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JAN 1

[New Year's Day Orienteering Adventure](#)

Welcome the New Year with an adventure! Explore courses of various lengths and difficulty with a detailed map, finding a series of marked checkpoints. Orienteering Cincinnati will offer free instruction for beginners. Location: Governor Bebb MetroPark, Time: 11 am - 1 pm, yourmetroparks.net

[New Years Day Skate](#)

Ring in the new year with friends, fun, and ice skating at our New Year's Day Skate event! Location: RiverScape MetroPark, Time: 1 - 8 pm, metroparks.org

JAN 2

[Train Day: Last-Minute Express](#)

Watch model trains chug past villages, around mountains, and through tunnels in the Great Circle Line & Points North Rail Road model train display inside the historic Chester Park Train Station. In addition to being able to view the model train layout, visitors can enjoy hands-on activities such as Morse Code, North Pole Hotline, complimentary Trading Cards, and complimentary samples from the layout's Candy Factory. Location: Heritage Village Museum, Time: 10 am - 4 pm, heritagevillagecincinnati.org

[Shakespurr's Sensory Space](#)

This event gives a safe space to learn and explore with added therapeutic benefits. Open to all ages and abilities. Location: MidPointe Library, Time: 10 am - 12 pm, midpointelibrary.org, FREE

JAN 3

[Swiftie! Theme Skate](#)

Swifties? We never go out of style! Grab your friends, hit the ice and sing along to all your favorite Taylor Swift songs at the MetroParks Ice Rink. Location: RiverScape MetroPark, Time: 7 - 10 pm, metroparks.org

[Stories by the Fireside](#)

Bring the little ones for some winter themed stories, songs, and activities to kick off the morning. Stay after to experience the Winter Wonderland exhibit. Location: Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve, Time: 10:30 - 11 am, greatparks.org FREE

JAN 3-5

[A Night at Hogwarts: The Music of Harry Potter](#)

Join the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra for a wondrous journey into the mysterious world of Harry Potter. Using only music, with no film projections, the Pops will bring to life the magical music of all eight Harry Potter films, plus more from the “Potterverse,” featuring the iconic themes you know and love. The concert will also include insights from the books and films, interactive games and trivia experiences. Location: Cincinnati Music Hall, cincinnati-symphony.org

JAN 4

[Winter Hike Series - Voice of America MetroPark](#)

This weekly hiking event will highlight the beauty of Butler County in winter by exploring a different park each week. This week's hike will take place at Voice of America MetroPark. These guided hikes will average about 3 miles and end with a hot beverage and a bowl of soup. Location: Voice of America MetroPark, Time: 10 am - 12 pm, yourmetroparks.net

[CAM Kids Day: Artists and Storytellers](#)

Join for an exciting interactive family day at the art museum, where you will explore the beautiful world of landscape photography! Bring the whole family for a day filled with creativity and inspiration and delve into the art of capturing stunning outdoor scenes. Plus, see the exhibition Discovering Ansel Adams for free! Location: Cincinnati Art Museum, Time: 11 am - 3 pm, cincinnatiartmuseum.org FREE

[Native Fish and Red-eared Slider Turtle Feeding](#)

Join staff inside the Rowe Visitor Center for a 10-to-20-minute mini-program on the indoor native fish and red-eared slider tanks, including fish and turtle feeding. Location: Cincinnati Nature Center, Time: 10 - 11 am, cincynature.org FREE

[Sunrise Walk on the Wild Side](#)

Bring your pup to meet others for this brisk dawn hike through our pocket preserve. Afterward, look at some examples of wild canines native to Ohio and talk about their impact in our local ecosystems. Location: Avon Woods Nature Center, Time: 7:30 - 8:30 am, cincinnati-oh.gov FREE

JAN 5

[Learn to Ice Skate!](#)

This program will teach you ice skating skills, including skating forward and backward edges on a circle, three-turns, backward stops, bunny hop, lunges, and front and back crossovers! Location: RiverScape MetroPark, Time: 7 - 10 pm, metroparks.org

