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If You Don't Know What To Do For The Holidays... NowYouKnow

December is a month filled with holiday cheer and celebration. It is the season of parties, spending quality time with friends and family, and enjoying some time away from work. This time of year can also be filled with stress and anxiety trying to plan events that will please everyone or trying to find ways to enjoy the holidays when you are far away from loved ones. NowYouKnow Events helps make any time of year enjoyable and stress-free by providing a comprehensive list of things to do and fun happenings in and around Chicago. We make it easy for you to find the fun whether you are solo, entertaining out-of-town guests, spending time with family, or hanging out with friends.

NowYouKnow Events was founded in the fall of 2010 to keep you posted on the best and most luxurious events in and around the city of Chicago without spending a fortune. Get exclusive invites to the best events in the city including restaurant openings, business launches, fashion shows, art exhibits, charitable events, concerts, holiday fun, and more. Several of the events we post are free or relatively inexpensive. Most just require a simple rsvp.

The team behind NowYouKnow shares a passion for life. Energetic, creative, social, smart, and fun they love experiencing all life has to offer and checking out and showing off their city... Chicago. NowYouKnow is the place you want to be to live it up in Chicago. So, if you don't know...NowYouKnow!

Here are some of NowYouKnow's top picks for celebrations this holiday season:

1. [Huddle Up Chicago: Pink Loves The Bears](#)

When: Tue, December 6, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Where: Victoria's Secret at Watertower Place – 835 N. Michigan Avenue ([map](#))

Description: Calling all Bears fans! Come to PINK Water Tower Place at 6:30pm on December 6 to snap a pic with NFL star Matt Forte and PINK model Elsa! First 100 fans only. RSVP on Facebook does not guarantee access. No autographs or personal cameras. Pics will be posted to our Facebook page the day after the event. And don't forget to shop the latest PINK Chicago Bears gear while you're there! [More Details](#).

2. Join Athletes Against Drugs (AAD) for their Holiday Celebration

When: Wed, December 7, 6:00pm – 9:15pm

Where: 455 N. Cityfront Plaza 15th Floor ([map](#))

Description: Make a difference in a child's life this year when you celebrate the holidays. Join AAD – Athletes Against Drugs for the holidays in the International Ballroom of the Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 from 6:00PM-9:15M. Enjoy great food, dancing, live entertainment, and a silent auction amongst celebrity guests. [More Details.](#)

3. ZooLights Presented by ComEd and Charter One

When: Mon, December 5, 5pm – 9pm

Where: Lincoln Park Zoo ([map](#))

Description: Don't miss all the fun things to see and do including: • Visits with Santa in the wildest spot in town • Animals from around the world • Live ice carving • Holiday crafts • Delicious food, hot spiced wine and unique holiday shopping [More Details.](#)

4. PUTTING ON THE GLITZ — HOLIDAY PARTY & FASHION SHOW

When: Thu, December 8, 6pm – 10pm

Where: 4043 N Ravenswood Studio 215, Chicago, IL 6061 ([map](#))

Description: Celebrate the spirit of the holidays by giving back while going back in time with our PUTTING ON THE GLITZ FOR THE HOLIDAYS PARTY! US Marines will be on hand collecting for Toys for Tots, and a Bridge to Success representative will be collecting gently used business attire. As our way of showing gratitude, the first 50 guests to donate to either charity will receive a merchandise goodie bag chock full of items from our sponsors. All guests can expect oodles of festive fun including glamorous live sketches by Rosemary Fanti, 60's makeovers by Kelly Cardenas Salon, and a raffle with prizes from our participating vendors. [More Details.](#)

5. Chicago Interactive Social Club Holiday Event

When: Thu, December 8, 8pm – 10pm

Where: The Underground - 56 West Illinois Street ([map](#))

Description: Join us for a night of casual networking amongst the movers and shakers of the Chicago interactive industry, as we partner with The Underground and to host our CISC HOLIDAY EVENT. Spread the word, bring your friends, and come out to Chicago's first social club dedicated to supporting all the glorious awesomeness that is the Chicago interactive scene. You must register to attend the event. [Tickets & Details.](#)

6. A Night at the Fine Arts Building in Memory of the Late Jeffrey A Berger

When: Fri, December 9, 5pm – 10pm

Where: The Fine Arts Building 410 S. Michigan Ave. ([map](#))

Description: We are celebrating our 3rd annual Night at the Fine Arts Building! Come enjoy the festivities at the Nation's oldest artist colony. All of our artist studios will be open and there will be dance, music recitals, theatre, and workshops. Enjoy a glass of wine and walk the 10 floors of the

famed Fine Arts Building, which Frank Lloyd Wright, Ezra Pound, and L. Frank Baum (amongst many other notables) called home. [More Details](#).

