

KID'S ACTIVITIES

EVERY WEEKEND

Ackerman Winery

Join in on some good old-fashioned, family fun! Ackerman Winery will be having a Nutcracker Scavenger Hunt. Find 18 of the 36 hidden Nutcrackers in the store. Return a completed form to be entered in a weekly drawing for a prize. Drawings will be held on December 3, 10, 17, and 23.

Festhalle Barn

Write your letter to Santa and mail it in our special, Direct-to-Santa, mailbox!

Fireside Winery in the Village

Bring the littles in for a special Kids' Holiday Cocktail for \$. Place your guess on how many candy items are in the candy jar for a chance to win a special prize drawn December 17th.

PRELUDE WEEKEND Dec. 1-3

The Noble Stone

12 big mining sluice bags for purchase that will contain extra special treasures inside along with the already amazing treasures you'd normally get. Limited supply, so get in early for the best pick! All day, indoor mining sluice. Mine for your own treasure and take home a bag of goodies with a flyer to identify your collection. Fun for kids of all ages. Free outdoor pebble dig. One free treasure per person.

CHILDREN'S WEEKEND Dec. 8-10

Compass Memorial Santa Visit Thursday, Dec. 7

Santa will be coming to town! His sleigh will leave the clinic at 5:30 pm to make rounds in Amana, so have your porch light on and be outside listening for his sleigh! He has a special treat to hand out to all the good children.

Amana Arts Guild (inside Festhalle Barn) Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 8 & 9

Pick up a make-and-take holiday craft.

Ackerman Winery Saturday, Dec. 9

Take a break from holiday shopping for some family fun by painting your own gingerbread house. Soft drink of choice and all supplies for \$15. Supplies limited.

Schanz Furniture & Refinishing (South Amana)
Guess how many candy canes are in the stocking! Closest guess without going over wins a prize! Need not be present to win.



ON-GOING EVENTS

GERMAN CHRISTMAS PICKLE HUNT!

We invite you to search for the German Pickle Ornament at participating local businesses. Find the Pickle in 10 shops and enter to win a \$25 Amana Colonies Gift Certificate!

Pickle Hunt forms can be found at the Visitors Center & participating businesses.



EVERY WEEKEND

IOWA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TREE

Help us decorate the Iowa Children's Hospital Tree inside Tannenbaum Forest.

Stop into Festhalle Barn to visit our DIY Ornament Station. Once your ornament is finished head on into the forest to help us decorate this very special tree.

TANNENBAUM FOREST HOURS

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Friday, November 24

11am-7pm

Saturday, November 25

10am-7pm

Sunday, November 26

11am-4pm

PRELUDE WEEKEND

Santa will be at the Forest all weekend long!

Friday, December 1

10am-8pm

Santa: 10am-3:30pm

Saturday, December 2

10am-8pm

Santa: 10am-3:30pm

Sunday, December 3

11am-5pm

Santa: 11am-3pm

CHILDREN'S WEEKEND

Friday, December 8

11am-5pm

Saturday, December 9

10am-7pm

Santa: 10am-3:30pm

Sunday, December 10

11am-4pm

Live Reindeer: 1pm-4pm

**weather dependent*

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS WEEKEND

Friday, December 15

11am-5pm

Saturday, December 16

10am-7pm

Sunday, December 17

11am-4pm

Proceeds of Tannenbaum Forest benefit the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital, Amana Colonies Playground, non-profits of Amana, and Compass Memorial Healthcare.

Amana Colonies Convention & Visitors Bureau
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AMANA COLONIES

PRELUDE

TO Christmas

2023



CANDLE-LIT STREETS,
TANNENBAUM FOREST &
AMAZING HOLIDAY SHOPPING!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO:

AMANACOLONIES.COM

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Amana Meat Shop & Smokehouse

Register to win a bone-in ham!

Brau Haus

Stop by to warm up with a Tannenbaum special: the Tannenbaum Toddy, the Frosted Fur Fizz, or a Cranberry Mule! Order the kiddies a warm pretzel & challenge them to the "Holiday Hunt" (a holiday "Eye Spy" challenge).

Colony Cottage Bakery

The German elves have been baking up a storm this year! Find handcrafted German-style baked goods inside the Tannenbaum Forest at St. Nick's Cafe. Find delectable pastries & sweets at Edelweiss Coffee & Tea Co. inside the Visitors Center. Something for the entire family.

Edelweiss Coffee & Tea Co.