[Winter Scavenger Hunt](#)

Stop into the nature center to receive your scavenger hunt, then head out into the park on your search! Discover all the exciting things to find in the winter. When finished, return to the nature center for a prize. Location: Woodland Mound, Time: 11 am, greatparks.org FREE

JAN 6

[Pretend & Play](#)

Does your child love pretending? Join us for play-based open sessions of fun with playsets, props and more! Location: MidPointe Library, Time: 11:15 - 11:45 am, midpointelibrary.org FREE

Family Storytime

Bring your family to enjoy books, songs and other activities while building early literacy skills. Location: Greenhills Branch Library, Time: 10:30 am, cincinnati.library.com FREE

JAN 7

Animal Tales

Nature has many stories to tell. Families are invited to join us for a nature-themed story and activity. Location: Woodland Mound, Time: 10 am, greatparks.org FREE

[Books & Bubbles](#)

This drop in story time is designed for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers together with their caretakers. We share simple books, songs, finger plays, and rhythm instruments with a bit of sign language here and there. We always end with bubbles! Location: Mason Public Library, Time: 11:10 - 11:30 am, masonpl.libcal.com, FREE

JAN 7 - 19

[Les Misérables](#)

Set against the backdrop of 19th century France, Les Misérables tells an enthralling story of broken dreams and unrequited love, passion, sacrifice, and redemption – a timeless testament to the survival of the human spirit. This epic and uplifting story has become one of the most celebrated musicals in theatrical history. Location: Aronoff Center, cincinnatiarts.com

JAN 8

[Homeschool Science: Winter Weather](#)

Discover the science of snow at Miami Whitewater Forest! To some, winter is an icy wonderland, and to others, it is bitter cold misery. Whether the weather features heavy hail stones, or a slurry of sleet, we will explore the way winter weather works! Location: Miami Whitewater Forest, Time: 10 am - 12 pm, greatparks.org

Discovery Time

Join for sensory play after the Wednesday Movers and Shakers! Recommended for ages 3 – 6 Location: Madeira Branch Library, Time: 10:30 - 11 am, cincinnati.library.com FREE

JAN 9

[Animals in Winter](#)

Meet some live animals that call Hamilton County home as we discover some of their incredible adaptations that allow them to survive even the coldest winter. At the end of the program, stay and warm up by the fire during the Winter Wonderland exhibit. Location: Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve, Time: 10:30 am, greatparks.org FREE

KinderBridge Storytime

Get ready for Kindergarten with stories, songs, and hands-on activities. Location: Mariemont Branch Library, Time: 2 pm, cincinnati.library.com FREE

JAN 9 - 12

[Cirque du Soleil CRYSTAL](#)

Using larger than life visual projections on ice (a Cirque du Soleil first) and a soundtrack that seamlessly blends popular music with the signature sound of Cirque du Soleil, CRYSTAL transports audiences on an unforgettable visual and auditory experience full of magic and wonder. Location: Heritage Bank Center, heritagebankcenter.com

JAN 10

[Full Moon Night Hike](#)

Let's hike by the light of the moon! See your park in a different light as we talk about moon lore and animal communication. Please dress for the weather. All ages Location: Harbin Park, Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm, yourmetroparks.net, FREE

[Hopping with Frogs and Toads](#)

Dive into the fascinating world of herpetology as we explore the unique characteristics and behaviors of frogs, toads, lizards, salamanders, turtles, and snakes. Location: Sharon Woods, Time: 7 pm, greatparks.org FREE

[After Glow](#)

Bundle up and enjoy the glow of Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden's spectacular lights display post-holiday! Explore the illuminated pathways in a relaxed, child-free environment and visit select animal habitats open for the evening. Location: Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, Time: 5 - 10 pm, cincinnati.zoo.org 18+

JAN 11

[Winter Hike Series - Rentschler Forest MetroPark](#)

