



Presented by the Corpus Christi CVB

NOV 2 - JAN 3

Ice Rink by the Bay at Funtrackers

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – Funtrackers, 9605 South Padre Island Drive

6 a.m. – 9 p.m. Sun-Thurs; 6 a.m. – Midnight Fri & Sat; \$6/\$8 with skate rental; \$6 children 5 and younger
Don ice skates and glide along a 90 foot by 70 foot temporary ice rink at Funtrackers this holiday season.
361.937.9400 more info.

NOV 11 – DEC 25

Santa Claus at La Palmera Mall

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – La Palmera Mall, 5488 South Padre Island Drive

10 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon-Sat; Noon-6 p.m. Sun

Santa Claus arrives to greet boys and girls of all ages. On Nov. 11, families can enjoy refreshments and children's activities. 361.991.5718 more info.

NOV 20

Holiday Shopping Party

PORT ARANSAS, TX – Port Aransas Museum, 101 E. Brundett St.

5-7:30 p.m.

Poinsettias, champagne and cranberry juice will be served as shoppers peruse gifts. Everything in the Museum's Gift Shop is discounted 10 percent. Historian and author Joan Guthrie Ford will be on hand to sign books. 361.749.3800 more info.

NOV 21

Ranch Hand Breakfast

KINGSVILLE, TX – King Ranch

7-11 a.m.; \$6 adults/\$3 children

Enjoy hearty, authentic, cowboy breakfast cooked and served outdoors on historic King Ranch while watching team roping, horseshoeing, rawhide branding and old-time cow camp cooking demonstrations. Cowboy poetry, storytelling and musical entertainment also will be available. 800.333.5032 more info.

NOV 21

Tour of Homes

KINGSVILLE, TX – historic Kingsville

2-5 p.m.

The Woman's Club of Kingsville offer tours of beautifully decorated homes in and around the historic areas of Kingsville. 361.522.2741 more info.

NOV 23 - JAN 1

Christmas in the Park Lighted Driving Tour

CUERO, TX - Cuero Municipal Park, Hwy 87N

6-10 p.m.; donations accepted.

Some 100 lighted & animated whimsical Christmas scenes that line a path through 30 acres. 361.275.8178 more info.

NOV 23

Cuero Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

CUERO, TX - 307 N. Gonzales

6:30 p.m.; free

Come join us for Christmas Caroling, children activities, local entertainment by bands & choirs. Santa Claus is even expected to make an appearance. See the 30 foot community tree light up the sky! 361.275.2112 more info.

NOV 24

Holiday celebration at La Palmera Mall

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – La Palmera Mall, 5488 South Padre Island Drive

10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Free

Enjoy live music, dancing, games, prizes, tamales, fruit cups and more at the La Palmera Cafes Food Court.

DEC 1

A Wonderland of Light Celebration in Alice

ALICE, TX - Main Street (downtown)

6 p.m.; Free.

Enjoy over 25 lighted & musical floats & much more with a special appearance from Santa! 361.275.8178 more info.

DEC 1-13

Wreath Decorating Contest

KINGSVILLE, TX- King Ranch Saddle Shop

Put your artistic skills to the test & create a holiday wreath to enter in the annual wreath decorating contest.

Pick up an entry form at the King Ranch Saddle Shop. Gift certificates will be given away to winners.

361.595.1424 more info.

DEC 4

Ingleside Christmas Celebration

INGLESIDE, TX - 2355 Hwy 361

6:30pm; Free

Join the fun at the Christmas Celebration with free hot cocoa, cookies, hayrides, pictures with Santa & the Grinch, choirs & hay rides. 361.776.3438 more info.

DEC 4

Christmas in the Park

BISHOP, TX - Bishop City Park

6:30-8:30 p.m.; Free.

Candlelight walk, lighting of community tree, live music by local bands & choirs, Santa on-site for photos.

DEC 5

Harbor Lights Festival & Boat Parade

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX - Bayfront Marina on Shoreline Blvd.

