



News

Holiday Happenings at Walt Disney World

By DQ

Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party

A magical night of fantasy in a magical place...frolic in the fresh snow falling on Main Street, enjoy live holiday musical performances, see holiday fireworks fill the sky over the Magic Kingdom, and delight in Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Parade. Throughout the park, enjoy Disney Character greetings, family photos, and cookies and cocoa plus the most popular Magic Kingdom attractions.

Admission is by separate ticket. Choose your night and make your reservations early, tickets are available only while they last.

Dates: November 30, December 1, 4, 7, 8, 11, 14 and 15, 2000

Time: 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Advance Tickets: Adult - \$32.86;

Child (3-9 years) - \$22.26

Tickets at the Gate: Adult - \$38.16;

Child (3-9 years) - \$27.56

(If Still Available).

Holidays Around The World

There's a whole world of holiday traditions in Epcot. Holiday fun at Epcot includes The Lights of Winter - a dazzling canopy of lights and sparkling display of holiday cheer, a daily Tree Lighting ceremony, Holiday Illuminations, themed storytellers and the Candlelight Processional, featuring a celebrity narrator accompanied by a huge live choir and a 50-piece orchestra. The Candlelight Processional tells the

Christmas story through inspiring music and celebrity narrations.

Dates: November 24 - December 30

Location: Epcot

Candlelight Processional

See information on page 4 of this newsletter!

Candlelight Processional Dinner Package

One of the best ways to experience the holidays at Epcot is through the Candlelight Processional Dinner Package, which includes dinner at selected Epcot restaurants and preferred seating for the Candlelight Processional. Adult - starting at \$32.50, Child (3-9 years) - \$10.95

Prices do not include tax. Epcot admission required and sold separately.

The Osborne Family Spectacle of Lights

The holidays are brighter than ever at the Disney-MGM Studios. Stroll down Residential Street and marvel at the holiday glow of those famous Osborne Family Lights, now 5-million strong. Put on a pair of complimentary holographic glasses and the spectacle takes on amazing new dimensions. Early weather reports are calling for "snow flurries" over New York Street. All included with regular Park admission.

Dates: Nov. 22, 2000 - January 7, 2001 Location: Disney-MGM Studios

Christmastime in the City at Downtown Disney

Downtown Disney sidewalks are bursting with shopping excitement. Explore

unique shops filled with surprises and holiday treats. Stop and savor a bite in one of the many restaurants. Stay and enjoy hopping nightspots for after-shopping fun. Enjoy a giant tree-lighting ceremony every night. Greet Disney Holiday Characters or sing along with carolers. And right through Christmas Eve, you can snuggle up to Santa and tell him all your wishes. From morning to midnight, there's a flurry of fun for all ages.

Nov. 24, 2000 - Jan. 2, 2001

Santa Claus

Dates: Nov. 24 - Dec. 24, 2000

Time: 10 am - 10 pm

Location: Downtown Disney Marketplace

Tree-Lighting Ceremony

Dates: November 24, 2000 - January 2, 2001

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Downtown Disney Marketplace

Musical Entertainment

Dates: Nov 24, 2000 - Jan 2,

Time: 10 am - 10 pm

Location: Downtown Disney Marketplace

All dates, times and entertainment are subject to change without notice.

New Years Eve events are listed on page 4!

Traveling Twosome

Tips from Grandma Jeannie and her six-year-old Grandson Lars

Part Two of the Series

Getting Prepared Physically

Two to three weeks before our trip, I walked up and down three to four flights of stairs in a row twice a day. As a result, I never felt tired walking in any of the parks. Actually I let Lars set the pace for our trip for most things including our second to last day of just lolling around the pool. It is estimated that six miles is the daily walk in any of the parks for the average guest. I would have done the six-mile walks recommended by others to get in shape but it was too HOT in the middle of July in north Florida. No air-conditioned ride to duck into periodically. ☺ However, you get physically fit is up to you, whether in a gym or through a walking program. However, I recommend some type of conditioning for every age group before your trip.