Find us at St. Nick's Café inside Festhalle Barn for a warm drink!

The Chocolate Haus

Come sample chocolate cherry fudge made from scratch in a copper kettle! Warm up with a gourmet hot chocolate, apple cider, or a latte.

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND NOV. 24-26

TKM Theatrical Productions: Nov. 24, 2pm & 7pm

@ Amana Performing Arts Center

Away in the Basement: A Church Basement Ladies

Christmas Tour – This play takes us back to 1959 and the day of the Sunday School Christmas Program. The ladies, in their witty, down-to-earth style, are creating their own memories from Christmases past & present. Content to do things how they've always been done, yet pondering new ideas, the reality of everyday life hits home as they plan the Sunday School Christmas Program. While children rehearse & the ladies put final touches on pieces, little do they know what surprises are in store. Known for hilarious antics & subtle charm, they are once again called upon to step in and save the day! Tickets \$34.

Ackerman Winery: Nov. 25-26

Stop in for Macaroon & Wine Pairing Flights, \$12. French Pastries by Sandrine will be back with delicious authentic macaroons & pastries. The macaroons will be a trio of holiday flavors paired with Ackerman wines. Limited quantities.

Warped & Woven Mill Mercantile: Nov. 25, 9am-4pm

Stop in to see our new Twilight wool line. This blanket comes in six colors. Something for everyone! Sign up for a blanket giveaway. Drawing will be held at 4pm.

Ackerman Winery: Nov. 26, 2pm

Join in on a glass painting class. Be led through a step-by-step tutorial in painting an adorable Gnome for the Holidays design. All supplies included for \$40.

Fireside Winery in the Village

Kick off your holiday festivities by treating yourself a Fireside cocktail or wine. If you need to warm up a bit, try the warm mulled cider, Holiday Grog. As always, the Pick 5 Flight will be available.

Schanz Furniture & Refinishing (South Amana):

Kick off your holiday shopping in South Amana. Several locally made gifts available. Present this brochure for a special discount on holiday fragrance candles.

PRELUDE WEEKEND DEC. 1-3

Amana Heritage Museum: Dec. 1, 6pm

Join Amana Heritage Society and friends for a German & English Christmas Carol Sing Along! Caroling will begin at the Amana Heritage Museum & proceed through town, ending at Tannenbaum Forest.

Amana Church Holiday Bazaar:

Dec. 1, 12-6pm & Dec. 2, 9am-3pm

The bazaar offers homemade foods including yeast breads & pastries, jams, jellies, salsa, pickles, and fudge. Find handmade craft items including woodworking, home décor, needlework, holiday décor, ornaments for your tree, and unique treasures. Nearly everything is made by local volunteers who donate their work. The bazaar proceeds benefit the Amana Church free youth bible camp and activities open to all area youth.

Amana Arts Guild Gallery on Main: Dec. 1, 5-8pm

Come shop to deck your halls with beautiful art.

Dec. 2, 10am-4pm, Dec. 3, 12-4pm: Open for shopping!

Holiday Haus Tour: Dec. 1, 10am-4pm; Dec. 2, 12-4pm
Enjoy a tour of beautifully decorated Amana homes and buildings. Tickets \$15. More information available at amanaartsguild.com.

TKM Theatrical Productions: Dec. 1 & 2, 7pm;

Dec. 3, 3pm @ Amana Performing Arts Center

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play – This beloved American holiday classic comes to life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. With an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. Tickets \$25. Sponsored by Amana Family Practice PC.

Amana Church Cookie Walk: Dec. 2, 9am registration

Select your own combination of holiday treats, from thousands of cookies, bars, decorated cookies, candies, and fudge. Heavenly selection of traditional favorites to new, best recipes. Pick up your cookie walk reservation at 9am at the Amana Church Holiday Bazaar. Beginning at 10am, every 15 minutes a group of 20-30 patrons fill a cookie box (provided) that holds 5-6 dozen cookies & treats. Proceeds benefit the Amana Church free youth bible camp and activities open to all area youth.

White Cross Cellars: Dec. 2, 11am-4pm

Sample German-style Gluhwein (mulled wine) made with White Cross Cellars' Cranberry Bog.

Communal Kitchen Museum (Middle Amana): Dec. 2, 5-8pm

Experience a traditional Christmas communal meal and learn more about the communal and post communal holiday traditions. Reservations required. Limited seating. Call 319-622-3567.

