

WHISTLER HOLIDAY FUN

Whistler Presents: The Whistler Holiday Experience

Location: Whistler Conference Centre

Date/time: December 16, 2011 – January 2, 2012, 10 AM – 6 PM (excluding December 25 and 31, 2011)

Price: Free

This indoor family fun zone is unparalleled for indoor entertainment! Kids can enjoy a mini putt course, table games, bouncy castles, crafts and video games free for 16 days. Parents can relax in the lounge area and enjoy a coffee or hot cocoa while the kids play. Santa's grand arrival is December 17 at 1 PM. Santa will be at Whistler Holiday Experience on December 17 and 18 between 1 PM and 5 PM.

FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

Climb & Dine

Location: The Core

Date/time: Daily 6 PM – 9 PM

Price: \$70 (children ages 6 - 14)

Kids climb while you get time to enjoy the best of Whistler's cuisine at your leisure! Pizza dinner and drink included. Reservations required.

Coca-Cola Tube Park

Location: Blackcomb Mountain Base 2

Date/time: Opening December 17; Monday – Friday, 12 PM – 8 PM; Weekends, 11 AM – 8 PM

Price: \$20 for adults, \$17 for youth & seniors, \$15 for children ages 12 and under (ask about the 10% off family discount)

Feel the wind in your face as you cruise down the exhilarating tubing hill. There is no skill or equipment required – just a sense of adventure and a desire for excitement.

Cookie Decorating

Location: Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa

Date/time: December 23, 27 & 30, 4 PM – 5 PM

Children can be creative and enjoy their tasty creations afterwards!

Core Kids – Morning Camp

Location: The Core

Date/time: Daily 10 AM – 2 PM (Minimum of 3 children required)

Price: \$75 (5 – 12 years old) Tube Park ticket and lunch included

This 4-hour adventure packed fun camp includes a mixture of indoor rock climbing, fun games and tubing at the Coca Cola Tube Park on Blackcomb Mountain. You ski while your kids enjoy rock climbing and tubing!

Festival of Lights and Winter Wonderland Art Exhibit

Location: Millennium Place

Date/time: December 19, 2011 – January 19, 2012

Price: Free

The Whistler Arts Council presents the second annual Whistler Festival of Lights Exhibition at Scotia Creek Gallery in Millennium Place featuring the ambient glow of lanterns, light sculptures and a local artist exhibit.

Fire & Ice Show

Location: Base of Whistler Mountain

Date/time: Every Sunday starting December 18, 6:30 PM. Please note the Sunday, December 25 show has been moved to Monday, December 26.

Price: Free

Watch world-class athletes flipping and twisting through a burning ring of fire and finish with a first class fireworks display.

Fresh Tracks Mountain Top Breakfast

Location: Roundhouse Lodge on top of Whistler Mountain

Date/time: Beginning December 16, upload the Whistler Village Gondola from 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Price: \$17.95 for adults & youth, \$12.60 for children ages 7–12, FREE for children ages 6 and under (separate valid lift ticket required)

You are already heading up the mountain, so start the day off with breakfast at the top of Whistler. Then be among the first to enjoy fresh powder or perfectly groomed corduroy on the slopes.

Lantern Making Workshop

Location: Whistler Conference Centre

Date/time: December 21, 22, 28 & 29, 2 PM – 5 PM

Price: Free

Create a lantern to take home or to display at the Whistler Arts Council's second annual Festival of Lights Exhibition at Millennium Place.

Magic Castle & Tree Fort

Location: Whistler & Blackcomb Mountains (pick up a trail map to find your way)

Date/time: Open daily 8:30 AM – 3 PM (Subject to weather and conditions)

Price: Free with valid lift ticket; must ski/snowboard to get to these locations.

The Magic Castle on Blackcomb and the Tree Fort on Whistler are great for families of little ones. Explore the mountains, find the secret entrances, then take off your skis or board and explore these outdoor adventure play lands.

PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola Sightseeing

Location: Whistler & Blackcomb Mountains

Date/time: Open daily 8:30 AM – 3 PM (Subject to weather and conditions)

Price: \$44.95 for adults, \$37.95 for youth & seniors, \$20.95 for children ages 7–12, FREE for children ages 6 and under

Don't ski or snowboard? No problem. As a sightseer, you can experience BC's most impressive mountain landscapes via the world record-breaking PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola.

Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre

Location: The Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre

Time: 10 AM – 5 PM (Tuesday – Sunday)

Price: By donation from December 17, 2011 – January 2, 2012

The spectacular facility features an aboriginal museum, galleries and exhibits, as well as a gift shop, café, and theatre. Admission includes a welcome song, guided tour, captivating film and a fun craft activity.

