

2016

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East Valley Boutiques, Events and MORE!

Spansored by: Children's Museum of Phoenix





Have a special little one in your life?

A membership to the Children's Museum of Phoenix means you give them:

A YEAR OF UNLIMITED PLAY AT ONE OF THE TOP 3 CHILDREN'S MUSEUMS IN THE COUNTRY!

OVER 300 HANDS-ON, EDUCATIONAL PLAY EXPERIENCES

DISCOUNTS ON CAMPS AND PROGRAMS

SPECIAL MEMBERS EVENT ONCE A MONTH

DISCOUNTS IN THE MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

**AND MORE!** 

### GIVE THEM A GIFT THIS YEAR THAT THEY WILL BE TALKING ABOUT ALL YEAR LONG!



Children's Museum of Phoenix 215 N 7th Street | Phoenix, AZ 85034 ChildrensMuseumOfPhoenix.org 602.253.0501 memberships@childmusephx.org

CALL, GO ONLINE OR EMAIL TODAY!





Founded in 2013 by Lisa Glowacka & Michelle Alexander, East Valley Moms Blog is the #1 online parenting resource in the East Valley.

We allow moms to connect online but offline as well through moms night out events, community events and playdates.





@eastvalleymomsblog



#### East Walley Moms Blog Events

At East Valley Moms Blog we love to connect with our amazing readers in person. We host a variety of events during the year for moms, couples, and kids! Events like Costco Mom Hour, Great Date Night and Breakfast with Santa. Thank you for making our events a success! We are looking forward to even more fun next year!

Mom Hour – the holiday shopping event of the season is here and will be even more exciting and enticing than last year. Have you ever wished Costco opened a bit earlier? Join City Mom Blog Network and Costco and shop at 9 a.m. on Friday, November 4, BEFORE Costco opens its doors to all of its members!





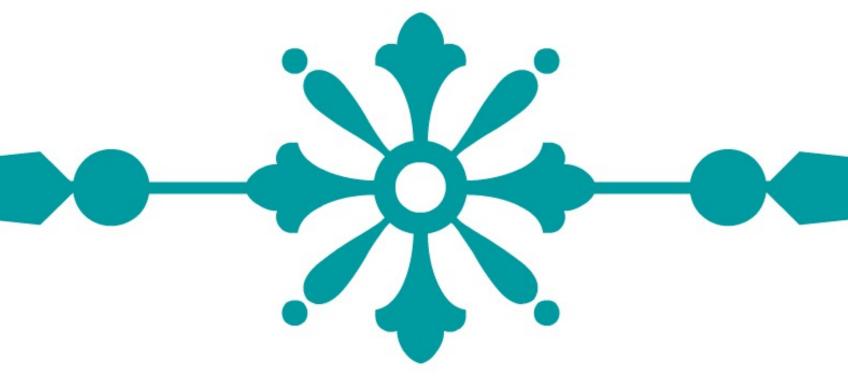
We will kick off the night at El Hefe in Downtown Tempe at 6:30pm. At 7pm sharp you and your date will compete in an Instagram Scavenger Hunt around Downtown Tempe for a chance to win prizes from local area merchants! After the hunt you'll join us for a fun night of dancing, dinner, drinks and a raffle drawing...but the location is super secret!

Our SOLD OUT 2016 Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at Seville Golf & Country Club!

Nestled in the base of the San Tan Mountains with breathtaking picturesque views of the mountains and championship golf course, we couldn't be more excited about this years event!



# East Valley Family Friendly Holiday Events















## OPENING NIGHT PARADE

presented by

WELLS FARGO

#### **NOVEMBER 26**

Downtown Tempe is your home for the holidays!

DowntownTempe.com/holiday16



#### December 2-4 Downtown Tempe

10AM-5:30PM

350 + INDEPENDENT ARTISTS

3 STAGES OF LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

KIDS BLOCK

SIXTH + MILL MAKERS

3 BEER + WINE GARDENS

FOOD TRUCK ALLEY



TEMPE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

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#### VAL VISTA ACADEMY PRESENTS







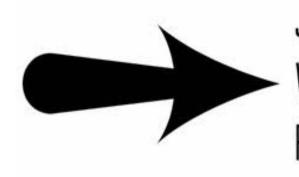
hour!

#### 55 VENDORS

SOTO WOODWORKING - WATERMELON SEED - NORWIX

LULARUE - POSH - RUSTIC DECOR SEWCHIC ADVANTAGE - ITWORKS PRESENT AND PANTRY - AINA
ALEXANDER - BEAUTIFUL CREATIONS RITA SCHMOLKE - GOLD CANYON ANABELE DUPUY ART - RODEN & FIELDS YOUNIQUE - BLUE BOAT PHOTOGRAPHY LIPSENSE - PAMPERED CHEF WONDERFUL WENDY'S - DUFF LOVE DECOR
- SCENTSY - OH MY HEARTFELT - K&K DOTERRA - MUDDY RD COUTURE SOUTHWEST KETTLE CORN - ORIGAMI
OWL - USBOURNE - SOYMAZING - TWINE

BOTTLES - 31 - MISC. ME & MORE?



