There are many ways to spend your winter break, like in the snow or decorating a tree. But here are some things to do if you are at the Wonderland we call U-N-C !!

International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) will be closed during the University’s Winter Break from December 25, 2023 through January 1, 2024. ISSS will re-open on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. For urgent matters during this timeframe, please contact UNC Police.

Information on a variety of topics can be found on our website.

*While we have compiled a list, please note that this list is not all-encompassing and dates/times are subject to change, this list does not constitute as endorsement of or agreement with the views presented therein.
Upcoming ISSS Events

**Winter Break Game Night**
December 18th | 4:00-7:00 pm
Are you staying in Chapel Hill during winter break? Join us for community, food, and fun! We’ll be hosting a game night for our extended community – free to attend, family and friends welcome! RSVPs kindly requested to ensure we have enough food and materials for everyone. Join us as your schedule allows. This event is hosted in partnership with DSS.

**December Fun with DSS and ISSS**
December 19th | 11:00 am- 2:00 pm
Join us for an mid-day event filled with community, music, crafting, and fun! Refreshments will be provided while supplies last. Family and friends are invited to attend. RSVPs kindly requested, to ensure we have enough materials and food. This event is hosted in partnership with DSS.

Surrounding Community Calendars

- Chapel Hill Events
- Carrboro Events
- Budget-friendly events in the Triangle
- Chapel Hill Public Library Events
- Kidzu Children’s Museum
- Museum of Life and Science
The Rink Skating
This winter, once again enjoy outdoor ice skating in Downtown Raleigh, at The RINK, presented by UNC Health. Enjoy skating on a natural ice skating rink, and enjoy some pretty great skyline views too! New this year are igloos that you can rent.

A Christmas Carol Presentation
December 6-December 16
Center Theater Company presents the timeless Christmas Classic - A Christmas Carol.

Nutcracker on Ice
December 15 at 6pm
Nutcracker on Ice. Fun for the whole family. Two shows: Friday at 6pm and Saturday at 10:30am.

Christmas Concert
December 15 from 7:30-9PM
The lovely, lively Lynn Blakey and her band will perform a Christmas concert in the barn at RambleRill Farm in Hillsborough. Danny Gotham will open. BYOB; complimentary cider and cookies Tickets $17. Ticket price includes sales tax and transaction fee. Tickets are nonrefundable. 7:30 pm Friday Dec 15. Doors open 7 pm.

Carolina Ballet - The Nutcracker
December 15-23

Homes for the Holiday
Enjoy a self-guided tour of the 26 confectionary creations, gingerbread houses.

Chapel Hill Chorus: An Evening in December with Voices
December 16 from 2:30-3:30 pm
2 show: 2:30pm & 7:30pm - Voices’ December concert, Evening in December. Join us for Christmas Carols and Winter Sing Alongs.

Raleigh Market
December 23 from 9am-5pm
Food, Fun and Festivities at the Raleigh Street Market.

UNC Men's Basketball Game
December 29 at 8:00pm
UNC vs. Charleston Southern
**Holidays at the Farm**
December 2-24
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**DIY Ornaments for Charity**

**The Carolina Inn Holiday Market & Bier Garten**
December 17
The Carolina Inn Holiday Market is a European style market with a nod of southern flare. With vendors from all over the state, our market will be a wonderful place to shop for hand crafted yuletide gifts from chocolates, to jewelry, to ornaments and more!

**Starry Nights: Winter Skies**
December 20

**Thursday Night Trivia**
December 21

**Christmas Eve Skate**
December 24

**Wool E’s Winter Wonderland**
WRAL and The Durham Bull’s are hosting Wool E. Bull’s Winter Wonderland, a walk-through holiday light event at Durham Bulls Athletic Park

**Annual Cary Kwanzaa Celebration**
The Ujima Group, Inc. in partnership with the Town of Cary, will host its 29th annual Kwanzaa Celebration on December 29, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Cary Arts Center, 101 Dry Avenue, Cary.

**AADE 38th Kwanzaa Fest**
January 1

**UNC Women’s Basketball**
January 4
**North Carolina Chinese Lantern Festival**
The festival will run from November 17, 2023, to January 14, 2024, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. each evening. From Tuesday to Sunday evenings (but not on holidays), the Twilight Ticket Experience will get you in at 4:30 p.m.

**Illuminate Art Walk 2023**
Walk Downtown Raleigh to experience light-based art. This year's signature piece, Talking Heads, features local light artists.

**Winter Wonderland with Goats**
Dec 6 - Dec 23
Celebrate the Holiday season on the farm. Upon your arrival you’ll be transported to a magical Winter Wonderland!

**Solstice Lantern Walk and Market**
The festival will run from November 17, 2023, to January 14, 2024, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. each evening. From Tuesday to Sunday evenings (but not on holidays), the Twilight Ticket Experience will get you in at 4:30 p.m.

**Triangle Treasure Hunt**
Varying dates and times
Participate in a treasure hunt to explore more of the triangle area while solving puzzles and searching for clues.

**International Folk Dancers**

**Self-Guided Mural Tour**

**Virtual Museum of University History**

**Winter Reading Book Bingo**
December 15 - January 31
Welcome to Winter Reading 2023! Get ready to cozy up with a good book, record your reads, and earn yourself a limited edition winter reading mug. Happy reading!

**Jingle Bell Express**
December 19 & 20
The magical one-hour ride follows our route through Carrboro and Chapel Hill and back. The ride is fun for everyone and includes wintery treats, activities, and a snowy surprise.
Bus Routes

- Chapel Hill Transit
  - A guide of the transportation in the Chapel Hill Area
- Regional Transit
  - Updates and guides to transportation in the regional area

Health Care & Mental Health Support

- Campus Health & CAPS will be open weekdays through December 22. Patients can receive 24/7 support by calling 919-966-2281 for UNC Nurse Connect and on-call providers and 919-966-3658 for CAPS 24/7
- Heels Care Network

Physical Wellness Over Break

- Enjoy nature walks at Carolina Botanical Gardens or through Carolina North Forest
- Get your heart rate up with virtual fitness classes led by UNC Campus rec
**Spring 2024 Kickoff Workshop Series**
*International Graduate Students and Scholars Only *registration required*

- January 3: Research introductions & Principles of citation
- January 4: Cross-cultural communication & Writing about race
- January 8: Reading efficiency & 4 Habits of successful writers
- January 9: Planning for productivity & Jump start your writing group

This workshop series is designed to quickly orient students to their new context, offering strategies to help them engage in their graduate studies and their community more successfully. All workshops meet virtually at 10 and 11 a.m. EST. Participants will receive the zoom link after registration.