

Social Story

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Mayor's Children's Christmas Party at Bella Vista Farm

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Event Accessibility

There will be a Christmas party sensory session. This will be held at 9am - 10am on **Saturday, 2nd December 2023**.

This is for children who may become overwhelmed in environments with lots of people, sounds, sights and smells. This may include children with autism spectrum disorder, sensory processing disorder or intellectual disabilities.

At the sensory session there will be:

- no music
- no flashing Christmas lights
- a smaller crowd
- a quiet space within the "Fit for Kidz Foundation" tent. There will be bean bags, sensory toys and headphones inside the tent.



Families attending the sensory session are welcome to stay for 10am general session. Please note lights and music will be turned on for the 10am session.





I am going to the Mayor's Children's Christmas Party at Bella Vista Farm.

It is on Saturday, December 2nd.

This free event is for families with young children who live within the Hills Shire to come together to celebrate Christmas.



I will need to wear comfortable shoes because there is grass and gravel pathways at the farm.

I might like to bring a water bottle, hat, sunscreen, water, a picnic blanket and headphones.

It is important to remember to bring my ticket.



When I arrive at Bella Vista Farm, I will see a white information tent at the entry gate.



I will see staff wearing blue t-shirts.

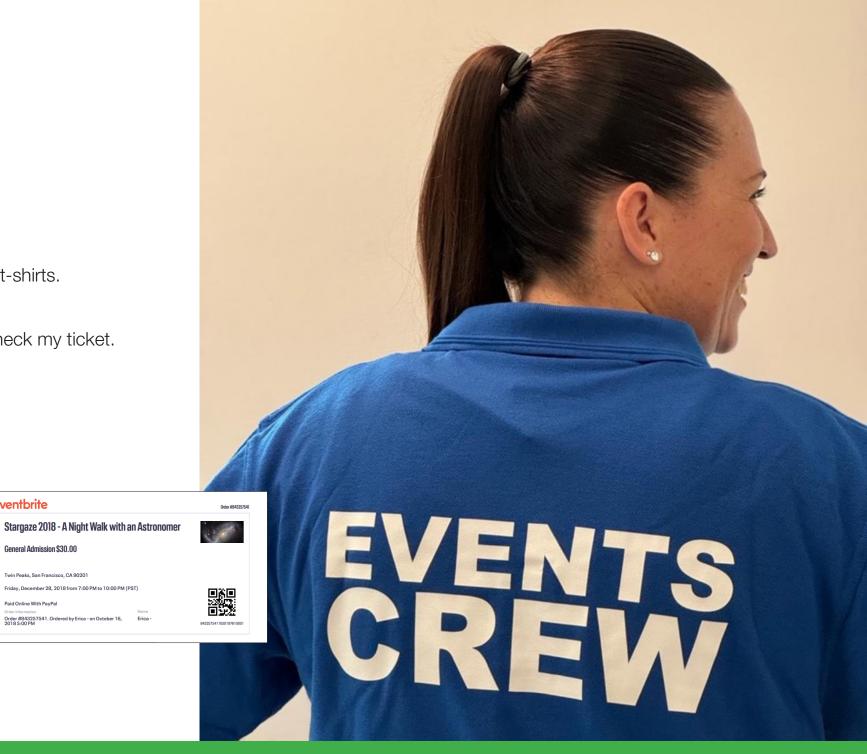
A staff member will scan/check my ticket.

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General Admission \$30.00

Twin Peaks, San Francisco, CA 90201

Friday, December 28, 2018 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM (PST)



There will be toilets, including an accessible toilet.

My trusted person can show me where the toilets are.



There will be lots of fun activities at the party including:

- appearances from Santa Claus, the Gingerbread Man and Christmas Bear
- cookie decorating
- face painting
- craft activities
- a Christmas photo booth.



There will be amusement rides.

There will be food and drink, including a sausage sizzle, ice cream, fairy floss, snow cones and hot drinks.

I will try to wait patiently in line for my turn for the amusement rides and food and drink stalls.

Waiting my turn is the fair thing to do.



The party might feel busy and noisy.

There will be lots of people and lots of different sounds including:

- music
- amusement rides
- people talking, laughing and having fun
- birds.

Some of these sounds might happen at the same time.



I might smell the sausage sizzle cooking.

I might see flashing Christmas lights.

I might see spinning rides.



I can wear my headphones or ear buds to help with the noise.

I can wear sunglasses.

I can go to the Homestead building in the centre of the farm for some quiet time





I can relax in the Fit Kidz Foundation tent.

This is a quiet space with bean bags, headphones and fidget toys.



The Mayor's Children's
Christmas party at Bella
Vista Farm will be lots of fun!





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