

Santa Trolley Express Thank You To Our Sponsors

The 2011 Santa Trolley Express, held on December 11, opened for registration in our Fall Program Guide and is already full for this year. Thanks to Whole Foods for providing refreshments, and thanks as well to the event sponsor, Geppetto's Toy Box, who will be providing fun games & activities for participants! Geppetto's Toy Box is located at 730 Lake Street, their phone number is (708) 445-9906.



Dressed as Santa, Oak Park's own Gustaf Lindberg, the first Superintendent of the Park District, arrives in style by train fresh from the North Pole in 1936, just in time to escort children to the Lake Theater for a special holiday program. Photo courtesy of the Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest.

Holiday Activities at Pleasant Home

Annual Holiday Open House & Artisans Sale **PH**

Su, Dec 4 from 1-4pm, FREE

FREE Refreshments provided by our preferred caterers and Todd & Holland Tea Merchants, live music, children's crafts in the kitchen, winter stories in the library, and self-guided tours of Pleasant Home.

Artisans Sale **PH**

Su, Dec 4 from 1-4pm

M, Dec 5 - Su, Dec 11 from 10am-8pm

FREE Local artists and collectors will display their work throughout Pleasant Home for an entire week! Earth friendly, functional and affordable art are featured among the many unique items from ships-in-the-bottle and wood carvings to paintings, clothing and jewelry all available for purchase. Pleasant Home Museum Store will be open extended hours during the art sale with gift certificates available. Ephraim Faience Pottery, Arts and Crafts note cards, scarves, books, posters and more, make wonderful holiday gifts.

Holiday Activities at Cheney Mansion

FREE Holiday Open House at Cheney Mansion **CM**

M, Dec 5 - Th, Dec 8 from 11am-7pm

The mansion will be beautifully decorated for the holidays! Bring your camera and take some great holiday family photos. Light refreshments will be served. On Tuesday, Dec 6 at 5pm the Pro Musica Youth Chorus joins the festivities, offering performances by the Primo Coro and Canterini choirs. No admission fee. Please bring a food item to donate to the OPRF Food Pantry.

Holiday Tales **PH**

Su, Dec 11 at 4:30pm
\$5 admission fee

How do you celebrate the winter holidays? Come and hear a few ways including Winter Solstice Stories, Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins, Seven Spools of Thread/ a Kwanzaa Story, and 'T'was the Night before Christmas.

Holiday Activities at the Oak Park Conservatory



Oak Park Conservatory Winter Holiday Craft Faire **OPC**

FREE **Su, Dec 4 from 10am to 4pm, FREE**

Find unique gift items created by local artists. Enjoy the conservatory dressed in her holiday finest of poinsettias, paperwhite narcissus and evergreens. Santa is coming to the faire and will listen to all holiday wishes and pose for photos!

"A Christmas Carol" **PH**

Su, Dec 18 at 4:30pm
\$12 admission fee, \$8 students & seniors
Advance reservations strongly encouraged

Pleasant Home's traditional one man presentation of a touching holiday classic will delight all ages. Call (708) 383-2654 or visit www.pleasanthome.org for details!

Winter Solstice Tea **PH**

Th, Dec 22 from 4-6pm
\$25 per person

Discounts for groups of 5 or more
Celebrate the lengthening of nights and shortening of days with beautiful music, delicious seasonal fare and Todd & Holland teas surrounded by art glass and mahogany, fresh pine boughs and golden candle light in the cozy library of Pleasant Home. Call (708) 383-2654 or visit www.pleasanthome.org for details!

What Are You Doing For Winter Break?



Chess Scholars Camp (Ages 5-13)

AASI

This camp is designed for both beginners and experienced young players. All participants will learn cool new strategies at the appropriate level from a renowned Chess Scholars coach. Each class will consist of a fun interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Children will have an opportunity to test for a Chess Belt® under a unique Chess Scholars system patterned after martial arts belts. There will also be a chess competition with prizes! Each camper will take home a chess set and an award. Please bring your own allergy friendly snacks.

