



## 2026 Annual Holiday Festivities!

This December, our community is unwrapping not one, but two holiday celebrations to make the season merry and bright!

🎄 **12 Days of Mistletoe Madness** (Dec 1–13) – Get ready for twelve days packed with themed activities, surprises, and plenty of holiday cheer to keep the Christmas spirit shining bright. From festive gatherings to fun little moments, each day brings something new for our community to enjoy together.

🎉 **Holly Jolly Jubilee** (Dec 13) – When the Golf Cart Parade comes to a merry close and the last notes of caroling float through the Garden Railroad (along with one more cup of hot chocolate), keep the holiday spirit going and head to the Auditorium for the **Kids Unlimited Show** and even more festive fun! 🎄

## Clubs & Residents – Let’s Get Creative This Holiday Season!

The reason for the IDEA LIST is we wanted to reach out **before you return for the 2026-2027 Season** or before the **Pre-Season Activities & Club Leader Meeting on Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 9:30 AM** in the Auditorium after Friday Coffee. Thinking about it over the summer helps get those **creative juices flowing!**

We hope to inspire you to join in the fun and theme of the upcoming holiday season. Plans are already underway with the Golf Cart Parade, Garden Railroad, and the Pajama & Book Drive, who are cooking up a little Mistletoe Madness... and we’d love for your activity, club, or residents to add to the merriment! 🎄

Below is a little “Idea List” that was created to inspire and get the creative juices flowing, in the hope that it sparks something you’d like to incorporate into your already scheduled activities or something new. There’s no need to reinvent the wheel, just opportunities to add a dash of holiday cheer, share joy, and spread glee throughout the resort with neighbors and friends in your already scheduled events.

We’d love to hear how your activity or club might join in the holiday fun! If you have a themed idea, big or small, please share it with the Activity Office (email [activities@rinconcountry.com](mailto:activities@rinconcountry.com)). We’ll help spread the word.

Let’s make this upcoming holiday one to remember—together! 🎅

It’s all about holiday fun, laughter, and a little playful mischief—Rincon style!

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# '12 Days of Mistletoe Madness' (12/1 – 12/13)



## IDEA LIST

### *Santa's Little Helpers - Pet Parade (Activity Office)*

- Wear your jolliest holiday gear and let your furry friend strut their festive style too! Dress code optional, fun required.
  - Date TBA
  - Categories are being cobbled together in Santa's Workshop
- Parade + photo ops = instant smiles

### *Hot Cocoa & Cookie Lounge*

- A cozy area with holiday drinks (hot cocoa, cider, mulled wine) and a cookie swap.
- Could be a fund raiser for a club

### *North Pole Photo Safari*

- a single cozy booth, or instead of a singular photo booth, create photo "stations" (Santa's Sleigh, Grinches lair, Winter Wonderland, Elf Workshop). Residents wander through taking selfies or group shots.
- Go on a "hunt" around the resort to spot decorated sites, lights, or hidden "North Pole" characters. \*\*\*Do you remember the Christmas Gnome hut from the Culinary Connection? \*\*\*\*
- Snap photos of festive displays or themed props.

### *Ugly Sweater Strut*

- instead of just a contest, make it a runway-style "Ugly Sweater Strut" with music and laughter

### *Holiday Site or Room Crawl*

- Different rooms decorated with their own themes (Nutcracker Suite, Candy Cane Lane, Santa's Workshop, Whoville...) Residents stroll through, sampling snacks, crafty activities in each room.
- Letters to Santa – set up a "Santa's Post Office" for residents to write letters/cards to mail to family or even create funny ones for each other.
- Library or Coffee Room: Holiday Puzzles & Games Café – tables with Christmas jigsaw puzzles, word searches, or board games – laid back places for neighbors to gather and socialize
- Other Things Holiday related??

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- 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, and 12/29 - Themed BINGO Nights (Activity Office)
  - We're working on some ideas in Santa's Workshop
- Craft Fair - "Holiday Lane" Craft Fair & Treat Market
- Amateur Radio Club Hot Dog Lunch - *Because nothing says holiday spirit quite like **mustard, mistletoe, in a courtyard or room full of happy people.***
- Jammers - "Santa's Jammin' Workshop"
  - Strum, hum, and jingle all the way.

- CARDO – “Santa’s Sleigh Shuffle”
- “O Come All Ye Carvers”
  - The Great Holiday Whittle-Off...
- 12/18 Friday Coffee - “Santa’s Workshop” and Wear Pajama Day  
“Sip, chat, and spread holiday cheer!”
  - Christmas gift donation pickup day by:
    - ‘Toys for Tots’ Tucson Fire Department
    - ‘Angel Tree’ Salvation Army
    - ‘Pajama/Book Drive
    - Animal related causes?
      - Do we have a donation target for fur babies
    - Did you know RCW has over 30 Community Outreach Programs the clubs and residents support each season?



