

# DECEMBER

City Of San Antonio Calendar Of Events 2014

**1 SPURS YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION BEGINS**  
Boys and girls, ages 6-16, are encouraged to register at one of 16 Parks and Recreation Department Community Centers. To sign up, parents are asked to call the Community Center to confirm which age divisions they are hosting and then visit the center to complete a registration form and pay the registration fee. The \$10 fee (per child), includes a team shirt and a water bottle. League play begins the week of January 26, 2015. Call (210) 207-3000 or visit [SanAntonio.gov/ParksAndRec](http://SanAntonio.gov/ParksAndRec).

**1 - 31 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ASSISTANCE**  
Need more information about your options for health insurance? Find answers at your local library! Visit [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov) for more information or drop by Igo, Johnston, Las Palmas, or McCreless branch libraries to talk to an Affordable Care Act specialist. Se habla español. Call (210) 207-2500 or visit [MySAPL.org](http://MySAPL.org) for participating branch schedules.

**1 - 31 WINTER WALK**  
Stroll through the Parman grounds and enjoy the holiday vignettes (I think this needs a little more description info. What are the vignettes?). Weekends: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Monday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tuesday: noon-8 p.m.; Wednesday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thursday, Friday: CLOSED. Free. Parman Branch Library, 20735 Wilderness Oak. Call (210) 207-2703 or visit [MySAPL.org](http://MySAPL.org).

**2 - 30 OPEN: DOWNTOWN POP UP SHOPS**  
OPEN brings together small business owners and property managers to create a unique holiday shopping experience. Retailers will rotate storefronts to display everything from art, wine, jewelry, pet accessories, clothing, and culinary treats this holiday season. Noon-9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Free. The Book Building, 140 E. Houston St.; The Milam Building, 115 E. Travis St.; and The Schaum Building, 231 E. Houston St. Call (210) 207-4080 or visit [bit.ly/OPENPopUpShops](http://bit.ly/OPENPopUpShops).

**5 PEDRITO MARTINEZ**  
New York City-based, world-class conga player, singer and bandleader Pedrito Martinez was born in Havana, Cuba. As a bandleader, Martinez has developed a captivating sound steeped in Afro-Cuban rumba. Since 1998, he has been featured on more than 100 albums and played with musicians ranging from Paquito D'Rivera, Sting and Bruce Springsteen. \$35 per person. 8-10 p.m. Carver Community Cultural Center, Jo Long Theatre, 226 N. Hackberry St. Call (210) 207-2234 or visit [TheCarver.org](http://TheCarver.org).

**6 EISENHOWER PARK FAMILY NATURE WALK**  
Join us for a family-friendly nature walk that will proceed at a leisurely pace on the paved trails of the park. This is a great way to begin introducing your child to nature. A kid-friendly craft is included. A donation of \$2 per person, maximum \$6 per family, is suggested. 10-11:30 a.m. Eisenhower Park, 19399 NW Military Hwy. Call (210) 207-5320 or email [peggy.spring@sanantonio.gov](mailto:peggy.spring@sanantonio.gov) to make a reservation.

**6 MERCADO O'LIVA**  
Mercado O'Liva, an outdoor market, brings together great food and authentic artisans, craftsmen, and artists. The event includes family-friendly entertainment and activities. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Spanish Governor's Palace, 105 Plaza de Armas. Call (210) 732-5797 or visit [ArugulaCatering.com/category/events](http://ArugulaCatering.com/category/events).

**6 & 7 HAPPY HOWLIDAYS - DOG DAYS AT THE BOTANICAL GARDEN**  
Enjoy a dog-friendly weekend at the Garden. Dogs on a leash are welcome during this special weekend. Doggie treats and pools of water will be available for your pup as you stroll and enjoy the seasonal décor and sights and sounds of nature in winter. A \$5 donation per dog will go towards local animal-friendly charities. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place. Call (210) 207-3250 or visit [SABOT.org](http://SABOT.org).

**7 COMMANDER'S HOUSE 34TH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AND CRAFT SALE**  
The entire family is invited to attend the 34th Annual Open House and Craft Sale with the theme, "A White Christmas." Purchase unique gifts, enjoy musical entertainment and light refreshments and get your photo taken with Santa. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Commander's House Adult and Senior Center, 645 S. Main St. Call (210) 207-3010 for details.

**9 HOLIDAY HISTORIC CHURCHES TOUR**  
Join us for a guided tour as we uncover the history of many of San Antonio's downtown churches. The tour provides a fun opportunity to see our historic downtown lighted for the holiday season and get fit along the way! Registration includes a "Know This Place?" t-shirt. Runners and walkers of all skill levels are welcome. Register through Facebook, website or in-person on the day of the event. 5:30 p.m. \$15/person. Gazebo at Alamo Plaza, corner of Alamo St. and Crockett Street (across from the Menger Hotel). Call Elizabeth Porterfield at (210) 207-3327 or visit [SanAntonio.gov/historic](http://SanAntonio.gov/historic).

**13 A COWBOY CHRISTMAS AT EISENHOWER PARK**  
Join us as Bill Woller shares stories of growing up near Eisenhower Park. Bill and his father and uncles were some of the 'real' cowboys who tended cattle on large family ranches in this area. Bill is a Master Naturalist and a member of the Native Plant Society and often leads nature hikes for the Natural Areas. A few holiday treats will be provided with the discussion. There is a suggested donation of \$3 per individual or \$5 per family. 10 a.m.-noon. Eisenhower Park, 19399 N.W. Military Hwy. Call (210) 207-5320 to reserve your spot.