2 – 9 p.m.; Free

Features a Children's Parade, Santa's Motorcade, Laser Light Show, Illuminated Boat Parade in Corpus Christi Bay, Food, Family Activities, Arts and Crafts and a Lighting Ceremony of a 75-foot Tree of Lights.

361.985.1555 more info. www.harborlightsfestival.org

DEC 5

Breakfast with Santa

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – St. Andrew's by the Sea Catholic Church

9 a.m.; Bring a new, unwrapped toy for admission

Enjoy breakfast with Santa in the open-air St. Andrew's by the Sea Catholic Church located on Upper Padre Island. The breakfast is sponsored by the Island Kiwanis Club. Admission is a new, unwrapped toy, which will be donated to Toys for Tots. 361.949.0076 more info.

DEC 5

Lighted Boat Parade

ROCKPORT, TX - Little Bay

6:15 p.m.

Boats will be judged & winners selected in several classes. 361.729.6445 more info.

DEC 5

Tropical Christmas Festival

ROCKPORT, TX - downtown

10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Free

Treasure hunt, illuminated tropical parade, lighting of 95-foot tree, lighted boat parade, chili cook-off, fireworks & street dance. Plus, harbor entertainment, Tropical light land parade & fireworks. Evening Lighted Boat Parade will be from 6 to 7 p.m. 361.729.6445 or 361.729.3115 more info.

DEC 5

Breakfast with Santa

KINGSVILLE, TX - Linda's Main Street Cafe

8 – 10 a.m.; Price varies.

Children delight in sharing their wish lists, taking photos & eating breakfast with Santa Claus. 361.593.2219 more info.

DEC 5

La Posada de Kingsville – Parade of Lights

KINGSVILLE, TX - historical downtown

7 p.m.-8 p.m.; Free

This year's parade theme is 'Let It Snow' with a variety of floats, bands, musicians, horses, trucks & Santa! 800.333.5032 more info.

DEC 5

Jingle Bell 5K Run & Junior Jingle Jog

CUERO, TX - Cuero Municipal Park

9 a.m.; Adults \$20, 18 & under \$12 or \$5, Junior Jingle Jog
Santa will be kicking off the race! 361.275.2112 more info.

DEC 5

The Heritage Park Ghost Tours benefitting Toys for Tots

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – Heritage Park, 1581 Chaparral St.

6 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.; \$2 Adults & \$1 Children with the donation of a new, unwrapped toy (valued at \$5 to \$10)
A special holiday evening of the popular Heritage Park Ghost Tours benefitting Toys for Tots. Three separate tours will take visitors through Heritage Park and some of the homes rumored to be haunted. Special guests are members of Corpus Christi's foremost authority of paranormal investigations, CC Spook Central. Space is limited for the tours. Please no children younger than 7 years of age. 361.826.3414 more info and reservations.

DEC 5

Carolers-A-Float & Boat Lighting Parade

PORT ARANSAS, TX – Roberts Point Park Pavilion

6 p.m.; Free.

Sounds of Christmas ring throughout the City Harbor as area islander residents and visitors board boats & participate in the annual caroler & parade contest. Come climb aboard or just watch the parade.
800.45.COAST more info.

DEC 5 - 6

Kristie Kringle's Garden Shoppe

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX - South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center

9a.m, - 5 p.m.; Free.

From hummingbird feeders to armadillo banks and wildlife wood sculptures, shoppers are invited to bring their children and cameras. Santa will be on-site from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. both days while Mrs. Claus hands out free cookies and punch. Affordable shopping on a variety of outdoor garden decor and handmade items.
361.852.2100 more info.

DEC 5-6

Christmas at Centennial House

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – Centennial House, 411 N. Upper Broadway

Noon-5 p.m.; \$5 adults/\$1 children 12 and younger

Tour the oldest house in Corpus Christi, built in 1849. The Centennial House still sits on its original site.
361.882.8691 more info.