This weekly hiking event will highlight the beauty of Butler County in winter by exploring a different park each week. This week's hike will take place at Voice of America MetroPark. These guided hikes will average about 3 miles and end with a hot beverage and a bowl of soup. Location: Rentschler Forest MetroPark, Time: 10 am - 12 pm, yourmetroparks.net

[Maple Tree Tapping Day](#)

Help tap the trees as they start the sugaring season. Head out into the sugarbush with a maple guide to learn the ins and outs of tree identification and tapping, all while drilling holes, setting taps, and hanging sap buckets. Location: Cincinnati Nature Center, Time: 2 - 4 pm, cincynature.org

DIY Maple 101

Live off the land and learn to make your own maple syrup this winter. Join in on the fun and learn the tricks of the trade for making maple syrup at home. Discover what trees to tap, how to collect and cook the sap into syrup. Location: Caldwell Nature Preserve, Time: 1 - 3 pm, cincinnati-oh.gov

Chili Cook-Off

Enter your best chili recipe for a chance to win one of the top three prizes. Contestants must use at least THREE ingredients from Findlay Market in their chili recipe, and they will be judged on overall flavor, texture, use of Findlay Market ingredients, creativity, and aroma. Location: Findlay Market, Time: 2 - 3 pm, findlaymarket.org

[Snow Much Fun](#)

Dive into the enchanting world of snowflakes! Learn about and create your own snowflake as you discover the fascinating science behind these delicate crystals. Location: Winton Woods, Time: 10:30 - 11:30 am, greatparks.org

JAN 12

[Chili Fest](#)

You'll be warm from the inside out as you taste spicy samples from participating Merchants in and around the Market House. Location: Findlay Market, Time: 10 am - 4 pm, findlaymarket.org

[Winter Woodland Scavenger Hunt](#)

Learn about animal tracks, then explore the Winter Woodland at Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve during this scavenger hunt challenge. Location: Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve, Time: 10:30 - 11:30 am, greatparks.org FREE

JAN 13

[Broadway After-School Intensive: Six](#)

Participants will work with local theatre professionals, artists, and SIX company members (when possible) in sessions filled with the music, dance, and scene work from this Tony Award-winning musical! Work will culminate in an Informance for family and friends on the final day of the Intensive. Participants will receive show merch, nightly dinner, and a ticket to the Wednesday evening performance of SIX at the Schuster Center. Location: PNC Arts Annex, Time: 4:30 - 8 pm, daytonlive.org

Tot Time

Playing is a great way to grow motor, social and other developmental skills. Caregivers can connect with each other while the little ones play. Ages 0-36 months. Location: MidPointe Library, Time: 10:45 - 11:30 am, midpointelibrary.org FREE

JAN 14

[It's All in the Snow](#)

How do snowflakes, icicles and winter weather affect what we do on the farm? Be prepared to make your own snow, ice experiments and other fun activities along with visiting the farm animals. Location: Chrisholm MetroPark, Time: 10 - 11:30 am, yourmetroparks.net

[Game Night](#)

What's better than a board game on a winter's night? Come visit the Nature Center to play nature-themed board games, meet new people, and get out of the cold! Location: Nature Center at The Summit, Time: 6 pm, greatparks.org FREE

JAN 15

[REC Reads](#)

Bring your toddler or preschooler to the Rosenthal Education Center for a morning of art-themed story books, songs, and sensory activities. This 1-hour long program will get your little one excited about art in a fun and interactive way. Location: Cincinnati Art Museum, Time: 11:20 am - 12: 15 pm, cincinnatiartmuseum.org FREE

[Homeschool Studio: Group Voice](#)

Homeschool Studio classes offer unique opportunities for students to grow artistically, socially, and emotionally. Each class explores different elements of theatre – both onstage and off! Students will develop meaningful friendships, self-confidence, and a passion for the arts. Location: PNC Arts Annex, Time: 10 - 11:30 am, daytonlive.org