Skating at Whistler Olympic Plaza

Location: Whistler Olympic Plaza

Date/time: Opening daily mid-December, from 11 AM – 9 PM. Holiday hours: December 25: 12 PM – 4PM, December 31: 11 AM – 5 PM

Price: Free public access. Rental skates: \$5 (rental outlet open 11 AM – 2 PM, 6 PM – 9 PM)

Whistler Olympic Plaza is the site where the best athletes in the world stepped up to the podium at Victory Ceremonies during the 2010 Winter Games. Starting in mid-December, the Resort Municipality of Whistler will transform Whistler Olympic Plaza's Great Lawn and Pavilion into skating rinks for the winter season.

Calendar Events

DECEMBER 17

Dress like Santa Day

Location: Bottom of Fitzsimmons Express chairlift on Whistler Mountain

Time: 8 AM

Whistler Blackcomb's annual "Dress like Santa Day" awards a free lift ticket to the first 75 people to arrive at the base of Whistler Mountain in full Santa or Mrs. Claus attire.

DECEMBER 18

The Amazing Kreskin

Location: Millennium Place

Time: 8 PM

Price: \$24 for adults, \$19 for seniors & students, \$19 for Whistler Arts Council members

With a showman's flair, a comedian's wit, and the capacities of a bona fide Mentalist or thought-reader, The Amazing Kreskin has for some six decades, dramatized the unique facets of the human mind... his own.

Winter Farmers' Market

Location: Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre

Time: 11 AM – 4 PM

Price: Free

Select Whistler Farmers' Market vendors set up shop inside the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre's Istken Hall for an indoor market experience.

DECEMBER 20

Skate with Santa

Location: Meadow Park Sports Centre

Time: 1 PM – 3 PM, 6 PM – 8 PM

Price: Regular admission rates

Join your family on the ice and skate with jolly old St. Nick himself. Enjoy hot chocolate, holiday crafts and a photographic opportunity with Santa.

DECEMBER 21

The Christmas Carol Project

Location: Millennium Place

Time: 8 PM

Price: \$28 for adults, \$24 for seniors & students, \$22 for Whistler Arts Council members

An enchanting musical version of Dickens' tale, The Christmas Carol Project is a unique and captivating blend of classic literature and contemporary music – a perfect entertainment option for the whole family.

DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

The Night before Christmas Reading

Location: Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa

Time: 6 PM, 7 PM and 8 PM

Join in a special Christmas Eve reading of "The Night before Christmas" at the lobby fireplace. Be sure to look for Santa!

Christmas Eve Services:

Whistler Interfaith Society Service

Location: Millennium Place

Time: 3 PM

Church on the Mountain Service (Baptist Church)

Location: Millennium Place

Time: 5 PM and 7 PM

Childcare provided

Whistler Community Church

Location: Myrtle Philip Community Centre

Time: 6:30 PM

Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church

Location: The Westin Resort & Spa, Whistler

Time: 11 PM

DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Day Service:

Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church

Location: The Westin Resort & Spa, Whistler

Time: 10 AM

DECEMBER 29

The Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre Winter Gathering

Location: The Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre

Time: 10 AM – 5 PM

Take part in a day full of First Nations activities including special craft sessions, artist demonstrations, storytelling, drum circles, winter BBQ and much more.

DECEMBER 30

King of the Rail

Location: Bottom of Fitzsimmons Express chairlift on Whistler Mountain

Time: 7 PM

The King of the Rail is a series of rail jam contests that run at the base of Whistler Mountain.

Charity Yoga – Africa Yoga Jam

Location: The Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre

Time: 3 PM – 5 PM

Price: Minimum donation of \$20; all proceeds go towards the Africa Yoga Project

Join in a fun and playful 90-minute yoga class suitable for all ages and abilities.

DECEMBER 31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE

Whistler Presents: New Year's Eve Celebrations

Location: Indoor and outdoor venues in Whistler Village

Time: 7 PM – 11 PM (indoor venues & skating), 11 PM – midnight (free outdoor entertainment)

Price for indoor venues & skating: \$15 for adults and children 13 years and older, \$10 for children ages 12 and under, free for children ages 2 and under

Say goodbye to the old and welcome in the new at this alcohol-free evening of family entertainment and celebration. Enjoy local arts and entertainment, and family-friendly activities at indoor and outdoor venues in Whistler Village. At midnight, ring in the New Year with free outdoor entertainment and a fireworks display. Tickets are on sale at the Visitor Centre, Millennium Place, Meadow Park Sports Centre, and online at whistler.com.

New Year's Eve Service

Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church

Location: 6299 Lorimer Road

Time: 5 PM

JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

New Year's Day Service:

Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church

Location: 6299 Lorimer Road

Time: 9 AM and 5 PM