

Winter Wonderland

Idaho Springs • Empire • Georgetown • Silver Plume

2017

Nov 18-Dec 31 - Santa's North Pole Adventure and Lighted Forest aboard the Georgetown Loop Railroad

Enjoy a one hour train ride aboard the Georgetown Loop Railroad with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Or ride along in the evening as Santa engineers the train and his helpers will be on board to entertain the kids. Both trips are complete with complimentary hot chocolate, cookies, candy canes and more! To make reservations and for additional information please visit www.georgetownlooprr.com

Nov 25 - Shop Small Saturday

Looking to support small businesses in Colorado and Shop Small this Saturday!? Then, look no further than Clear Creek County and our Historic mountain communities of Idaho Springs, Dumont, Downieville, Lawson, Empire, Georgetown and Silver Plume. Visit our one of a kind boutiques, spas, restaurants and attractions to find something special for everyone on your holiday shopping list!

Nov 25 - Dinner with Santa and Tree Lighting in Idaho Springs

Children 12 and under are invited to have *dinner* with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the "North Pole" (Clear Creek Recreation Center in Idaho Springs). Then everyone is welcome to sing Christmas carols with Santa and Mrs. Claus while walking from the Rec Center to Citizen Park in Downtown Idaho Springs. After arriving, enjoy live music and the reading of "The Night Before Christmas" followed by watching Santa turn on the magical Christmas tree lights. Then head back to the Rec Center for more fun, including the chance to sit on Santa's lap - Hope to see you there! *Seating is limited. To purchase tickets for dinner with Santa please call (303) 567-4822

Nov 25 - Tree Lighting in Georgetown

Start the Holiday Season off at this event in Georgetown. Children of all ages are welcome to come deliver their written letters to St. Nick! Bring the entire family for a fun-filled day in Georgetown - catch a ride on the Georgetown Loop Railroad, enjoy a warm meal, visit the boutiques, or simply warm your hands by the bonfire. Lighting of the Christmas Tree in Library Park around 5 pm. A special reading of "The Night Before Christmas" will take place directly after the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Hamill House - 305 Argentine Street.

Nov 26 - Christmas Cantata Concert

Come enjoy a free concert by the Georgetown Community Choir at the Georgetown Heritage Center at 2pm - 809 Taos Street. The choir is directed by Norma Hafenstein.

Nov 27 - Guanella Pass Closes for the Season

As scheduled in the past, the County will close Guanella Pass Road at the Naylor Lake intersection and approximately 0.8 mile north of the Park/Clear Creek County line. The pass will re-open around Memorial Day.

Nov 30 - Traditional Holiday Season Workshop

Discover a century of local holiday traditions and celebrations from the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s. CCC Master Gardeners & friends will give a short presentation, followed by demonstrations, a few carols, and the opportunity to make a Christmas decoration. Participants will be encouraged to share their stories! Light refreshments provided. 6pm at the Georgetown Heritage Center - 809 Taos Street. Free event, donations welcome. Seating is Limited. RSVP by Monday, Nov 27 (303) 569-0289.

Dec 1 - 1st Friday Tea School

Join the Spice and Tea Exchange of Idaho Springs for 1st Fridays Tea School where you can learn the skills and tools needed to confidently brew your perfect cup of loose leaf tea at home. We will feature an Herbal tea, a Green tea, and a Black tea. You will go home with enough tea to make several more cups of each of these delicious teas. Reservations are requested and space is limited. Stop by the store to register or email idahosprings@spiceandtea.com - 1634 Miner Street

Dec 2-3 and 9-10 - Georgetown's Annual Christmas Market

Come experience a Christmas scene reminiscent of Christmas long ago. There will be roasted chestnuts, plenty of shopping, horse-drawn wagon rides and wonderful sights. Enjoy appearances by St. Nicholas in his traditional dress and the procession of Santa Lucia, as well as carolers and other family entertainment. This year we hope you will begin making it a tradition of your own! This event will take place in Historic Downtown Georgetown, on 6th Street. Admission is FREE.

Dec 3 - Family Christmas at the Hamill House

A family-oriented afternoon, in a traditional Victorian-style Christmas celebration at the historic Hamill House. Your afternoon will include a dignified welcome and greeting by our Butler, Caroling with the Silver Plume Singers, a Victorian-style candle-lighting and reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" in the decorated Library of William Hamill, presentation and story of the Yule Log, a visit from St. Nicholas, and Children's Parlour Games. Service will include light appetizers, dessert table, non alcoholic beverages, one complimentary wine or beer for each adult 21 or over, wassail/eggnog toast, and each child will receive a small gift. For reservations please call (303) 569-2840. Seating is Limited.

Dec 9 & 16 - Christmas at the Hamill House

A magical evening complete with traditional Victorian-style celebration, the lighting of the Christmas tree by candle, yule log, wassail toasts, and carols, with food and cocktails. The evening will end with a reading of "The Night Before Christmas." Upon arrival you will be greeted by the Hamill House Butler and invited in to begin your Christmas celebration! All food will be catered by local restaurants. The Hamill House Museum, decked with fresh greenery and classic decorations, will open its doors to friends, members, and newcomers in the spirit of a memorable Colorado Christmas. For reservations please call (303) 569-2840. Seating is Limited.

Dec 21 - Celebrate Winter Solstice Heritage Hops & Tasting

Join Clear Creek Extension Director Chris Crouse and Tommyknocker Brewery's Director of Brewing Operations, Steve Indrehus, for a presentation on the botany of hops, local brewing history, the brewing process, and the beer business. Enjoy tasting some local brews, give-aways and light refreshments at the Georgetown Heritage Center beginning at 6pm. \$15. RSVP by Mon, Dec 18 (303) 569-0289.

Dec 30-31 - Ice Racing on Georgetown Lake

- Calling all 4-wheel drives and spectators. This weekend kicks off the 2017-2018 Season with stud and cheater races on Saturday and bare rubber races on Sunday! Registration and practice will take place from 7:30am until 9am and racing starts at 9:30am. Open to the public - Updates and more information can be found at www.ourgangiceracing.com

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