



Holidays in Atlanta
Snow and Football Touch Down this winter

ATLANTA (Sept. 17, 2007) – This holiday season, pack your snow gear – and your fan gear – and head south for a winter wonderland frosted with southern hospitality. From SEC Championship Football and the Chick-fil-A Bowl at the Georgia Dome to three football fields of deep snow at Stone Mountain Park’s new Coca-Cola® Snow Mountain, Atlanta is decorated with holiday cheer for the whole family to enjoy.

Hotlanta will officially cool off on Nov. 10 with the grand opening of [Snow Mountain](#), featuring 10 tubing runs and spots to create snowmen, snow angels and snowballs. Open every weekend through Jan. 27, the attraction’s state-of-the-art snow-making magic guarantees you more than 200 tons of fresh snow daily. And, with a moving sidewalk to lead you up the 400-foot tubing hill, you’ll want to go again and again. For ticket information, visit www.snowmountainpark.com/tickets_reservations/.

Following an exhilarating day of tubing, your family can continue to enjoy your traditional favorites at [Stone Mountain Christmas](#). Activities include the nightly snowfall and fireworks celebration, the sing-along Christmas train and show, the nightly grand entrance of Santa Claus, and the Atlanta debut of *The Polar Express* 4-D movie. For ticket information, visit www.stonemountainpark.com/tickets-pricing/.

The [New World of Coca-Cola](#) – anchored in the vibrant Centennial Olympic Park district – is home to another snow-packed, 4-D movie. Hang on tight as special seats and special effects simulate the illusion of skiing down a steep mountain while gusts of wind brush across your face. Refuel at the Taste Room where more than 70 varieties of Coca-Cola products are available to sample. Before you leave, pose for a holiday picture with the Coca-Cola polar bear and grab a signature Coca-Cola bottle straight from the bottling assembly line.

A short walk away, take a spin around Atlanta’s only outdoor ice skating rink or a ride on the family-friendly electric Penguin Train at Centennial Olympic Park’s eighth annual [Holiday in Lights](#). The magical tour, which begins Nov. 10 and ends Jan. 6, will showcase the Park’s transformation into a winter wonderland, glittering with thousands of dazzling lights.

Stay warm off the ice by scoring a seat to the Georgia Dome, home to the Atlanta Falcons and host to the [SEC Championship](#) football game on Dec. 1 and the 40th Annual [Chick-fil-A Bowl](#) on New Year’s Eve.

For more information and a complete listing of holiday events in Atlanta, visit www.atlanta.net.

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November 2007 Events

A Stone Mountain Christmas, Nov. 10-Dec. 30

The magic of a small town Christmas comes alive during *A Stone Mountain Christmas*. The spectacular Christmas event includes a nightly variety of live shows. Guests can experience an all new 4D Christmas Movie, and the Train Ride with live show. Visitors can find the perfect gifts at unique shops and enjoy the best home-cooked southern fare and holiday treats at a variety of restaurants.

www.stonemountainpark.com

Coca-Cola Snow Mountain, Stone Mountain Park, Nov. 10-Jan. 27

New for 2007, Stone Mountain Park will add *Coca-Cola Snow Mountain*. This is a winter wonderland with three football fields of deep snow features a 400' tubing hill with 10 tubing runs and a 32,000-square-foot snow play area for kids of all ages. *Coca-Cola Snow Mountain* is sure to create a new Christmas tradition for families in the Southeast. Advanced reservations are strongly recommended.

www.stonemountainpark.com

The Shoemaker and the Elves, Center for Puppetry Arts, Nov. 15-Jan. 6

The holidays are approaching, but business is not so good at Footmeyer's Shoes. Mel and Tootsie have kept their store open for 42 years, and this year may be the last. What's a shoemaker to do? Enter Frankie and Gino, two bumbling, lovable elves who have nothing but time on their hands and a burning desire to build, build, build! Come join the fun as Santa's shoe artists help the Footmeyers spread good cheer all around 1940s New York City. www.puppet.org

Holiday in Lights and Ice Skating, Centennial Olympic Park, Nov. 10-Jan. 6

Come celebrate the 2007 holiday season by taking a stroll through the glowing 21-acre Park or a spin around Atlanta's only outdoor ice skating rink located amongst the glittering lights on the Great Lawn. The Park is open daily to view the lights from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., including Dec. 25, Christmas Day, and there is no charge for admission. The rink will be closed on Dec. 25. Admission is \$6 per person for a 90-minute session and skate rental is an additional \$2. Groups of 20 or more that call in advance will receive free skate rental. www.centennialpark.com

Go All Night!, High Museum of Art, Nov. 23

Bring family and friends to enjoy '16 non-stop hours' of artful fun at the High Museum of Art the day after Thanksgiving! View extraordinary exhibitions including *Louvre and the Ancient World*, *Inspiring Impressionism* and *Harry Callahan: Eleanor*, plus experience an entertainment-filled evening. Family friendly activities will be offered throughout the day and early evening hours. www.high.org

Hands on for the Holidays, High Museum of Art, Nov. 24-25

Get out of the cold and warm yourself with the stellar exhibitions on view at the High this holiday season. Join us with your family to experience *Inspiring Impressionism* and year two of the Louvre Atlanta exhibition including *Louvre and the Ancient World* and *The Eye of Josephine*. Then visit our hands-on art-making workshop to try your hand at creating your own masterpiece inspired by the Impressionists themselves. Stop in whenever you wish from 1 to 4 p.m.

