



MEDIA RELEASE

Desert Recreation District Offers Online and Outdoor Holiday Events

Indio, CA (November 23, 2020) – We have phone-in, online and drop-off activities so you can still enjoy some holiday cheer with Desert Recreation District! Details can be found at MyRecreationDistrict.com/community-events for these and all our events and activities, including Food Distributions and other online classes.

- **SANTA'S HOTLINE**

Kids have your wish list ready and talk to Santa, Mrs. Claus, Frosty, one of the reindeer or maybe even an elf. Santa's Hotline is open 5 - 9 p.m. PST, December 15 16 & 17. Call 1-855-SANTA-4-KIDS (1-855-726-8245).



- **CHRISTMAS CARD ACTIVITIES**

Children's Christmas Card Craft that Gives Back – Make a holiday greeting card to cheer someone up! Christmas Cards for our Troops – Drop a card off at our Indio Community Center by November 25.

- **ONLINE CONTESTS (Submit photos of your entries from home)**

Christmas Stocking Decorating Contest – Prizes will be awarded in different age groups! Nov 30 – Dec 14.

Gingerbread House Decorating Contest – Top three entries will be selected! Contest runs Dec 1 – 24.

Holiday Recipe Contest – We'll put together a recipe book of entries we receive between Dec 1 – 24.

Online Christmas Party – Join us via Zoom for games, dancing, and a holiday craft – Dec 22, 3 – 5 p.m.

Tree Decorating Contest – Categories will include Brightest, Most Creative, Funniest and more - Dec 1 – 24.

Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest – We'll even have a category for your pet's ugly sweater! Dec 7 – 21.

- **HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE FOR SENIORS AND VETERANS**

We will be collecting gift cards and blankets for Seniors and Veterans – drop off between Nov 30 and Dec 18, 6 a.m. - 9 p.m., Monday through Friday at our Palm Desert Community Center.

- **SANTA LETTER DROP (and Donation Opportunity)**

Drop off your letter to Santa from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Dec 12 at the Palm Desert Community Center & we'll give you a bag of goodies in return; this event is free - we request guests donate a gift card or new unwrapped blanket.

Wagon Full of Holiday Spirits



DESERT RECREATION FOUNDATION'S RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Supporting Adaptive Sport Programs in the Coachella Valley

\$5 per ticket or \$20 for five tickets - Drawing date is December 28, in time for New Year's!

Purchase tickets at Desert Recreation District's Administrative Office -45-305 Oasis Street, Indio or call 760-347-3484. *Please note to collect prize, you must be 21 years of age or over.*



Visit MyRecreationDistrict.com for more information on all our activities or events or call 760-347-3484.

***Desert Recreation District (DRD)** is the largest park and recreation district in California, covering over 1,800 square miles and serving more than 385,000 residents throughout the greater Coachella Valley. In addition to managing, maintaining, and assisting in maintaining more than 30 parks and recreation facilities and creating and delivering quality programs, services and classes, thanks to strategic partnerships we have been able to bring essential services such as Rapid-Response Food Distributions, COVID-19 Testing, Flu Shots, a Distance-Learning Program and more to Valley residents. This community collaborative approach allows us to not only provide barrier-free and safe recreational activities, but to also bring critical resources where they are needed, thereby helping to create stronger communities and healthier citizens.*

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