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Annual Tomball Holiday Parade

November 17, 2018 10AM-1PM

Kick off the Christmas season at the Depot Plaza Christmas Tree Lighting in downtown Tomball. From caroling and a giant sing-along of Christmas favorites, to free holiday snacks, a meet-and-greet with Santa himself, and more, this event is a holiday hit for the whole family.

**FOLLOWING THE PARADE...
MISS TOMBALL PAGEANT
7PM – 10PM**

Following the Tomball Holiday Parade, young ladies from area high schools will compete for to be our 2019 Miss Tomball. This year marks the 53rd Annual Miss Tomball Pageant. This is a can't miss Tomball tradition.

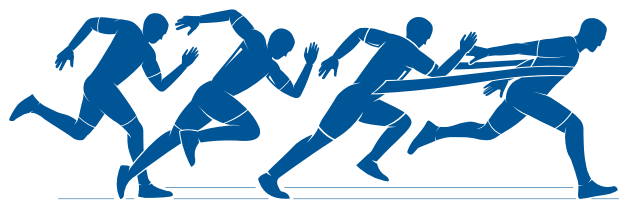


Christmas Tree Lighting

November 16, 2018 6PM – 8PM

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Kick-off the Holiday season at the lighting of the Tomball Christmas Tree at Depot Plaza in downtown Tomball. Free admission and parking.



Northwest Flyers Kids Track Club Holds Registration for 32nd Season

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will celebrate its 32nd Anniversary Season by hosting its annual free Registration/Orientation Breakfast on Saturday, February 2nd, 2019, for all boys and girls who are interested in joining for the 2019 track season. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum located at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

The event is an opportunity for youth athletes to register for the 2019 spring/summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches, staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic organization (USATF). All athletes and parents who wish to join the Northwest Flyers must attend the orientation before registering.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6 -18) track club, affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and sanctioned "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org>, contact Linette Roach at linette.roach@sbcglobal.net, or "Like" the club on Facebook.

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Thanksgiving Trivia!

Did you know.....

- Americans eat approximately 46 million turkeys each Thanksgiving.
- The heaviest turkey on record, according to the Guinness Book of Records, weighs 86 pounds.
- The average turkey served for Thanksgiving weighs 16 pounds.
- Campbell's Soup created green bean casserole for an annual cookbook over 50 years ago. Now, Campbell's sells about \$20 million worth of cream of mushroom soup, most likely purchased by folks making what has become a thanksgiving tradition- green bean casserole.
- Historians say turkey was not served at the first Thanksgiving dinner, a three-day meal shared between the pilgrims and Wampanoag tribe in 1621. Instead, venison and seafood are most likely what was eaten.
- The first Thanksgiving dinner was eaten with spoons and knives — but no forks! Forks weren't a popular utensil until the 18th century.
- President Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863, to be celebrated each year on the last Thursday of November.
- Benjamin Franklin said in a letter to his daughter in 1784 that he believed a turkey would be “a much more respectable Bird” for the young United States than the bald eagle. He said the turkey is “a true original native of America” and “a bird of courage.” Franklin's take on the national bird was not popular enough to displace the bald eagle.
- In 1953, Swanson had so much extra turkey (260 tons) that a salesman told them they should package it onto aluminum trays with other sides like sweet potatoes — and thus the first TV dinner was born.
- Each year, the president of the United States pardons a turkey and spares it from being eaten for Thanksgiving dinner. The first turkey pardon ceremony started with President Truman in 1947.
- The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924 with 400 employees marching from Convent Ave to 145th street in New York City. During this time the parade was accompanied not with oversized balloons of our favorite cartoon characters, but with live animals borrowed from the Central Park Zoo.

Tabletop Turkey Craft From the editors of Parenting.com



1. Paint a paper cup brown. Turn the cup upside down and glue a pom-pom to the top of the cup for the head.
2. Cut nine 4-inch leaf shapes from different colors of construction paper. Fold a 1-inch-square piece of orange construction paper in half; cut a triangle shape out of the folded paper for the beak. Using a 2-inch square of red paper folded in half, cut a heart shape to create the turkey's wattle.
3. Glue the beak and wattle to the pom-pom. Add googly eyes. Glue on the “feathers.”