A Christmas Carol, Alliance Theatre, Nov. 30-Dec. 24

Packed with holiday music and jaw-dropping special effects, *A Christmas Carol* is a Broadway-scale musical spectacle featuring the best actors and singers in Atlanta. Whether you are coming for the first time or as part of your family's annual holiday tradition, *A Christmas Carol* will dazzle your eyes and warm your heart. www.alliancetheatre.org

December 2007 Events

27th Annual Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Christmas Parade, downtown Atlanta, Dec. 1

Award-winning marching bands, colorful holiday floats, giant balloons and Santa are among the highlights of this parade that will march a 1.5-mile route through downtown Atlanta. The parade will begin at Peachtree and Porter Streets and will end at Centennial Olympic Park. <http://www.choa.org>

Annual Family Holiday Event, Fernbank Museum of Natural History, Dec. 2

Leap into the holiday season during this family-friendly, frog-themed celebration. *Frogs: A Chorus of Colors* will feature frog-themed crafts, along with traditional holiday activities, including a visit from Santa Claus. www.fernbank.edu

Photos with St. Nick, Atlanta Botanical Garden, Dec. 8-9, 15-16

Grab your camera and head to the Garden to take free photos with Botaniclaus, the botanical St. Nick. With a flowing green robe and a leafy circlet on his head, this is not your typical Santa. http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org/site/plan/visitor_info

***The Nutcracker*, the Atlanta Ballet, Fox Theatre, Dec. 1-29**

Featuring more than 200 of Atlanta's young dancers, this lavishly produced extravaganza is packed with dazzling visual imagery and glorious music, making *Nutcracker* a must-see for generations of Atlanta theater-goers. From the Dew Drop Fairy and dancing snowflakes to handsome princes and even rats, this classic story continues to astound. Atlanta Ballet's *Nutcracker* is guaranteed to making a holiday memory last a lifetime. www.atlantaballet.com

SEC Championship Football, Georgia Dome, Dec. 1

Each year, the Georgia Dome plays host to the best in Southeastern Conference football as the East takes on the West to decide who will be champion. www.secsports.com or www.gwcc.com

Gala Holiday Concert, Georgia State University, Rialto Center for the Performing Arts, Dec. 1-2

The tenth annual Gala Holiday Concert features more than 200 student and faculty musicians as part of a university-wide celebration of the season. The program includes seasonal treasures as well as a Hanukkah medley. www.music.gsu.edu

Christmas with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ASO), Woodruff Arts Center, Dec. 6-7

Life affirming and brimming with the power, glory and pageantry of the sacredness of the season, ASO director of Chorus Norman Mackenzie and more than 400 musicians and singers perform the story of Christmas. www.atlantasymphony.org

Child's Christmas, Woodruff Arts Center, Dec. 9-16

Only a Scrooge wouldn't love singing along to holiday favorites, playfully brought to life with a visit from Santa and a sleigh full of surprises. www.atlantasymphony.org

Candlelight Nights, Atlanta History Center, Dec. 11-18

Escape the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and enjoy the winter landscape of the Atlanta History Center at dusk with your loved ones during a unique after-hours program, Candlelight Nights. Beautiful candlelit paths illuminate gardens, trails, and historic homes with cheer, while holiday music fills the air. Enjoy enchanted evening tours of Swan House and Tullie Smith Farm. www.atlantahistorycenter.com.

Handel's Messiah, ASO, Woodruff Arts Center, Dec. 13-15

The ASO and Chamber Chorus's acclaimed interpretation of the Christmas portion and Hallelujah Chorus of *Handel's Messiah* is reason enough to be at Symphony Hall. This is music at its most transcendent, in a deeply moving and profound concert experience that also features Vivaldi's masterpiece, *Gloria*. www.atlantasymphony.org

A Very Merry Holiday Pops, ASO, Woodruff Arts Center, Dec. 20-22

Atlanta's merriest celebration is unlike any other, featuring SuperPops maestro of mirth Michael Krajewski, a chorus of cool Yule tunes, and the soaring harmonies of the von Trapp Family Singers, who return with songs from "The Sound of Music." www.atlantasymphony.org

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2007 Chick-fil-A Bowl, Georgia Dome, Dec. 31

Celebrate New Year's Eve at the 40th Annual Chick-fil-A Bowl, one of America's premier bowl games and the ninth-oldest bowl game in college football. The night kicks off at 7:30 p.m. at the Dome. www.chick-fil-abowl.com

20th Annual Peach Drop, Underground Atlanta, Dec. 31

The largest New Year's Eve party in the Southeast features live entertainment and family-friendly activities all day long. After the 800-pound peach drops, Kenny's Alley nightlife district at Underground Atlanta is the perfect place to celebrate into the early hours of the New Year. www.peachdrop.com

Oceans Ball New Year's Eve Celebration, Georgia Aquarium, Dec. 31

Celebrate New Year's Eve at the Georgia Aquarium with Wolfgang Puck Catering and toast the New Year with cruise-inspired cuisine. Live music, dancing and other fun-filled events will make this New Year's unforgettable. www.gaaquarium.com