

Welcome to The Spirit of Christmas in Vernonia

Join us in our traditional small town celebration of the Christmas season.
This annual event features traditions both new and old. We hope you will take time to enjoy the sights, sounds, tastes, and smells of the holiday season as we celebrate Christmas throughout the community on Saturday, December 8th.

Information Booth,
11 am - 3 pm, Shay Park, #4 on map

Downtown Business Window Display Contest – Make sure to stroll downtown to see all the local businesses who help make our town festive with storefront trees and window displays.

Breakfast with Santa,
8 - 10:30 am, Vernonia Fire Station,
555 E. Bridge Street, #1 on map – Join Santa for this extra special pancake breakfast.

Coloring Contest,
8 - 10 am, Vernonia Fire Station,
555 E. Bridge Street, #1 on map – Great prizes for kids ages 0-5, 6-10, 10-15, and adults. Judging at 10 am.

5th Annual Ugly Sweater 5K Run/Walk,
9 am, Anderson Park, #2 on map – Find your best ugly Christmas sweater and take it for a tour around Vernonia Lake. It's a flat and fast 5k race; runners and walkers welcome. Entry fee is \$20 for adults, \$10 for youth and any students with ID, 10 and under free. Prizes for best sweater and swag for all!



Christmas Crafts for Kids,
10 am - 3 pm, Vernonia Grange, #3 on map – Sponsored by Vernonia Hands On Art.

Gingerbread House Show-Off,
10 am - 3:30 pm, Vernonia Grange, #3 on map – All entries must fit on a 16x24" or smaller surface; after that... anything goes! Stop by to admire the entries and vote. Entries can be delivered from 4 - 7 pm on December 7, or 10 - 11 am December 8. Cash prizes awarded by People's Choice for top three in 0-12 and 13+ categories. Winners announced at 4 pm. No entry fee. Sponsored by Vernonia Hands on Art.



Food Vendors and Fire Pit with S'mores,
10 am - 6 pm, Shay Park, #4 on map – Stop by Shay Park to warm up and grab a bite to eat. VHS senior class will be selling s'mores kits.

Winter Art Show,
10 am - 7 pm, Grey Dawn Gallery,
#5 on map – See fine art and enjoy refreshments at this wonderful local gallery. The show features a selection of new images by landscape photographer Christopher Burkett; meet the artist from 2 - 4 pm.

Storytelling & Craft: "How to Catch an Elf,"
11 am, Vernonia Library, #6 on map

Chili Cook-Off & Feed,
11 am - 1 pm, Blue House Café, #7 on map – The VHS LoggerBots team will host this fundraising event this year. Please bring your homemade chili in a crockpot at 10 am. Judging starts at 11 am. Prizes for 1st and 2nd place. \$10 entry fee. Chili lunch available by donation starting at 11:45, includes roll and cookie.

Chocolate Walk,
11 am - 3 pm, Downtown Businesses – Sample and purchase various chocolate treats; look for the big Hershey's Kiss at participating locations.

Lions Club Free Hot Cider,
11 am - 3 pm, Blue House Café, #7 on map – The Vernonia Lions Club will be serving free hot cider, as well as holding a raffle.

Cake Walk,
11 am - 3 pm, R&S Market, #8 on map – Chances to win a variety of gift boxes of food every hour on the hour.

Stocking Stuffer & Gift Show,
11 am - 5 pm, Mason House, #9 on map – Stop by for holiday shopping and support local artists and craftspeople, along with local non-profits and local direct marketing vendors.

Wine Tasting,
11 am - 5 pm, Mason House, #9 on map – Join Helvetia Winery for a wine tasting event.

Carriage Rides with Donner,
12 - 3 pm, City Hall, #10 on map – Rick Hobart and his horse Donner will be available for carriage rides around town, starting and ending beside City Hall.

Vernonia Dickens Carolers,
12 - 4 pm – Watch for these carolers in full Victorian costume, wandering the streets and spreading Christmas joy throughout the day.



Storytelling & Craft: "The Night Before Christmas,"
12:30 pm, Blue House Café, #7 on map

Storytelling & Craft: "Gingerbread Baby,"
1:30 pm, Blue House Café, #7 on map

Storytelling & Craft: "Gingerbread Friends,"
2 pm, Blue House Café, #7 on map

Storytelling: "One Maine Christmas Eve,"
2:30 pm, Vernonia Grange, #3 on map

Christmas Cookie Contest Judging,
3 pm, Vernonia Grange, #3 on map – Entries must include 6-12 plated cookies. Adults (13+) and youth judged separately. Cash prizes awarded. Cookies must be delivered between 10 am and 3 pm; judging is at 3 pm and results announced at 4 pm. No entry fee. Sponsored by Vernonia Hands on Art.

Storytelling: "How the Grinch Stole Christmas,"
3:30 pm, R&S Market, #8 on map

Contest Winners Announced,
4 pm, Vernonia Grange, #3 on map – Winners of the Business Window Display, Chili Cook-off, Gingerbread House Show-off, and Christmas Cookie Contest will be announced.

Lighted Parade,
5:30 pm, State Avenue to City Hall, #11 on map – Lighted log trucks, lighted vehicles, and lighted marchers are all welcome. Sign up at Napa, line up at 5 pm, parade starts at 5:30.



Christmas Tree Lighting,
following the parade, Pihl's Landing, #12 on map – Join Santa & Mrs. Claus as we light the community Christmas tree.

Meet Santa & Mrs. Claus,
following the tree lighting, Spike Table, #12 on map – Santa & Mrs. Claus will arrive in the lighted parade and then greet children at the Spike Table.

Spaghetti Dinner and Auction,
after tree lighting, Cabin in Vernonia (formerly the Scout Cabin), #13 on map – Join the Vernonia Seventh Day Adventist Church congregation at this annual fundraiser. The dinner will benefit Vernonia Cares Food Bank and the auction benefits the church's renovation fund.

Tavern Story Time: Willy Vlautin's "A Jockey's Christmas,"
8 pm, All In Pub & Eatery, #14 on map – Join us for an adult Christmas tale filled with gambling, drinking, and other debauchery... with a happy ending.