

# **Dallas and Fort Worth Upcoming Events**

## **2013 Chinese Lantern Festival**



After an ultra-popular debut in 2012, the Chinese Lantern Festival is set to ignite the lagoon at Fair Park all over again - this time with 25 spectacular lantern displays. The Lantern Festival will open on September 27 with the State Fair of Texas and continue through January 5, 2014. During that four-month run, visitors will be able to view an exhibit with 17 new scenes, including dragons, dinosaurs, tulips, flamingos and even a herd of longhorn cattle.

Tickets will be \$22 for adults and \$14 for children, available in person at the Festival and via the website at [www.chineselanternfestival.com](http://www.chineselanternfestival.com).

### **LOCATION**

Fair Park  
3809 Grand Ave.  
Dallas, TX 75210

### **WEBSITE**

[www.chineselanternfestival.com](http://www.chineselanternfestival.com)

### **PHONE**

214-421-8737

### **TICKET INFO**

\$14-\$22

## **2013 Gift of Lights & Snow at Texas Motor Speedway**

Gift of Lights & Snow is a drive-thru holiday spectacular show featuring more than two million LED lights and 600 unique holiday displays around the Texas Motor Speedway track. This year there will also be a Snow Village featuring snow tubing, snow play and a snowball gallery for active outdoor winter enjoyment.

Discount tickets giving \$3 off lights on weekdays and \$5 off lights on weekends and holidays are available in advance at area Walgreen's. Proceeds benefit Goodwill Industries of Fort Worth, Tarrant Area Food Bank and KLTU Christmas Wish.

The Snow Village will be open during the day, 10 am-5 pm, on the following dates: November 23, 24, 29 & 30; December 1, 7, 8, & 14 – 31; and January 1 – 5, 2014. Price is \$27 per person in advance and \$25 at the gate, based on availability.

Combo tickets on the following dates for both the lights and Snow Village are \$50 for 5 people (\$10 per extra person): November 25, 26; and December 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17.

Every other weeknight, combo tickets are \$13 per car PLUS \$10 per person. On weekends, the price is \$17 per car PLUS \$10 per person.

#### **LOCATION**

Texas Motor Speedway  
3545 Lone Star Cir.  
Fort Worth, TX 76177

#### **WEBSITE**

[www.giftoflightstms.com/](http://www.giftoflightstms.com/)

#### **TICKET INFO**

Lights only: \$15 per car Monday through Thursday, \$20 per car Friday through Sunday and holidays. See above for Snow Village only and combo prices.

#### **2013 Macy's Grand Tree Lighting Celebration**



Celebrity ice skaters will join the Missile Toes, Galleria Dallas' ice skating team, under the tallest indoor Christmas tree for a month full of performances at the Macy's Grand Tree Lighting Celebration. Each free holiday show features Missile Toes, Galleria's ice-skating, back-flipping, pyrotechnic Santa Claus, live performances from Olympic, World and National champions and local children performing around the illustrious 95-foot-tall Christmas tree. This year's featured guest skaters include 2002 Olympic Champion Sarah Hughes, four-time World Champion Kurt Browning, U.S. Bronze Medalist and U.S. World Team Competitors Kim Navarro and Brent Bommentre, 2011 U.S. Champion Ryan Bradley and U.S. Junior Men's Champion Keegan Messing.

**Celebrity ice skater schedule:**

**Friday, Nov. 29 and Saturday, Nov. 30:** Kurt Browning, Kim Navarro and Brent Bommentre

**Saturday, Dec. 7:** Ryan Bradley

**Saturday, Dec. 14:** Keegan Messing

**Saturday, Dec. 21:** Sarah Hughes

**LOCATION**

Galleria Dallas

13350 Dallas Pkwy.

Dallas, TX 75240

**WEBSITE**

[www.galleriadallas.com/](http://www.galleriadallas.com/)

**PHONE**

972-702-7100

**TICKET INFO**

Admission is free.

**2013 Snider Plaza Tree Lighting**

The 7th annual Snider Plaza tree lighting event will include live performances on the main stage, children's activities and vendors offering food and drinks. Children will also have the opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa Claus. The tree lighting will take place at the end of the day's activities.

**DATE**

Sunday, Nov. 24th, 2013 at 1 p.m.

**LOCATION**

Snider Plaza

6709 Snider Plaza

Dallas, TX 75205

**WEBSITE**

[dallas.culturemap.com/eventdetail/2013-snider-plaza-tree-lighting/](http://dallas.culturemap.com/eventdetail/2013-snider-plaza-tree-lighting/)

**TICKET INFO**

Admission is free

### **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Chesapeake Energy Parade of Lights**



The largest, illuminated parade in Texas with over 100 floats and millions of lights, the Chesapeake Energy Parade of Lights presented by CHASE officially opens the holiday season in Downtown!

The parade starts on the north side of the Tarrant County Courthouse, goes south on Commerce Street, turns west on 9th Street before the Fort Worth Convention Center and heads back north on Houston Street. Sidewalk viewing is free, while tickets in the grandstands range from \$9.50-\$35.

**2:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

Holiday Fun Zone presented by XTO Energy opens in General Worth Square located on Main Street between 8th & 9th Streets.

Arts, crafts and stage entertainment in the Holiday Fun Zone

Food and beverage areas open on Main Street

Cowboy Santas toy collection begins at each of their four locations

NEW! Farrington Field FREE Shuttle Service

#### **DATE**

Friday, Nov. 29th, 2013 at 2 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

[Sundance Square](#)

201 Main St.

Fort Worth, TX 76102

#### **WEBSITE**

[www.fortworthparadeoflights.org](http://www.fortworthparadeoflights.org)

#### **PHONE**

817-255-5700

## TICKET INFO

Free-\$35

### **Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical**

Performing Arts Fort Worth will present the Fort Worth debut of Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical, which features the hit songs "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch" and "Welcome Christmas" from the original animated special.

