

## OTHER PEORIA AREA HOLIDAY EVENTS

### Santa's Wonderland (Bass Pro Shops)

November & December ([www.basspro.com](http://www.basspro.com))

Enjoy free crafts, games, activities and much more! Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and take a spin with toy trains and cars.

### 131st Annual Santa Claus Parade & Yule Like Peoria

November 29 ([www.peoriaevents.com](http://www.peoriaevents.com))

The nation's longest-running holiday parade! The Yule Like Peoria walk-about features refreshments and various forms of holiday entertainment in the beautifully decorated business area of downtown Peoria.

### Pekin Winter Wonderland Parade/Opening Ceremonies

December 1 ([www.pekinwinterwonderland.info/Events](http://www.pekinwinterwonderland.info/Events))

Enjoy a parade, family friendly activities, and then fireworks to end the night! Mineral Springs Park remains lit throughout December for all to drive through and enjoy.

### Christmas on Court

December 6 ([www.enjoypeoria.com/ChristmasOnCourt](http://www.enjoypeoria.com/ChristmasOnCourt))

Kick off the holiday season in Downtown Pekin with carriage rides, a tree lighting ceremony, live entertainment, and demonstrations and giveaways at local businesses.

### Santa's Wildlife Express

December 6-8 ([www.wildlifeprairiepark.org](http://www.wildlifeprairiepark.org))

Wildlife Prairie Park transforms into a Winter Wonderland! Take a train ride through the North Pole and enjoy games, crafts, cookie decorating, pictures with Santa and animal encounters!

### Peoria Ballet Nutcracker

December 14-15 ([www.peoriaciviccenter.com](http://www.peoriaciviccenter.com))

See this year's all new, dazzling choreography, spectacular sets and costumes, graceful dancers from the famous Joffrey Ballet, and the timeless music of Tchaikovsky performed live by the Heartland Festival Orchestra.

### A Magical Cirque Christmas

December 20 ([www.peoriaciviccenter.com](http://www.peoriaciviccenter.com))

Experience incredible performers and breathtaking cirque artists from all corners of the world, accompanied by your favorite holiday music performed live.

### The Elf on the Shelf: A Christmas Musical

December 22 ([www.peoriaciviccenter.com](http://www.peoriaciviccenter.com))

Enjoy a heartwarming story of one small elf's big impact on his adoptive family and a glimpse into the magical lives of Scout Elves.

### FOLEPI River Trail Classic

November 30 ([www.folepi.org](http://www.folepi.org))

Hit the holiday season running in this 4-mile competitive run and 2-mile non-competitive walk along the River Trail of Illinois.

### Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis

December 7 ([www.arthritis.org/get-involved/jingle-bell-run](http://www.arthritis.org/get-involved/jingle-bell-run))

Tie jingle bells to your shoelaces and raise funds to help find a cure for arthritis, the nation's leading cause of disability.

### Santa Cause 5K

December 14 ([www.peoriasantacause.com](http://www.peoriasantacause.com))

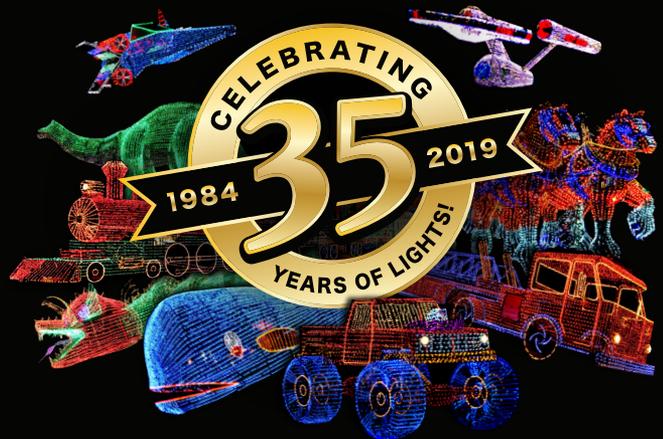
Strap on your Santa suit and join the stampeed of hundreds of other Santas in a mission to raise money for different charities each year! Spectators are welcome!

