

Community Information & Volunteer Centre

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Watch for your Holiday Events Guide

I have a confession to make. I decorated our house for Christmas. The combination of snow and an extra day off work were great motivators.

What about you? Are your thoughts turning to the upcoming holiday season? Take your mind off your 'to do' list and think about having fun and making a difference.

There are lots of free and low cost activities planned throughout the Central Okanagan from mid-November through to New Year's Day.

Your window into these activities is The 2012 Holiday Events Guide. It will be available free in the Friday, November 16th issue of the Capital News.

Look for ways that you and your family can have fun and maybe volunteer or even donate to a cause that helps others in need.

What captures your fancy? Join a Twinkle Tour to see the Christmas lights. Build a gingerbread house at Parkinson Recreation Centre or take in a free movie at the downtown Kelowna Library.

Christmas tree light up activities will be held in Lake Country, Rutland, Kelowna, West Kelowna and Peachland. Sip some hot chocolate and join the festivities.

Have Breakfast with Santa and wear off those calories at the Polar Bear Run and Walk in Peachland.

Music is in the air! Christmas recitals are being organized by Kelowna Community Music School. A German Christmas Concert will be held at Lutheran Church on Lakeshore and a Festival of Music and Lights is at the Anglican Church in West Kelowna.

You can sponsor a family, help serve at the Christmas Day or New Year's Day dinner, or organize hampers. Donations of grocery gift cards, socks, personal hygiene products or cash are welcomed at many nonprofit organizations.

Find your window into our community at Kelowna Community Resources www.kcr.ca and stay active throughout this fall.

Dawn Wilkinson manages the Community Information and Volunteer Centre at Kelowna Community Resources. Go to kcr.ca and click on Volunteer Opportunities Search to create your volunteer profile. View all the Volunteer Centre columns at: kcr.ca/volunteercolumn. Contact 250-763-8008 ext 24 or informkelowna@kcr.ca.