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# FREEDOM CHURCH LOS ALAMOS



Whether you're more of a Clark Griswald type, a Grinch, or somewhere in the middle, there is something for everyone in Los Alamos at Christmas time!

#### #1 Holiday Lights Parade

The Main Street Holiday Lights Parade is a highlight for many families each year and many local organizations go all out in decorating as well! The parade is located in the heart of Los Alamos on Central Avenue on Saturday, December 2nd at 6:00pm followed by the Tree Lighting at Ashley Pond.

#### #2 Cut Your Own Christmas Tree

Typically the <u>Los Alamos History Museum</u> (next to Fuller Lodge) sells tree permits, but this year you'll need to go through the Santa Fe Forest Service at <u>this link to purchase your permit</u>.

#### #3 Visit Santa!

On Saturday, December 2 from 8:00am to 11:00am the Los Alamos Kiwanas Club is hosting Santa at Betty Ehart Senior Center (1101 Bathtub Row, Los Alamos). Families are asked to reserve a timeslot ahead of time at: https://losalamos.kiwanisone.org/santa

They are also collecting donations for non-perishable items to donate to LA CARES and monetary donations for their work with Northern NM Foster Children.

#### #4 Ski Pajarito Mountain

Pajarito Ski Mountain is one of the best slopes in New Mexico. Did you know kids ages 12 and under can get a free ski pass? We just need some snow!!!!

#### **#5 Sledding**

Maybe sking/snowboarding isn't your thing! There are so many great hills around Los Alamos. Urban Park, the roundabout between North Mesa & Barranca Mesa, and the golf course are some local favorites. If you'd like a local hidden & historic gem, give 'Sawyer's Hill' a try. Google it to learn about its fun history. And on Google maps it's the first pull-off on the right (maybe a 1/2 mile) on State Rd 4 AFTER you pass the America Springs turn off on your way up to the Caldera.

#### #6 Help A Local Family In Need

There is such a need and there are organizations to help out. And it's a phenomenal opportunity for our own children to get in the giving spirit! A local "Adopt-a-Family" Facebook Group, several churches, and the YMCA are just a few of the local organizations that can point you in the right direction.

#### **#7 Outdoor Ice Skating**

The Los Alamos Ice Rink is such a magical experience, especially when it's snowing outside! Here is the guide for price of admission and public skating schedule.

#### #8 Eat a Christmas Breakfast Burrito

So 11 months out of the year, I'm a bacon-red guy. But this is the time of year it's ok to switch it up and go Christmas. I don't want to start a war on who serves the best breakfast burrito in town, so you go to your own favorite breakfast burrito spot in town!

#### **#9 Christmas Shop Local**

So many great local businesses to get you ready for the Christmas party or Christmas morning (download the local shopping guide). One of my favorite items on my list this year, and unique to our town is the children's book, A Los Alamos Alphabet, available at several stores in town. Whatever you need, there's a local business here in Los Alamos that has it!



### #10 Go to a Christmas Eve Service

Yes! I'm serious! With all of the craziness and drama that takes place this time of year this could be the one thing that means the most for you and your children this Christmas.

At <u>Freedom Church Los Alamos</u> we're celebrating Christmas at 2 locations on Christmas Eve.

### <u>Christmas Eve at</u> <u>Aspen (Sunday)</u>

Aspen Elementary School 11:00am-Noon

# Christmas Eve at Ashley Pond (Sunday)

Under the Lights of Ashley Pond 4:45-5:30pm



We'll have FREE GIFTS + Christmas music + Games for kids + candlelight singing + message of hope, there's something for everyone!

We believe no matter who you are, no matter what you've been through, there's a reason to celebrate this Christmas!