Cupboard are gratefully appreciated. For more information, please call 250.762.3321.

Christmas is Coming!

Grand Hotel, 1310 WATER ST, KELOWNA

Sun, Dec. 11th, 2:30pm

Join the Kelowna international Choir for a Christmas Benefit Concert to aid the Central Okanagan Community Food Bank, with special musicians 'Combo with Fries' from the Okanagan Mission Secondary School. Admission by monetary or food donation to the Food Bank. For more information, please visit www.kichoer.weebly.com/.



EVENTS

Living Nativity, *Willow Park Church, 439 HWY 33, KELOWNA*

- * **Fri, Dec. 9th, 5:30pm, 6:30pm and 7:30pm**
- * **Sat, Dec. 10th, 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, and 7:30pm**
- * **Sun, Dec. 11th, 3:30pm, 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm and 7:30pm**

Bring your whole family and friends to take in this iconic and beautiful, family-friendly Christmas presentation. Includes drama, music, a Bethlehem town experience (with live animals) and the Great Hall with living mannequins. For more information, please call 250.765.6622 or visit www.livingnativity.ca. **This is a FREE event!**

Elf Junior, *Kelowna Actors Studio, 1379 ELLIS ST*

Mon, Dec. 12th, 6:30pm and 8:15pm

This hilarious fish-out-of-water comedy is presented by students ages 7-13 years of age. Based on the beloved holiday film that follows Buddy the Elf in his quest to find his true identity, this modern-day holiday classic is sure to make every young performer embrace his or her "inner elf" with plenty of large ensemble numbers featuring elves and (New Yorkers) of every type. For more information, please call 250.862.2867 or email info@kelownaactorsstudio.com.

Teen/Tween Time, *Okanagan Regional Library - Mission Branch, 4105 GORDON DR, KELOWNA*

Tue, Dec. 13th, 6:30pm

Jewelry making for youth ages 8-12 to keep...or to give away as Christmas gifts for family for friends. To register, please call 250.764.2254. For more information visit <http://www.orl.bc.ca/branches/mission>.

Twinkle Tours, Touring the lights & sights throughout Kelowna *People in Motion,*

Tue, Dec. 13th, Wed, Dec. 14th, and Tue, Dec. 20th, 6pm

A tour of Kelowna's Holiday Season lights on a tour bus with spots for 2 wheelchairs with 16 passengers. Minimum donation of \$10 per person supports programs and services for persons with disabilities. To make a reservation and for details, please call 250.861.3302.

A Visit with Santa, *Okanagan Regional Library - Westbank Branch, 31-2484 MAIN ST, WEST KELOWNA*

Wed, Dec. 14th, 6pm

Join us at the Westbank Library for a story, Christmas music and a chance to share your Christmas Wishlist with Santa. Parents, don't forget your camera! Donations to the Westbank Food Bank gratefully accepted. Generously funded by the Friends of Westbank Library.

EVENTS



Elders Christmas Party, *Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society, 442 LEON AVE, KELOWNA*

Thu, Dec. 15th, 12noon

For more info on this annual Christmas celebration for our community's Elders, contact Freda or Raylene, 250.763.4905.

LEGO Builders, *Okanagan Regional Library - Mission Branch, 4105 GORDON DR, KELOWNA*

Thu, Dec. 15th, 3pm

Bring your 5-12 year olds to the library to build a Christmas-themed LEGO creation that will be displayed right in the branch! To register, please call 250.764.2254. For more information, <http://www.orl.bc.ca/branches/mission>.

Children & Youth Christmas Party, *Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society, 442 LEON AVE, KELOWNA*

Sat, Dec. 17th

For children ages 0-12 or 13-17. **Registration required.** For more information please contact Freda or Raylene, 250.763.4905.

Handel's Messiah, *Kelowna Community Theatre, 1435 WATER ST, KELOWNA*

Sat, Dec. 17th, 7:30pm

Okanagan Symphony Orchestra invites you to join them for this perennial Holiday favourite... Handel's Messiah. For more information, visit www.okanagansymphony.com.

Kelowna Community Gospel Choir, *The Cathedral Church of St. Michael's and All Angels, 608 SUTHERLAND AVE, KELOWNA*

Sat, Dec. 17th, 7pm

Come and join us for our 'A Christmas Evening' Concert and Reception. **Entrance is by donation**, with all donations given to needs in the community. For more information, please email kelownacommunitygospelchoir@live.com.