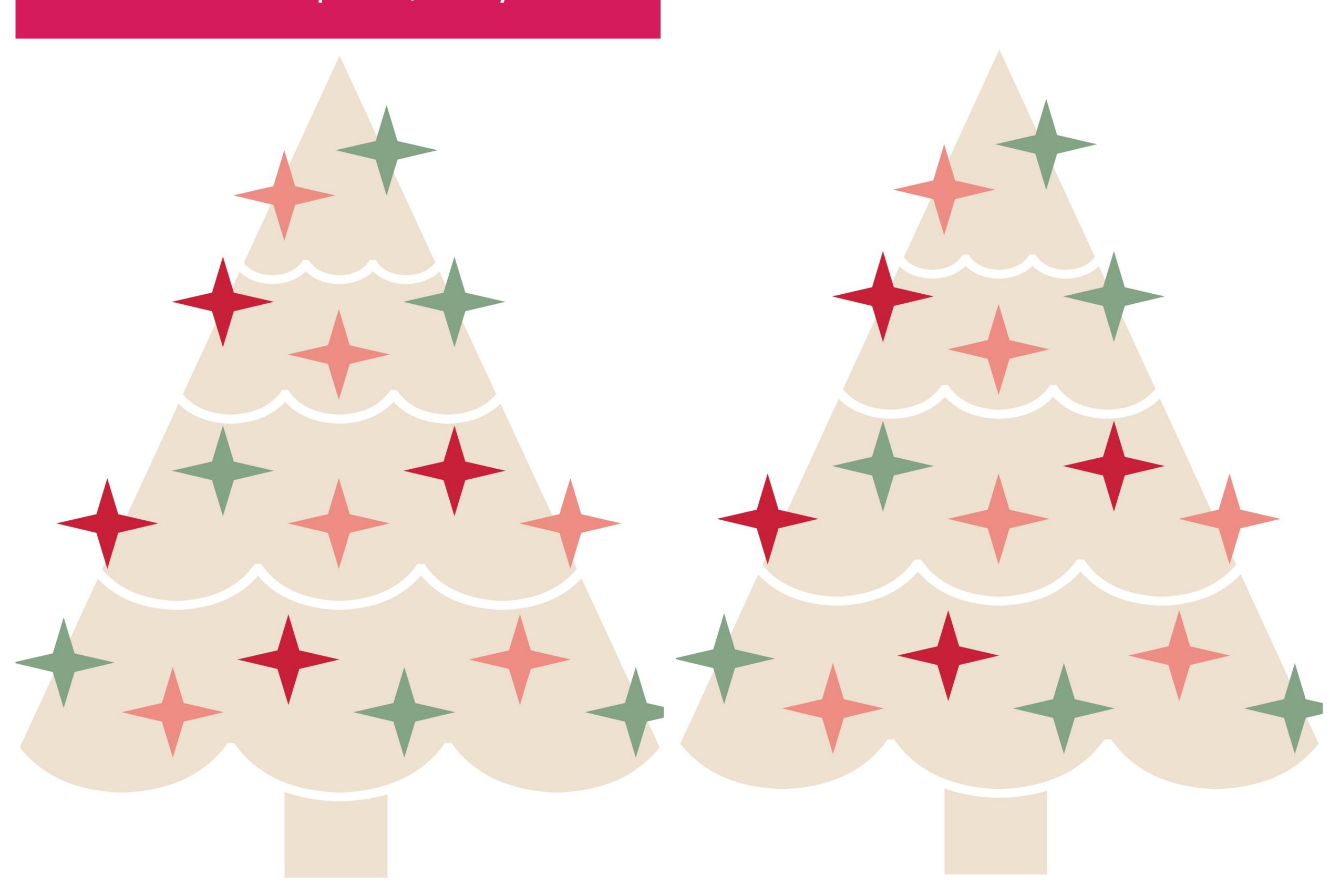
JOIN US ON SATURDAY DEC. 3RD FROM 9\_5
VAL VISTA ACADEMY IS LOCATED ON VAL VISTA AND GERMANN @ 4120 S VAL VISTA DR
FOOD TRUCKS WILL BE THERE FROM 10\_3



#### DECEMBER 10

Downtown Tempe is your home for the holidays!

DowntownTempe.com/holiday16



#### Realtor Credit Program

GET \$500 to spend at Paul's Ace Hardware when you buy or sell!

#### Great for first time home buyers!

Exclusions apply; please read program restrictions

Need money for repairs,

home improvement,

landscaping, supplies,

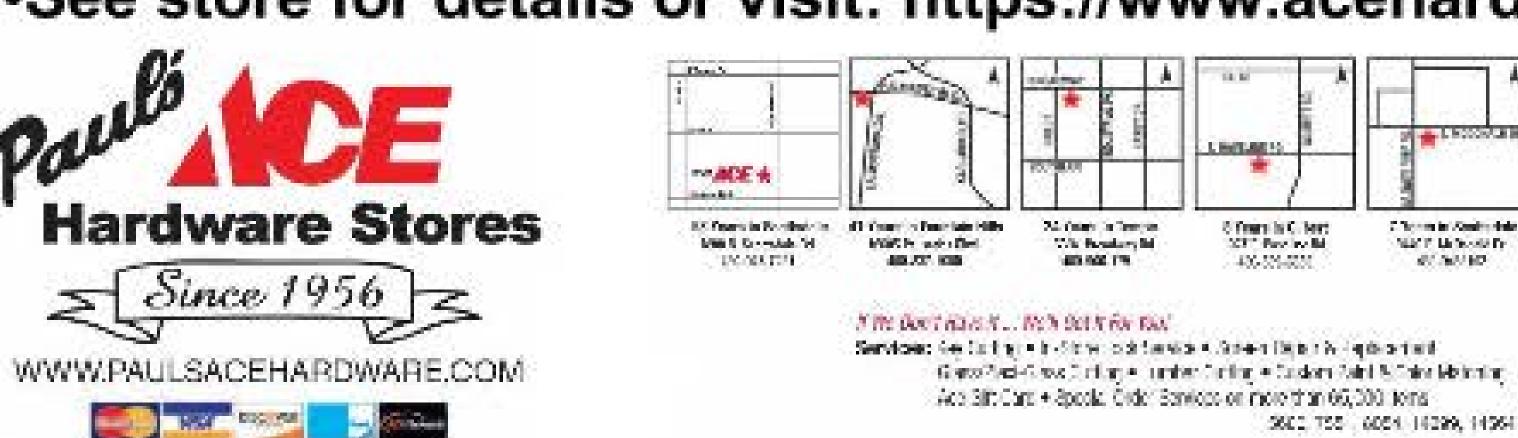
paint or carpet in your

new home...