Needed:

- 1" Pom Poms
- 9" x 12" Construction Paper, Assorted Colors
- Assorted Wiggle Eyes

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5 Ways to Honor Your Local Veterans on Veterans Day



While most of us are quick to post on social media, fly an American flag, or offer a quick handshake to a local servicemember on Veterans Day, many are unsure how to show our full appreciation for their service and sacrifice.

Below are five ways to truly honor veterans this Veterans Day:

1. Volunteer Your Time

There are hundreds of volunteer organizations that work both directly and indirectly with veterans. Turn your appreciation into action by offering your time and energy to any one of these noble causes. Contact your local VFW or American Legion to see what upcoming events may be in need of volunteers. Offer assistance to a local elderly or disabled vet, or volunteer a few hours to a local veteran-owned business. Whatever your skill, put it to use in your community by helping out the veterans closest to you. Visit texvet.com/volunteer to search for opportunities available in your area.

2. Donate Your Dollars

If you're short on time, making a monetary donation is another great way to show support. There are many organizations that offer various forms of aid and assistance to our country's servicemen and women. For instance, Homes for Our Troops builds specially-equipped homes for injured servicemembers. Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offers financial assistance and scholarships. The Gary Sinise Foundation creates and supports unique programs specifically for veterans. There are countless organizations dedicated to improving the lives of American veterans, and they can only continue to do so with the financial support of grateful citizens like you.

3. Take Time to Listen

Taking time to have a real conversation with your neighbor seems to be a lost art in today's virtual world! Veterans have a wealth of knowledge and interesting stories to share for those willing to listen. Of course, not every veteran will be willing to share the details of his or her time in the service, but many enjoy reminiscing and sharing their unique perspective. Rather than simply thanking them for serving their country, take a moment to open up a meaningful dialogue about their military service and how it has shaped their views on life and liberty.

4. Stay Informed

How much do you really know about how our country's military works? What is the status of current legislation regarding today's active-duty troops and veterans? Which political leaders have a military background? Many people have little more than basic knowledge of America's armed forces. One of the best ways to show your appreciation is to take the time to understand exactly what role the military plays in today's world. Arm yourself with knowledge by reading (and verifying) information about the military's mission and its history, and always exercise your rights by voting for people and policies that support veterans.

5. Pay it Forward

The service of veterans is the cornerstone on which American freedom stands. It is important to appreciate both the rights and responsibilities of being an American and to work together to ensure that veterans' sacrifices are not in vain. Honor a veteran this Veterans Day by being a good citizen, a good neighbor, and a good friend. Even the smallest good deed can go a long way towards making America a better place for everyone.



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Nov 3 ♦ The 45th Annual British Festival, Sugar Land.....dbetexas.org
Nov 8 - 11 ♦ International Quilt FestivalQuilts.com
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Nov 8 -12 ♦ Annual Houston Cinema Arts FestivalCinemartSociety.org
Nov 7 - 11 ♦ Disney on Ice: Frozen.....DisneyOnIce.com/ticket-info/Frozen
Nov 16 - 18 ♦ Holiday Christmas Gift Market, Katy.....HomeForTheHolidaysGiftMarket.com
Nov 17 ♦ Astroworld Festival, NRG Park.....AstroworldFest.com
Nov 17 - 18 ♦ Via Colori Street FestivalCenterHearingAndSpeech.org
Nov 17 - Jan 6 ♦ Festival of Lights, Moody Gardens, GalvestonMoodyGardens.com
Nov 17 - Jan 13 ♦ Houston 'Zoo Lights'ZooLights.HoustonZoo.org/
Nov 22 ♦ 69th HEB Thanksgiving Day ParadeHoustonTX.gov/ThanksgivingParade
Nov 23 - Dec 29 ♦ Houston Ballet - The Nutcracker.....HoustonBallet.org
Nov 30 ♦ 99th Mayor's Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting ...HoustonTX.gov/MayorsHoliday/
Nov 30 ♦ Sugar Land Christmas Tree Lighting ..SugarLandTX.gov/918/Christmas-Tree-Lighting
Nov 30-Dec 2 ♦ 45th Dickens on the Strand...GalvestonHistory.org/Events/Dickens-on-the-strand
Dec 8 ♦ Lights in the HeightsWoodland-Heights.org/LITH/
Dec 9 ♦ 4th Annual Telemundo Houston Toy DriveTradersVillage.com
Dec 21 ♦ Trans-Siberian Orchestra: The Ghosts of Christmas Eve.....Trans-Siberian.com

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10 Ways to Give Thanks This Thanksgiving

The spirit of Thanksgiving is all about showing gratitude for your good fortune and giving to those who are less fortunate. Express your thanks this holiday season by involving the whole family in volunteering, donating, and spreading kindness. Try these great ideas to teach your children graciousness and goodwill. And don't forget -- you can use these ideas all year round!