[7. TBOX: Festa's Chicago Twelve Bars Of Xmas Pub Crawl](#)

When: Sat, December 10, 8pm – Sun, December 11, 1am

Where: Wrigleyville Chicago IL ([map](#))

Description: TBOX is Festa's Twelve Bars Of Xmas, The World's Most Spectacular Pub Crawl, held annually in Wrigleyville, Chicago. What is the TBOX Schedule?? It's right here below... After The Opening Ceremonies, We Will Proceed in a Round Robin among 36 Bars in Wrigleyville. Entry to all bars will be restricted to Registered TBOX Participants during this time period. As a reminder, with your admission, you receive a TBOX T-Shirt and Gym Bag, and will enjoy all day specials from our sponsors. [More Details](#).

[8. Thrillist Chicago Holiday Party](#)

When: Wed, December 14, 7pm – 10pm

Where: Tzar Ultra Lounge 215 W. Ontario St. ([map](#))

Description: Once again, Thrillist and Stoli® are bringing the seasonal cheer to Chicago with a blowout holiday bash, where guests'll sip custom 'tails mixed with Stoli's newest flavored vodka, Chocolat Razberi, while enjoying the sounds of a live DJ. It's all going down at Tzar's Ultra Lounge, which boasts a vault converted for Vodka tastings that's kept so cold they offer guests fur coats upon entry – which is perfect for chinchillin'. [More Details](#).

[9. Mikey O's 10th Annual Holiday Giggle 2011](#)

When: Thursday, Dec 15, 2011

Where: Portage Theater – 4050 N. Milwaukee Avenue (with FREE parking at Sears) ([map](#))

Description: 2011 Holiday Giggle Event Summary · Mikey O's 10 th Annual "Holiday Giggle" · Thursday, December 15 th 2011, 6pm-11pm · Portage Theater in Chicago, 1300 Seats · 10 Comedians, 3 DJ's (Notable), Mariachi or Latin Jazz Band (TBD) · Hosted by Ana Belaval (WGN, TV Personality) · "Doing Good in the 'Hood" Award Recipient with American Family Insurance · Full Cash Bar, Concession Stand for Food · Free Parking & Metered Parking · Ticket Proceeds Benefit SJOM! [Details & Tickets](#).

[10. Cork Savvy: The Network Exchange](#)

When: Thu, December 15, 6pm – 9pm

Where: Affinia Chicago Hotel 166 East Superior Street ([map](#))

Description: Connect, collaborate and rub shoulders with Chicago's Captains of Industry at Affinia Hotel Chicago, Superior Room. Delve into a succulent 3 course meal provided by C-House Restaurant, a Marcus Samuelsson Restaurant, paired with perfectly balanced wines from the Food Network's own Entwine Wines. All proceeds from this event will support the Sidney Givens and Sherman Galbraith Memorial Scholarship Funds. [More Details](#).

11. More Dance Than Dinner Soiree Returns to Support CAM

When: Fri, December 16, 9pm – 11pm

Where: 800 Surperior Street ([map](#))

Description: The Chicago Academy of Music will offer financially sustainable free music education through a variety of programs for children who are underserved and/or chronically poor residents in the South and West sides of Chicago. Programs offered will utilize both Suzuki and traditional methods of musical instruction and will be available mostly for children from a low socioeconomic status (SES) background. The programs offered include weekly musical instruction, daily after-school group music classes, and specialized year-round workshops. While the priorities and goals of each program will differ, they will all serve the mission of the academy. [More Details](#).

12. Eve of the Eve 2011

When: Fri, December 30, 8pm – Sat, December 31, 1am

Where: Chicago Union Station - 500 West Jackson Boulevard ([map](#))

Description: The EVE of the EVE takes place the night before New Year's Eve and all proceeds benefit HighSight's scholarship program. This black-tie optional event offers more than 2,000 young, hip, urban professionals the opportunity to mix and mingle, while jump-starting their New Year's celebrations. The party takes over the entire Great Hall of Union Station, where guests enjoy cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a live band and dancing. This much-anticipated event is truly one of Chicagoland's hippest extravaganzas and the premiere holiday choice for partygoers year after year. [More Details](#).

Happy Holidays

XOXO

The Girls from NowYouKnow,
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