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MBH holiday events geared for children and adults

Take in the splendor of the holiday season at Oakland University's **Meadow Brook Hall** through a variety of events geared for children and adults during the **Holiday Walk**, which runs through Tuesday, Dec. 23.

There's a lot to brighten a children's holiday spirits at the hall. Kids can visit Santa from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays at Knole Cottage, the built-to-scale playhouse constructed for Frances Dodge, daughter of OU founder Matilda Dodge Wilson. On the weekends, visit Santa in Meadow Brook Hall's ballroom.

Children also can listen to stories of the holiday season every Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. The children's holiday story time runs through Sunday, Dec. 21. Kids can make their own reindeer holiday ornament and one-of-a-kind holiday cards every Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Dec. 21. Children also can write a letter to Santa to help their holiday wishes come true daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The children's holiday events are included in the price of admission to the **Holiday Walk**. Four times are daily, Monday through Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (last admittance at 4 p.m.). The cost is \$20 for adults, \$12.50 for children. Admission is free for children under 2.

Parents and children will enjoy a delectable holiday breakfast with Santa specially prepared by Meadow Brook Hall's executive chef on Dec. 13 and 20 at 9:30 a.m. The cost for this breakfast is \$30 for adults and \$25 for children. Reservations are required.

In honor of Matilda Wilson's renowned tea parties, a holiday high tea will be served Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$55 per person and reservations are required. This popular event sells out quickly, so don't wait.

Meadow Brook Hall is the fourth largest historic house museum in the United States and is especially renowned for its superb craftsmanship, architectural detailing and grand scale. Built in the 1920s as the residence of Oakland University founders, Matilda Dodge Wilson (widow of auto pioneer John Dodge) and her second husband, lumber broker Alfred G. Wilson, the 110-room, 88,000-square-foot, Tudor-revival style mansion is complete with vast collections of original art and furnishings. Listed on both the national and state registers of historic places, Meadow Brook Hall strives to preserve and interpret its architecture, landscape, and fine and decorative art so visitors may be entertained, educated and inspired by its history.

All **Holiday Walk** proceeds are used for the preservation and interpretation of this significant historic property. For more information on Holiday Walk events, visit the **Meadow Brook Hall** Web site or call (248) 370-3140.

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