



A Small Town Christmas

Banner Elk Chamber of Commerce
December 2, 3 and 4, 2022



The Full Schedule of Events

Santa's Mailbox is available in front of the **Banner Elk Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center**. November 19th through December 25th.

Christmas at Apple Hill Farm. Tours of a working farm with llamas, alpacas, angora goats, livestock guardians and more, located only 10 minutes from Banner Elk.
10:00am to 4:00pm, December 2nd.

Christmas Tree Lighting at the Corner on Main. The official lighting of the **Town of Banner Elk's** Christmas tree beginning at 6:30pm on December 2nd.

A Banner Elk Christmas – A Holiday Musical Variety Show is a production of the **Ensemble Stage Company** at the Cultural Arts Center, beginning at 7:00pm on December 2nd.

Breakfast with Santa is hosted by the **Banner Elk Presbyterian Church** in their Fellowship Hall. The Pancake breakfast is a benefit for the Church's Pre-school. The breakfast is free with donations accepted to help support the school.
Breakfast on December 3rd, from 9:00am to 10:30am.

5K Reindeer Run is organized by the **Williams YMCA of Linville** and the **Kiwanis Club of Banner Elk**. Registration for the run begins at 8:00am on December 3rd, with the run starting at 9:00am at the Tate-Evans Park in Banner Elk.

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Storytime with Santa and a Firetruck Tour takes place at the **Banner Elk Fire and Rescue Station** in Banner Elk. Kids visit with Santa and then are given a tour by a volunteer fireman of one of Banner Elk's huge and exciting firetrucks.
Storytime and firetruck tour is from 10:30am to 11:00am on December 3rd.

"Kid Sized" Wooden Christmas Snowman Keepsake Making/Canned Soup Drive hosted by the **Blind Elk Cafe** in the loft area. This event will take place Saturday, December 3, 2022 1:00 -3:00 pm. -Sponsored by Premier Sotheby's International Realty and Blind Elk Tap Room.



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Christmas Market and Kids' Craft Activities are organized at the Cultural Arts Center in the Historical Banner Elk School in the middle of town. Shop for Christmas gifts at the **BE Artists Gallery** from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Bookmark making for kids will take place from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the **Banner Elk Book Exchange** with holiday book readings throughout the day. Christmas ornament making for kids will take place in **Common Ground** from 11:00am to 1:00pm. All events on December 3rd.

Treats at My Best Friend's Barkery. Drop by My Best Friend's Barkery in the middle of Town to receive a treat for yourself and your pet from 11:00am to 5:00pm on December 3rd.

Christmas Melodies on Main provides music in the small park in the center of town provided by the **Avery County High School Band**. Drop by around Noon and enjoy the musical skills of local High School students on December 3rd.

Christmas Cookie Decorating at the Banner Elk Café is an opportunity for kids to decorate Christmas Cookies with the assistance of the staff of the café and some of the agents at **Premier Sotheby's Realty** in Banner Elk. Decorating is from 3:30pm to 4:30pm on December 3rd.

Christmas Community Carol Sing brings together anyone and everyone who enjoys singing or listening to the wonderful array of Christmas Carols available to us all. The Gathering is in the **Banner Elk Presbyterian Church's** sanctuary from 3:00pm to 3:45pm on December 3rd.

Christmas Parade on Main Street is a celebration of Christmas which moves down Main Street to the Tate-Evans Park where the celebration continues. The parade is led by a motorized **Christmas Train** of cars led by Santa and Mayor Brenda Lyerly of Banner Elk. One feature of the parade this year is the Lees-McRae College Cycling Team, a nationally acclaimed group of students. Anyone wishing to be involved in the parade can gather on the campus of Lees-McRae College beginning around 5:00pm. The Christmas Parade will begin at 6:00pm on December 3rd.

Christmas in the Park begins when the parade arrives at the Tate-Evans Park where the **Banner Elk Chamber of Commerce** and the **Town of Banner Elk** have set up beautiful displays of Christmas lights. The Christmas Train will take riders around the park's central walkway, which will be lit by over 700 luminaries, to view the beautiful Christmas light displays. Also, during this time, the **Highland Singers from Lees-McRae College** will perform on stage at the amphitheater. Santa Claus will be available on stage to visit with the children and hear their wishes for Christmas. When the Highland Singers are not singing, Christmas music will be played for the enjoyment of all in celebration of this wonderful time of the year.

Hot Chocolate is provided by the Banner Elk Chamber of Commerce.

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