Danville Area Holiday Guide



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A Merry Little Christmas

It's the holiday season! The wine is muling, the mistletoe is hung, and Home Alone is playing on a loop! While the elves have been working in Santa's workshop, I've been putting together this guide so you can turn the Danville area into your own winter wonderland.

Inside you'll find a holiday gift guide, the best spots and events in the Danville area, a winter bucket list, and much more!

Take the (polar) plunge; let's dive in!

GUIDE

All I want for Christmas is... clarity. There are so many wishlists; so many people to shop for. Luckily, I've curated the ultimate gift guide so you know exactly what to get everyone.

Note: Early shopping is critical. Given the supply chain issues we've experienced this year, I highly suggest checking availability and delivery times early.





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Fashion Lover



<u>Lizzy Lou Boutique</u>

Earring Obsessed



Turquoised Thriftster Designs



Decor Enthusiast

Chestnut Lane Antiques & Interiors



Wine and Beer Buff

Vintages by the Dan

Danville Area

TREE NURSERY

If you are looking for a fresh cut Christmas tree, visit Owen Farm Tours.

Tips for picking your "perfect" tree. Be sure to grab a branch between your thumb and forefinger and carefully pull it. If only a few needles fall off, the tree is fresh. Grab tree around the stump and gently shake. If an excessive amount of needles fall or are brown, you may want to consider a different tree.





LIBRARY LOVE

Calling all holiday elves! Spend the night creating your own special toy with provided materials. Ages 4 and up.
Registration is required. Call 434-799-5195. Event is held in the Maker Space of the Danville Public Library on Tuesday, December 14 from 4:30 - 6:00 pm.

GIVING BACK

<u>Todd Breaux-State Farm</u> in Chatham is having their 14th Annual Toys for Tots toy drive & Grace A Lot coat drive- now through December 10th!

Santa & Mrs Claus will be visiting on Dec 9th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Donate to wonderful organizations, take photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus & enjoy light refreshments.



HOLIDAY Highlights

Looking for some fun this holiday season? Me too! Here are a few events happening in Danville that are on my radar.

3 Luminaria Trail Walk

Celebrate the season with a candlelit stroll along the Riverwalk with the Luminaria Trail Walk. Listen to beautiful holiday music from local carolers and musicians. The walk will begin at the Community Market and end at Main Street Plaza. Friday, December 3rd from 6 to 8 pm.

4 Zip Line Plunge

Brave the winter air and take the plunge on Danville's 400-ft zip line. Enjoy the view of the winter landscape from the top of the trees while gliding through the air. Ages 8 and up. Register by November 29. Call (434) 799-5150 or sign up online at www.playdanvilleva.com. Held at the Skate Park at Dan Daniel Sat, December 4 from 2-4 pm. \$12 per person.

4 12th Annual Holiday Market

Visit the Danville Farmers' Market for a special Holiday Market featuring everything you need to get ready for your holiday parties and gatherings including: handmade crafts, jewelry, artwork, baked goods, and much more! Located at the Community Market on Saturday, December 4th from 8am to 2pm. Free admission.

9 Camp Fire and Night Hike

Enjoy a night under the stars and forest canopy at Ballou Park. Listen to the sounds of nature and look at the stars above. End the evening warming up with a campfire and s'mores! Register the Monday before the program. Sign up online at www.playdanvilleva.com. Held on Thursday, December 9th from 6:30-8:30pm at Ballou Park.



HOLIDAY Highlights

Here are more events happening in Danville this holiday season!

9 Community Holiday Light Show

Ballou Park will be lit up and full of holiday spirit December 9-23 from 6-9pm. The show is made entirely of displays created by the community. Admission \$10 for cars and \$20 for vans/minibuses. Children's Village which is included in the price of admission will be open from 6-9pm.

10 Season's Readings: "A Christmas Carol"

Join the Danville Public Library after-hours for a live reading of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. The reading will be the condensed version edited by Dickens for use in his own public readings of this classic yuletide tale. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call 434-799-5195. Held Friday, Dec. 10 fro 5:30-7pm on the first floor of the library.

19 How to Identify Trees in the Winter

Ever wonder how to identify trees after the leaves have fallen? Come out to Anglers Park to embark on a winter hike and learn tree species by their bark shape, color, size, and height. All ages welcome! Register online at www.playdanvilleva.com. Held on Sunday, Dec. 19 from 2:30-4pm.

20 New Year New You: 2022 Vision Boards

What are your goals for the year? In this program at the Danville Public Library, you will be using the art of collage to create vision boards you can take home. Supplies will be provided. Ages 8 and up. Located in the Maker Space of the library. Tuesday, Dec. 20 from 5:30-6:30pm. Registration required. Call 434-799-5195.

For more information on local events, be sure to check out <u>Play Danville</u> <u>Magazine.</u>





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Holiday BUCKET LIST

Get a live Christmas tree from Owen Farm Tours	
Bundle up and go on a winter walk around Dan Daniel Park or Anglers Park	
Build a gingerbread house	
Grab a White Chocolate /Mocha Espresso from Links Coffee House Cafe	
Enjoy a nice homemade cup of hot cocoa	
Read your favorite book by the fire	
Host a family game night	
Make mulled wine using local wine from The Homeplace Vineyard	
Volunteer your time	
Look at Christmas lights in your neighborhood	
Make fresh potpurri using oranges, cranberries, and cinnamon sticks	
Attend the Riverview Rotary Christmas Parade on Sat, Dec 4 at 5pm	
Write down your 2022 New Years resolutions	

Christmas RECIPE

Dinner parties, family gatherings, and extra time at home. All great reasons for you to try my favorite Christmas recipe.

What You Need:

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 6 to 7 cups thinly sliced peeled tart apples
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Dough for double-crust pie
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 large egg white



Grandma's Flaky Apple Pie

How To Make:

- Preheat oven to 375°. In a small bowl, combine sugars, flour and spices; set aside. In a large bowl, toss apples with lemon juice. Add sugar mixture; toss to coat.
- On a lightly floured surface, roll one half of dough to a 1/8-in.-thick circle; transfer to a 9-in. pie plate. Trim even with rim. Add filling; dot with butter. Roll remaining dough to a 1/8-in.-thick circle. Place over filling. Trim, seal and flute edge. Cut slits in top. Beat egg white until foamy; brush over crust. Sprinkle with sugar. Cover edge loosely with foil.
- D3. Bake 25 minutes. Remove foil; bake until crust is golden brown and filling is bubbly, 20-25 minutes longer. Cool on a wire rack.



HO HO HOME is all you need this holiday season!









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