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## COLORADO'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# COMMUNITY

## HOLIDAY HEADFRAME LIGHTING NOV. 26-JAN. 1 • CRIPPLE CREEK, VICTOR

Each year, from the Saturday after Thanksgiving through New Year's Day, the hillsides surrounding Cripple Creek and Victor are ablaze with light. Festive ornaments, including some up to 20 feet tall, are wired to the headframes of old mine shafts. Though located on private land, the locally made, large lighted ornaments can all be seen by car.

"It's like an Easter egg hunt on a larger scale, where you drive around and try to find them," said Ruth Zalewski, president of Southern Teller County Focus Group, which organizes the annual event in partnership with the Newmont Cripple Creek & Victor gold mine.

Headframes are held over from the Gold Rush days and also known by the sinister

sounding "gallows frame." The event brings attention to the area's history; since the 1890s, Teller County has seen nearly 2,000 mining claims.

The Holiday Headframe Lighting tradition was begun by Shawn Tomlinson, who works for the Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mine, with the event becoming official in 1998. Tomlinson still volunteers more than 120 hours per season to the Holiday Headframe Lighting and replaces every burned-out bulb.

People can take their cars on a self-guided tour of the Holiday Headframe Lighting displays on weekend nights through Christmas and nightly, weather permitting, from Dec. 24-Jan. 1. Maps are online at [stcfg.com](http://stcfg.com).

*Colorful light displays adorn the headframes of old mine shafts on a tour of a historic mining district.*



### WHERE TO EAT GOLD CAMP BAKERY

Baking is a science, but baking at altitude? That's an artform. At Gold Camp Bakery, all items are produced in-house at nearly 10,000 feet. Owned by a husband-and-wife duo who hail originally from Germany, the assortment of sweet treats, pasties, pot pies and pastries combine the best of German and American baked goods.

Don't miss the biscuits and gravy.  
112 South Third St. (719) 689-9300.



### WHAT TO DO GOLD CAMP CHRISTMAS

Plan to visit the Holiday Headframe Lighting the weekend of Dec. 9 and 10, and you'll also get to enjoy the old-fashioned Gold Camp Christmas events. Victor Decorates Downtown and Parade is held in Victor on Dec. 9, and both the Christmas Craft Fair and the Gold Camp Christmas Parade are held Dec. 10 in Cripple Creek. Victor Avenue, Victor; Bennett Avenue, Cripple Creek.

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Meeker Skijor Races

# SPORTS

## SKIJOR RACES DEC. 30-JAN. 1 • MEEKER

Imagine water skiing, but on snow with a horse, and you have some idea of skijoring. At the Meeker Skijor Races, a skier is pulled behind horse and rider in a two-person, three-creature team, racing to complete a snowy course.

Two days of racing also include a Calcutta auction, where bettors “purchase” teams in hopes of earning cash payouts. The top performing teams win prizes, while fun awards are given for “Best Crash” and “Best Outfit.” Meeker Skijor aims to be as family friendly as possible while still hosting a competitive skijor that attracts racers and spectators alike.

Since northwestern Colorado has a robust population of both equestrians and outdoor enthusiasts, skijoring is a natural way to merge the horse and skiing communities, said Alex Plumb, secretary of the Meeker Skijor board of directors.

Previous races took place in February. When this year’s original scheduled time came without snow, organizers moved it to the final weekend of 2022. Now they can claim to be both the last and first skijor of the year.

Races also moved to Ute Park, a natural auditorium backed by the Flat Tops mountains. Horses and skiers set up just below a breathtaking backdrop, with a tapestry of white ground against a reddish mountain jutting out into the brilliant blue sky. [meekerskijor.com](http://meekerskijor.com).

### WHERE TO EAT MEXICAN HOUSE

A local favorite, the casual Mexican House offers up just what it sounds like: Mexican fare in a casual atmosphere. Old branding irons and other ranch memorabilia decorate the wooden paneled walls. Dishes with generous portions constantly come out of the kitchen, and breakfast is served all day. 624 Market St. (970) 878-5535.

### WHERE TO STAY MEEKER HOTEL & CAFE

Established in 1896, the Meeker Hotel & Cafe has seen its share of history. Its bricks were trucked in by freight wagon from Rifle. After being elected vice president, Theodore Roosevelt stayed while on a hunting trip. A room used by another Roosevelt, Eleanor, now bears her name, and the Gary Cooper Suite is where the actor once stayed. 560 Main St. (970) 878-5255.

### WHERE TO GO MEEKER HISTORICAL DISTRICT

Several blocks of Meeker’s downtown are included in a historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Downtown includes a variety of retail, from clothing stores to home decor and furniture. The White River Museum is located in a former military barracks and one of several log buildings downtown that date back to the 1880s. First to Eighth Streets, and Park Avenue, Main and Market streets.