**13 HOLLY DAZE ROCK!**  
With the historic Arneson River Theater as a backdrop, the Parks and Recreation Department's pre-professional youth band "Take Note" will present high-energy holiday rock and pop favorites to get everyone in the spirit of the season. 7:30 p.m. Arneson River Theatre, 418 Villita Street. Call (210) 207-3132 for details.

**13 MEDINA RIVER NATURAL AREA SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAM - STAR GAZING**  
You're invited to view the stars and planets courtesy of the San Antonio Astronomical Association. They will bring their high tech telescopes for participants to use in the early evening. Weather permitting. Refreshments and a kid-friendly craft are included. 6-8 p.m. Medina River Natural Area Pavilion, 15890 Hwy. 16 S. No registration is required. Call (210) 207-3280 for details.

**16, 17 & 18 COMMANDER'S HOUSE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEONS**  
Adults and seniors, 18 and up, are invited to celebrate the season with a delicious holiday meal and musical entertainment. \$3 per person. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Commander's House, 635 N. Main St. Call (210) 207-3010 for reservations.

**16 CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT LIONS FIELD ADULT AND SENIOR CENTER**  
Celebrate the Holiday season with friends! Enjoy free entertainment and refreshments. Attendees are invited to consider signing up to join in the fun on a more permanent basis. The cost for an annual membership is \$15 for adults, 18 to 59, and \$7 for adults 60 and older. 1-3 p.m. Lions Field Adult and Senior Center, 2809 Broadway. Call (210) 207-5380 for details.

**16 BEETHOVEN MAENNERCHOR (MEN'S CHOIR)**  
One of Texas' oldest all-male German singing societies will present "Christmas Songs from Germany" in a seated performance. 7:30 p.m. Free. Central Library, 600 Soledad. Visit [MySAPL.org](http://MySAPL.org) for details.

**20 4TH ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL WINTER FESTIVAL**  
Enjoy a family-friendly festival of activities and crafts for all ages, including food from different cultures and traditions from many countries, with caroling and free photos with Santa. Presented by the Igo Teen Leadership Council. 1 p.m. Free. Igo Branch Library, 13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy. Visit [MySAPL.org](http://MySAPL.org) for details.

**20 GREGORY PORTER**  
Grammy award-winner Gregory Porter is a powerful baritone singer who composes his own music. Porter has been compared to Donny Hathaway and Bill Withers, but he is also the vocal heir to Nat King Cole. 8-10 p.m. \$35 per person. Carver Community Cultural Center, Jo Long Theatre, 226 N. Hackberry St. Call (210) 207-2234 or visit [TheCarver.org](http://TheCarver.org).

**20 SWIM WITH THE ELVES**  
A chilly North Pole, Santa's workshop and jolly ole' St. Nick himself, will bring the holidays to life for children and families at the Parks and Recreation Department's second annual Swim with the Elves event. Youth, 12 and under, are invited to swim in the Natatorium's heated pool. Active water games include relay races and water sleigh races. Children, 10 and under, must be accompanied by an adult and swimmers must wear proper swim attire. Holiday-themed face painting and healthy treats will also be offered. Free. 1-3 p.m. San Antonio Natatorium, 1430 W. Cesar Chavez. Call (210) 207-3299 for details.

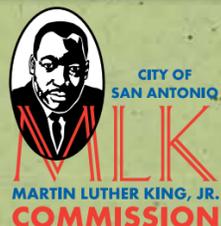
**22, 23, 29, 30, 31 & Jan. 2 WINTER HOLIDAY CAMPS**  
The Parks and Recreation Department invites youth, ages 6 to 14, to participate in active games, traditional sports, fitness, nature and science activities and holiday craft projects. The camps will be offered at 16 Parks and Recreation Community Centers. 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$3 per participant per day. Lunch and snack provided. Call (210) 207-3000 for details.

**24 - Jan. 1 CITY HOLIDAY - WINTER BREAK**  
City offices and libraries will be closed. Collection for Thursday, Dec. 25 will take place on Friday, Dec. 26. Collection for Friday, Dec. 26 will take place on Saturday, Dec. 27. Collection for Thursday, Jan. 1 will take place on Friday, Jan. 2. Collection for Friday, Jan. 2 will take place on Saturday, Jan. 3. For more information on holiday services, call 3-1-1 or visit [SanAntonio.gov](http://SanAntonio.gov).

*In the Spotlight*



**SA VOLUNTEERS** - THE CITY'S VOLUNTEER PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS AND CITY EMPLOYEES TO BECOME MORE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE COMMUNITY. ONCE RESIDENTS, AGE 14 AND OLDER, COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE ONLINE VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM, THEY CAN SEARCH A VARIETY OF SERVICE PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS. REGISTRATION FORM AND MORE INFORMATION ON THE CITY'S VOLUNTEER PROGRAM ARE AVAILABLE AT [SANANTONIO.GOV](http://SANANTONIO.GOV) OR BY CALLING MELISSA ESCAMILLA, THE CITY'S VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, AT (210) 207-8178.



**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMISSION AWARDS NOMINATIONS** - THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMISSION IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2015 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS FRIDAY, FEB. 20, 2015. APPLICATIONS AND INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE AT [SANANTONIO.GOV/MLK](http://SANANTONIO.GOV/MLK).



**311** - THE 311 CITY SERVICES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS ARE AVAILABLE 24/7 BY USING THE CITY'S FREE MOBILE APP, OR ONLINE AT [SANANTONIO.GOV/311](http://SANANTONIO.GOV/311). YOU CAN ALSO CALL THE 311 CALL CENTER FROM 7 A.M. - 7 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY OR 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