Rules for the Twosome

Before we left, I had a horrible fear of losing Lars in a crowd. There would be no other eyes to watch him with me and no one who could stay in one place while I searched for him if we were separated. With some reassurance from my daughter, Martha, that he was not likely to wander off, I wrote the rules down and his mom and dad talked to him about the rules two days before we left. I talked to him about them again the night before we left. The rules were that he had to hold my hand most of the time, he had to accompany me into the women's bathroom, he had to wear sunscreen every day, he needed to express what he really wanted to do, and we went over a plan about how to tell a Cast Member that his grandmother was lost if we were separated.

Autograph Books

Since Lars and I were in different cities, and his other grandparents were visiting just before I arrived, my daughter and son-in-law didn't tell him until two days before we left that he was Disney bound for his sixth birthday. I prepared an autograph book that we would have done together under different circumstances. I purchased a small photo album from Wal-Mart with Mickey and the gang on front. From an old Disney merchandise catalogue, I cut out pictures of Mickey, Minnie, Buzz, Woody, etc. and pasted them on colorful 3 X 5 cards. I also used

duplicate pictures of Lars with some characters he saw two years ago and cut the pictures so that there was still room for the autographs. The characters really got excited about seeing their own image – especially Buzz and Woody. They were so funny! Collecting autographs is such a good way for small children to interact with the characters. At first I carried the whole book in my backpack with a pen tied to the rings with string. After the first day, I slipped the cards out for the characters I knew we would see that day and just carried those. I had extra cards for characters we hadn't anticipated.

Trip Journal

A simple way to keep a trip journal for this age youngster is to get a spiral notebook at an art store with archival quality paper. Cover the top of it with Mickey wrapping paper or plain paper with Disney stickers. On each page, I used a magic marker to ask a question such as "My favorite ride was. . ." or "My favorite theme park was. . .", etc. Sometimes I used boxes for Lars to check off and sometimes I used an open-ended question. Lars filled in some of the answers and I helped write the longer ones. He drew pictures on the paper such as the plane we came down on, the type of ride he would create if he were an "Imagineer". (A Fantasmic! Ride.), and one of his favorite rides (Goofy's Barnstormer). This was a great activity for quiet times in the afternoon or at night in

Kids Favorites

Here are some of the replies from the last newsletter. I asked kids to send in replies to:

My favorite thing about a vacation at Disney World is.....

- Katy, 11, "even your parents get to act like kids"
- Danielle, 7, "your mom will let you eat whatever you want and you can meet your favorite characters and you can go on fun rides"
- Josh, 5, "getting to stay up late and eat ice cream for dinner"
- Evan, 8, "all the fun rides"

the hotel and will be a huge keepsake in the future.

Safely Collecting Brochures, Tickets, etc.

I put two pieces of thick 8 ½ x 11" cardboard in my suitcase. I am an inveterate collector and in these days of passion for scrapbooking, every piece of paper counts. I wanted to excel at collecting on this trip. Someone at the DisneyZone Forum suggested a plastic folio or a small plastic briefcase to hold your collectibles. These can also be purchased at an art supply store. The cardboard I brought, at no expense, safely stored all my purchased photographs, daily hotel agendas, park guides, park maps, receipts, etc. etc. anywhere in my suitcase. The cardboard didn't have to be flat on the bottom.

Sunscreen

By the way, have I mentioned sunscreen? ☺ Seriously, do not forget it. I cannot emphasize this enough. And, do not forget to use it every morning whether you are pool side or going to the park. It doesn't matter what time of year either. Lars fussed every time but I insisted and we often wore hats too. Being from North Florida I know how brutal the sun can be!

Next month I will write about Disney hotels and theme parks from the perspective of a six-year-old and his grandmother.

- Brooke, 7, "eating breakfast at the castle"
- Mark, 6, "riding on rides"
- David, 8, "the best thing we did on our trip was go on a boat to watch the fireworks and have cake, too"
- Melissa, 13, "the whole family gets to enjoy it together, and the selection of food was great"
- Andrew, didn't say how old, "Funniest thing was watching Daddy wear Mickey ears because Mommy made him and he didn't want to."

There are 5 pages to this issue of the newsletter, make sure you read them all!