## Other events you may enjoy

### NOVEMBER

#### Boulder Jewish Film Festival Nov. 3-13 • Boulder

More than 20 films and shorts return to the Dairy Center during the 10th anniversary festival. The opening night film is the Colorado debut of *Hallelujah: Leonard Cohen*, a 115-minute ode to the golden-voiced singer-songwriter and poet told through his most famous song, a prayer set to music. (303) 998-1900.

#### Celebrations Around the World

**Nov. 17 • Silverthorne**  
Cultures from across the globe unite at this celebration as showcased by members of Summit County’s international community. Neighbors learn from and meet new neighbors while sampling food, traditions, music, language and dance at the Silverthorne Pavilion. (970) 262-7300.

#### Creative Colorado Tablesetting/Tablescapeing

**Nov. 19-20 • Estes Park**  
This fundraiser for the Estes Park Museum awards a blue ribbon to the team with the most creative table settings that reflect this year’s theme: Celebrations, Then and Now. Think past napkins and silverware to decorative gourds, ice sculpture, twinkle lights and anything else you can imagine on the jazziest table. (970) 577-0186.

#### Polar Express Nov. 19 - Jan. 1 • Durango

A chuffing steam train whisks children off on a magical ride to the North Pole to meet Santa Claus. The historic Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad makes itself over to resemble the beloved Polar Express book and film, serving young riders hot chocolate and creating indelible holiday memories. (970) 247-2733.





Mel Hall/Colorado Wine Industry Development Board

*Chefs create food pairings for the 12 best wines from Colorado.*

# FOOD

## COLORADO UNCORKED NOV. 4 • DENVER

When Colorado wineries and chefs take over the History Colorado Center's lobby and atrium, it's a true celebration of wine and food from across the state.

Colorado Uncorked offers a chance to taste the 12 Colorado wines in the 2022 Governor's Cup Collection alongside food pairings created specifically for those award winners. Wine experts tasted 247 wines from 38 Colorado wineries to select this year's special collection.

Viniculture likely began in Colorado in the late 1800s, including production in the Grand Valley and immigrants who brought grapes with them for home winemaking. Wine grapes grew all over the state until Colorado passed Prohibition

four years early, in 1916.

Though Colorado's first post-Prohibition commercial winery was established in 1968 using grapes from California, up to 90 percent of wines made here today are made from Colorado grapes. "We actually have more wineries up and down the Front Range than on the Western Slope, though most of the grapes are grown there," said Doug Caskey, executive director of the Colorado Wine Industry Development Board.

The event has many styles of wine: sparkling, dry and sweet whites and reds, plus a mead. VIP ticket holders enter early and taste "library wines" of award winners from past years. [coloradowine.com](http://coloradowine.com)



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**THE ART**

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 **WHERE TO GO**  
**KIRKLAND MUSEUM**

A not-so-hidden gem thanks to its recent relocation to Denver's Golden Triangle neighborhood, Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art holds more than 30,000 objects that help tell the story of art and design. Current exhibition Frank Lloyd Wright Inside the Walls uses items from Wright's projects to showcase his range across arts and crafts, art deco and modern styles. 1201 Bannock St. (303) 832-8576.

## DECEMBER

A Fairy Tale Christmas Carol

**Dec. 2-18 • Telluride**

Steel City Theatre Co. puts on this charming musical inspired by Charles Dickens' holiday classic. The miserly Ebenezer Scrooge learns valuable life lessons from a cast of characters borrowed from fairytales and other beloved children's stories, such as the Big Bad Wolf, Cinderella and the Queen of Hearts. (719) 994-8298.

Telluride Fire Festival

**Dec. 2-4 • Telluride**

Art cars, sculptures that breathe flames, fire eaters, welding workshops, twirling dancers – all are on display at this three-day festival celebrating all things fire. Managed by the nonprofit Rocky Mountain Arts, funds from the festival support sculptural and performing arts all year long. (970) 708-1059.

Ullr Fest

**Dec. 8-11 • Breckenridge**

Need an excuse to don a Viking helmet and pray to the Norse god of snow for a wet winter and good ski season? The 59th annual Ullr Fest is a reason to parade – and to party, given the annual attempts to break the unofficial world record for the longest Shotski. (970) 453-2913.

Amahl and the Night Visitors

**Dec. 11, 13-14, 16-18**

**Colorado Springs, Boulder, Denver**

This family-friendly opera tells the story of shepherd boy Amahl, whose stories are always larger than life. Imagine his surprise when three travelers seek rest with Amahl and his mother in their tiny home and tell the tale of a miraculous child they are journeying to find. (303) 292-6700.



Bring your family to the tree lighting at 6:30

# Share holiday spirit IN WHEAT RIDGE

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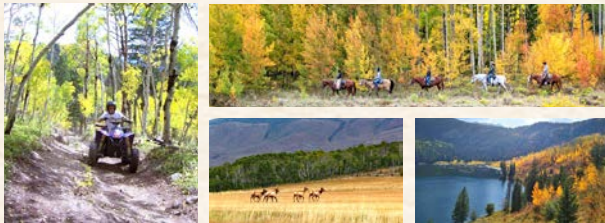


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