#### Join ACE Rewards Program!

#### **Exclusive Member Benefits**

- 1,000 bonus points to get you started
- •10 points for every \$1 spent
- •2,500 points = \$5 reward
- Save INSTANTLY right in the store
- Money saving coupons
- Sale reminders
- ·Helpful tips to take care of your home
- ·See store for details or visit: https://www.acehardware.com/acerewards



#### Program restrictions:

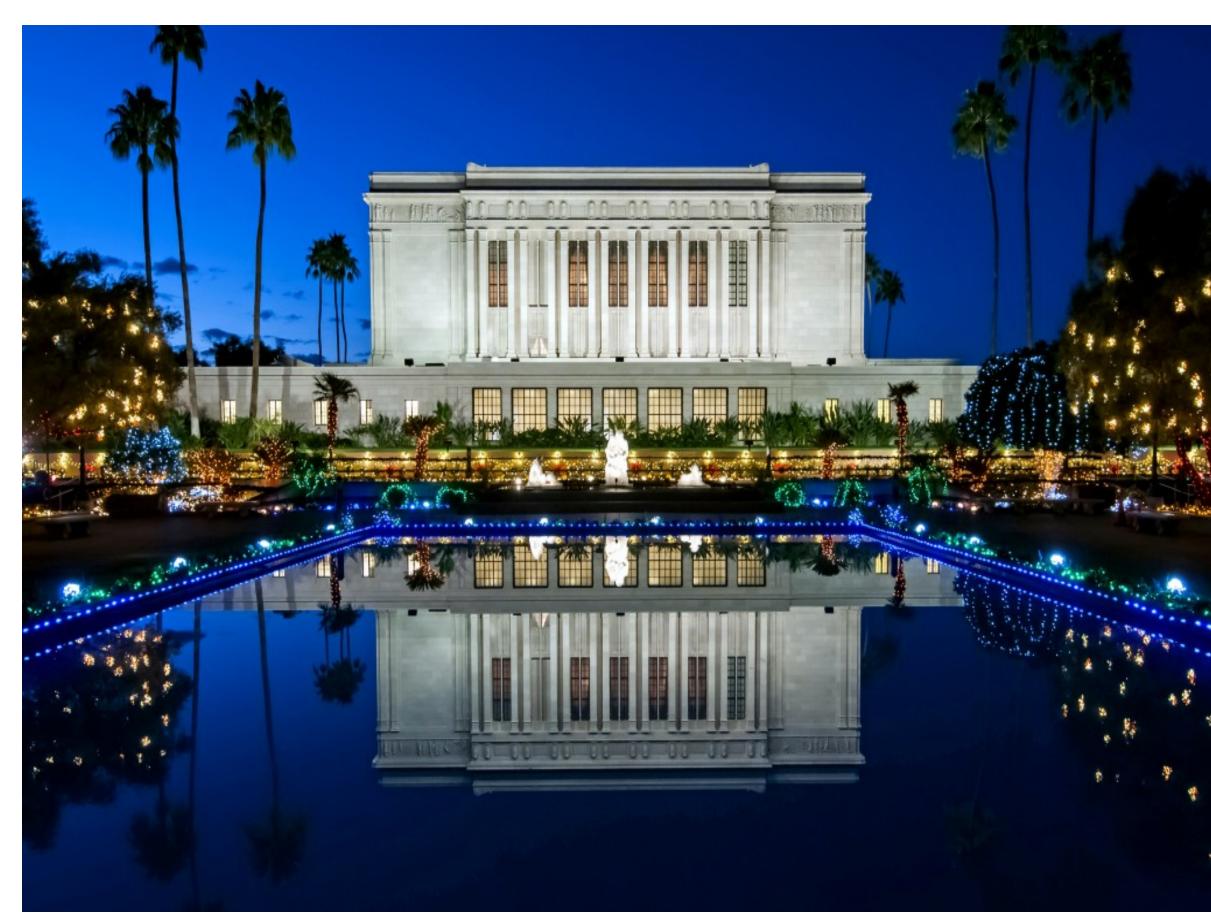
- 1. Certificate given and endorsed upon successful close of escrow for sellers/buyers
- Based upon Realtor's acceptance of client and either a signed Buyer/broker or listing agreement
- Home purchase or sell must be a minimum of \$150,000.00
- 4. Certificate will be endorsed at close of escrow with transaction number and Realtor's signature
- A \$1,000.00 credit will be given to seller that also closes a transaction as a buyer (not valid on a contract contingent upon sale of current property)



## Lights Around



**ZOOLIGHTS**November 23 - January 8
5:30 -10:30 p.m. nightly



MESA TEMPLE LIGHTS
November 25- December 31
5:00-10:00 p.m. nightly



AHWATUKEE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Thanksgiving until the New Years

