



# PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO...

## Ideas for Family Entertainment!

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### THRU DECEMBER 16

**Annie** The classic musical in which a fiery young girl receives a brief respite from her life in a miserable depression-era orphanage when she is selected to spend Christmas at a billionaire's home. Once there, she quickly charms the household staff and even their seemingly cold-hearted boss. Old Town Playhouse 148 E 8th St TC 231-947-2210 [www.oldtownplayhouse.com](http://www.oldtownplayhouse.com)

### DECEMBER 1

**Light Parade** Traverse City's holiday season will kick off with a new Light Parade at 6:30 pm. The parade route will run along E. Front Street from Boardman Avenue to Union Street and include over 20 units, including floats, dance, a drum line, Santa, and more.

**Interlochen's Children's Christmas Party** Tree lighting in Tom's Supermarket parking lot at 5pm, Christmas party at Interlochen Public Library at 5:35. Visit Santa, music, crafts, storytelling. 9700 Riley Rd Interlochen 231-276-7141 [interlochenchamber.org](http://interlochenchamber.org)

### DECEMBER 1, 2

**Tuck Everlasting** The classic young adult tale of a girl who meets a boy with a powerful secret, and then must decide whether or not to stay with him... forever. 7:30 pm Harvey Theatre, Interlochen Center for the Arts 4000 M-137 231-276-7200 [www.interlochen.org](http://www.interlochen.org)

### DECEMBER 1-3, 8-10

**Christmas Journey** 45-minute guided tour through firelit woods with live sets, actors, animals, and a story line taken from the Bible. 300 volunteers/actors & 30 animals give you an unforgettable experience. Free. New Hope Church 5169 Bethesda Ct, Williamsburg 231-938-8056

### DECEMBER 2

**Winter Jazz Ensemble Showcase** NMC Jazz Bands and Vocal Jazz Ensemble present their winter concert. 7:30 p.m., Milliken Auditorium 1410 College Drive TC. Tickets \$12/ adults, \$7/students & seniors at MyNorthTickets.com & at the door. 800-836-0717.

**Vendor/Craft Show** St. Mary-Hannah School presents their annual craft show. Lunch served 11:30-1:30pm, \$5. Canned food donations accepted for local food pantry. 2912 W. M-113 Kingsley 231-263-5288

**Grapevine Wreaths** Catch up on your holiday decorating by creating works of grapevine wreath art. Supplies provided, space limited. \$15 Grass River Natural Area 6500 Alden Highway, Bellaire 231-533-8314 [www.grassriver.org](http://www.grassriver.org)

### DECEMBER 3

**Pancake Breakfast** Sponsored by Knights of Columbus. Cost is by donation. Open to the public, breakfast 9:30-1:00pm & children from the community are invited to visit St Nick 10am-1pm. St Mary-Hannah School 2912 W. M-113 Kingsley 231-263-5288

### DECEMBER 7, 8, 9, 16

**The Nutcracker** Interlochen Center for the Arts presents Tchaikovsky's classic ballet under the direction of Joseph Morrissey. Corson Auditorium 4000 Hwy M-137 231-276-7200 [www.interlochen.org](http://www.interlochen.org)

### DECEMBER 8

**Winter Songs & Carols Concert** Manitou Winds presents its annual winter concert at the Leelanau School dining hall. This year's program features songs of Advent, Winter Solstice, and Christmas mixed with poetry & prose readings, all focusing on how winter can be a gateway to a time of healing, peace, & renewal. 1 Old Homestead Rd Glen Arbor 231-334-6112 [manitouwinds.com](http://manitouwinds.com)

### DECEMBER 9

**Holiday Nature Crafts for Kids** Take a break from the holiday hustle and bustle to create an assortment of holiday crafts and gifts. Recommended for ages 3 and above but all ages are welcomed. \$5 Grass River Natural Area 6500 Alden Highway, Bellaire 231-533-8314 [www.grassriver.org](http://www.grassriver.org)

**Elk Rapids Holiday Open House** Tree lighting, Santa & reindeer, live music, store specials. 231-264-8202 [elkrapidschamber.org](http://elkrapidschamber.org)

**Christmas Magic** Cookies, free family activities, Santa, storefront decorating contest & a lighted parade. Downtown Beulah.