### Get Lit!

December 31 ([www.folepi.org](http://www.folepi.org))

Run, walk or ride the Festival's lighted trolley through the Folepi's Winter Wonderland display. Then warm-up by the bonfire and enjoy campfire treats.

# EAST PEORIA FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



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FAMOUS CLYDESDALES  
AT THE PARADE OF LIGHTS!



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For more information & latest updates:

[WWW.FOLEPI.ORG](http://WWW.FOLEPI.ORG)



For information on these events and more:

[www.EnjoyPeoria.com](http://www.EnjoyPeoria.com)

[www.folepi.org](http://www.folepi.org)

**CELEBRATE** the holidays with a million sparkles of excitement during the 35th Annual East Peoria Festival of Lights! As one of the largest lighted, nighttime festivals in the midwest, the Festival of Lights will officially begin Saturday, November 23, 2019 and continue through December 31, 2019.



## **Parade of Lights**

*November 16*

The Parade of Lights kicks off the start of the Festival of Lights and the holiday season at 5:45 p.m. Approximately 30 lighted floats will illuminate the streets of East Peoria along Washington Street, turning onto Taylor Street and ending at Springfield Road at the Post Office. **Special guests, the Budweiser Clydesdales, will be in the parade** (weather permitting)!

## **Folepi's Winter Wonderland**

*November 23 - December 31*

Also open Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas. Drive-through this spectacular holiday attraction in an electric park featuring lighted displays and floats. Tune to 107.3 FM for festive holiday music while you drive!

Hours: 5 - 9 p.m. Sun. - Thurs. and 5 - 11 p.m. Fri. - Sat.  
Admission: (Cash, Credit & Debit Cards Accepted)  
All vehicles - \$10, except for full-size charter buses which are \$150.

Winter Wonderland bus tour guides available for \$30 by advance reservation only. Call Rick at 309-256-8299 or the Festival of Lights toll-free at 1-855-833-5327.

## **Folepi's Enchanted Forest**

*November 30 - December 31*

East Peoria's Levee District is home to this display featuring a 35-foot tall Christmas tree, real lighted trees and parade floats. Admission is free. Join us for the official lighting event at 5:45 p.m. Nov. 30 with carols by the Caterpillar Employees Mixed Chorus!

## **Narrated Nativity Scene**

*November 22 - December 31*

This beautiful handmade attraction - maintained by a dedicated volunteer base - details the "reason for the season." Tune into 87.9 FM to hear a two minute narration. Admission is free.

## **Holiday Cruises Aboard the Spirit of Peoria**

*Lunch Cruise: Nov. 30, Dec. 4, Dec. 6, Dec. 11, Dec. 13-14  
Dinner Cruise: Dec. 6 & Dec. 13*

*(Check website for times - [www.spiritofpeoria.com](http://www.spiritofpeoria.com))*

Prairie Folklore Theatre celebrates the spirit of the holidays on the Spirit of Peoria with *A Civil War Christmas*. Featuring a hot homemade buffet, two-hour cruise and entertainment. Passengers will hear songs and stories from the Civil War era.

## **Breakfast & Photos with Santa**

*December 7, 9-11:30 a.m.*

Kids can join Santa for breakfast, crafts and photos in this Festival of Lights event at EastSide Centre, presented by East Peoria St. Jude Runs. Advance registration by December 3rd is required. Visit [folepi.org](http://folepi.org) for prices and to register.

## **Folepi's Gifts Galore Shop & Stroll**

*Saturday, November 30, 1-4 p.m.*

Find the perfect gift at the participating shops in the Historic Four Corners District and adjacent areas, featuring handcrafted items, vintage clothing and furniture, jewelry and more. Plus, free horse-drawn carriage rides with Santa!

## **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**

*Dec. 6, 7, & Dec. 11-14 at 7:30 p.m.*

*Dec. 8 & 15 at 2 p.m.*

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat returns for the 29th year to Eastlight Theatre. This Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice musical tells the story of Joseph and his 11 brothers. It was created as a soft rock fantasy fit for the entire family. Be sure to enjoy this Central Illinois holiday favorite! Purchase tickets at [www.eastlighttheatre.com](http://www.eastlighttheatre.com).