

# 10 DFW HOLIDAY EVENTS TO MAKE YOUR SEASON

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From Balcom Days of Christmas to our Treecember challenge and annual holiday party extravaganza, there are few things the Bs love more than the holiday season. And we have an inkling we're not alone.

## ICE!™

GAYLORD TEXAN | GRAPEVINE  
NOV. 13 – JAN. 3

The *ICE!* exhibit at the Gaylord is one of our favorite holiday traditions. Mostly because ice is a rather mystical creature here in the South. With more than 2 million pounds of hand-carved ice sculptures, including several two-story ice slides, the display is the closest thing we'll get to a winter wonderland – so we'll gladly take it. Bonus: This year's exhibit theme brings the timeless tale of "Frosty the Snowman" to life, providing fun for both kids and adults.



## PANTHER ISLAND ICE

COYOTE DRIVE-IN | FORT WORTH  
NOV. 21 – JAN. 19

Cowtown's Coyote Drive-In brings the cool back to going to the movies. And now, a visit to the theater becomes even cooler, literally, with Panther Island Ice – Fort Worth's only outdoor ice skating rink. Fine-tune your balancing skills, enjoy tasty treats and beverages, and maybe cozy up and catch a flick while you're there. Hint, fellas: This is *the* perfect date night. You're welcome.



## FORT WORTH YMCA TURKEY TROT

CAMP BOWIE BLVD. | FORT WORTH  
NOV. 27

On Thanksgiving, there's no better way to give thanks than by giving back to the community. Whether you're an avid runner or professional walker, the 33rd annual Turkey Trot 10K, 5K and 1K provide the opportunity to support a great cause – and get some cardio in before the feasting begins. All proceeds benefit the Fort Worth YMCA's youth and scholarship programs.



## PARADE OF LIGHTS

DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH  
NOV. 28

So the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is fun to watch on TV, but Fort Worth gives us front row seats to DFW's very own Parade of Lights. Featuring more than 100 decorative floats, the parade will stretch from Belknap to Commerce, transforming downtown Fort Worth into an all-out holiday celebration. If you're not still in a Thanksgiving food coma, gather your loved ones, bundle up, and join in the festivities!



## DENTON HOLIDAY LIGHTING FESTIVAL

DOWNTOWN DENTON  
DEC. 5

Holiday lights. Live music. Wagon rides. Window shopping. Hot chocolate. SANTA. There is so much happiness at Denton's annual Holiday Lighting Festival. A local tradition since 1988, the tree-lighting festival brings all the warm fuzzies we love about the season to the town's historic courthouse square. It's a small-town holiday celebration – done in a big way. For a full list of events, tune into the festival's [website](#).



## CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS IN RYAN PLACE

RYAN PLACE | FORT WORTH  
DEC. 6 AND 7

In need of some holiday décor inspiration? Check out the 31st annual Candlelight Christmas home tour in Ryan Place neighborhood, the only residential historic district in Fort Worth. This year's tour focuses on the work of Wiley G. Clarkson, the acclaimed Texas-born architect responsible for designing more than 1,200 buildings in Fort Worth alone.



## DALLAS SYMPHONY CHRISTMAS POPS

MEYERSON SYMPHONY CENTER | DALLAS  
DEC. 12 – 21

Because you can never have enough Christmas music this time of year, we love the "Dallas Symphony Christmas Pops." The Dallas Symphony returns this season with a new holiday concert featuring the traditional carols we know all the words to, timeless classics we cherish and contemporary tunes we secretly adore.



## THE NUTCRACKER

BASS HALL | FORT WORTH  
DEC. 12 – 27

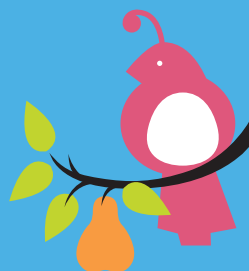
You know it's Christmas time when "The Nutcracker" comes to town. Much to our delight, Texas Ballet Theater and Bass Hall bring us yet another fabulous season of the classic ballet. In addition, for one night of the year, the show takes on a PG-13 twist with "The Nutty Nutcracker," a modern-day, pop culture-infused spoof on the classic favorite. Sugar plum fairies and snow queens not your thing? Check out Bass Hall's many other holiday performances [here](#).



## THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

DALLAS ARBORETUM  
NOV. 16 – JAN. 4

Brand new this year, Dallas Arboretum's The 12 Days of Christmas exhibit is set to be the newest DFW holiday tradition. The exhibit includes 12 elaborate, 25-foot Victorian gazebos designed and handcrafted by the set designer for the Dallas Opera. The gazebos will be spread throughout the garden, each one illustrating a different day from the beloved "12 Days of Christmas" carol. Sounds magical!



## CHRISTMAS IN THE SQUARE CELEBRATION

FRISCO SQUARE  
DEC. 20

Back again and celebrating its 10th anniversary, Frisco's Christmas in the Square Celebration presents North Texas' largest choreographed light show. While activities run from November 28 through January 3, the main event takes place December 20 – complete with carriage rides, sledding, holiday train rides, fireworks, and (of course) lights. Lots and lots of lights.