[Create & Play: ABC's of Taft](#)

Explore the galleries with your young one while learning about art through guided activities and interactive games. Then get creative in the studio and make your own masterpiece to take home. This monthly program is designed for children ages 2–6 and their caregivers. Location: Taft Museum of Art, Time: 10:15 - 11 am, taftmuseum.org

JAN 16

[Discovery on the Farm - Mittens and PJ Party](#)

Wear your pajamas and mittens to celebrate winter at the farm! Discover who is living in our "mitten" at the farm. Find out if they are wearing their winter pajamas indoors, mittens outdoors or both! Location: Chrisholm MetroPark, Time: 10 - 11:30 am, yourmetroparks.org

[Wee Wonder About Winter](#)

Toddlers and young children can don their cold-weather gear for some outdoor exploration. We'll rosy our cheeks, do winter-themed activities, and make a wintry craft. If temperatures are too wintry, celebrate the season in the nature center. Location: Sharon Woods, Time: 10 am, greatparks.org FREE

JAN 17

[Leaping Lizards and Salamanders](#)

Herpetology is the study of amphibians and reptiles. In January learn about different animals in these groups. This week, come out to learn about Ohio's fast-moving lizard and salamander species. Location: Sharon Woods, Time: 7 pm, greatparks.org FREE

[Hockey Net Bank Giveaway](#)

A penny saved is a penny that can help you buy tickets to your next Cyclones game. The first 3,000 fans will receive a Cyclones Bank! Location: Heritage Bank Center, Time: 7:35 pm, heritagebankcenter.com

JAN 18

[Winter Hike Series - Meadow Ridge MetroPark](#)

This weekly hiking event will highlight the beauty of Butler County in winter by exploring a different park each week. This week's hike will take place at Voice of America MetroPark. These guided hikes will average about 3 miles and end with a hot beverage and a bowl of soup. Location: Meadow Ridge MetroPark, Time: 10 am - 12 pm, yourmetroparks.net

[Cosmic Kids - Living in Space](#)

Inspire your kids to be future astronomers, physicists, scientists, and engineers with our monthly Cosmic Kids class at the Cincinnati Observatory! Participants will be engaged in an astronomically fun and interactive program each month. Location: Cincinnati Observatory, Time: 9:30 am, cincinnatiobservatory.org

[Games in the Galleries: Art Oracles](#)

Designed for multigenerational families—spanning ages 8 through 88—this monthly gallery walk includes a twist of fun! Family members play an art-based game together, taking them on an impromptu adventure through the galleries. Location: Cincinnati Art Museum, Time: 2 - 3 pm, cincinnatiartmuseum.org

JAN 19

[Family Skate Day](#)

Enjoy child-friendly music and activities that will make you feel like you're part of the family. The RiverScape Cafe will be open (serving hot chocolate for the kids) and skaters can also relax in our heated comfort tent where we will have crafts and activities. Location: RiverScape MetroPark, Time: 1 - 5 pm, metroparks.org

See the Story

See the Story is a partnership between the Cincinnati Art Museum and CHPL. The book club reads fiction and nonfiction books primarily concerned with art movements or artist's lives.

Location: Cincinnati Art Museum, Time: 10:30 am - 12 pm, cincinnatiartmuseum.org FREE

JAN 20

[Stars Above](#)

Experience the planetarium and marvel at the beauty of the night sky – even during the day!

