

Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar



2023

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	1 Christmas Lights Day	2 Special Education Day International Spirit of the Game Day
3 Make a Gift Day	4 National Dice Day Wildlife Conservation Day	5 International Ninja Day International Volunteer Day	6 Mitten Tree Day	7 National Cotton Candy Day National Letter Writing Day Hanukkah begins	8 Pretend To Be A Time Traveler Day National Christmas Tree Day	9 Christmas Card Day
10 Nobel Prize Day Human Rights Day World Choral Day	11 International Mountain Day National App Day	12 Gingerbread House Day	13 National Cocoa Day World Violin Day	14 Monkey Day	15 Bill of Rights Day National Cupcake Day	16 Boston Tea Party Day National Wreaths Across America Day
17 Wright Brother's Day	18 Snowflake Appreciation Day	19 National Oatmeal Muffin Day	20 Go Caroling Day	21 Crossword Puzzle Day National Short Story Day First Day of Winter	22 National Cookie Exchange Day Mathematics Day	23 National Roots Day
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day National Pumpkin Pie Day	26 National Thank You Note Day National Candy Cane Day	27 Visit the Zoo Day Make Cut Out Snowflakes Day	28 National Card Playing Day	29 National Pepper Pot Day	30 National Resolution Planning Day
31 New Year's Eve	1	2	December 2023 Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar Refer to this calendar for inspiration and themed activity ideas for your program! Find ideas below and click the Daily Holidays link to find related items to support your activities. www.ssw.com/daily-holidays-december			

Date	Observance/Holiday	Activity Ideas
December 1st	Christmas Lights Day	Decorate your facility with festive lights , and take a trip to a local festive lights show to celebrate the season
December 2nd	Special Education Day International Spirit of the Game Day	Learn some tips on how to engage students in your special education classroom . A global event to encourage players to demonstrate good spirit. Learn more: www.spiritofthegameday.org
December 3rd	Make A Gift Day	Plan some fun DIY crafts for your group to make and give as gifts!
December 4th	National Dice Day Wildlife Conservation Day	Play a fun game of Exercise Dice to get your group active Plan themed activities and crafts your group can do while learning about animals, plants and their habitats
December 5th	International Ninja Day International Volunteer Day	Get kids active with a Ninja Warrior obstacle course! Create a list of ways your group can give back to the community. Use our printable checklist as a guide
December 6th	Mitten Tree Day	Set up a donation tree at your organization to collect mittens for charity. Decorate these mittens for the tree!
December 7th	National Cotton Candy Day National Letter Writing Hanukkah begins	Who doesn't love cotton candy? We've got the machine, mix, and cones! Have your group practice their hand writing by writing a letter. Get creative with themed topics! Celebrate with these creative DIY craft ideas , like making a dreidel from clay or painting a menorah
December 8th	Pretend To Be A Time Traveler National Christmas Tree Day	Encourage students to use their imagination to build a time travel machine with boxes and makerspace items! If you can't have a real tree at your organization, use this decorative tree with pre-cut slots for holding cards!
December 9th	Christmas Card Day	Provide blank cards for your group to design personal Christmas cards to their family and friends
December 10th	Nobel Prize Day Human Rights Day World Choral Day	Share some facts about the six Nobel Prizes and the achievements of past winners Start a discussion with your class about what human rights means to them, then follow up with a lesson plan . Celebrate with a sing-along today to those who like to show off their vocal talents!
December 11th	International Mountain Day National App Day	Take a field trip to hike a small mountain in your local or surrounding town Plan a STEM activity that uses an app to make your creation come to life!
December 12th	Gingerbread House Day	Your group can have fun making foam gingerbread houses to display for the season
December 13th	National Cocoa Day World Violin Day	Kids can make a cute DIY hot cocoa mug with paper and pom poms Plan a Music Theme Day where you pass out instruments for your group to try
December 14th	Monkey Day	Celebrate by having your group color their own pre-stuffed fabric monkeys!
December 15th	Bill of Rights Day Cupcake Day	Educate students on the Bill of Rights - play the famous " I'm Just a Bill " song . Our Color-Me™ Ceramic Bisque Cupcake Banks are so cute and fun to decorate!
December 16th	Boston Tea Party Day National Wreaths Across America Day	Share some Fast Facts about the Boston Tea Party , an event that led to the American Revolution Honor veterans and those who serve by creating & donating wreaths www.wreathscrossamerica.org .
December 17th	National Wright Brothers Day	Have your group work together to build and/or decorate an airplane to celebrate the first successful flight
December 18th	Snowflake Appreciation Day	Your group can each make a unique snowflake , decorated with markers and sequins

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December 19th	National Oatmeal Muffin Day	Host a bake off and make muffins for charity for the holiday season
December 20th	Go Caroling Day	Choose a few songs for your group to learn, then go caroling in your community
December 21st	Crossword Puzzle Day National Short Story Day First Day of Winter	Crossword puzzles are great for building problem solving skills, memory and thinking skills. Use these lesson plans to teach students about story writing Celebrate with a fun group craft activity, like coloring and decorating snow globes!
December 22nd	National Cookie Exchange Day Mathematics Day	Set up a Cookie Corner for your program, where everyone shares their favorite cookie recipe Plan some fun math related games today!
December 23rd	National Roots Day	Assign a project for students to look into their heritage and family history and create a family tree
December 24th	Christmas Eve	Gather with family and watch your favorite Christmas movie
December 25th	Christmas Day National Pumpkin Pie Day	Enjoy the holiday with family and friends! Host an event through your Baking Club where everyone bakes a favorite pie. Play this Pie Face game for fun!
December 26th	National Thank You Note Day National Candy Cane Day	Use our blank cards to write out thank you notes for the season! Pass out candy canes to your group today. For a non-candy option, place cut-out candy canes as decorations
December 27th	Visit the Zoo Day Make Cut Out Snowflakes Day	This Zoo Themed Paint By Sticker Book allows you to "color" using stickers! Celebrate the winter season by making paper snowflakes and hanging up the finished projects
December 28th	National Card Playing Day	Card games are the perfect family activity to bond over Christmas break!
December 29th	National Pepper Pot Day	Teach your group how to make this soup that was first created during the Revolutionary War
December 30th	National Resolution Planning Day	Use these resolution ideas to set goals for your school next year!
December 31st	New Year's Eve	Count down to the new year with a fun craft, like this LEGO Ball Drop .

Monthly Observances/Holidays

[National Bingo Month](#)
[Read A New Book Month](#)
[Write To A Friend Month](#)
[National Tie Month](#)
 Universal Human Rights Month

Weekly Observances/Holidays

December 4th-10th [Computer Science Education Week](#)
 December 7th-15th [Hanukkah](#)