

MAKE CHRISTMAS MEMORIES IN LAVA HOT SPRINGS!
DECEMBER 4TH & 12TH, 2026

December 4th

Christmas at the Center: Join the Lava Community Center @ 6pm for a Community Dinner, Christmas Program and Tree Lighting

December 12th

Swim with Santa · 12–3 PM

Dive into the holiday spirit at the Lava Pool! Bring a new toy for free admission to support Toys for Tots, then join Santa and his toy soldiers for a Christmas swim you won't forget! Admission free for each child who brings a new toy valued at $5 or more.

Santa's Workshop · 3–5 PM

Come make some holiday magic! Join Mrs. Claus at the Cummunity Center to create two Christmas ornaments and a holiday lantern. Hop aboard the Christmas Train, enjoy a wintery sleigh ride, and gather round for festive read-alouds sponsored by Lava Public Library with Mrs. Claus and special guests. $10/child or $30/family of 4.

Children's Light Parade · 5 PM

Follow Old World St. Nicholas in a magical children's light parade starting at the Community Center and traveling along the beautifully decorated River Walk. Make a lantern at Santa's Workshop—or bring one from home!

Downtown Holiday Stroll · 5–7 PM

Keep the Christmas fun going downtown! Our local businesses and vendors will be open late for holiday shopping, while you enjoy carolers, hot chocolate and other tasty drinks. Then cozy up with someone special for a horse-drawn wagon ride through downtown. Children be on the lookout for St. Nicholas and his friends as they join the festivities along Main Street.

All December Long

Find the hidden elf at businesses around town. Enjoy holidays specials, including festive dinners, the salt cave, spa treatments, and soak in our world famous hot pools.

Dear Lava Community:

Lava Hot Springs is excited to join with the Community Center to add more festivities to the season. This year there will be Christmas at the Center on December 4th and we are excited to host the first Lava Lights & Winter Nights on December 12th. We invite everyone to participate.

We would love everyone to be part of this magical community celebration. These evenings bring families, visitors, and local shops together to enjoy the holiday season throughout town.

Local Homeowners:

Help us celebrate by decorating your home and yards. The best decorated house will be awarded an awesome gift basket. Judging will be December 1st and the winner announced at the Community Dinner.

Join the festivities Dec. 4th and 12th and find the hidden elves at local businesses all December long.

Share and invite your family, friends and renters to join the fun.

Local Businesses:

Storefront Decorating Contest - Help us light up Lava by decorating your storefront for the holidays. Every decorated building adds to the charm of the event. Participating businesses will be entered to win an amazing holiday gift basket. Judging will be done December 1st.

Create a Photo Op Station- Set up a small photo opportunity area near your storefront — a festive bench, backdrop, Christmas tree, or any creative holiday display.

Elf Hunt Participation-Join our town-wide Elf Hunt by hiding a small elf somewhere inside your facility.

Hot Chocolate / Holiday Drink Stroll- If you would like to be part of the drink stroll and be featured on the event map, please let Kathy @ Blue Jay Inn know what drink your business will be serving. Participating businesses must be able to serve from Noon until 7 PM.

Additional Activities: Santa's Workshop & Community Events *(More details coming soon)*

• Santa's Workshop with crafts and activities • Food vendors • Stroll with Santa throughout town • Main Street Hot Chocolate & Special Holiday Drink Stroll • Wagon rides • Train rides • Carolers • And much more