Location: Sharon Woods, Time: 11 am & 1 pm, greatparks.org

[Fireside Feasts](#)

Join for cozy fireside cooking, where culinary traditions meet the great outdoors! Gather around the crackling fire as you learn to prepare delicious farm-fresh meals using seasonal ingredients. Savor the warmth of the fire, the joy of cooking together, and the taste of your creations. Be sure to dress for the weather as we will be outside for the duration of the program. Location: Winton Woods, Time: 4 - 5:30 pm,

[Kids Eat Free Matinee](#)

Bring the whole family and enjoy a special matinee where kids ages 2-12 eat for free! It's the perfect opportunity to make some wonderful memories together. Location: Heritage Bank Center, Time: 1:35 pm, heritagebankcenter.com

JAN 21

[Winter is for the Birds](#)

Come on down to the farm and learn about how birds survive the winter through fun hands-on activities and crafts. Help us make presents for our winter birds at the park and in your back yard, too. Location: Chrisholm MetroPark, Time: 10 - 11:30 am, yourmetroparks.net

[Resident Raptor Time](#)

Join staff outside of Rowe Visitor Center for a 10-to-20-minute mini-program on our resident raptors. It'll be an informal program; they are going to wing it! Location: Cincinnati Nature Center, Time: 11 - 11:15 am, cincynature.org

[Giveback Skate at Fountain Square](#)

Get on the ice and give back to your community at the same time! During this Giveback Skate, 10% of sales benefit Findlay Market. Admission is \$10 and includes skate rental. Location: Fountain Square, Time: 4 - 8 pm, findlaymarket.org

JAN 22

[Summit Center Storytime](#)

Join us every Wednesday at the Nature Center for storytime! We will be reading books, singing songs, and enjoying hands-on crafts with a new theme each week. Recommended for ages 2-5. Location: Nature Center at The Summit, Time: 1:30 pm, greatparks.org FREE

Library Playdate

Play is a crucial part of building literacy and social skills, so join us for a playdate at the library! We will provide opportunities for imagination and skill building, plus socialization for both children and caregivers. Location: Northside Branch Library, Time: 10 - 11 am, cincinnati.library.com FREE

JAN 23

Busy Builders

Pre-schoolers can show off their building skills with all the different types of blocks that are available. Play, create, and have fun! Location: MidPointe Library, Time: 10:30 - 11:15 am, midpointelibrary.org FREE

Anime Club

Join us to celebrate all things anime and manga. We'll have anime on the big screen, snacks, fan art & sketching supplies, & more. Location: Harrison Branch Library, Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm, cincinnati.library.com FREE

JAN 24

[The Secret Life of Stars](#)

Twinkle, twinkle, little star... how I wonder, what you are. Well, now we know, and you can too! The big ones live fast and die young. Some... eat their neighbors. While others... go out with a bang! From nebulae and novae to star formation and more, this show has it all! Location: Burnet Woods, Time: 7 - 8 pm, cincinnati-oh.gov

[Wildlife of Winton](#)

During this time, hike and learn all about the life history, habitat, food, nesting, and behaviors of different animals residing at Winton Woods. Location: Winton Woods, Time: 10 am, greatparks.org FREE

JAN 25

[Winter Hike Series - Timberman Ridge MetroPark](#)

This weekly hiking event will highlight the beauty of Butler County in winter by exploring a different park each week. This week's hike will take place at Voice of America MetroPark. These guided hikes will average about 3 miles and end with a hot beverage and a bowl of soup. Location: Timberman Ridge MetroPark, Time: 10 am - 12 pm, yourmetroparks.net

[Sensory Saturday at CAM](#)

This program is designed for families with children who have autism or other developmental disabilities. Each month, explore the museum's galleries in a less crowded environment, using multisensory tools and resources to make the most of the visit. Location: Cincinnati Art Museum, Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am, cincinnatiartmuseum.org

[Owl Walk](#)

Enjoy a slow-paced night hike into the forest in search of owls while learning about their natural history and exploring other nightlife. Weather Dependent. Location: Twin Creek MetroPark, Time: 6 - 8 pm, metroparks.org

[Chinese New Year Concert](#)

Join us for the Greater Cincinnati Chinese Music Society's 2025 Chinese New Year Concert, a cherished annual celebration that has blended traditional Chinese instruments with the Philharmonic for over 20 years in the tri-state area. Location: Memorial Hall, Time: 7 pm, memorialhallotr.com

