



Youthclub Newsletter: Holiday Edition!

The holidays are just around the corner! Have lots on your list to get ready? Well, don't go batty — these helpful tips will help keep things cool during these festive and fun-filled months!

- **Do something for someone else.** To get more out of this holiday season, try getting involved in serving others. Ideas: donate canned goods to The Capital Area Foodbank or volunteer to wrap and distribute presents to those in need.
- **Enjoy activities that are cheap or free.** There are many good holiday-related activities that will add to your family's enjoyment, such as driving around to look at holiday decorations, baking Christmas cookies or going window-shopping.
- **Enjoy a family holiday tradition.** Traditions provide opportunities to keep your family's legacy going. They create meaningful memories. Talk to your mom, dad, or a grandparent to learn about your family's traditions — and be sure to take part!

- **Try something new.** Celebrate the holidays in a new way. You may just create a new tradition that will keep going for generations!
- **Start earning and saving now.** Who doesn't like to buy presents for their family and friends during the holiday season? There's still time to earn some money for gifts. Need some ideas? Offer to walk a neighbor's dog, mow lawns, or sell yummy hot chocolate with marshmallows on a cold day.
- **Carve out some time for yourself!** Create some space during the holidays for you to recharge your own batteries before you have to go back to school!

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Pumpkin Word Search Puzzle



Find the pumpkin words from the bottom in the Pumpkin Word Search grid. The words can be forwards or backwards, vertical, horizontal, or diagonal. Circle each letter separately, but keep in mind that letters in each pumpkin word may be used in more than one word. When the pumpkin word search puzzle is complete, read the remaining letters left to right, top to bottom, to learn an interesting pumpkin fact.

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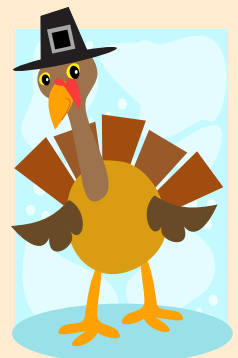
Since 1972, Operation Blue Santa has delivered toys and food to thousands of families in need, helping the Austin community celebrate the magic of the holiday season. Each year, more than 3,800 families, including 14,000 children, receive gifts.

At this special time of the year, how about giving a toy or two to those who might not be as fortunate? Not only will your generosity make another kid feel really special, it will make you feel good too! For more information, visit www.bluesanta.org.

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Thanksgiving Fun Facts from History.com

- The first Thanksgiving took place in Plymouth Colony, in present-day Massachusetts, in 1621.
- President Abraham Lincoln declared the final Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving.
- Congress made Thanksgiving Day an official national holiday in 1941.
- According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the largest pumpkin pie ever baked weighed 2,020 pounds and measured just over 12 feet long. It was baked on October 8, 2005 by the New Bremen Giant Pumpkin Growers in Ohio, and included 900 pounds of pumpkin, 62 gallons of evaporated milk, 155 dozen eggs, 300 pounds of sugar, 3.5 pounds of salt, 7 pounds of cinnamon, 2 pounds of pumpkin spice and 250 pounds of crust.
- In 2007, the National Turkey Federation estimated that 46 million turkeys—one fifth of the 235 million turkeys consumed in the United States that year—were eaten at Thanksgiving.
- Snoopy has appeared as a giant balloon in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade more times than any other character in history. As the Flying Ace, Snoopy made his sixth appearance in the 2006 parade.



Jingle Bell 5K, December 13, 2009



Get your sneakers on and join Velocity Credit Union at this year's Jingle Bell 5K! This unique event will take place at The Domain. There will be food, door prizes, and store sales exclusively for Jingle Bell participants. For details, visit www.maddjinglebell5k.com. Hope to see you there!

Holiday hardy-har-hars

What's a vampire's favorite holiday?
 Fangs-giving.

Why do mummies like Christmas presents?
 Because they're wrapped.

Why did pilgrims' pants always fall down?
 Because they wore their belt buckle on their hat.

When does Christmas come before Thanksgiving?
 In the dictionary.

