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New York Weekend Picks

- [First Night of Hanukkah](#) -- Celebrate the first night of Hanukkah on Friday by attending [the lighting of the world's largest menorah](#) or joining 20-something and 30-something New Yorkers for a [festive First Night celebration](#) with champagne, chocolate, live performances, and more.
- [Kids' Holiday Fest At The World Financial Center](#)-- Celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa at this free all-day family event on Saturday at the World Financial Center. Spend the afternoon making holiday crafts and hang out with a snow fairy, a reindeer, and a snowman. Kids can even get their photos taken with Santa and his elves.
- [New York Pops Holiday Concert](#) -- On Saturday night, join The New York Pops for their annual holiday concert at Carnegie Hall. Conductor Alastair Willis, soprano Christiane Noll, and the Young People's Chorus of New York City will present a full program of classic holiday tunes. Tickets range in price from \$27 to \$98 and [can be purchased online](#).
- [Unsilent Night 2006](#) -- Nostalgic for the days of boom boxes in the streets? Ditch your iPod and join this Saturday evening holiday boom box parade, a tradition since 1992. Composer Phil Kline will lead a musical parade through the East Village and even supply tapes to those who arrive early. Meet in Washington Square Park at 7PM. For more information, call 212-227-6255.
- [Posadas Y Pastorelas](#) -- On Sunday, enjoy a day of Mexicana holiday spirit at The Musuem of the City of New York. The day will include crafts, music, food and the presentation of Posada Y Pastorelas, the traditional shepherds' play. And make sure you stick around for the breaking of the piñatas.
- [Christmas Bird Count In Central Park](#) -- Commune with nature on Sunday at the 107th Annual Christmas Bird Count In Central Park. Teams of birdwatchers will gather at 8AM and spend the morning canvassing all 843 acres of Central Park to record the number and species of resident birds. At 1PM, everyone will gather for lunch and bird stories at The Aresenal on Fifth Avenue. To participate, RSVP by calling 212-360-1396 and bring a \$5 registration fee for The National Audubon Society. The first Christmas Bird Count In Central Park took place in 1900. Last year's count found 6,949 individual birds in Central Park.

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