DEC 6

St. Nicholas Day

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX - Museum of Science & History

1- 4 p.m.; Free

Photos with Santa, kid's crafts, live entertainment from local community, complimentary refreshments, holiday themed bags. 361.826.4667 more info.

DEC 6

The Nativity in Art

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – Art Museum of South Texas

6-9 p.m.; Free.

Museum Director Joe Schenk will present a special program at the Art Museum of South Texas. “The Nativity in Art” will take a broad look at how Christians around the globe have depicted the nativity in art. Open to the public. 361.825.3500 more info.

DEC 8

Michael Martin Murphey’s Cowboy Christmas Concert

Corpus Christi, TX – Performing Arts Center, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

For the fifth year in a row, the signing Cowboy poet Michael Martin Murphey will bring his highly-acclaimed Cowboy Christmas to the Performing Arts Center as part of the 5th Anniversary Furgason Bravo! Series for Performing Arts. 361.825.2787 more info.

DEC 8

December Sensational Seafood

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX - Texas State Aquarium

7-9 p.m.; Members \$14 & \$18 Non-Members.

Looking for new ways to cook all the wonderful bounty of the Gulf of Mexico? Join some of the finest chefs in South Texas as they share their secrets with a hands-on cooking class. Adults only, please. Reservations required. 361.653.2654 more info

DEC 8-10

Holiday Luncheons & Show

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX - Art Museum of South Texas

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Call for ticket prices.

Elegant luncheons held in the Singer Gallery with a social hour and museum viewing. Gift drawings, seasonal music & style show add to the festive atmosphere. Tickets are required. Seating is limited 361.825.3500 more info

DEC 10-11

Caroling at Fulton Pier

ROCKPORT, TX – Fulton Harbor Pier

Celebrate the holiday season and sing along with a medley of Christmas Carols by candlelight. 361.729.2388 more info.

DEC 11

Illuminated Parade

ARANSAS PASS, TX – Aransas Pass Civic Center

6:30 p.m. parade; 7:30 p.m. Christmas play; Free

Aransas hosts an illuminated night parade themed “A Saltwater Christmas”. The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. and afterwards, the town Christmas Tree will be lit with pictures with Santa and hot cocoa available. At 7:30 p.m., a Christmas play will be shown at the Aransas Pass Civic Center. 361.758.2750 more info.

DEC 11

35th Annual La Posada Lighted Boat Parade

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – North Canals on Upper Padre Island

6 p.m.; Free

About 25 lighted boats will float along the north canals on Upper Padre Island visiting homes along the way to spread holiday cheer while collecting new, unwrapped toys, which will be donated to Toys for Tots.

361.949.0076 more info.

DEC 12

35th Annual La Posada Lighted Boat Parade

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – South Canals on Upper Padre Island

6 p.m.; Free

About 25 lighted boats will float along the south canals on Upper Padre Island visiting homes along the way to spread holiday cheer while collecting new, unwrapped toys, which will be donated to Toys for Tots.

361.949.0076 more info.

DEC 12

Christmas Celebration

ARANSAS PASS, TX – Aransas Pass Civic Center

11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Celebrate the holiday season with craft vendors, a Kids Korner filled with activities and crafts. Join in as carolers delight you with holiday songs. Santa will make an appearance. The Christmas play will be shown from noon to 2 p.m. 361.758.2750 more info.

DEC 12

Caroling at Fulton Mansion

ROCKPORT, TX - Fulton Mansion, Fulton Beach Road

Celebrate the Christmas spirit and sing along with a medley of Christmas Carols on the front steps of the Fulton Mansion. 361.729.0386 more info.

DEC 12

Christmas Open House in Taft

TAFT, TX – Picklesmith, Inc, 300 Green Ave.

Come sample and shop at Picklesmith, Inc for Christmas Open House. Picklesmith, Inc. is a manufacturer of handcrafted food, including pickles, olives, relishes, jams, jellies, preserves, fruits, vegetables, sauces and salsas. Also home to the Texas Mesquite Bean Company.