Max the Dog narrates as the mean and scheming Grinch, whose heart is "two sizes too small," decides to steal Christmas away from the Holiday loving Whos. Inspired by Dr. Seuss' original illustrations, the sets and costumes help transport audiences to the whimsical world of Whoville, while the music and book of Mel Marvin and Timothy Mason breathe new life into this timeless story of the true meaning of Christmas.

## LOCATION

Bass Performance Hall

525 Commerce St.

Fort Worth, TX 76102

## WEBSITE

[www.basshall.com/eventsnew.jsp](http://www.basshall.com/eventsnew.jsp)

## PHONE

817-212-4325

## TICKET INFO

\$22-\$66

### **Forest Park Medical Center North Texas Turkey Trot**



Start Thanksgiving with some family fun. The Forest Park Medical Center North Texas Turkey Trot will feature 10K, 5K and one-mile runs for people of all athletic abilities. Kids and pets are welcome.

## DATE

Thursday, Nov. 28th, 2013 at 8 a.m

## LOCATION

Forest Park Medical Center Frisco

5500 Frisco Square Blvd.

Frisco, TX 75034

## WEBSITE

[northtexasturkeytrot.com/](http://northtexasturkeytrot.com/)

## TICKET INFO

\$15-\$45

### **Panther Island Ice**

The Fort Worth holiday season will be a lot “cooler” thanks to a new outdoor ice skating rink coming to Panther Island. The Trinity River Vision Authority is delivering a seasonal ice rink that will debut November 22 and operate until January 5. Panther Island Ice, Fort Worth’s first outdoor ice skating rink, will be located at Coyote Drive-In and will have the Downtown skyline as a picturesque backdrop. In addition to public ice skating, Panther Island Ice will also offer Santa Clause appearances and seasonal music. Bring your families out and come enjoy the holiday season with us!

## LOCATION

[Panther Island Pavilion](#)

395 Purcey Street  
Fort Worth, TX 76102

## WEBSITE

[www.trinityrivervision.org/pantherislandice](http://www.trinityrivervision.org/pantherislandice)

## PHONE

817-698-0700

## TICKET INFO

\$10 General Admission, \$8 Student/Active Military, \$8 Groups (15+)

### **Rain: A Tribute to The Beatles**

*Rain: A Tribute to The Beatles* is more than just a concert; it's a full-on re-creation of what it was like to see the Fab Four play back in the day. The show includes the full range of The Beatles' discography live onstage, including the most complex and challenging songs that The Beatles themselves recorded in the studio but never performed for an audience. It's a multi-media concert that's as infectious as it is transporting.

## LOCATION

[Music Hall at Fair Park](#)

909 First Ave.  
Dallas, TX 75210

## WEBSITE

[dallassummermusicals.org/shows\\_rain.shtm](http://dallassummermusicals.org/shows_rain.shtm)

## PHONE

214-565-1116

## TICKET INFO

\$15-\$85

## **Sundance Square Plaza - Christmas Tree Lighting**

Lights, Cameras, Christmas! Mark the beginning of the holiday season by attending the annual lighting of the Sundance Square Christmas Tree in the new, captivating Sundance Square Plaza. Gaze at the grand blue spruce towering more than 50 feet in all its glittering beauty. Enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas and complete your visit with a memorable photograph with Santa Claus himself.

### **LOCATION**

[Sundance Square](#)

Downtown Fort Worth

Fort Worth, TX 76102

### **WEBSITE**

[www.sundancesquare.com/](http://www.sundancesquare.com/)

### **PHONE**

817-698-0700

### **TICKET INFO**

Admission is free

## **Texas Ballet Theater presents *The Nutcracker***



Ben Stevenson's production of *The Nutcracker* returns, featuring waltzing snowflakes, battling mischievous mice, adorable children, a glittering swan sleigh, a flying carpet and spectacular dancing.

### **LOCATION**

[Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House](#)

2403 Flora St.

Dallas, TX 75201

### **WEBSITE**

[www.attpac.org/on-sale/2013/texas-ballet-theater-s-the-nutcracker/](http://www.attpac.org/on-sale/2013/texas-ballet-theater-s-the-nutcracker/)

**PHONE**

214-954-9925

**TICKET INFO**

\$15-\$90

**The Trains at NorthPark 2013**

The Trains at NorthPark will celebrate its 15th year at NorthPark Center by once again presenting the most elaborate toy trains exhibit in Texas. The exhibit has trains rolling across 1,600 feet of track on a journey across America, including cityscapes of downtown Dallas, with the beautiful Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, the State Fair of Texas and the Cotton Bowl; New York City's Times Square and Grand Central Terminal; Washington, D.C. with The White House; New England's fall foliage; the Grand Canyon, Route 66, San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge and various other highlights.

The exhibit encompasses more than 4,000 square feet of train themed environments, with all the trimmings of the holiday train travel experience—steam engine and coach cars, a ticket booth and a train station as well as interactive features. Since 1987, The Trains at NorthPark has raised money for the children and families served by the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas.

The exhibit will close early on November 27, Thanksgiving Eve, at 6 pm; December 24, Christmas Eve, at 4 pm; and December 31, New Year's Eve, at 6 pm. The exhibit is closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day; Open New Year's Day.

**LOCATION**

**NorthPark Center**

8080 N. Central Expy.

Dallas, TX 75225

**WEBSITE**

[www.rmhdallas.org/trains/](http://www.rmhdallas.org/trains/)

**PHONE**

214-363-7441

**TICKET INFO**

\$3 for kids 2-12 and seniors 65 and older, \$6 for adults.