



# 101 Fun Things to Do in Cy-Fair This Winter

From story time and pizza parties to neighborhood Bunco night and boot camp workouts, you'll find the perfect way to enjoy winter fun in Cy-Fair

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Winter in Cy-Fair may not always mean freezing temperatures, but that doesn't mean we can't get the winter blues now and again. Bring some cheer and fun to your winter with our list of 101 fun things to do in the Cy-Fair area. With everything from finding creative ways to spend time together as a family to giving back to the community, you'll find the perfect way to stay busy this season. So get out a pen and start checking off your list!



- 1 Learn how to knit and make scarves for your friends.
- 2 Perfect your hot chocolate-making skills by branching out and creating your own mix.
- 3 Bake cookies and deliver them to an elderly neighbor to warm up their day.
- 4 Have family movie night at home with pillows, blankets, pajamas, and lots of popcorn.
- 5 Once the temperature drops below 60, bundle up and take a walk through your neighborhood.
- 6 Make your own snowflakes using paper and scissors, and then decorate the house. Add glitter for extra sparkle!
- 7 Host a cookie exchange party - guests bring their specialty and everyone trades!
- 8 Cook a hearty, homemade soup for dinner using whatever's in the fridge.
- 9 Spend the afternoon ice skating at a local rink.
- 10 Attend a Houston Aeros game and learn all the basics of ice hockey.
- 11 Round up all your old books, sell them to Half Price Books, and then browse for new treasures.
- 12 Relax while reading *Cy-Fair Magazine* and enjoy a latte at your favorite coffee shop.
- 13 Take your Cy-furry friend to Bill Archer Dog Park for an afternoon of fun.
- 14 Stay indoors and enjoy story time, craft hours, book clubs, and more at your local library.
- 15 Make birdfeeders with pinecones, peanut butter, and bird seed and hang them in the backyard.
- 16 Spend an afternoon exploring the Kleb Woods Nature Preserve.
- 17 Volunteer at your favorite Cy-Fair area nonprofit for a day and make our community a better place.
- 18 Hold a family Wii tournament and give away fun prizes and awards.
- 19 Arrange for the kids to tour your neighborhood's fire station and learn about fire safety.
- 20 Warm up your soul with a yoga class at SunTouch Yoga.
- 21 Visit Noah's Ark and adopt a new family pet.
- 22 Start the new year right by signing up for a session with Houston Adventure Boot Camp.
- 23 Sample every dessert in our winter dining guide and let us know your favorites on Facebook. See page 54.
- 24 Crank up the heater, put on your bathing suits, and have an indoor family luau, while pretending it's summer.



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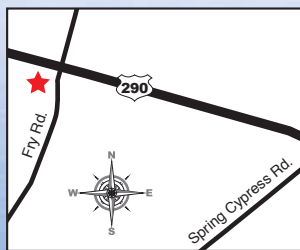
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- 25** Wear a tacky holiday sweater, just for fun.
- Shop for unique holiday gifts at the Cy-Fair High School FFA craft show Dec. 3 and 4 at the Cy-Fair ISD Exhibit Center.
- 26** Pick a sunny day to learn how to play disc golf at Bridgeland's 18-hole course.
- 27** Take the family to Holiday on the Lake at Lone Star College-CyFair on Nov. 28 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.
- 28** Take the kids shopping for toys to donate to an area Toys for Tots drive during the holiday season.
- 29** Create a family tree with your kids. Interview grandparents, hear stories from the past, and learn about who you are.
- 30** Stay warm inside by creating a family blog to share all your activities with relatives and friends.
- 31** Take your pet to Barks 5th Avenue for an afternoon of grooming and pampering.
- 32** Redecorate your Cy-Fair cutie's room. Let them help pick out colors, themes, and accessories.
- 33** Make your own wrapping paper for upcoming birthdays by decorating large sheets of white paper.
- 34** Build a fort in the living room and spend the day camping out indoors.
- 35** If you get really adventurous, brave the cold and camp out in your own backyard!
- Enjoy a theatrical performance of the Christmas classic *It's a Wonderful Life* at the Texas Repertory Theatre Nov. 17 to Dec. 23.
- 37** Shop for new, cozy winter items to add to your wardrobe at Styles for Less.
- 38** Share your talents by volunteering at Reach Unlimited for an afternoon.
- 39** Shop for non-perishable food items and donate them to Cypress Assistance Ministries' food pantry.
- 40** Take a gymnastics class at The Little Gym.
- 41** Keep your summer glow during the cold winter months with a home visit from Envious Mobile Tanning.
- 42** Send the kids to grandma's and enjoy a quiet, cozy date night at Merche Restaurant.
- 43** Learn some hot new dance moves with a class at Arthur Murray Dance Studio.
- 44** Pick up cupcakes at Sugar Blossom Treats and have a family taste test to decide which flavor is your favorite.
- 45** Build a gingerbread house.
- 46** Baby, it's cold outside! Light up the fireplace and roast marshmallows indoors.
- 47**