### DECEMBER 9, 10

**Home for the Holidays Concert** Featuring NMC children's Choir & Traverse Symphony Orchestra perform at Lars Hochstead Auditorium Sat 7:30pm, Sun 3pm. 301 301 7th St TC 231-947-7120 [traversesympphony.org](http://traversesympphony.org)

### DECEMBER 10

**Northport Christmas Concert** Featuring Northport Community Band and Village Voices performing familiar songs of the season. Northport Community Arts Center 104 S Wing St 231-386-5001 [www.northportcac.org](http://www.northportcac.org)

### DECEMBER 14

**iPad & iPhone** Leland Township Library presents a workshop on these popular devices which share the same operating system and much the same function. 1:30 in Munnecke Room 203 E Cedar St Leland 231-256-9152 [www.lelandlibrary.org](http://www.lelandlibrary.org)

**Sounds of the Season** Interlochen Arts Academy Band & Choir present their annual holiday show with music, trivia, a sing-along, milk & cookies, and Santa. Corson Auditorium 4000 Hwy M-137 231-276-7200 [www.interlochen.org](http://www.interlochen.org)

### DECEMBER 17

**NMC Concert** NMC Grand Traverse Chorale & Chamber singers join area choirs for a concert featuring the music of Dan Forrest. 2 p.m., First Congregational Church 6105 Center Rd TC. Tickets: 231-947-6698.

### DECEMBER 16

**Ornaments and Décor from Nature** Take home a bit of Grass River Natural Area by making your own ornaments and decorations using glass globes, wood, candles, and objects we find on the trail. All supplies provided. Best for adults and older children. \$8 Grass River Natural Area 6500 Alden Highway, Bellaire 231-533-8314 [www.grassriver.org](http://www.grassriver.org)

**Winter Sounds at Michigan Legacy Art Park** Celebration the season with warm beverages, a bonfire, lamp-lit winter hike, & a lovely outdoor holiday performance from Benzie Central Chamber Choir. 12500 Crystal Mountain Dr Thompsonville 231-378-4963 [www.michiganlegacyartpark.org](http://www.michiganlegacyartpark.org)

### DECEMBER 19

**NMC Holiday Concert** The NMC Concert Band under interim director John Campbell presents an evening of holiday music. 7:30 p.m., Milliken Auditorium 1410 College Drive, TC 231-995-1055 [www.nmc.edu](http://www.nmc.edu)

### DECEMBER 21

**Winter Solstice Party** Celebrate the winter solstice with good food, live music, and dancing. 6-9pm Village Arts Building 301 Mill St Northport

**The Wizards of Winter** Join The Wizards of Winter on a musical journey inside a snow globe in search of the true meaning of Christmas, featuring original members of The Trans-Siberian Orchestra and other rock powerhouses. City Opera House 106 E. Front St TC 231-941-8082 [www.cityoperahouse.org](http://www.cityoperahouse.org)

### DECEMBER 31

**New Year's Eve Ball Drops**  
• Great Lakes Children's Museum in TC drops a ball at 11:59 am to celebrate noon  
• CherryT Ball Drop in TC starts at 9pm corner Front & Park Streets  
• 6th Annual Northport New Year's Ball Drop at The Northport Inn

### JANUARY 6

**9th Annual Winter Trails Day** TART Trails teams up with special partners to offer free trail access, introductory ski lessons, fatbike demos, guided snowshoe hikes & use of equipment rentals for those new to winter trail sports 10:30-2pm at Timber Ridge Resort, 4050 Hammond Rd E, TC 231-941-4300 [traversetrails.org](http://traversetrails.org)

### JANUARY 13

**Family TSO Program** The Traverse Symphony Orchestra presents a family program on wind instruments featuring musicians from TSO. Come and make some noise at the Traverse Area District Library 11am-noon 610 Woodmere Ave TC 231-932-8500 [www.tadl.org](http://www.tadl.org)

### JANUARY 19-FEBRUARY 3

**Arsenic and Old Lace** This community theatre classic follows Mortimer Brewster, who is living a happy life: he has a job at a New York newspaper, he's engaged, and he gets to visit his sweet spinster aunts to announce the engagement. But his world is turned upside down when he realizes that his dear aunts have been poisoning lonely old men for years! Old Town Playhouse 148 E 8th St TC 231-947-2210 [www.oldtownplayhouse.com](http://www.oldtownplayhouse.com)

