

Our big, bold guide to the area's holiday entertainment

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LIGHTS FESTIVALS

Brookfield Zoo, Holiday Magic. The zoo celebrates 30 years of glowing holiday cheer with 1 million sparkling lights, a light show, ice carvings and more. Runs 4-9 p.m. Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 26-31. Adults, \$13.50; kids 3-11, \$9.50; parking, \$9.50. First Avenue and 31st Street, Brookfield, (708) 688-8000; czs.org/events.

Cuneo Museum, Winter Wonderland Holiday Light Show. For the sixth year the grounds of this Vernon Hills mansion are lit up by colorful characters from classic children's tales. Runs 6-10 p.m. Nov. 25-Dec. 31 (closed Dec. 24-25). Monday-Thursday, \$5 per car; Friday-Sunday, \$10. 1350 N. Milwaukee, (847) 362-3042; cuneomansion.org.

Lincoln Park Zoo, Zoo Lights. Meet Santa, visit the animals and enjoy crafts with a backdrop of 2 million twinkling lights. Runs 5-9 p.m. Nov. 25-27, Dec. 2-4, 9-11 and Dec. 16-Jan. 1 (closed Dec. 24-25). Free. 2001 N. Clark, (312) 742-2000; lpzoo.org.

Symphony in Lights. Some 250,000 colored lights are computer choreographed to illuminate to the strains of Trans-Siberian Orchestra's "The Lost Christmas Eve" every hour from 5-9 p.m. through Dec. 31. Free. The Promenade Bolingbrook, Boughton Road just west of I-355, (630) 296-8340; thepromenadebolingbrook.com.