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## **BLUE CROSS RIVERRINK WINTERFEST PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE**

Experience the festivities of the winter season at Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest. From November 24th through March 4th, this winter wonderland is programmed with a variety of activities, events, and concerts. Stay tuned for information about even more events to come.

### **OPENING WEEKEND**

Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest opens on Friday, November 24th as a great alternative to Black Friday shopping, or as a way to burn off those Turkey day calories. Activities throughout the weekend include LEGO building with ColonialLUG, claymation with The Clay Studio, face painting and circus arts. Popping up for the week will be a very special life-sized snow globe for the perfect photo op.

**November 24th-26th (Friday and Saturday: 11AM - 1AM; Sunday: 11AM - 11PM)**

### **HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING POWERED BY PECO**

Celebrate the First Friday in December and usher in the holiday season with a full night of performers, singers, dancers, and ice skaters, with a grand tree lighting finale capped off by landside fireworks thanks to PECO's sponsorship. Complete details including the list of performers TBA.

**December 1st, 6-9PM**

### **SKATE WITH SANTA**

Lace up those skates and get that family portrait on ice with Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest's Skating Santa. For a special photo on stable ground, sit atop the giant #visitphilly chair for a photo that can feature the entire family.

**Saturdays and Sundays in December (through December 17th) 1-5PM**

### **TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS MOVIES**

Bring family and friends out to Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest for 12 movie nights leading up to Christmas Eve. Enjoy holiday favorites such as A Charlie Brown Christmas, Elf, National

Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, and more. All movies will be shown in the Lodge, with plenty of comfy seating and great food and drinks.

**December 14th-25th, 8PM**

### **STORYTIME AT THE LODGE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA**

New this year is a storytime series taking place every Saturday starting December 2. The series features local Philly authors, performers, personalities, and more reading both classic and new books chosen by the Free Library of Philadelphia. Light snacks and hot chocolate will be provided for the kids.

**Saturdays (starting December 2nd), 11:30AM - 12:30PM**

### **EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS**

With extended hours during the holidays, Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest is the perfect spot when the kids are out of school and the family is in town. Bring the entire crew to the rink for ice skating, fireside hangouts, arcade games, food and drinks (for both kids and adults).

**December 23rd – January 1st, 11AM – 1AM. Exceptions: Christmas Eve (11AM - 8:30PM), Christmas Day (1PM - 8:30PM)**

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTIES ON ICE**

Secure your spot for the best view of the SugarHouse New Year's Eve Fireworks on the Waterfront. Each party features food, drinks, music, entertainment, ice skating (of course), and a show-stopping fireworks spectacular. [Tickets are limited and sold in advance.](#)

**December 31st, 5-8PM and 10PM-1AM**

### **SUGARHOUSE NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS ON THE WATERFRONT**

As the grand finale of Philadelphia's holiday celebrations, celebrate the biggest night of the year with fireworks! SugarHouse Casino is once again making the city's NYE celebration possible by sponsoring the SugarHouse New Year's Eve Fireworks on the Waterfront with two shows, at 6PM and Midnight.

**December 31st, 6PM and Midnight**

### **FIRESIDE SESSIONS**

Fireside Sessions return to Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest, this time as an acoustic series by the fire pits. On select Thursday nights in January and February, enjoy an al fresco, free, live music concert by some of Philly's popular local bands. Full lineup TBA.

**January 11th and 25th, February 8th and 22nd, 8-10PM**

### **SNOWIE BOWIE**

Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest celebrates Philadelphia Loves Bowie Week with its own special take -- Snowie Bowie! The day starts with family activities like Bowie face painting and a screening of Labyrinth in The Lodge, and continues through the night with Bowie ice skating, concert footage, and themed cocktails.

**January 13th**

## **WINTERFEST BREWFEST**

Sample fantastic regional beers in the Lodge, meet the brewers, win contests, and listen to great music. All sampled beers will be for sale on-site, so grab a full pint, and head out to the fire pits for a perfect winter weekend.

**January 20th and 21st, Times TBA**

## **SWEETS AND STOUTS**

Looking to celebrate Valentine's Day early? Come out to sample some of the region's best stouts paired with chocolates provided by our on-site restaurateurs. Open to the public with alcohol samples available for those over 21.

**February 10th, Time TBA**

## **SWEETHEART SKATE**

Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest has romance tied neatly in one place. Sweetheart Skate features romantic lighting, flowers, chocolates, ice skating, and a DJ playing requested love songs (especially for those couple getting engaged that night!). Special ticketed event.

**February 14th, 7-8:30PM and 9-10:30PM**

## **Additional Information**

More information about programming, food and beverage options, and season details can be found in our [press room](#). Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest high resolution photos can be downloaded via [our website](#) (password is aidemdrwc).

## **Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest Partners**

Winter Programming is made possible by [Independence Blue Cross](#), [Beneficial](#), [Visit Philadelphia](#), [NBC10](#) and [Telemundo62](#), [Liberty Coca-Cola Beverages LLC](#), [PECO](#), and [Philadelphia Magazine](#)

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## **About the Delaware River Waterfront Corp**

DRWC is a 501(c)(3) created in January 2009, exclusively for the benefit of the City of Philadelphia and its citizens. The fundamental purpose of DRWC is to design, develop, program and maintain public amenities such as permanent and seasonal parks, trails, and streetscape

improvements to transform the waterfront into a vibrant destination for recreational, cultural, and commercial activities for the residents and visitors of Philadelphia as is consistent with the goals of the Master Plan for the Central Delaware. Daily programming throughout the entire year is changing the way Philadelphians see and converse about the waterfront, and is helping to create spaces and communities that connect residents and visitors to the waterfront.

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