### JANUARY 21

**World Snow Day Celebration** Crystal Mountain's World Snow Day event features free special activities and clinics designed to introduce a new generation to skiing and snowboarding. 12500 Crystal Mountain Dr Thompsonville 888-968-7686 ext 7000 [www.crystallmountain.com](http://www.crystallmountain.com)

### JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 2

**Special Olympics at Shanty Creek** Shanty Creek hosts many of the Michigan Special Olympics Winter Games on the slopes of Schuss Mountain. Spectators Welcome. 1826 Schuss Mountain Ln Mancelona 231-533-3000 [www.shantycreek.com](http://www.shantycreek.com) or [www.somi.org](http://www.somi.org)

### FEBRUARY 3

**A Midsummer Night's Faery Tale** The Northwest Michigan Ballet Theatre presents a ballet based on the children's book of the same name by Wendy Froud and Terri Windling and choreographed by NMBT Artistic Director Thomas Morrell. 2&7pm Milliken Auditorium 1410 College Drive TC

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**Adoption/ Foster Care Meetings** Monthly State Adoptions & Foster Care & International Adoption at Bethany Christian Services 1055 Carriage Hill Dr TC 231- 995-0870 [www.bethany.org/traverse](http://www.bethany.org/traverse)

**American Red Cross of Northwest Michigan** Health & Safety Services offer monthly Classes, CPR & more 735 S Garfield Ave Suite B-100 TC 231-947-7286

**Artercent Traverse City** Ongoing classes [www.mwcsart.com](http://www.mwcsart.com)

**Boardman River Nature Center** Nature themed programs. Exhibit gallery, theater room & kids' craft area. Outside: native plant gardens, wetland, hiking trails. Tue-Sat 10am-4pm 1450 Cass Rd TC [www.naturecalling.org](http://www.naturecalling.org)

**Central United Methodist Church** Wonderful Wednesday Night Dinners: family meal and after dinner programs for children, youth, & adults. Downtown TC 231-946-5191 [www.tccentralumc.org/children](http://www.tccentralumc.org/children)

**The Grand Traverse Baby Pantry** In Bethlehem Lutheran Church 1050 Peninsula Dr TC Open 2nd & 4th Thurs of month. 10 am-4 pm. Any Grand Traverse County family w/ a 3 year old & younger eligible to shop 231-941-0655

**Grand Traverse Lighthouse** Museum, giftshop, climb the tower. 15500 Lighthouse Point Rd Northport 231-386-7195 [www.grandtraverselighthouse.com](http://www.grandtraverselighthouse.com)

**Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy** Free activities - nature hikes, invasive species management, more. [gtrlc.org/events](http://gtrlc.org/events)

**Grass River Natural Area Family Events** Outdoor fun and education. Nature Story Hour second Tues each month, many other activities. 6500 Alden Hwy Bellaire 231-533-8576 [www.grassriver.org](http://www.grassriver.org)

**Horizon Books** Monday Kids Story Hour. Stories, craft project & some activities. 10am Downtown TC

**La Leche League Breastfeeding Support** 2nd Tues of month 10:30am in nursery at Central United Methodist Church, TC 231-642-7564 [www.LLLI.org](http://www.LLLI.org)

**East Bay Branch Library** Wiggles- preschoolers, their families & friends. Stories, songs, poetry, finger plays & fun. 10:30am Weds & Fridays last 2 weeks of month. Three Mile Rd

**Elk Rapids District Public Library** Children's story time: Stories, songs, crafts Weds 10:30am all preschoolers welcome [erdl@elkrapidsnet.com](http://erdl@elkrapidsnet.com) 231-264-9979

**Glen Lake Community Library** Stories & More preschool story time-activities, rhymes & songs 11am Thurs in Empire 231-326-5361

**Interlochen Public Library** Preschool Story Hour-Weds 10am & 1pm. Baby Play Time 1st & 3rd Fri 10am. Chaz the Therapy Dog Weds 4-6pm. Book Discussion Groups: Morning 2nd Thurs/mo 10am, Evening 1st Weds/mo 6:30pm, Senior Tuesdays 12:30pm. 231-276-6767 [www.interlochenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.interlochenpubliclibrary.org)

**Kingsley Library** Wiggles: stories, songs, crafts & fun every Weds 10:30am Geared toward preschoolers. 231-263-5484 [www.tadl.org/kingsley](http://www.tadl.org/kingsley)

**Leelanau Township Library** Wiggles story time 10:30 Thursdays.

**Leland Township Library** Storytime for children 6 & under and their caregivers. Fridays 10:30am 203 E Cedar St Leland 231-256-9152 [lelandlibrary.org](http://lelandlibrary.org).

