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Western NC Welcomes the Christmas Season, Smoky Mountain Style

*Skiing with Santa, Christmas Parades, and Holiday Caroling
Evoke Nostalgic Recollections of Holiday Celebrations*

Waynesville, NC – As the fall festivities begin to wind down, many traditional and old country celebrations are unfolding, celebrating the beginning of the Christmas season. The snow-covered mountains and trees provide the perfect backdrop for a true white Christmas. Events going on around Haywood County provide a Christmas spirit unlike any other in the southeast and provide a great opportunity for those looking for a weekend getaway to get into the Christmas spirit, smoky mountain style!

Here is a list of some of the upcoming Christmas events in Waynesville, Maggie Valley and Lake Junaluska:

Appalachian Christmas

www.sheltonhouse.org

Saturday, December 1st

Time: 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Admission: \$10 adults, \$5 children 5 yrs. – 15 yrs, free for children 5 yrs. and under

Location: HART Main Stage Theater, Waynesville

Contact: 828-452-1551

Initiate the Holidays with an Appalachian Christmas musical event that evokes nostalgic recollections of holiday celebrations evident in early settlements in the Appalachian Mountains. This program of traditional regional melodies is an enjoyable way to set the tone for the holiday season.

Waynesville Christmas Parade

www.downtownwaynesville.com

Monday, December 3rd

Time: 6 p.m.

Admission: FREE

Location: Main Street, Downtown Waynesville

Contact: 828-456-3517

Enjoy this annual community event as numerous illuminated entries parade down Main Street celebrating the spirit of the holidays. Santa Claus makes a special appearance as the guest of honor! Sponsored by the Town of Waynesville & the Waynesville Kiwanis Club, and organized by the Downtown Waynesville Association.

Annual Appalachian Christmas Celebration

www.lakejunaluska.com/christmas

Friday, December 7th – Sunday, December 9th

Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission: \$155.00 per person

Location: Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center

Contact: 828.452.2881

Appalachian Christmas features the Junaluska Singers performing classic carols for the holidays, as well as a pre-show by our award-winning, regional children's choir, Voices in the Laurel on Sat. afternoon, before a repeat full concert by the Singers, with combined choirs and orchestra presenting Handel's Messiah on Saturday evening. Two and three night packages available. Packages start at just \$155.00 per person and include: lodging, meals and concert tickets.

A Night Before Christmas

www.downtownwaynesville.com

Saturday, December 8th

Time: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Admission: FREE

Location: Main Street, Downtown Waynesville

Contact: 828-456-3517

An annual holiday tradition downtown, amidst the backdrop of hundreds of luminaries lining the sidewalks, you will enjoy carolers, live music, visits with Santa, storytelling, and old fashioned wagon rides. Shops, galleries, and restaurants are open for holiday shopping.

Ski and Ride with Santa

http://www.cataloochee.com/activities_events/index.php

Tuesday, December 25th

Time: 1 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Admission: Holiday Rate

Location: 1080 Ski Lodge Road, Maggie Valley, North Carolina 28751

Contact: 828-926-0285

Cataloochee opens for skiing and riding with Santa at 1pm. Make us part of your family's Christmas Day celebration and join us for turkey and all the trimmings in the lodge. Open until 10pm.

When planning your next getaway to Haywood County, be sure check out the variety of accommodations they have to offer. For more information, click <http://www.visitncsmokies.com/stay>.

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