

❄️ Holiday Resources 2023 ❄️



 Low Cost/No Cost Family Activities

 Downtown CORE Free Photos with the Grinch

 Ph: (403) 441-4940 

When: December 8, 3:30 PM-6:30 PM &
December 15, 3:30 PM-6:30 PM

Location: 324 8 Ave SW

 Downtown CORE Free Photos with Santa

 Ph: (403) 441-4940 

When: December 2 & 3 | 12:00PM — 4:00PM

December 9 & 10 | 12:00PM — 4:00PM

December 16 & 17 | 12:00PM — 4:00PM

Location: 324 8 Ave SW

Lions Festival of Lights

When: Nov. 25 – Jan. 8, 2024.

Website: [Lions Festival of Lights](#)

Location: Confederation Park. The display can be viewed along 14 Street N.W., north of 24 Avenue N.W.

The Lions Festival of Lights is a large-scale Christmas light display at Confederation Park that can be seen by travelling by or walking through.

Christmas Lights Display - Spruce Meadows

Location: Enter through our Main Gate at Spruce Meadows Way (east side of Spruce Meadows) and exit via Tournament Lane (west side of Spruce Meadows)

Website:

<https://www.sprucemeadows.com/christmaslights/>

The Christmas Lights will be open each weekend on the following nights:

WEEKEND 1: Friday, December 8–Sunday, December 10 from 5 p.m.–10 p.m.

WEEKEND 2: Friday, December 15–Sunday, December 17 from 5 p.m.–10 p.m.

WEEKEND 3: Friday, December 22–Sunday, December 24 from 5 p.m.–10 p.m.

WEEKEND 4: Friday, December 29– Sunday, December 31 from 5 p.m.–10 p.m.

 [Olympic Plaza Ice Skating](#)

Location: Olympic Plaza, 228 8 Ave. S.E.

When: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Cost: Equipment Rentals (2 hour maximum)

Skates (12 years and under) **\$10**

Skates (13 years and older) **\$15**

Skate sizes range from a toddler size 7 to men's size 16

**Children must be accompanied by an adult to rent equipment*

Website: [Olympic Plaza Ice Skating](#)

 [The CP Holiday Train](#)

Location: Anderson C-Train Station (south parking lot)

When: The train arrives at 5:45 p.m., the event runs from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. on Dec. 9, 2023.

Website: [The CP Holiday Train](#)

Calgarians hoping to get in the Christmas spirit will be able to view the dazzling lights of the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train when it chugs into town, featuring a performance by Anyway Gang. Though the event is free, donations to the food bank are encouraged.

Resources



Women's Centre of Calgary Toy Program

Ph: (403) 264-1155

- Call us starting **November 21st** to book an appointment for December 2022
- Gifts for women, moms and their children
- Please bring ID for yourself and each child
- Available if not accessing another toy program



Magic of Christmas

<https://www.themagicofchristmas.org/>

Ph: (403) 803-1619

- Receive a referral through Social agencies & charities, government agencies, teachers, social workers, police officers, Alberta Health and health care organizations.
- Referrals will be accepted until **December 10, 2023**
- “Reindeer busses” deliver toys to children’s homes on Christmas Eve
- All visits from Santa and his elves take place outside
- Available if not accessing another toy program



The Mustard Seed

Food Hamper

Ph: (587) 393-4020

- Call to book an appointment with an advocate
- Hampers for families and individuals
 - Basic needs - emergency shelter, meals, clothing and hygiene items
 - Health and wellness
 - Employment
 - Spiritual care
 - Community engagement
 - Community impact centers



Salvation Army- Christmas Toy Program

Ph: (403) 220 - 0432

- Families within the Greater Forest Lawn area and identified as low-income
- Toys for children ages 0-12
- No online registration
- Call 403-220-0432 to book an intake appointment
- Lots of spots available

Children's Cottage – Bowness

Ph: (403) 830-3153

- Connect participating families with toys
- If interested in participating in their services
call the intake line
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Closer to Home

Ph: (403) 543-0555

- Over the phone self-referral/assessment at 403-543-0555
- Available to communities north of 16th Ave and west of Deerfoot Trail
- Will receive a package of gift card to complete your holiday gifts or grocery shopping

Trellis Society

Ph: (403) 543-9652

- Can refer to a holiday hamper
- Call the intake line

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