From familyeducation.com

1. Express thanks in your decorations and traditions.

Decorate your home with words of thanks. For your holiday feast, create a thankful Thanksgiving tablecloth, use Thanksgiving napkins and place cards, or craft cute turkey place cards with your kids. During the meal, ask everyone at the table to voice a few things they are thankful for this year.

2. Donate to a favorite charity, such as the Salvation Army or Goodwill.

Some items in your home may no longer be of use to you, but they could be extremely valuable to others. Gather up gently used toys, clothes, home furnishings, or other items in your home and deliver them to the Salvation Army, Goodwill, or another charitable organization. You could also give a monetary donation — even small amounts are welcomed. Include a little note on a piece of paper or on the check about why you've chosen the charity and why you support the cause.

3. Visit a hospital.

The hospital can be a very lonely place for patients, especially during the holidays. Spend some of your time this holiday season with those who aren't able to be at home. You might visit the children's hospital and hand out stuffed animals or treats to children who need the extra cheer. Ask your kids to pick out a gift they think a kid like them would love.

4. Send a care package to soldiers overseas.

A holiday care package can be a great pick-me-up for soldiers who are far from home during the holidays. Gather up everyday necessities like soap, razors, toothbrushes, and travel-sized toiletries. Don't forget to include some goodies to keep their bellies full, like cookies, Rice Krispies® Treats, canned foods, and gum. Games, like small sudoku or crossword puzzle books, will help them stay busy during their free time.

5. Volunteer at an animal shelter.

It's important to keep family and friends in mind during the holidays, but don't forget the animals! Hundreds of homeless animals need your time, love, and hugs. Take your son or daughter to an animal shelter to volunteer for a day, or sign up to volunteer once a week to spread the love throughout the year. And if your family is ready for a pet, adopt one of your own!

6. Provide Thanksgiving dinner for a family in need.

You can make this holiday season one to remember for a hungry family. Offer a complete Thanksgiving dinner through your church or an outreach organization in your community. Ask your children to help you with the shopping list.

7. Donate money or volunteer at a women's shelter or an orphanage.

Give a Thanksgiving gift to one or more of the shelters or homes in your community. Your gift can be anything from a turkey to a homemade decoration or a toy. For an extra-special gift, take time out of your busy holiday schedule and help out by serving food at a homeless shelter. You undoubtedly will brighten many spirits, including your own.

8. Volunteer at a senior center or a veteran's home.

"Back in my day..." Have you ever noticed how the elderly love to talk about when they were young? This Thanksgiving, volunteer to chat, listen, or play a simple game with those of a different generation. They will surely appreciate spending time with youngsters, and you just might learn a thing or two. Visiting a veteran's home is also a great way to honor America's veterans, and this is the perfect time to do it — November 11 is Veteran's Day!

9. Sponsor a child in an impoverished country.

Spread Thanksgiving kindness across the globe by sponsoring a child in another country this year. You can keep track of how your contribution is helping the child, and it can be an opportunity for your own children to learn about other places in the world.

10. Invite extra guests to join your family for dinner.

The holidays are a time for giving and togetherness. If you know someone who will be alone for the holidays, make them feel loved by inviting them to your family's holiday dinner this year. The more, the merrier!

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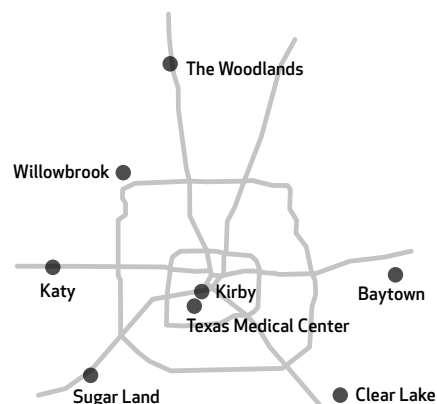
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3 Ways To Better Manage the Time You Spend on Social Media



In recent years, the use of social media platforms around the world has skyrocketed. With the click of a button or the swipe of a screen, you can be connected to friends and family across the world. Technological advances in the last decade have enabled us to keep abreast of current events, celebrity lifestyles, and just about any other subject you can imagine, all with the use of one little device.