DEC 12-13

A Christmas Pageant

KINGSVILLE, TX - First Baptist Church, King Ave.

12th, 7 p.m. & 13th 10:30 a.m.; Free

“The Miracle and The Mystery” is a story of God’s promise and is a musical message for the holiday season. A multi-media drama, it includes video projection, a professional orchestra, young musicians and local voices.

361.592.3344 more info.

DEC 12-13

Enchanted Forest Renaissance Faire

INGLESIDE, TX - Live Oak Park, 2065 Parkview

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Adults \$5 & \$3 ages 6-12.

Features jousting match, learn the arts and culture of the Renaissance. Vendors will feature leather, wood & other Renaissance crafts for sale. 888.899-2906 or www.renfaireingleside.org more info.

DEC 13

Family Funday

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – Art Museum of South Texas

1 – 3 p.m.; Free.

A free afternoon of holiday fun takes place in the Museum with hands-on activities, holiday treats, performances & caroling choirs - a celebration for all ages! Santa may even stop by for a special visit! 361.825.3513 more info.

DEC 14-17

Christmas in Fulton

ROCKPORT, TX – Fulton Harbor Park, Fulton Beach Road

5-6 p.m.; Free

A variety of live entertainment, special appearance by Santa, displays by local businesses, hot chocolate & cookies. 361.729.2388 more info.

DEC 18 - 20

The Nutcracker - presented by the Corpus Christi Ballet

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX - Selena Auditorium

7:30 p.m. & 2 p.m.; \$11.50 - \$31.50

The Corpus Christi Ballet invites you to begin your Christmas holidays with a sparkling performance showcasing a live orchestra and a full cast of 150 regional dancers in this enchanting production. Group discounts available. www.americanbankcenter.com or www.corpuschristiballet.com more info.

DEC 21-22

Holiday Mini-camps

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX - Art Museum of South Texas

9 a.m.-Noon & 1-4 p.m.; \$15 members, \$20 non-members

While mom & dad are getting last minute shopping done, the Museum has a good place for young artists 5-12 years old. Games, storytelling, light snacks & a variety of projects. 361.825.3500 more info.

DEC 31

New Year's Eve with the Spazmatics

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – Brewster Street Ice House

\$50 package includes one ticket to the show, champagne toast, midnight buffet. \$225 package includes two tickets to the show, one-night stay at the Omni Marina in downtown Corpus Christi, transportation to and from the hotel to Brewster Street, champagne toast and midnight buffet. 361.884.8085 more info.

DEC 31

New Year's Party

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX - Port Royal Ocean Resort

New Year's Eve Party with fabulous dinner, party favors and live music. 361.749.5011 more info.

DEC 31

New Year's Bash

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – Omni Hotel Bayfront Towers

Come ring in the New Year at Omni Hotel Bayfront Towers with live music played by Flashback and the Texas Premier Beach Party Band. Packages include guest room accommodations, two tickets to the New Year's Eve Party, complimentary hot breakfast buffet for two served at 12:15 a.m. January 1, a champagne toast at midnight and late check out at 2 p.m. for \$159 or purchase tickets individually for \$30.

JAN 8-9

Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX - First Christian Church, 3401 Santa Fe St.

5:30-7:30 p.m.; Donations Accepted.

An ancient Renaissance festival, celebrating the Epiphany season. This is possibly the oldest continuing festival & once a tradition in many great manor houses in England. Over 180 persons in authentic Renaissance costumes will perform with a live orchestra. 361.854.3044 more info.

JAN 8-10

Gospel Music Festival

ROCKPORT, TX – Rockport High School Auditorium & First Baptist Church

Featuring numerous gospel groups from around the nation & area, including "Rockport's Gospel Force," "The Watchmen of Texas," "The Telestials", "Song of Glory", "The Moody's" & more. 361.205.2789 more info.