

Happy Holidays

WINTER ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN PORTLAND, EVEN ON A BUDGET

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Winter break will be upon us in a few days, and instead of being cooped up around the house for two weeks, why not check out the many exciting winter events Portland has to offer.

There are many well known events taking place in Portland that have become a tradition for some. Zoo lights, for example, has been around for years, and is regularly attended by "Portlanders" every year for the intricate and exciting light sculptures arranged around the Portland Zoo. The Zoo lights are open until January second and the show starts at 5:00 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m. (8:30 on Friday and Saturday). Ticket prices vary with age: \$10.75 for adults, \$7.75 for kids, \$9.25 for seniors (65 and over), and infants enter free.

Another fun tradition is the Christmas Ship Parade. Conducted every year by volunteer recreational boaters, two fleets of almost 60 ships total travel down the Willamette and Columbia



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The Portland Zoolights features dozens of unique and amazing light sculptures. Portland is host to many yearly winter events such as the Christmas Ship Parade and the Pioneer Square holiday tree lighting.

rivers decked out in Christmas lights to entertain the public. The Christmas Ship will begin on Dec. 9, and ends on the 21.

Other seasonal activities around Portland include skiing or snowboarding up at Mt. Hood, driving around to see the Christmas light displays and playing out in the snow (if it does snow this year). Portland also has plenty of festivals and markets worth visit-

ing as well, such as the Hillsdale Winter Farmer's market. Definitely worth visiting, the Hillsdale market is a great place to eat some tasty food, find a homemade gift for Christmas, or listen to holiday music.

Explore Portland and you'll be sure to find some great places to visit and events to experience this holiday season.



Recipes for winter

After a cold day at the mountain or coming home from a holiday shopping spree, these two winter recipes will warm you up with the taste of the holidays.

Cinnamon spice coffee drink

Ingredients:

2/3 cup instant coffee

1 1/3 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon allspice

Directions

Mix all ingredients and put into a blender and blend to a fine powder. To use, add approximately 2 rounded teaspoons per cup of boiling water or to suit your own taste.

Sugar candy cane cookies

Ingredients:

1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened

1 package (3-ounce) cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup sugar

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

2 cups all-purpose flour

Red paste food coloring

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl, with mixer at medium speed, beat butter and cream cheese until smooth. Add sugar and vanilla and beat until fluffy. Reduce speed to low; gradually beat in flour.

Press dough in 5-inch strips on an ungreased large cookie sheet. Bend one end of each strip to shape into candy cane.

Bake cookies 12 to 14 minutes or until lightly browned on bottom. Cool on cookie sheet on wire rack 3 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

WHAT IS THE BEST GIFT

"A fluffy unicorn from my uncle when I was five."

—Keeley Anderson, freshman

