



## Winter Break 2018: Winterlights

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Winter break typically marks the halfway point of the school year. It is a time for students to relax and spend time with family. If your children do not have activities to engage them, they

might get a bit of cabin fever. I plan to highlight options for your family to enjoy during winter break 2018. The first option, I highly recommend is Winterlights at Newfields.

If you followed my winter break series back in 2017, you know Winterlights was on my list. Last year was the inaugural year of Winterlights at Newfields. Previously, when Newsfields was simply known as the Indianapolis Museum of Art, they had a one-day winter solstice event instead. I must say Winterlights is better. If you went last year, you should return this year because Newfields made some changes. Check out the information below!

## **When**

Winterlights takes place at Newsfields located at 4000 Michigan Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46208. The event runs from November 18-January 6 from 5 – 9 p.m.

## **Tickets**

Online, ticket prices for children 6-17 are \$12 and adults are \$20. Children five and under are free. If you are members of Newsfields, like we are, ticket prices online are \$8 for children 6-17 and \$15 for adults. Whether or not you are a member, you should purchase your tickets online. Tickets cost \$5.00 more at the door.

Tickets are timed entry. You can purchase tickets for entry at each half hour. Although the event runs until 9 p.m., the last timed entry ticket you can purchase is at 8 p.m. Also important to note is Winterlights is open on Thanksgiving Day, Black Friday, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

## **Buy the holographic glasses**

The holographic glasses is a new feature this year. These glasses allow you to see multi-dimensional snowflakes as you stroll through Winterlights. This was my twin sons' favorite part. An extra bonus is the glasses come with two vouchers. One voucher allows you to receive a free drink. The other voucher is good for one free admission to Newfields with a purchase of an admission from January 7-February 14, 2019.



### **Forget the food trucks; eat at Wintermarket**

This year, the food trucks are gone. They have been replaced with Wintermarket. There are various vendors, such as Smoking Goose and Circle City Soups, selling yummy bites to eat. During my visit, I ate some French macarons, had sliced meat and cheese, and some spiked cider.

### **Visit the Lilly House**

The Lilly House has a new decor theme this year. My sons loved the tree with the paper chains. The Lilly House is also a great place to warm up if you get a bit chilly walking around outside.





### **Make some s'mores**

For \$5.00, you can purchase a kit to make s'mores. The s'mores were a tasty treat, and it also provided an opportunity to warm up around the fire.

### **Take photos**

There are so many great places to take photos throughout Winterlights. A popular spot is underneath the Kissing Arbor.

### **Enjoy the lights!**

In front of the Lilly House is a beautiful light show timed to music. A new feature this year is an Ice Storm Tunnel. There are even sound effects to make you feel like you are in a tunnel.

Hopefully, your family will consider this option. I went last week during the member preview and I am going back again in a couple of weeks.