November Chat Room Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			1 Disney Chat with Genii 9 Pm EST	2 Chat 11am Pin Chat w/ Wiyaka 9 PM EST	3	4
5 Chat with Shannon 7 PM EST	6	7 Disney Chat with NHMickey 9 PM EST	8 Disney Chat with Genii 9 Pm EST	9 Chat 11am Pin Chat W/ Wiyaka 9 PM EST	10	11
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26 Chat with Shannon 7 PM EST	27	28 Disney Chat with NHMickey 9 PM EST	29 Disney Chat with Genii 9 PM EST	30 Chat 11am Pin Chat W/Wiyaka 9 PM EST		

DISNEY CRUISE CHAT

**Monday, November 13
9:00 pm EST!**
Come get all your cruise questions answered! If you have been on the cruise, come offer advice

www.disneyzone.net/chat.htm

Have you visited the Message Boards? It's a great way to get invaluable vacation planning tips and advice, make new friends, and hang out!

www.disneyzone.net/boards.htm

See You There

Travel Poll

There is a Poll on the DZ Resort Biographies Page on the site. In October it asked if you planned on checking your e-mail during your next trip Here are the results :

Yes, taking laptop: 21%
Hopefully: 5%
Probably not: 10%
No way: 27%
Love to, but how?: 37%

We'll have a new Poll for December! It is fun to see what others say.

Restaurant Review

By the Rinaldi Family

One of our favorite restaurants is Teppanyaki in Japan at Epcot. This restaurant is right at the entrance to the Japan area, up the tall steep stairs. It is worth the climb up the stairs, completely worth it. We usually do a lunch instead of dinner because its hard to get a seat at dinnertime. Lunch is also cheaper and you get very large servings.

Teppanyaki is a show as well as a meal. The chef cooks right in front of you, on the table. The table is hot and actually a cooking surface. They take your order and then bring out all the raw meats and vegetables for the chef to cut up and cook right there on the table.

Everyone gets rice and salad and soup. Then as the food is cooked it is put right onto your plate. Many people don't even eat until the chef is completely done

cooking because they don't want to miss any of the show.

The chefs do little tricks with the food and play around with the kids. The food is seasoned just right and is delicious.

If you are celebrating a special occasion they will bring out a small dessert and sing in japanese to you. They will also take a photo of your group around the person with the special occasion.

Meals here include shrimp, scallops, chicken, steak, lobster, and things like that. You get a lot of food and it is fun to share items. We have always had great service here and make sure to eat there at least one time each trip.

We don't make reservations because we usually go off season but I suggest making them if you are going during a crowded time because it is a small restaurant and it is popular.

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New Years Eve Events at Disney World

New Year's Eve at Downtown Disney Pleasure Island

This annual sell-out event features top name talent performances on three main stages, an island-wide buffet, awesome fireworks, confetti and a champagne toast at midnight. Valet parking is also included in the price of \$150 per person. Call soon to order tickets if you would like to attend!

Dates: December 31
Location: Downtown Disney

For information and tickets, call (407) W-DISNEY (934-7639).



New Year's Eve at Atlantic Dance

A glittering night of music and dancing on a shimmering waterside setting awaits New Year's Eve revelers at Disney's

BoardWalk. Enjoy a sumptuous array of gourmet delicacies and a midnight New Year's salute.

\$300 per person. Only 300 tickets are sold for this event, so make sure to purchase your tickets right away.

Dates: December 31
Location: Disney's BoardWalk

For information and tickets, call (407) W-DISNEY (934-7639).

And for the Kids...

The resort Children's Clubs will all have later hours on New Year's Eve. Neverland Club at the Polynesian will open at 4pm and close at 2am. \$8 per hour, per child includes a buffet dinner, desert and a midnight snack, and all activities! They will have hats and cookies to celebrate the new year.

Cubs Den at the Wilderness Lodge and the Sandcastle Club at the Beach Club will also have extended hours for the New Year's Eve celebration, but as of the printing of this newsletter, we were unable to confirm exact hours or prices.

Another FUN option for the kids is a Children's Masquerade Ball

being held at the Contemporary Resort for New Year's Eve. Its being run by Kindercare, an in-room child care service, utilized by the Disney resorts. Hours are 6:30pm—2:30am Listen to this:

Buffet Dinner, Moon Walk, Arts and Craft Center, Group Activities, Games, Movies, Teen Room, Arcade with Nintendo Games, Disc Jockey, Live Entertainment, and a special gift for each child.

