

r/neopets Secret Santa 2016 Information

Please note that this event is unofficial and not run by the r/neopets mods!

Hi! If I've done this correctly, this should be the same as the information post on reddit!

THE OVERVIEW

You fill out a little form, and a little while later you receive a giftee to give presents on neopets to (you get some of their responses to the form to give you some ideas). Someone else will get you as a match, so you get presents too! At the end of the whole thing, we'll have a thread to show off our gifts. I'll also put together an album/collection of art stuff gifted.

THE SPECIFICS

Step 1: Read this whole post. (and keep an eye out for the update posts as they happen over the next few weeks)

Step 2: [sign up here](#). Sign-ups close 27th of November.

Step 3: Receive your match via reddit pm by the 1st of December. (If you signed up but didn't receive a match, PM me asap!) I might start sending out matches early if I can, but I'm aiming for a December 1st deadline.

Step 4: Make/buy/prepare/etc your gifts!

Step 5a: If you're giving things on neopets, go ahead and send them directly to your giftee (Sant-ee?). I know this isn't technically secret, but whatever. You should also neomail your giftee, so if they aren't able to accept the gift within the 48 hours they can follow up with you. *Remember you aren't allowed to mention "secret santa" or reddit on neopets in any way.* You need to send in your gifts by December 21st, but sending it earlier has the advantage of giving your giftee time to respond. If it's been a few days and they haven't responded, let me know, and I'll rematch you.

Step 5b: If you are giving an art gift, send me ([/u/thisisdivi](#)) a link to your handiwork and the neopets username of your giftee, and I'll forward it onto your giftee. Please give it the subject "[r/neopets](#) secret santa art gift". You're also encouraged to include a message for your giftee, cos I think that's nice (but it's not mandatory or anything). You need to do this by December 21st, but the earlier the better (if I can avoid being inundated by last-minute gifts to send, that would be ideal!).

Step 6: By ****December 21st****, you should have sent and received your gifts! Reveal yourselves to your giftees :) (yes I know that it's not actually Christmas day, but I might be away over actual Christmas day so we're doing a bit earlier). Now is the time you can also share what gifts you received and such.

Step 7a: If you sent your gift to your giftee, and they didn't accept within the 48 hours, and they didn't reply to your neomail, PM me on reddit, and I'll rematch you as best as I can.

Step 7b: If you didn't receive a gift at all, please PM me on reddit, and I'll rematch you!

Step 7c: If you signed up to be a back-up santa, please stand by to receive any giftees! You'll have until the end of the month to provide back up gifts.

Step 8: THE END :) (roundup/feedback etc)

Q&A

What types of gifts can I give?

Broadly speaking, you can give either stuff on Neopets (neopoint or NC items) or what I am referring to as "art etc". *Art etc* refers to anything cool that can be sent digitally via a link to me so that I can pass onto your giftee. I expect the most popular form of this will be good ol' digital/traditional art, but you're really only limited by your imagination. If your giftee is really keen on (for example) a hannah/jazan podfic, and you have the skills and willingness to deliver, then absolutely go ahead and do that!

Is there a spending limit?

Nope, spend whatever you think is appropriate/fair. You certainly aren't expected to give something super rare or fork out millions of NP for this, but please do try to give something in the spirit in which this secret santa exchange is intended :)

Is there anything I can't gift?

Please no NSFW gifts unless your giftee specifically mentions that it's ok. Otherwise, anything else that I can think of seems fine (as long as it's within neopets rules, obviously). You can give pets if you want (it falls in the "stuff on neopets" category), but I would advise that you make sure that your santa has the transfers/space available, and that they actually want the pet (e.g. that they like the name if they're name-picky).

I signed up, but it turns out I can't give a gift after all/I have to withdraw/I'm running late :(What do I do?

Message me on reddit ASAP! I understand that life happens, and letting me know sooner rather than later can help me sort out alternative arrangements if they are necessary.

I just want to give stuff without receiving anything. Can I do that?

You can use the sign-up sheet to register as a back-up santa. Back-up santas will be contacted to fill in if someone pulls out, or provide a gift if a person hasn't received one by the deadline.

I am otherwise dissatisfied with proceedings >:c

Please message me! If I don't hear from you, I will assume that everything is hunky-dory. I want to do my best to make this as fun for you as possible :)

[HERE'S THE SIGN-UP FORM](#)

REMINDERS

- be sure that you can accept gifts and neomails from non-neofriends! [settings are here](#)
- you need to accept gifts within 48 hours, otherwise they're returned to the sender
- you can be reprimanded on Neopets for mentioning Secret Santas. If Neomailing your giftee, just call it a christmas gift or whatever. Also *do not mention reddit on neopets*.
- if your secret santa or giftee go missing *message me* and I'll rematch you
- HAVE FUN!

OK that's all I can think of for now! Thanks so much guys! Feel free to comment with questions, or PM me :) Also, please let me know if I've forgotten anything! :)

PS: I am trusting that you guys participate in good faith. If you end up not being able to participate for whatever reason, I understand (message me!!), but for the love of fuck, don't be that dick who signs up with no intention of giving a gift. Please and thank you!

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