

FAMILY FUN

NOVEMBER 1

Steamin' Day at Marshall Steam Museum. Climb into an antique automobile or board one of the trains and experience what it was like to travel at the turn of the 20th century. Tour the 1897 mansion that was home to three generations of the Marshall family. 3000 Creek Rd., Hockessin, DE. 12:30 to 4:30. \$10–\$15. AuburnHeights.org



NOVEMBER 1, 5 & 19

Brandywine Museum of Art Family Events. Nov. 1, First Sunday for Families—enjoy free admission, creative art activities and interactive music, 10 am to 2 pm. Nov. 5, Children's Read-Aloud Program—hear a story, explore art and create your own artwork, 10:30 to 11:30 am. Nov. 19, Sensory-Friendly Evening: Brandywine Railroad—an after-hours experience for individuals on the autism spectrum or with sensory processing disorders and their families. 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Brandywine.org



NOVEMBER 1 & 8

West Chester Railroad Fall Foliage Express. Enjoy a brisk fall afternoon along the Chester Creek Valley on a 90-minute journey back in time to the village of Glen Mills, then return. Trains depart the station at 203 E. Market St., West Chester. 10 am, noon and 2 pm. \$25–\$30. WCRailroad.com

NOVEMBER 14

Pints on the Preserve Family Edition. Families are invited to meet for a few hours of fun and exploration. Bring a picnic to enjoy and hike the preserve's 14 miles of trails. Pints for the grown-ups, too. Activities are free, but registration requested. ChesLen Preserve, 1199 Cannery Rd., Coatesville. 3 to 5. Free. NatLands.org

NOVEMBER 14 & 15

Kennel Club of Philadelphia's 25th National Dog Show. This popular family attraction features some 2,000 dogs representing 205 breeds in an AKC-sanctioned competition for Best in Show. Saturday's show will be taped for NBC's Thanksgiving Day broadcast, airing Nov. 26. Greater Phila. Expo Ctr., 100 Station Ave., Oaks. Sat, 8 am to 6 p.m.; Su., 8 am to 5 pm. \$10–\$20. NDS.NationalDogShow.com



NOVEMBER 14 & 26

Culinary Workshop: Kids Cook Thanksgiving. Ages 8+ and their families will enjoy preparing old and new favorites for the Thanksgiving meal. After the meal is cooked, everyone sits down to the feast. Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. 1:30 to 4. \$40–\$60. Register at WayneArt.org.

NOVEMBER 21

Kennett Square Holiday Light Parade. Gather your family and friends for the annual Holiday Light Parade and tree lighting. Come



meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and welcome the holiday season and light up the town. 6 pm. KennettCollaborative.org

NOVEMBER 28 & DECEMBER 12

Celebrate the Holidays in Downingtown. Nov. 28, Tree Lighting Ceremony with refreshments, music and Santa. Log House Field next to the Gazebo in Kerr Park. 5:30 pm. Dec. 12, the hometown Christmas parade features local bands, dancers, scouts and the arrival of Santa Claus. Starts at Beaver Creek Elementary School and travels Rt. 30 to East Ward Elementary. 3 pm. DTownChristmas.com



DECEMBER 4

Feel the Holiday Spirit in Phoenixville. First Friday Holiday Edition and tree lighting downtown, 5:30 to 8:30 pm. PhoenixvilleFirst.org

DECEMBER 4 & 5

Christmas Celebrations in Wayne. Dec. 4, enjoy trolley rides, arts and crafts, winter ice rink, tree lighting and Santa's arrival, 5:30 to 8 pm, tree lighting at 7:30 pm. Dec. 5, Radnor Elves for Shelves Fun Run and 5K at 8 am, parade at 10 am, and photos with Santa until 11:45 am. Details at WayneBusiness.com.

DECEMBER 5

Santa at Marshall Square Park. Welcome in the holidays at Marshall Square. Santa will be on hand in the gazebo for pictures with the entire family. Food trucks, holiday crafts and live music on hand for all to enjoy. 200 E. Marshall St., West Chester. 4:30 to 6:30. West-Chester.com

DECEMBER 5

Breakfast with Santa. Head for the Chester County History Center to meet Santa and enjoy breakfast. 225 N. High St., West Chester. 9:30 to 11 am. \$15. Pre-reg. required. West-Chester.com