

Parks and Recreation of Topeka

2009	Event	Location	Staff
December 3-5 Thursday-Saturday 6:30 p.m.	<p>Old Time Holiday Happenings Join the festive crowd experiencing the charm of the beautifully decorated Mansion at holiday time. You will step through the east door and experience an enchanting evening you'll long remember. A candlelight dinner is the main course of a magical Victorian evening! An elegant buffet will be served from the dining room of the Mansion to be eaten by candlelight in the reception room. Live music will entertain you throughout the dinner. Enjoy hot cider and cookies by the fire in the cabin and hot fudge sundaes in the Potwin Drug Store. Enjoy a variety of entertainment and activities in each of the vintage buildings. Take a nighttime ride on a handcar in front of the depot and help us light the Yule Log. Reservations accepted beginning August 1. Please call 368-2438 for your reservation. Dinner is served at 6:30pm; doors open at 6 p.m. Fee: \$29.50 includes Victorian dinner, tour and entertainment. Shopping will be available each evening at the Mulvane General Store.</p>	Old Prairie Town at Ward-Meade Historic Site 1 st & Clay Street	Sara Leeth 785-368-3888 sleeth@topeka.org
December 4 Friday 7 p.m. tickets go on sale November 23	<p>"Rugrats A Live Adventure" Opens The last Topeka Youth Players show of the season welcomes you to the world of the RUGRATS: Tommy, our one-year-old hero, his friends Chuckie, Phil & Lil and his cousin Angelica. Whenever adults are around, they act like real babies, but when they're alone they drop their witless pose and talk to each other with the vocabulary of five-year-olds. In their usual offbeat fashion, they turn a typical rainy afternoon into an adventure of the imagination. The RUGRATS' world is one that exists below our knees; here mundane things and events turn into grand, comic adventures.</p>	Helen Hocker Theater Gage Park	Jo Huseman 785-368-0191 jhuseman@topeka.org
December 5 Saturday 9 a.m.	<p>Karate Spectacular "Open Tournament", brown belt and below. Competition in forms, fighting and weapons. Kata and Kumite divisions. Trophies will be awarded in each division, 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Registration will begin on tournament day at 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$20; spectator fee is \$3 for adults and \$2 for youth.</p>	Central Park Community Center 1534 SW Clay St.	Roger Wilcox 785-368-3796 rwilcox@topeka.org

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December 5 Saturday 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Old Fashioned Christmas Craft Fair & Bake Sale Plan to make this annual holiday event a stop on your tour of area craft fairs. The crafts are beautifully handcrafted and reasonably priced. We will have 50 booths this year in the gymnasium. Additionally, plan to visit one of our many delicious baked goods booths and the Crestview Ethnic Food Café. You will love the yummy cookies, breads and other assorted baked items. If you are interested in reserving a craft booth or ethnic food booth, please contact the community center at 368-2448. Booth space is available; fee is \$55 per craft booth and \$35 per food booth. <i>NOTE: All participants who reserve a craft or ethnic food booth will need to provide their own tables/set up.</i>	Crestview Community Center 4801 SW Shunga Drive	Lynn Bishop 785-368-2448 lbishop@topeka.org
December 5 Saturday 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Meet Father Christmas Start a new “old-time” tradition this year with Father Christmas at the Mulvane General Store. Bring your camera for a one-of-a-kind photo op, and visit with him while he dispenses candy and good cheer! Enjoy shopping for the most unique holiday gifts for your family and friends at the Mulvane General Store and the Potwin Drug Store.	Old Prairie Town at Ward-Meade Historic Site 1 st & Clay Street	Sara Leeth 785-368-3888 sleeth@topeka.org
December 12 Saturday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Children’s Christmas Shopping Spree An excellent opportunity for children of all ages to choose the perfect holiday gifts for the special people in their lives at reasonable prices. This program is designed to make shopping easier and more rewarding for the youngsters during the gift-giving season. All gifts are priced \$10 and under. A \$1 admission fee is charged for individuals over 12 years of age. Volunteers will be available to help children make their decisions and wrap their gifts. If you are interested in reserving a booth space, please call Garfield Community Center at 368-3787. Booth space reservations will be accepted beginning September 8. Fee is \$35 for booth space.	Garfield Community Center 1600 N Quincy Street	Clay Neal 785-368-3787 cneal@topeka.org
December 19 Saturday 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Candy Cane Hunt (ages 2-10) Please join Crestview Community Center for its 2 nd Annual Candy Cane Hunt. We’ll have a blast looking for all those delicious candy canes. But don’t forget to bring a flashlight, because our candy cane hunt will be outside. After the hunt, we’ll come inside and enjoy some hot chocolate, popcorn, and just have a blast in the gym and game room. We’ll even roast marshmallows! Kids must be accompanied by an adult.	Crestview Community Center 4801 SW Shunga Drive	Lynn Bishop 785-368-2448 lbishop@topeka.org