Christmas Carol Concert, *First Lutheran Church, 4091 LAKESHORE RD, KELOWNA*

Sun, Dec. 18th, 2pm

The Kelowna Liedertafel Choir presents their annual Christmas Concert, this year featuring special guest artists 'Sicamore String Quartet'. For more information, please email liedkel@shaw.ca. **Admission by donation.**



EVENTS

Family Holiday Skate,

645 DODD RD, KELOWNA

Sun, Dec. 18th, 3pm - 5:15pm

Bring the whole family and come on out for a **fun family skate with Santa!** Admission is a non-perishable food item or donation per participant for the Central Okanagan Community Food Bank. Skate rentals are available. **Helmets are required.** Children must be supervised for this event. For more info, please call 250.469.8800.

Celebration of Light,

The Centre for Spiritual Living Kelowna, 1375 WATER ST, KELOWNA

Mon, Dec. 19th, 7pm

An evening of seasonal music and inspirational messages. Everyone is welcome to this trans-denominational holiday celebration. By donation. For more information, please call 250.860.3500.

Youth Winter Break **DROP-IN DAY** Camps,

Rotary Centre for the Arts, 421 CAWSTON AVE, KELOWNA

Mon, Dec. 19th - Fri, Dec. 23rd, 9am - 4pm

Arts Blast Winter Break Day Camps allow kids to expand their creativity in classes of visual art/crafts, drama, and / or dance...with hints of Christmas. **Registration required: 250.717.5304.** For children ages 5-10.

Christmas at Trinity,

Trinity Church, 1905 SPRINGFIELD RD, KELOWNA

*** Thu, Dec. 22nd, 7pm**

*** Fri, Dec. 23rd, 5:30pm and 8pm**

*** Sat, Dec. 24th, 2pm, 4:30pm and 7pm**

Trinity is producing its wonderful Christmas production and would like to invite you and your family to join them this holiday season. Tickets are **FREE** and can be downloaded www.trinity-churchkelowna.ca. For more info, please call 250.860.3273.

Christmas Eve Service,

The Salvation Army Community Church, 1480 SUTHERLAND AVE, KELOWNA

Sat, Dec. 24th, 6:30pm

Everyone welcome! For more information, please call 250.860.2329 or visit our website at <http://kelownasalvationarmy.ca/>.

Christmas Eve Service,

Metro Community, FRENCH CULTURAL CENTRE, 702 BERNARD AVE, KELOWNA

Sat, Dec. 24th, 5:30pm

A short service of reflection and celebration. For more info, please call 778.478.9727.

EVENTS



Giant Menorah Lighting, 1430 WATER ST, KELOWNA *Stuart Park, Sun, Dec. 25th, 5pm*

Bring the whole family down for the Menorah Lighting. Featuring a live DJ, a clown, doughnuts, dreidels, latkes, hot coffee, cider and more. For more info, please call 250.575.5384.

5th Annual Valley First New York New Years Eve, *Jim Stuart Park and Kelowna Community Theatre, 1430 WATER ST, KELOWNA* *Sat, Dec. 31st, 6pm - 9pm*

Festivals Kelowna presents a **FREE** family-friendly celebration to ring in Kelowna's New Year with entertainment for all ages and tastes, including live musical performances, Snow Zone activity stations, and drop-in games. There will be plenty of giveaways and goodies like glow ropes, hand warmers, balloons, and hot chocolate. Enjoy the Valley First Warm Up Zone with face-painting, craft stations, music, games, and giant screens of cartoons. Join in Kelowna's New Year's Countdown to Canada's 150th Birthday in 2017, and enjoy the Fireworks show. For more information, please visit www.festivalskelowna.com.

Annual Polar Bear Swim, *Peachland Community Centre, 4450 6TH ST, PEACHLAND*

*Sun, Jan. 1st, Check in time: 12:30pm * Event time: 1pm - 1:30pm*

Celebrate 2017 with a splash and dash into Okanagan Lake! This event is **FREE**, but pre-registration will allow for a special participation certificate to be prepared for you. For more info, call 250.767.2133.

Polar Bear Run, *Peachland Community Centre, 4450 6TH ST, PEACHLAND*

*Sun, Jan. 1st, Check in time: 10am * Race start time: 10:30am sharp*

Make 2017 the year for you to increase your activity level! Walk or run 2km or 5km. For more info or to register, call 250.767.2133.

Is Christmas your favourite time of the year?

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