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Alpharetta Is BIG On Family Fun This Winter

Colossal adventures await families at the city's larger-than-life attractions this January and February

ALPHARETTA, GA - (Jan. 6, 2022) – Alpharetta delivers BIG on a family getaway filled with thrilling attractions, games galore, epic arts activities and kid-friendly workshops this January and February. Visitors looking for an adventure to scare away the winter blues will find excitement around every corner in Alpharetta, GA. With so many exhilarating explorations to take in, "<u>Alpharetta Is Big On Family Fun</u>" this season.



GO PREHISTORIC AT DINO SAFARI: A WALK THRU ADVENTURE

Dinosaurs have stomped into Alpharetta! The entire family will enjoy <u>Dino Safari: A Walk Thru Adventure</u> open now through April 2022. Grab a primitive passport to see 30+ giant moving dinosaurs in a walk thru safari on a globetrotting expedition adventure. See a variety of dinosaurs from each of the seven continents that were once Pangea during the Age of Reptiles. Along the journey, earthquakes might erupt, dinosaurs could battle, and guests might even have to help save a baby dinosaur's life. Ticket admission required.

MAKE EPIC TREATS AT A KID FRIENDLY COOKING WORKSHOP

<u>Flour Power Kids Cooking Studio</u> and <u>Publix Aprons Cooking School</u> offer up one-time cooking workshops designed for little ones and families to take together. Try the Wok N Roll or Cooking with Love family events at Flour Power. The "Big and Little Chef" sessions at Publix Aprons are designed to pair up an adult and young chef to create a delicious dish together.

FOR THE MAMMOTH SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS

Golf enthusiasts can knock their way through "The Back 9" at <u>Fairway Social</u> – then sharpen their sports gaming skills with 11 top-rated simulators featuring everything from basketball to zombie dodgeball! Standing at over 60,000 sq. ft., <u>Topgolf Alpharetta</u> is an enormous entertainment venue with point-scoring golfing games for all ages and skill levels, refreshments and live entertainment. If parents need a night out on the town, Hi-Five Sports Zone at North Point Mall offers "Parents Night Out" classes for kids aged 5-12 where they can spend their evening playing sports, games, skills challenges, listening to music and eating pizza.

GARGANTUAN GAMES GALORE

The entire group can discover their competitive side at <u>Main Event Entertainment</u> with state-of-the-art bowling, black light laser tag, more than 100 arcade games, and an indoor ropes course. <u>Dave & Buster's</u> is the place to put everyone's gaming skills to the test with classic joystick and racing games. Teamwork makes the dream work at <u>Urban Escape Games</u> and <u>Odyssey Escape Game</u>. Within these pulse-pounding escape rooms, the group can work as a team to break the code to escape. If digital gaming is what the family wants, <u>PLAYlive Nation</u> is a premium social gaming lounge inside North Point Mall where they can compete with like-minded players on the hottest new video games.

ART IS NOT EXTINCT

Get artsy in Alpharetta with a kid-friendly painting or pottery class at <u>Painting with a Twist</u>, <u>All Fired</u> <u>Up</u> or <u>Artrageous Potter</u>. These create-your-own piece studios inspire creativity, and each person gets to take home their masterpiece as a souvenir. Or make 3D art by getting the family 3D printed at <u>Mini Me</u> <u>Factory</u>! Walk away from their state-of-the-art studio with a lifelike "mini me" family portrait statue.

"Winter is the perfect time for your next getaway with the kids or grandkids to Alpharetta with so many possibilities of exciting things to do," said Janet Rodgers, President and CEO of the Alpharetta Convention & Visitors Bureau. "The city has everything from gigantic dinosaurs to kid-friendly cooking workshops to sports fun and games – something for everyone in the family! We invite everyone to visit, stay, play, dine and explore all of the awesome experiences during a winter visit to Alpharetta."

Upcoming Alpharetta Winter Events (January - February 2022)

There is always something happening in Alpharetta. Check out some of these events happening all around the city this January and February:

- <u>Avalon On Ice</u>, Open now Jan. 17 Location: Avalon, 400 Avalon Blvd., Alpharetta, GA Ice skate on Avalon's Rockefeller Center-inspired ice-skating rink in The Plaza. Watch for theme nights and enjoy warm tasty treats rink side. Hours vary by day of the week and school holidays. Ticket admission required.
- Gallery Exhibit From The Artist's Studio Exhibit: Mark Brought, Laura Freeman & C.F. Payne, Open now – Feb. 4

Location: Alpharetta Arts Center, 238 Canton Street, Alpharetta, GA

Don't miss the works of three highly acclaimed, published illustrators: Mark Braught, Laura Freeman, and C.F. Payne. Mark's works include illustrations from various books, include the Harry Potter series. Laura's include images from her published books, including "Hidden Figures" written by Margot Lee Shetterly. C.F. Payne's features recent illustrations as well as images from his published book, "Casey at the Bat". Free admission.

<u>Dino Safari: A Walk Thru Adventure</u>, Open now – April 8

Location: North Point Mall, 1000 North Point Circle, Alpharetta, GA Dinosaurs are taking over Alpharetta! Grab a prehistoric passport and join over 30 giant moving dinosaurs in a walk thru safari at Dino Safari, a dino adventure for the whole family. Get up-closeand-personal with fascinating prehistoric creatures from the mighty Tyrannosaurus to the giant Spinosaurus while you learn how dinosaurs evolved over time, where they lived, and much more! Ticket admission required.

- <u>Galentine's Day at Avalon</u>, *Thursday, Feb. 10* Location: Avalon, 400 Avalon Blvd., Alpharetta, GA
 Gather your besties and celebrate Valentine's Day a little early this year at the Galentine's Day at Avalon event on Thursday, February 10, from 5 9 p.m. Enjoy activities and retailer specials at select Avalon shops and restaurants. The first 300 attendees to visit Avalon's Concierge will receive a special Galentine's Day treat.
- <u>Alpharetta Restaurant Week</u>, Feb. 20 26

Location: Participating restaurants throughout the City of Alpharetta

Alpharetta boasts an unbeatable lineup of top-notch culinary hot spots and Alpharetta Restaurant Week is the perfect time for patrons to try a new restaurant or revisit a favorite. Participating restaurants will offer a special dinner menu with multiple courses for \$25-\$50 and many also offer similar lunch menus for \$20-\$35 (beverage, tax and gratuity not included).

Please visit <u>https://www.awesomealpharetta.com/calendar/</u> for the full list of Alpharetta events.

With so much to do, travelers are invited to stay overnight for a family friendly adventure-filled getaway. Visitors can book an overnight stay at one of Alpharetta 30 modern and upscale hotels directly at **awesomealpharetta.com**.

Alpharetta Convention & Visitors Bureau

The Alpharetta Convention & Visitors Bureau serves as the official Destination Marketing Organization for the city of Alpharetta, Ga. With so much to do, why not stay the weekend? Book a hotel stay at one of the Alpharetta's 30 modern and upscale hotels directly at www.awesomealpharetta.com. Alpharetta was recently named "One of the South's Friendliest Cities" by Southern Living Magazine and "One of the Best Places to Visit in Georgia" by Vacationidea.com.

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