However, as amazing as this technology is, it has the potential to distract us from accomplishing our goals. In fact, during a study conducted by Dscout, individuals touched their phones an average of 2,617 times per day. All these touches culminated into an average time of just over two hours spent on a smartphone for the typical user.

If you are one of those who finds yourself constantly fighting the urge to check your phone or update social media, do not worry. There are a number of ways to increase your productivity and manage the time you spend plugged-into your favorite apps. Here, we have listed three tools that will have you setting aside time for the important things sooner rather than later.

1. The BreakFree App

A great way to see if you are spending too much time on your phone is by tracking your app usage. The BreakFree app, created for both Apple and Android operating systems, is a great way to accomplish this. According to Inc.com, this app not only tells you everytime you unlock your phone, it breaks down the entirety of your screen interaction each day. Additionally, the app sums it all up neatly in an overall “addiction score” so that you can keep track of your improvement.

2. The RescueTime app

According to RescueTime’s website, this app has a variety of features that can help you track and manage your social media habits. A blocking aspect denies access to any website you select and an overall productivity score lets you know if your newfound time management skills are paying off.

The lite version of this handy tool is completely free and allows you to track the time you spend on the worldwide web. However, RescueTime’s blocking feature only comes in its premium version which can be purchased for \$9 per month. This app is available for computers and mobile devices

3. The Moment App

To conclude this list of helpful tools, the Moment app includes many of the same features previously mentioned in descriptions for other apps. However, Moment does have a sub-entity labeled Moment Family, which enables you to control the browsing and usage habits of your entire family depending on what in-app purchases you decide to make. Its description notes this app is great for accountability purposes, as family members can track other’s goals and usage amounts.

Currently, Moment and Moment Family are only available for iPhones. However, you can sign-up to receive notifications when it is available for Androids as well.

In many ways, technology has made our lives much easier, but it is important to recognize the possible dangers of spending too much time glued to a screen. Hopefully, these three tools will help you increase your productivity and will free up time for you to do things you truly enjoy!

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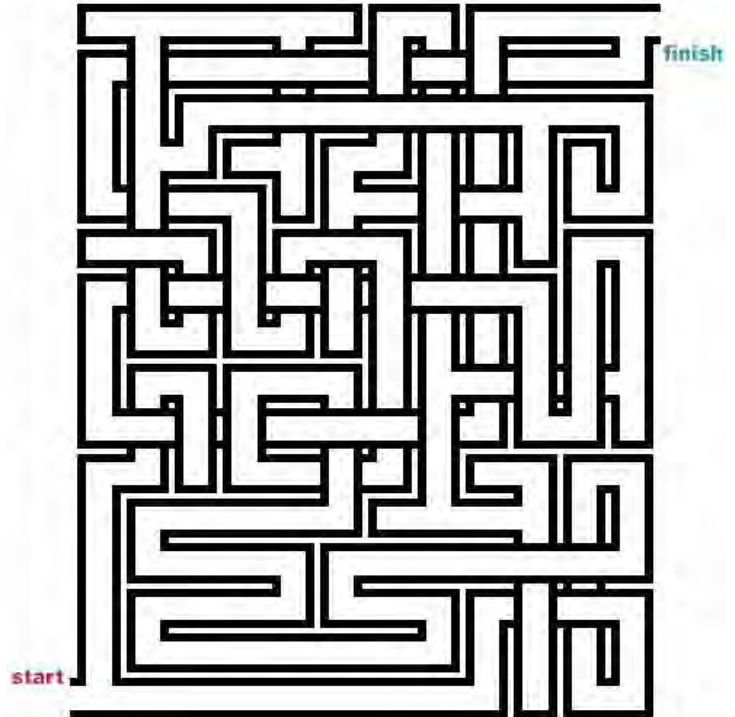
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