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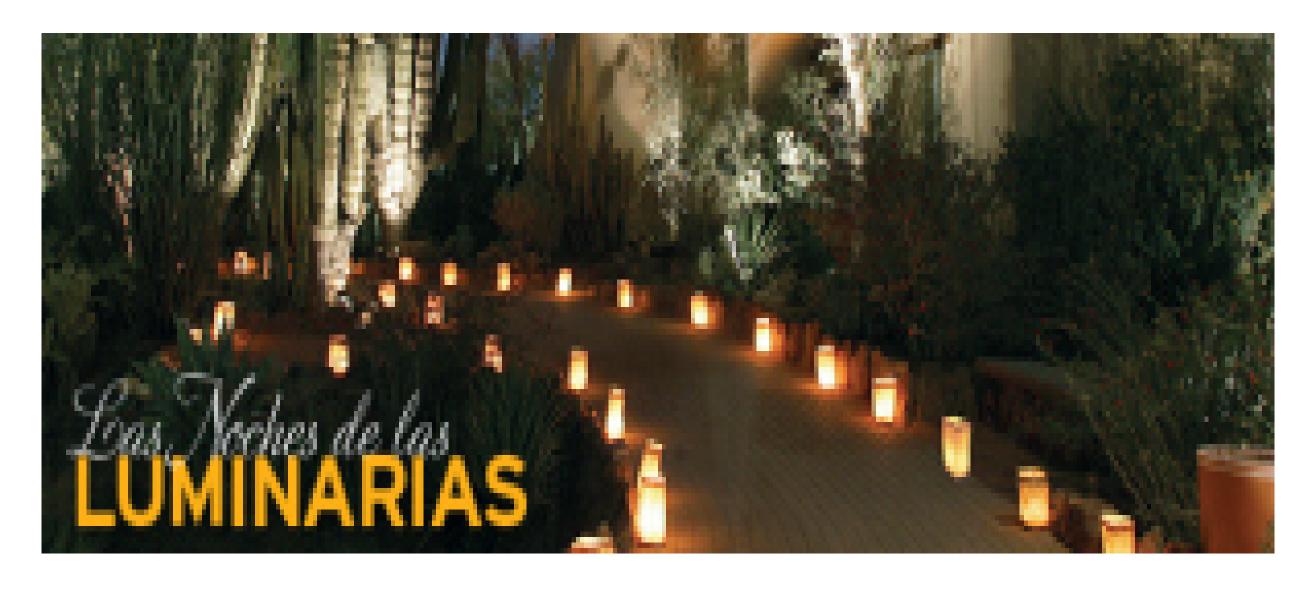
Boulevard from 24th Street to Desert Foothills Parkway



TUMBLEWEED TREE LIGHTING

December 3, 2016

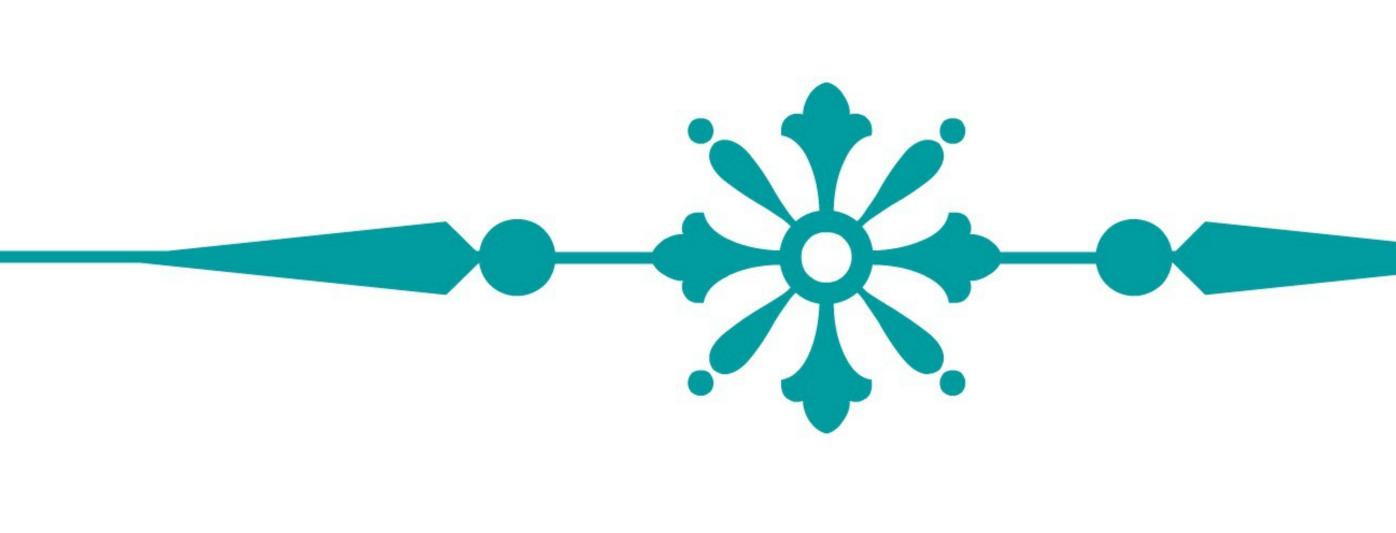
Event Festivities - 4:30-9 p.m.; Parade - 7 p.m.



LAS NOCHES DE LAS LUMINARIAS

November 25 & 26, December 9-11, 16-18, 20-23, 26-31

## Visiting With Santa



## THE NWRTH PWLE



#### THE NORTH POLE EXPERIENCE

(Flagstaff; check website for available dates)
Take a magical journey to the North Pole to
visit Santa & his elves! You and your family
will enjoy the magic of Santa's 400 year old
workshop. Help his elves make toys, enjoy
cookies with Mrs. Claus, take a class at Elf
School plus so much more! This is an
amazing experience for everyone in the entire
family!