Location: Barrie Center

M-F, 9am-12pm

\$167/\$251

Dec 26 - Dec 30

#712270-13

of weeks: 1

Min 5/Max 20

Sew Cute Camp (Ages 8-12)

AASI

In this winter break camp, participants will learn how to sew a straight stitch by hand and make a stuffed animal and small felt tote. Participants will be able to choose from a variety of fabrics and embellishments to personalize their projects and take home instructions for how to do the projects at home.

Location: Longfellow Center, Upper Level

AM Camp

Th & F, 9:30-11:30am

\$50/\$75

Jan 5 - Jan 6

#712270-15

of weeks: 1

Min 5/Max 8

PM Camp

Th & F, 12-2pm

\$50/\$75

Jan 5 - Jan 6

#712270-16

of weeks: 1

Min 5/Max 8

Just Bead It! (Ages 6-12)

SE

A three day winter break workshop for bead artists ages ten and up who want to go beyond basic stringing. We'll be designing and constructing fun things to wear or hang on the wall while learning beadwork techniques.

Location: Bead in Hand, 145 Harrison St in Oak Park

Tu-Th, 1-2:30pm

\$56/\$84

Dec 27 - Dec 29

#772530-02

of weeks: 1

Min 6/Max 10

Winter Design Camp (Ages 6-12)

SE

This four day camp is designed for students to explore their creativity. A new project/medium will be introduced each day: Monday - Colors & Collages; Tuesday - Paints, Prints, & Pastels; Wednesday - Murals & Masterpieces; Thursday - Science, Slime, and Surprises. Students will create art indoors and outdoors (weather permitting), engage in three 30 minute art lessons, and spend time in the "creative studio" which is an open ended area filled with art supplies.

Location: Fox Center

M-Th, 1-4pm

\$67/\$105

Jan 2 - Jan 5

#772530-01

of weeks: 1

Min 8/Max 24

Hot Wheels Challenge (Ages 4-7)

SE

Start your engines and get ready to race! Various race tracks will be set up for all little speedsters to test their cars! In addition, a mini course with remote controlled cars will also be set up. Each participant will receive one free hot wheels car and a pizza lunch.

Location: Fox Center

Tu, 10am-Noon

\$12/\$18

Dec 27

#772251-01

Th, 10am-Noon

\$12/\$18

Dec 29

#772251-02

of weeks: 1

Min 6/Max 18

Archery (Ages 8-12)

SE

Learn the basic techniques of holding the bow, shooting an arrow, and hitting the target. Safety and skills will be taught during this class followed by a few exciting archery games.

Location: Archery Custom Shop, 7240 W Madison in Forest Park

W, 1-3pm

\$24/\$44

Dec 28

#772251-03

F, 1-3pm

\$24/\$44

Dec 30

#772251-04

of weeks: 1

Min 6/Max 12

Non-lottery program

AASI

Do you miss summer camp? Join our Winter Break Camp! "Holidaze" is jammed packed with fun games, activities, arts & crafts. Experienced staff members will have a detailed plan for the day that will include both structured and self-directed activities to keep your child engaged all day! If weather permits, we will spend time outdoors, so dress accordingly! On Tuesdays we will travel to a local site for a mid-day field trip. A snack will be provided. Please send your child with a peanut-free sack lunch and water bottle and have them eat breakfast prior to arrival.

*5 year olds who attend full-day kindergarten will be considered for this program.

Location: Longfellow Center, Lower Level

Time: 8:30am-5pm

Enroll in daily programs or get a discount when you sign up for the 4 or 5-day session!

Date	Fee	Code
Single Days Holidaze Programs		
M, Dec 26	\$45/\$68	#712270-02
Tu, Dec 27	\$45/\$68	#712270-03
W, Dec 28	\$45/\$68	#712270-04
Th, Dec 29	\$45/\$68	#712270-05
F, Dec 30	\$45/\$68	#712270-06
Tu, Jan 3	\$43/\$65	#712270-09
W, Jan 4	\$43/\$65	#712270-10
Th, Jan 5	\$43/\$65	#712270-11
F, Jan 6	\$43/\$65	#712270-12
		Min 12/Max 18
4 or 5-day Holidaze Program		
Dec 26 - Dec 30	\$215/\$323	#712270-01
Jan 3 - Jan 6	\$172/\$258	#712270-07
		Min 12/Max 18

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4 or 5-day Holidaze Program

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Jan 3 - Jan 6

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