Blacksmithing Class: Dec. 2 & 3, 8am-5pm

Attend a blacksmithing class at the Tinsmith Shop in West Amana taught by Corey Nevitt. Pre-registration required. Details can be found at amanaartsguild.com.

Ackerman Winery

It's the most wonderful time of the year! During this weekend of holiday magic, we will offer Christmas Cookies & Wine Pairing Flights, \$10. Don't miss the secret grab bag gifts! A classic holiday movie will be playing in the family fun room, which will be decked to the halls. Take a break from the hustle and bustle to enjoy a creamy, decadent Jingle All the Way wine cocktail.

Amana Meat Shop & Smokehouse

Stop in for a hot cider and cookie.

BumbleBooks

Bring your holiday shopping to Amana's new bookstore for FREE gift wrapping! At Blumen Haus, thru cellar doors.

Catiri's Art Oasis

Great selection of jewelry, pottery, prints and originals, & glasswork, as well as unique gifts created by 60+ regional artists. It is like an art fair every day in one location.

Fireside Winery in the Village

Come in for a glass of Christmas Sangria, a wonderful cocktail that will remind you of the holidays. Wine & Cheese Pairing Flights, \$12, Soda & Potato Chip Flight, \$5. As always, the Pick 5 Flight will be available.

Schanz Furniture & Refinishing (South Amana):

See our "FOREST" of Christmas Trees. Enter to win a locally made multi-wood Christmas Tree! (Need not be present to win.)

Warped & Woven Mill Mercantile

Stop in to see beautiful cotton & wool blankets. Kitchen & dining items made from woven goods available as well. Great selection of gift items too! Fri. & Sat. 9am-6pm; Sun. 11am-5pm.

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for more Amana Festival info!

Ackerman Winery: Dec. 9

Take a break from holiday shopping for some family fun by painting your own gingerbread house. Soft drink of choice & all supplies for \$15. Supplies limited. For parents of kiddos joining in on a painting adventure, take advantage of half-price wine cocktails.

Fireside Winery in the Village

Kids can join in on the tasting fun with a Soda & Cookie Pairing, \$5. Of course, Mom & Dad can have their very own Wine & Cookie Pairing Flight, \$12 or enjoy a Fireside cocktail or wine. Kids' cocktails available too.

Schanz Furniture & Refinishing (South Amana):

Try your hand at our Large Musical Marble 'Christmas' Tree. This marble game is sure to delight children of ALL ages! Our workshop will be open for self-guided tours.

The Chocolate Haus

Top off your hot chocolate with complimentary whip cream and mini marshmallows!

Warped & Woven Mill Mercantile

Amazing selection of needle felted finger puppets & ornaments, childrens' books, travel games, and wooden puzzles, including Marble Solitaire and Tic Tac Toe made for the Mercantile by the Amana Furniture Shop. Fri. & Sat. 9am-6pm; Sun. 11am-5pm.

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS WEEKEND DEC. 16-18

Cocoa & Hot Beverage Crawl: Dec. 16, 10am-5pm

Pick up a passport to warm & cozy drinks and a mug at the Visitors Center for \$10. Sample delicious drinks at participating businesses and return your passport (by Monday, December 18) to the Visitors Center for a chance to win a \$25 Amana Colonies gift certificate.

Warped & Woven Mill Mercantile: Dec. 16 & 17

Sample the famous Wassail (spiced hot cider). Then pick up a spice packet to make it for your holiday gatherings! Saturday 9am-5pm; Sunday 11am-5pm.

Ackerman Winery

Christmas Cocktail Flights for \$12 will be featured all weekend long. Each flight will be a trio of Ackerman holiday wine cocktails paired with traditional pfeffernusse cookies. Warm up with a toasty Ackerman mug of Gluhwein, traditional mulled wine, for \$10. Take advantage of Ugly Sweater Savings! Wear your best (or worst) ugly Christmas sweater to receive extra in-store discounts & don't forget the Nutcracker Scavenger Hunt!

Fireside Winery in the Village

Enjoy a cup of Fireside Holiday Grog, \$10. For the littles, a warm cup of hot chocolate, \$5. Be the star at your holiday gatherings with 10% off three or more charcuterie food items & 10% off all charcuterie boards.

Schanz Furniture & Refinishing (South Amana):

Calling all last-minute holiday shoppers! Pick up a few handmade gifts, and sample Oma's Christmas cookies. Our workshop will be open for self-guided tours.