#### POLAR EXPRESS, GRAND CANYON RAILWAY

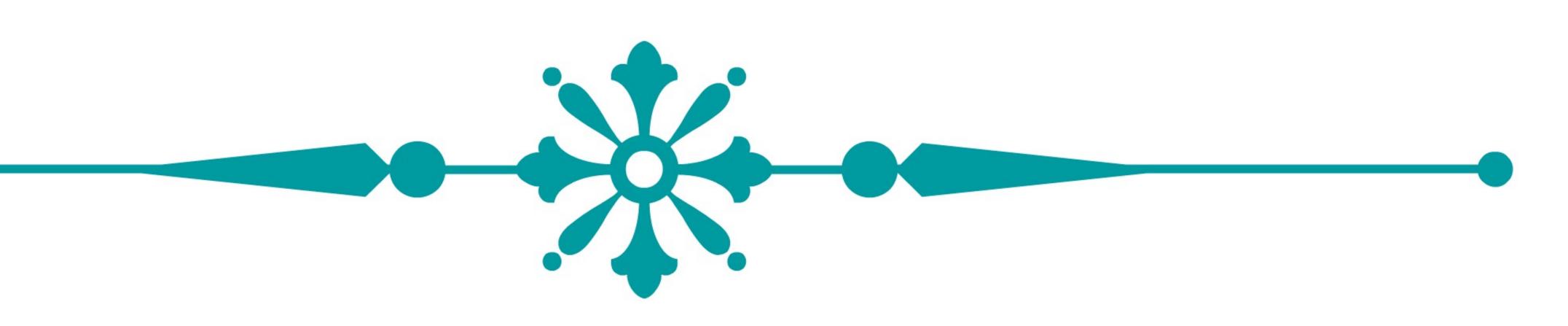
Every winter the Grand Canyon Railway's Polar Express comes to life on a journey from the nighttime wilderness of Williams, Arizona, to the enchanted beauty of "the North Pole" —where Santa Claus and his reindeer are waiting with a keepsake present for every good boy and girl. You'll be smiling from ear to ear, as you watch children's faces light up when the train arrives, and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies while listening to this timeless story. Make this a family holiday tradition



#### SANTA'S WONDERLAND

The Magic Returns at the Mesa, AZ Bass Pro Shops! Be sure to check out the FREE Crafts, Games, Activities and much more! Plus get a FREE photo

# East Valley Printable Holiday Events Calendars



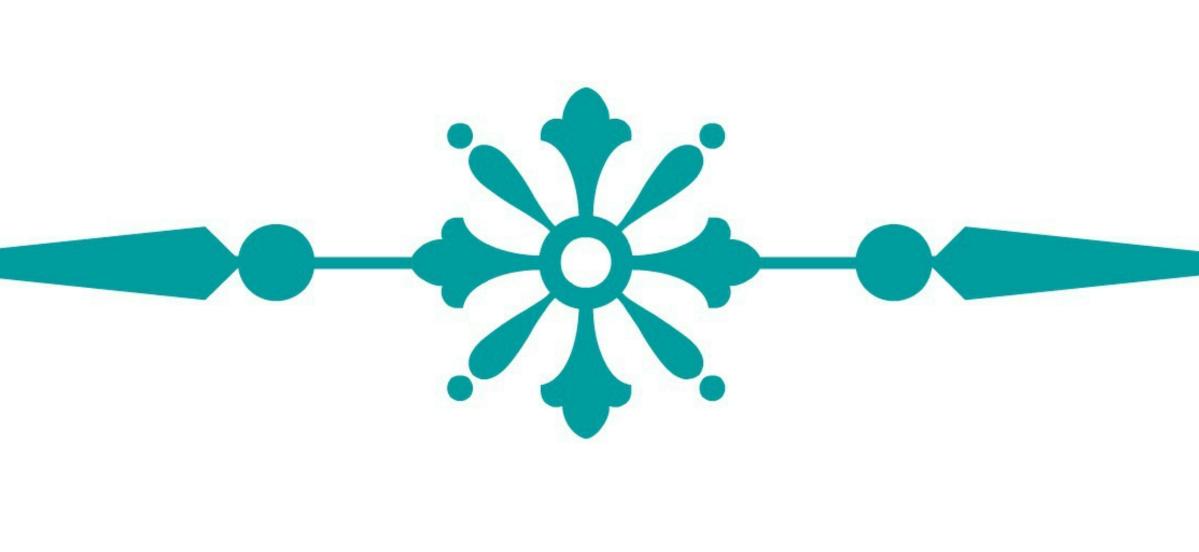
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28	2	74		
29	22	5[	Election Day 8	
30	23	6	Hope's Treasures Holiday Boutique	2
	Thanksgiving Day 24	Beyond the Bricks 17	Hope's Treasures Holiday Boutique Beyond the Bricks	Beyond the Bricks 3
	25	18	Hope's Treasures Holiday Boutique	EVMB Costco Mom Hour
	Fantasy of Lights Opening Night Parade	Rock the Block 19	Hope's Treasures Holiday Boutique Fashion Week 4 Kids	EVMB Great Date Night

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31	36	Beyond the Bricks 29	28	27	26	Christmas Day 25
Christmas Eve Hanukkah Begins	23	Beyond the Bricks 22	2	20	19	18
	6	Beyond the Bricks 15	7	13	12	
Val Vista Academy Holiday Boutique Fantasy of Light Boat Parade 10	9	Beyond the Bricks 8		6	5	Tempe Festival 4
EVMB Breakfast With Santa Tempe Festival	Tempe Festival 2	Beyond the Bricks				

## Holiday Recipes



#### Susan's Sugar Cookie

2 1/2 C self-rising flour

1 C Sugar

1 C butter, softened

1 egg

1 t baking powder

2 T milk

1 T vanilla



Mix butter and sugar. Cream in egg and then add vanilla and milk. Mix flour and baking powder together. Slowly incorporate dry ingredients into the other mixture. Cover with plastic wrap and chill for 2 hours.

Preheat oven at 400 degrees. Slowly take small sections of the dough to roll out on surface with flour. While working with a section of dough, put the rest of the dough back into the refrigerator. Roll out and use several different cookie cutters to make cookies. Slowly transfer the cookies onto an ungreased baking sheet and bake for 8-10 minutes. Do not overcook. If the edges of the cookies are brown, they have baked too long.

#### Sugar Cookie Frosting

4 C Powdered Sugar
1/2 C butter, softened
3-4 T milk
2 t vanilla

Mix all ingredients together. Slowly add the milk one tablespoon at a time, depending on how thick you want your frosting. Afterwards, separate the frosting into smaller batches and use food coloring or Wilton's gel coloring to color the frosting, depending on which holiday you are baking for.