**Traverse Area District Library** Wiggles' Fun: Wed & Thurs 9:30 or 11 am 610 Woodmere, TC [www.tadl.org](http://www.tadl.org) 932-8503

**Lunch at Lobdell's** NMC's teaching restaurant is open Mon-Thurs 11:30am-1pm thru Dec 12. Reservations suggested. 715 E Front St TC 231-995-3120 [www.nmc.edu](http://www.nmc.edu)

**Michael's Place** Michael's Place provides grief support services to children, teens, and adults that have experienced the death of a loved one. Support Groups, workshops, and other activities are provided throughout the month and are offered free of charge. An informational visit is required prior to attending. 1212 Veterans Drive, TC 231-947-6453.

**Michigan Legacy Art Park** Non-profit 30-acre preserve at Crystal Mountain. 40+ outdoor sculptures celebrating Michigan's culture & history along 1.6 miles of wooded hiking trails. [www.michlegacyartpark.org](http://www.michlegacyartpark.org)

**The Dennos Museum Center** "Myths, Legends, and Stories: Sculpture by Abraham Anghik Ruben," "Into the Arctic," "Visitors to the Sea: Masterpieces from the Detroit Institute of Art" exhibits thru Dec. 31, plus other educational and artistic exhibits 1701 E. Front St TC 231-995-1055 [www.dennosmuseum.org](http://www.dennosmuseum.org)

**Eyaawing Museum & Cultural Center** The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians' museum & cultural center & Odaawe Gamik (museum store) 10am-4pm Wed-Sat donation for entry 231-534-7764 2605 NW Bay Shore Dr Peshawbestown [www.gtbindians.org/eyaawing.asp](http://www.gtbindians.org/eyaawing.asp)

**Grand Rapids Public Museum** "Brain: The World Inside Your Head" thru Jan 7; "Dragons, Unicorns & Mermaids" Nov 11-May 20. 272 Pearl St NW 616-456-3519 [www.grmuseum.org](http://www.grmuseum.org)

**Great Lakes Children's Museum** Interactive Story Time Weds 11am story w/ activity or craft, free w/ museum admission. Toddler Time-Fri 10 am-12pm Free w/ museum admission. Tues-Sat 10 am-5 pm Sun 1-5 pm 13240 S. West Bayshore Dr 231-932-4526 [www.GreatLakesKids.org](http://www.GreatLakesKids.org)

**Guntzville's Spirit of the Woods** Native American artifacts & wildlife museum 11060 US 31 N Elk Rapids 231-264-5597

**Silent Movies at Music House Museum** Monthly. [www.musichouse.org](http://www.musichouse.org)

**Northport Area Museum** Oct-Apr open by appointment; May-Sept open weekdays 10-2pm, weekends 10-4pm. By the marina in Northport.

**Northwestern Michigan College** Free campus tours-Welcome Center in Health & Science Building Fridays 11 am 995-1054

**Public Viewing Nights** Rogers Observatory \$2/ person; \$5/family 9-11pm 1753 Brimley Rd TC 231- 995-2300 [www.nmc.edu/rogers](http://www.nmc.edu/rogers)

**TC Vegans** Vegan support group: meets 2nd & 4th Sun of the month, 1-3pm to talk about issues, exchange recipes & share food. Check website for location & confirmation of meetings 231-588-2135 [www.tcvvegans.org](http://www.tcvvegans.org)

**Third Level Youth Drop-In Center** Mon & Thurs 3-6pm, 14-20yr old youth invited to hang out & participate in groups. Safe community space includes art, games, movies, cooking classes, groups & more. Supervised. United Way building 521 S Union St. TC (alley entrance) [www.thirdlevel.org](http://www.thirdlevel.org).

**Traverse City Visitor Center** 101 W Grandview Parkway, north end of Union S TC 231- 947-0692  
**YMCA** YMCA Family Fun Night 2nd Fri of month at YMCA Silver Lake Facility 3700 Silver Lake Rd TC- YMCA members \$5, \$20 per family non-members [www.gtbayymca.org](http://www.gtbayymca.org)