- Villageaires Winter Concert
  - Name?
- Theater Group Winter Play
  - Name?
- December “Pancake Palooza: Christmas Edition”
  - Because syrup solves everything... Pancakes so fluffy, even Santa won’t share.
- December “Mistletoe & Merlot” Sip Happens Wine Tasting
  - Sip, swirl, laugh, repeat. Loosen up those tinsel-tight holiday muscles.
- 12/13 Golf Cart Parade of Lights
  - Actual schedule of parade to be advised (weather dependent)
  - Marshalling Time TBA, Conclusion at the main building for hot chocolate, picture taking, and 7pm go into the auditorium to see Kids Unlimited.
- 12/13 Garden Railroad running Holiday trains with music will be the heart of the finale for the folks gathering outdoors
  - Themed Train layout
  - All aboard the holiday express! This charming garden railroad winds its way through twinkling lights, sparkling garlands, and festive decorations at every turn.
  - Times to be advised (weather dependent)
- 12/13 “Glowstick Carols”
  - At the Garden Railroad for a community sing-along
  - Desert Tones?? *Wishing upon a star* ☺..., is there someone that can carry a tune, lead the resident sing-along.
- 12/13 “Jingle & Mingle” (Auditorium)
  - Friendly faces and lots of ho-ho-ho’s
    - *When the Golf Cart Parade comes to a merry close and the last notes of caroling float through the Garden Railroad (along with one more cup of hot chocolate), keep the holiday spirit going and head to the Auditorium for the **Kids Unlimited Show** for a little extra seasonal sparkle!*
- “Santa’s Gone Wild” Site Decorating
  - See October newsletter for categories and submission dates
  - 12/13 Voting starts
  - 12/23 Final Day to Vote
  - 12/25 Winners announced at the Community Christmas Dinner in the Auditorium

## Daily ‘themed’ movement inspiration

- AEROBICS “Merry Fitmas”
  - Burning off those Christmas Cookies one jingle at a time!
- STRETCH & FLEX “Candy Cane Contortions”
  - Get your tinsel untangled with the 12 Stretches of Christmas
- YOGA “Downward-Facing Reindeer”
  - Breathe deep... even with the smell of cookies nearby. Because Santa needs to de-stress before the big night... lol
- CHAIR YOGA “Santa’s Seated Yoga”
  - Elf-Approved Chair Yoga - Have a chair-y Christmas. Stretch, breather, and maybe wiggle your jingle bells!
- SQUARE DANCE “Mistletoe & Do-Si-Do”
  - No snow required, just a little jingle in your step.
- PING PONG “Ping Pong Who-Bilation”
  - Whoville-themed Ping Pong matches
  - A Grinchy Good Time in Whoville! Even the Grinch couldn’t steal this serve.
- CHAIR VOLLEYBALL “Frosty’s Volley Follies”
  - Where even Santa has to stay in his chair. Warning: May cause excessive laughter and jingling or is it jiggling...
- LINE DANCING “Rudolph’s Rockin’ Line Dance”
  - Santa’s and Mrs. Santa are trading in the sleigh for the dance floor to do the Santa Shuffle
- PICKLEBALL “Jollyball Jingle Jam” – Let the Activity Office know what you are planning.
  - Players wear Santa hats, elf ears, or ugly Christmas sweaters.
  - Christmas-colored balls (red/green if available or just decorate with stickers for off-court photo ops).
  - Holiday-themed prizes: candy canes, ornaments, or pickleball paddles wrapped like gifts.
  - Give each court a fun holiday name: “North Pole Net,” “Candy Cane Court,” “Frosty’s Freeze Zone.”
  - This past Christmas festivities looked like major fun! Great pics!

### ✦ These are Just Ideas! The details of the events are yours to make your own...

These are simply suggestions to spark creativity. Let your creative minds run wild. We welcome your inspirations, ideas, and the goal is to have fun and celebrate together! The above is just free flowing gibberish representing potentials, not all activities or clubs are represented. It would be fifty-three pages long if we dumped every imaginings in this document 🗨️ Take the ideas and make them yours....Partner with another activity, club, or resident...

*We are looking forward to hearing how your activity, club, or resident want to join in the holiday fun! If you have a themed idea, big or small, please share it with the Activity Office ([activities@rinconcountry.com](mailto:activities@rinconcountry.com)). We’ll help spread the word by adding or updating your event on campersApp, where over 2,100 subscribers are eager to see what’s happening this coming season.*

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