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## Family Fun

*Don't miss out on holiday fun. Mark your calendar for these events and take the whole family.*

**SYMPHONY OF LIGHTS' HOLIDAY CELEBRATION** Every night through December 31, a switch is flicked and 250,000 lights choreographed to Christmas tunes from yesterday and today turn [Gulfstream Park Village](#) into a magical wonderland. The [Symphony of Lights' Holiday Celebration](#) features a 10-minute light show at the top of the hour, from 6-11 p.m. Shoppers can meander stores looking for the perfect gift, followed by a shopping break at one of the center's restaurants. On select nights, kids get to meet Santa Claus.



Through December 31, from 6-11 p.m. Santa appearances from 6-9 p.m. on December 3, 10 (6:30-9:30 p.m.), 17, 20, 21 and 24.

**ZOO LIGHTS** At this after-hours family event at [Zoo Miami](#), lighting engineers went crazy wrapping trees with twinkling lights, creating animal shapes out of strings of holiday bulbs and decorating a 26-foot LED Christmas tree. [Zoo Lights](#) features stunning illuminated lantern-like figures of tigers, rhinos and zebras that add drama to the displays. There's also a digital hunt app you can use to explore the zoo. Hot chocolate and cookies are available, and Santa Claus always makes an appearance. Zoo Miami is nominated for Best Zoo Lights in the country in *USA Today's* 2022 "10 Best Readers' Choice" travel awards. You can vote at [Zoo Miami](#).

December 2, 3, 9, 10, 16-18, 22, 23, 28-30 from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

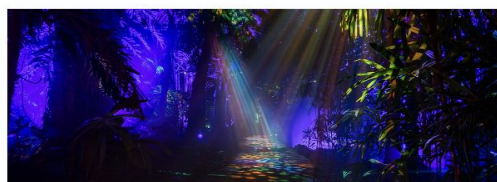
**SANTA'S ENCHANTED FOREST** If you grew up going to this holiday attraction as part of your family's Christmas traditions, you probably want to take your own little ones to [Santa's Enchanted Forest](#). This iconic celebration of the season features not only life-size displays of Santa's workshops, but also interactive fun from face painting to meet-and-greets with jolly old St. Nick. Shows from Cirque Equinox to Zuzu Acrobats entertain the crowd. At the midway, you can play games like ring toss and balloon dart, and hop on rides, from a merry-go-round to a Ferris wheel. [Santa's Enchanted Forest](#) has a new location for 2022: 7400 NW 87th Ave., Miami.

Through January 8, 2023, from 5 p.m. to midnight.

**FUN DIMENSION** At this festive time of the year, you can come out to play at [Fun Dimension's](#) indoor playground and also join Santa for breakfast. Tickets for [Breakfast With Santa](#) are \$25 and include a complimentary \$5 game card. The Wynwood center has laser tag, bumper cars, climbing wall, virtual reality experiences and more.

Breakfast with Santa is held December 10, 11, 17, 18 and 23.

**A VERY MERRY GARDEN** This year [Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden](#) is launching [A Very Merry Garden](#), family events with a holiday spin. Reindeer Roundup (Dec. 1-Jan. 1, 2023) is a scavenger hunt to find Santa's reindeer and win prizes. At the garden's post office, tucked in The Shop, kids can drop off their letters to Santa. There's also Story Time with Mrs. C., enjoyed with a cup of cocoa, on select days. On Sunday December 18, [Santa's Garden](#) welcomes the little ones with an appearance by the jolly old fellow at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. There's even a Dog Date Stroll on December 18 when your pooch can meet Santa Claus.



In the evenings, a light spectacular, aptly named [NightGarden](#), blends colorful illumination with musical sound and dazzling special effects. Highlights include a visit to the wise tree and solving the mystery surrounding the Fairy Scope app. Bonus: Buy a new Fairchild membership and receive four free tickets to NightGarden.

Select dates through January 8, 2023.