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- 48 Take the family to “brinner” at IHOP (brinner = breakfast food at dinner time).
- 49 Support the Layla Grace Children’s Cancer Research Foundation at the Layla Grace 5K on Dec. 3.
- 50 Find decorating ideas and tips by visiting the model homes at Bridgeland, Cypress Creek Lakes, Fairfield, or Towne Lake.
- 51 Start or join a winter book club with your friends and neighbors.
- 52 Enjoy a twilight drive down a quiet country road in Cypress.
- 53 On a day with mild temperatures, get a blanket, pack a picnic, and enjoy the weather at your neighborhood park.
- 54 Cut down your own Christmas tree at Old Time Christmas Tree Farm in Spring.
- 55 Have a pizza party! Get mini pizza crusts and lots of toppings and let everyone make their own pie.
- 56 Plan a potluck dinner with all of your neighbors.
- 57 Fly away with someone special on a hot air balloon ride at Air Texas Balloon Adventures in Tomball.
- 58 Enjoy working up a sweat indoors at K2 Academy’s weekly open gym time.
- 59 Drop by the Cypress Historical Society for a walk through local history every Tuesday.
- 60 Buy a box of Girl Scout cookies starting Jan. 7 and ask the troop to donate it to a soldier’s care package.
- 61 Attend the Cy-Fair Holiday and Health Festival on Dec. 3 and find the perfect holiday gift for your best friend.
- 62 Spice up a cold afternoon by holding a chili cook-off with your friends.
- 63 Take a break after the holidays and relax with a spa treatment at Custom Facials by Anna.
- 64 Make your own marshmallows for a cup of toasty hot chocolate.
- 65 Make the short drive to Santa’s Wonderland near College Station and enjoy a spectacular holiday light display.
- 66 Ask each family member to make one New Year’s resolution, and help each other stick to it through the start of 2012.
- 67 Spend an afternoon swimming indoors at the Langham Creek or Cypress Creek YMCA.
- 68 Sign up for spring sports with the Cy-Fair Sports Association.
- 69 Have a grown-up cutie who attends Texas A&M? Join the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom’s Club!
- 70 Take a drive into Houston and spend the day exploring and learning in the Museum District.
- 71 Stay in your pajamas and spend the entire day inside reading, watching movies, and spending family time together.
- 72 Let your furry family member make some new friends in doggie daycare at Lakeside Doggie Lounge.
- 73 Enjoy an adventure, while horseback riding at Cypress Trails or one of Cy-Fair’s many riding facilities.
- 74 Sign up for upcoming mission trips at your church.
- 75 Shop ‘til you drop and save a bundle at Houston Premium Outlets.
- 76 Enjoy a brisk afternoon of golf at Houston National Golf Club.
- 77 Be amazed by Cirque du Soleil’s *Dralion* at the Berry Center Nov. 17 to 20.



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- 78** Plan a New Year's Eve block party for your street and celebrate the start of 2012 with your neighbors.
- 79** Host a New Year's Day party and serve up good luck with lots of black-eyed peas.
- 80** Cheer your favorite NFL team on to the Super Bowl. Invite friends and family over to watch the game on Feb. 5.
- 81** Go bowling at AMF Willow Lanes.
- 82** Catch a concert or kids' performance at Cypress Creek FACE.
- 83** Enjoy dinner with your movie at Studio Movie Grill.
- 84** Invite your girlfriends over for Bunco night.
- 85** Buy tickets for your local high school's next theater performance and be amazed at the talent in Cy-Fair ISD!
- 86** Commit a random act of kindness by paying for the car behind you at a drive-thru window.
- 87** Wake up bright and early on Black Friday and take advantage of great sales, while getting all of your Christmas shopping done!
- 88** Get your photo taken with Santa at Willowbrook Mall.
- 89** Let kids' creativity flow with an art class at The Artist Within.
- 90** Cook up fried peanut butter and banana sandwiches for dinner in honor of Elvis Presley's 77th birthday on Jan. 8.
- 91** Watch scary movies as a family on Friday, Jan. 13.
- 92** Make homemade Valentine's to send to your sweethearts on Feb. 14.
- 93** Audition for a part in one of Houston Family Arts Center's spring performances.
- 94** Give your kids \$5 each, take them to Traders Village, and see who can find the best bargains.
- 95** Visit Boys and Girls Country's monthly Saturday tours and learn how you can support their mission.
- 96** Attend one of North Cypress Medical Center's free patient seminars and ask a doctor your questions about that month's topic.
- 97** Check out Rosehill, Cypress' homegrown band, live. Visit [rosehill-live.com](http://rosehill-live.com) for concert dates and see our story on page 44.
- 98** Take a trip to the Houston Zoo and watch Cy-Fair's own Josh Young in action as the zoo's carnivore keeper. See our story on page 78.
- 99** Get a jump start on planning your family's summer vacation.
- 100** Instead of lemonade, help your kids set up a hot chocolate stand in the front yard. Offer coffee and hot tea as menu specials.
- 101** Wish for snow!