#### Italian Rainbow Cookies

8 ounces almond paste (found in baking section)

1 C sugar

4 eggs

1 1/2 C butter, softened

1 t almond extract

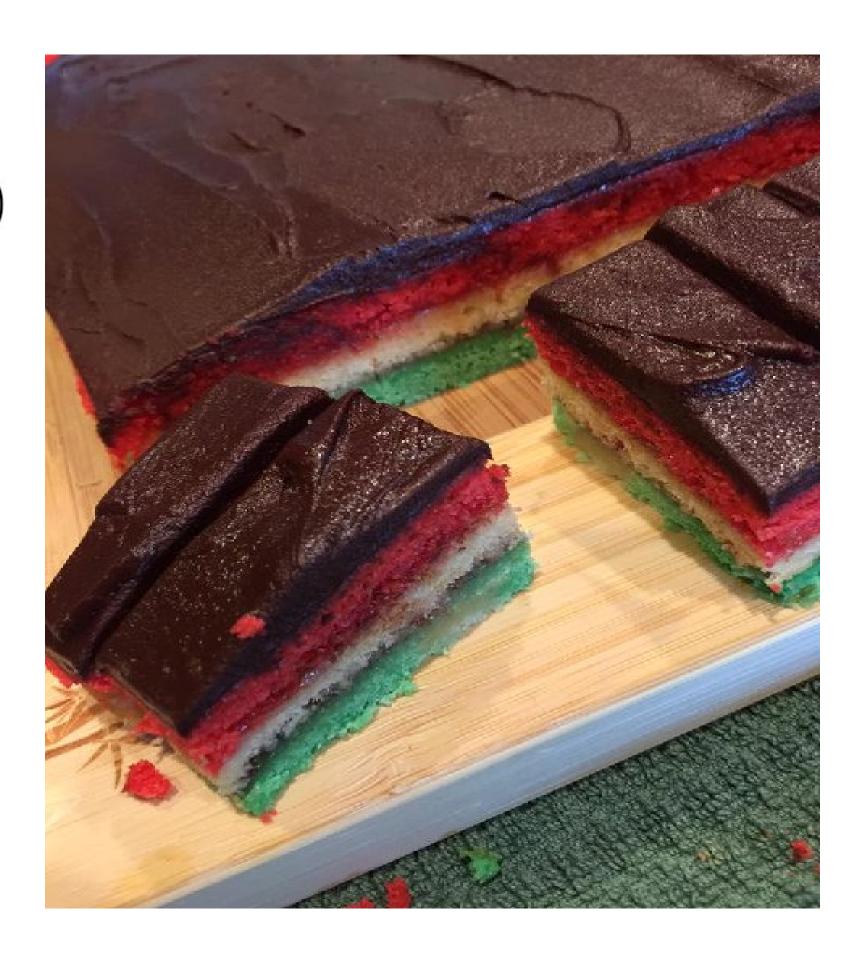
2 C flour

Green and red food coloring

12 oz. raspberry preserves with no seeds

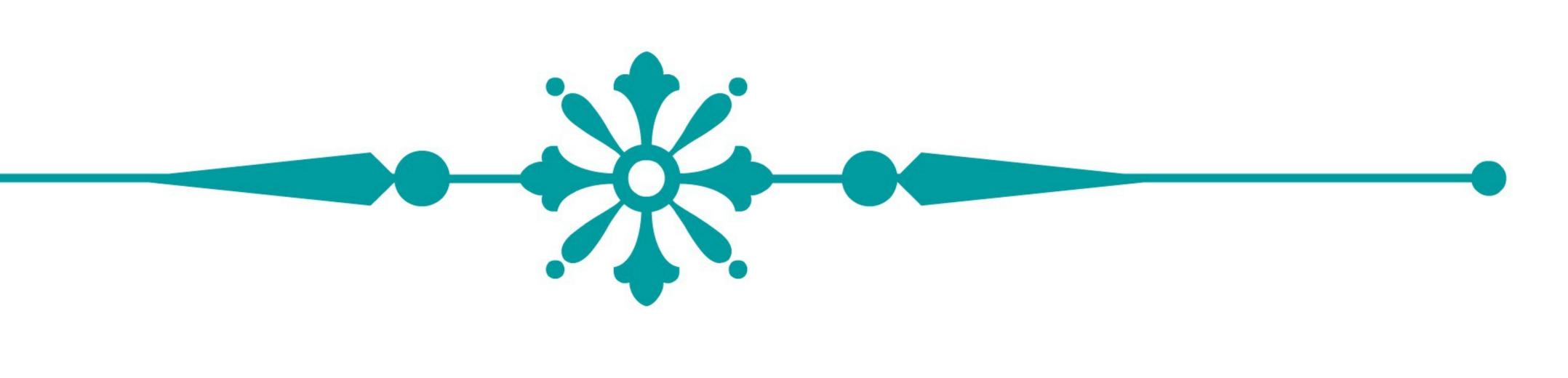
4 ounces semi-sweet chocolate

2 T milk



- 1. Grind the almond paste up in a food processor until it is fine. Mix this paste with sugar and eggs until smooth
- 2. Add the butter and almond extract and mix again
- 3. Add the flour and mix until smooth
- 4. Divide the dough into three equal parts
- 5. Mix the green color to one portion and then mix the red into another portion. The final portion will contain no food coloring
- 6. In a 9 x 12 glass baking dish, put wax paper on the entire bottom of the dish. Slowly pour one section into the baking dish so that it stays within the confines of the wax paper. Carefully spread it until it covers the entire bottom of the dish. It will be a little tacky at this point.
- 7. Depending on how many baking dishes you have, you can bake these all at once or do each color one at a time.
- 8. Bake for 15 minutes in a preheated 350 degree oven
- 9. Take out of the oven and let it cool
- 10. After each layer has cooled off, you will need a large tray or baking sheet to start stacking each layer.
- 11. Start with the green layer on the very bottom. Spread 3 T of the preserves on the first layer. Make sure every part of the layer is covered with the preserves.
- 12. Now place the yellow layer on top of this layer and repeat with the preserves.
- 13. Finally, add the red layer on top of the yellow layer but do not put any preserves on this red layer.
- 14. Cover with plastic wrap and put something heavy on top. (I usually use a cutting board on top and then stack my 5 lb. exercise weights on top of that)
- 15. Refrigerate over night
- 16. The next day, place the chocolate and milk in a saucepan or double boiler over low heat and stir until smooth, making sure chocolate doesn't burn.
- 17. Spread the chocolate onto the top red layer of cake.
- 18. Let cool in the refrigerator at least an hour and then cut into one inch squares.