JAN 25 & 26

[My Furry Valentine Mega Adoption Event](#)

Learn more about animal adoption including how to choose the right pet for your family, how to prepare for your new pet, and of course, find your furever friend. Location: Spooky Nook Sports, Time: 12 - 5 pm, myfurryvalentine.com

JAN 26

[Tools of the Sugar House](#)

Get a behind-the-scenes look at the maple syrup evaporator and sugaring tools like skimmers, filters, and thermometers. You'll be able to look inside the sap storage tanks, help set up for the day's programs, and help prepare the materials to fire up the evaporator. Location: Cincinnati Nature Center, Time: 11 am - 12 pm, cincynature.org

[Family Skate Day](#)

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JAN 27

Library Babies

Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories, and movement. Recommended for ages birth – 18 months. Location: Groesbeck Branch Library, Time: 10:15 - 11 am, cincinnati.library.com FREE

JAN 28

[Nappers, Snackers and Movers](#)

Let's explore how animals survive the winter months by hibernating, migrating or tolerating through activities and a live animal demonstration. Location: Chrisholm MetroPark, Time: 10 - 11:30 am, yourmetroparks.net

[Wild Senses](#)

Join staff inside the Rowe Visitor Center for a 20-to-30-minute where you make nature discoveries using our senses and feed our resident non-venomous snakes. Please meet at the front desk of our Rowe Woods Visitor Center. Location: Cincinnati Nature Center, Time: 11 - 11:15 am, cincynature.org

JAN 29

[Dinner on the Ton: A Night of Bridgerton](#)

Join and kick off the 2025 Period Dinner Series with Dinner on the Ton: A Night of Bridgerton and sample some 19th century cuisine inspired by the series. The menu includes, Canapes & Tea Sandwiches, Herb Roasted Chicken, Buttery Asparagus with Brie, Colorful Carrots with Thyme, Rolls with Cinnamon Honey Butter, and Lady Featherington's Society Sponge Cake for dessert. Location: Heritage Village Museum, Time: 6 - 7:30 pm heritagevillagecincinnati.org

Game On-Tween Edition

Come enjoy a variety of games with the Nintendo Switch, board games, and more. Intended for grades 3-7. Location: MidPointe Library, Time: 4:30 - 5:30 pm, midpointelibrary.org FREE

JAN 30

[Discovery on the Farm - Brrr...It's Cold as Ice](#)

Did you know that before refrigeration, ice farming was very important for Butler County? Meet a first-person character from the 1800's who will share stories about collecting ice from local ponds and learn how refrigeration changed this type of farming. Join in the fun ice games and activities. Location: Chrisholm MetroPark, Time: 10 - 11:30 am, yourmetroparks.net

[Beginner Beekeeping Class](#)

Are you looking to start a new hobby or explore a potential new career? If so, this series of 6 classes will help you determine if beekeeping is a sweet fit for you. Meet fellow enthusiasts, ask questions and learn what it takes to become a successful beekeeper. Location: GCPT Headquarters, Time: 6 - 9 pm, gcparkstrails.com

JAN 31

[Art on the Trails](#)

The beauty of the winter landscape has inspired artists for generations, from the intricate patterns of delicate snowflakes to the ephemeral nature of deciduous trees. So, join us for a guided hike to get your heart and creative juices flowing! Location: Miami Whitewater Forest, Time: 4 - 6 pm, greatparks.org FREE

[Slithering Snakes](#)

Herpetology is the study of amphibians and reptiles. In January we will learn about different animals in these groups. This week, come out to learn about legless reptiles – snakes. We'll learn about Ohio's slithering snakes and meet some up close. Location: Sharon Woods, Time: 7 pm, FREE

[Winter Beanie Giveaway](#)

Stay Cozy and Stylish All Winter! Keep the chill at bay with a Cyclones winter beanie giveaway! Perfect for staying warm while showing off your team spirit. Location: Heritage Bank Center, Time: 7:35 pm, heritagebankcenter.com