The new Year will be brought in at 10pm for the younger children with masks, noise makers and bubbles! At midnight there will be the same thing for the older kids! Doesn't that sound fun!?

If you are a Disney resort and buy tickets in advance, the price is \$130 for the first child, and \$120 for each additional child. For non-resort guests, and those buying tickets that same day, the price will be \$175 for the first child, and \$165 for each additional child.

For more information, and to make reservations, call (407) 846-2027 In-room babysitting can also be arranged by calling the same number!

To reserve space in one of the Disney resort child care programs call (407) WDW-DINE

Kids Views of Disney

By Darren

I love Disney because you get to have fun with your family and your parents get to be like kids. You get to wake up early and no one gets mad. You can eat lots of good food and lots of desserts. You get to run around and have lots of fun. There are characters to hang out with and eat with, too. There are parades and shows with characters that everyone loves. There are tons of great rides to go on. Some go fast some go slow and some are very exciting. Disney is the perfect place to go on a vacation. Everyone in your family will love it. Even grandma and grandpa can love it because they can just watch their grandkids have fun. And they can take lots of pictures. The end.

By Timothy and Kara

We loved our vacation this year at Disney World. We never went there before and didn't know how fun it would be. We had the best time ever. We stayed at the Contemporary Resort and got to ride on the monorail a lot of times. We had a very big arcade at our hotel and we got to go there every day and spend \$10 each which was great. We went to all the parks and really cant pick one as the best. Each park had things that we liked a lot. Magic Kingdom we liked Space Mountain the best. At Disney MGM Studios we liked Tower of Terror. At Animal Kingdom we liked the Kali River Ride and at Epcot we liked Test Track. Our parents liked Disney World too. They went out one night

without us but we got to go to Neverland Club and it was really fun. The most fun thing besides the parks we did was Hoop De Doo. We had good seats and it was a funny show. My mom and dad thought that Pleasure Island was not as good as everyone said. We had a lot of character meals and the best one was at Park Fair restaurant at the Grand Floridan resort. We liked the breakfast at Cape May too. We wanted to swim at the pool near that restaurant at the beach Club but of course we couldn't. The other restaurant that we liked was the Whispering Canyon at the Wilderness Lodge. The food was very good and it was really funny how they treated people there. Go to Disney World if you can!

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The Friendly Disney World Vacation Planning Resource!

Candlelight Processional

Nightly, November 24 thru December 30, 2000, excluding December 10

One of the most beloved Epcot traditions is the Candlelight Processional. This joyous retelling of the Christmas story by a celebrity guest features a glorious mass choir and a 50-piece orchestra in a breathtaking musical performance.

And it's all included with admission to Epcot.

Scheduled Celebrity Narrators:

Nov 24-26 **Jodi Benson**
Nov 27-29 **Angela Bassett**
Nov 30 - Dec 2 **Meredith Baxter**
Dec 3-5 **James Avery**
Dec 6-8 **TBD**
Dec 9-11 **Alfre Woodard**
Dec 12-14 **Phylicia Rashad**
Dec 15-17 **TBD**
Dec 18-20 **TBD**
Dec 21-23 **Leeza Gibbons**
December 24-27 **Gary Sinise**

Disneyzone STUFF

Due to numerous requests for DZ shirts and other items, we have done it! We are now selling items with DZ logo on them!

Visit our DZ STUFF page:
www.disneyzone.net/store.htm

A portion of the profits will go to Manna, a local charity that supplies needy families with food and toiletry items. It is a wonderful organization & the monies that come from the sale of DZ merchandise will surely help people in need!

Thanks to the special DZ user, who brought the company that is printing and shipping the merchandise, to my attention! I have been trying to find a way to sell DZ Stuff, but it has been cost prohibitive up until now!

Fun Contests

The current contest is another easy one. All you have to do is send in one vacation planning tip & you'll be entered in the random drawing for a Winnie the Pooh Scrapbooking Kit! A great prize!

Think of a great tip to submit on your contest entry. Some of the best ones will be posted on the site to help others plan their Disney World vacations!

Contest Page:

www.disneyzone.net—
click on the contest link!

**Please Don't miss out on winning a great prize!
Come play today!**

All prizes for the contests are donated. A sincere Thank You to

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