## Childrens Printable Activity Pages

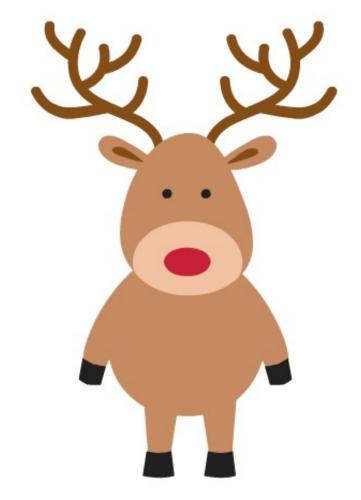


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#### Match Santa's Buddies



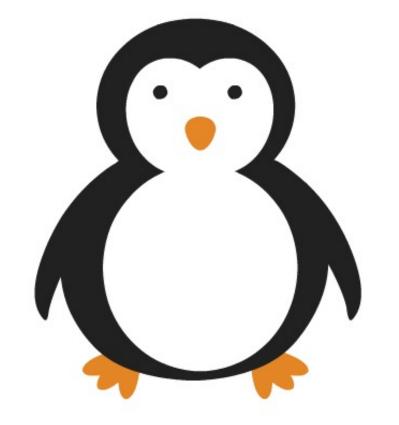












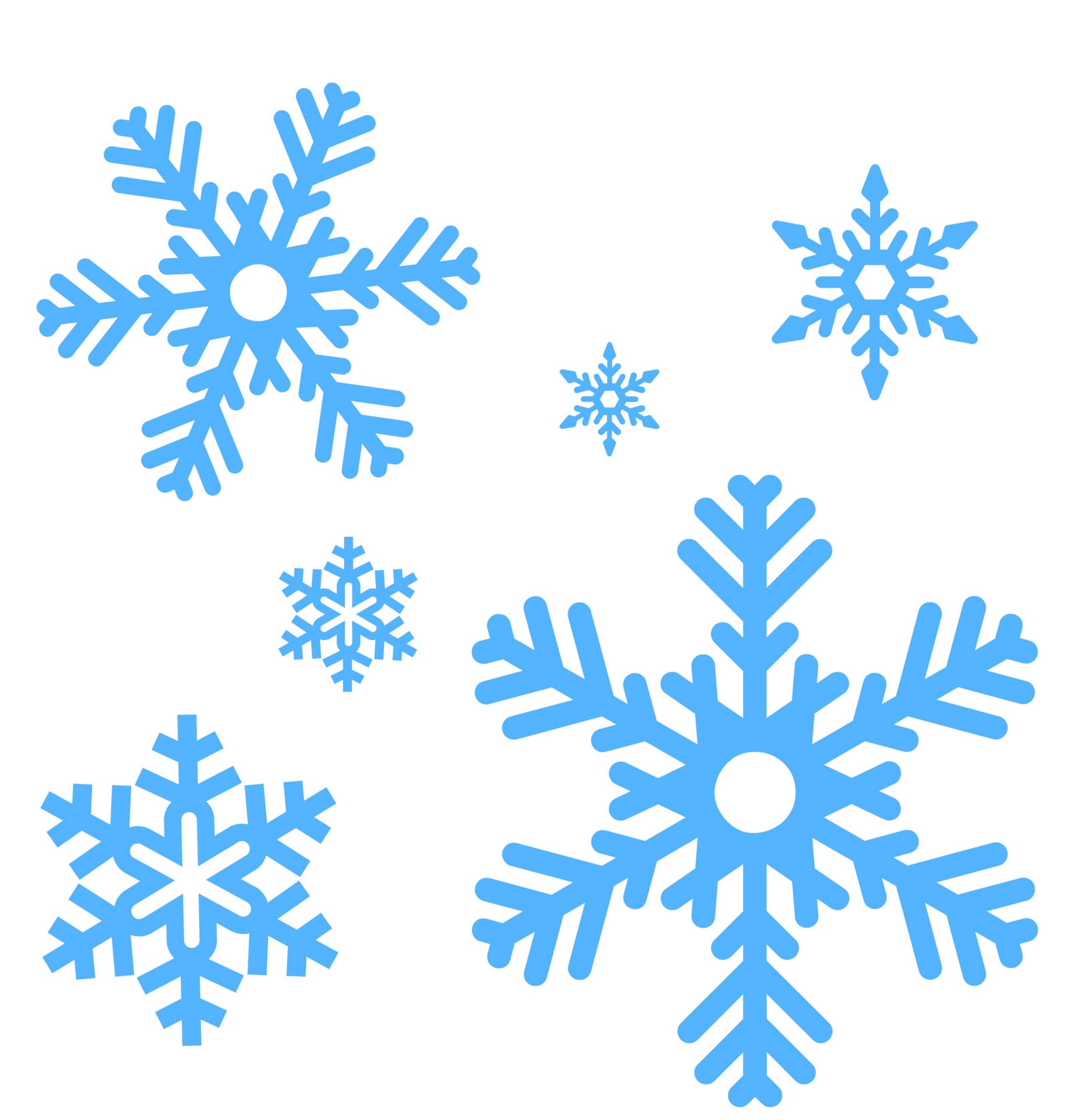






### SORTING SNOWFLAKES

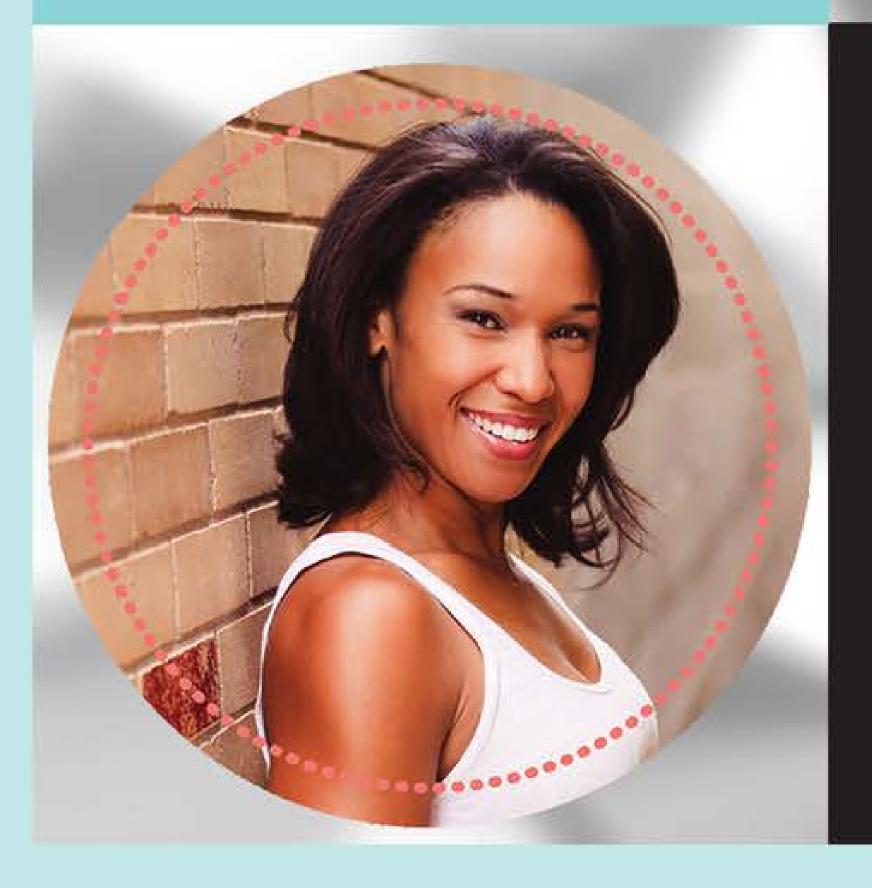
CUT OUT THE SNOWFLAKES AND HAVE FUN SORTING BY SIZE!



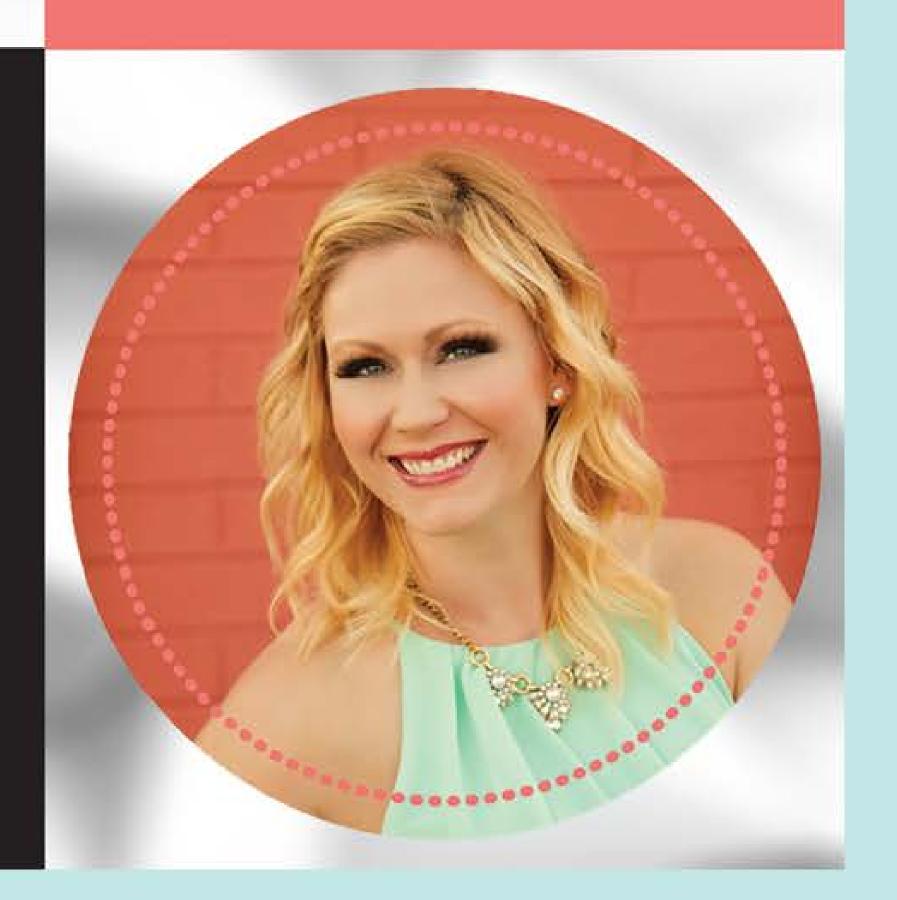
#### PLEASE VOTE DAILY!



## FAVORITE LOCAL WEBSITE



## BEST OF OUR OUR VALLEY 2017



East Valley Moms Blog is a collaborative blog written by and for moms who live in the East Valley sharing things to do, local tips and personal stories. Our community begins online, but doesn't end there! We offer Mom's Night Out events, play groups and other opportunities to connect offline, with and without kids.

JOIN US! SIGN UP FOR FREE!











**SCAN TO VOTE!** 





and a Happy New Year! From all of us at East Valley Moms Blog!

