

Upcoming December Programs

Christmas Keepsakes - Thursday, December 1 from 5:30pm - 7:00pm | 6 months - 5 years old

Help your little ones make gifts for those they love this holiday season! Participants will print holiday cards, make salt dough ornaments, enjoy sensory play, and decorate cookies together! You must be registered for this program by Monday, November 28.

Kids Night Out - Friday, December 2 from 5:30pm - 9:00pm | 6 - 12 years old

Kids, come on out and have a blast at Kids Night Out! You will enjoy all the activities the Vandalia Recreation Center has to offer, like swimming, outdoor games, gym games and additional games and crafts. Remember to bring a bathing suit and towel. A snack will be provided for your child. Preregistration is not required but it is recommended to secure your spot for this program. Walk-Ins are permitted, but only until we reach our maximum number of participants.

Vandalia Tree Lighting Ceremony & Holiday Market - Sunday, December 4 from 4:30pm - 7:00pm

Join us for our Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and our first ever Holiday Market at the Vandalia Recreation Center! The City will ring in the holiday season by conducting a tree lighting ceremony at the Vandalia Sports Complex at 6:00pm on Sunday, December 4. There will be a Holiday Market running from 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm inside the Vandalia Recreation Center Gymnasium where you will be able to get a head start on your holiday shopping from a various number of vendors! The tree will be decorated through community efforts and then lit to kick off the holiday season! Join us for refreshments, music, meet a reindeer and a chance to tell Santa Claus your Christmas wish! Please make sure you bring cash and card to the market to purchase your items and raffle tickets!

Festive Food Fun w/ Eat Pretty Darling - Saturday, December 10 from 10:00am - 11:00am | 2 - 5 years old

Get ready for the holidays with some fun in the kitchen! Learn how to make some cute festive food that will get you in the holiday spirit. We will make a variety of holiday themed simple food art. You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, December 7. Parent/guardian must attend class with child. Class is at Vandalia Senior Center.

Holly Jolly Gingerbread House Making - Monday, December 12 from 5:30pm - 7:00pm | 6 - 12 years old

Open the holiday season with and have a holly jolly good time with us! Your child will decorate their own gingerbread house to take home, make a Christmas craft and enjoy milk and cookies! You must be registered for this program by Friday, December 9. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Winter Wonderland Snow Globes & Ornaments - Thursday, December 15 from 5:30pm - 7:00pm | 6 - 12 years old

Walking in a Winter Wonderland! Participants will make their own snow globes and painted glass holiday ornaments and enjoy holiday themed treats! You must be registered for this program by Monday, December 12. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Glow Candy Cane Hunt - Friday, December 16 at 6:30pm | 12 years old & younger

Dress in your warmest pajamas, bring a flashlight and join us for a festive night of glow in the dark fun! It has been rumored that someone has left candy, candy canes and other prizes all over the grounds of the Vandalia Sports Complex. We will meet outside to get a bag to collect the candy and a light-up necklace and then afterwards, enjoy cookies and hot chocolate inside! You must be registered for this program by Wednesday, December 14. Walk-ins will not be accepted. Bring a flashlight; the hunt will take place outdoors. Parents must accompany children during this program.

Letters To Santa

It is time to let Santa know about your Christmas wishes! From Monday, November 28 through Wednesday, December 14, the Vandalia Recreation Center will accept letters to Santa! Letters to Santa can be dropped off in the red mailbox in the Vandalia Recreation Center lobby. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive a return letter back from Santa. If you have questions, please contact Aaron Messenger at: amessenger@vandaliaohio.org.

Community Christmas Tree Decorating

Celebrate the holiday season by adding an ornament to our Christmas tree! From Monday, November 28 through Christmas Day, you can decorate and bring in an ornament to hang on our Christmas tree! Our tree is located in the Vandalia Recreation Center lobby. The week after Christmas, from Monday, December 26 through Monday, January 2, participants will have the chance to remove their ornament and take it home. If you do not remove your ornament by the end of the day on Monday, January 2, it will be moved to storage.

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