

ITINERARY FOR FAMILIES WITH OLDER KIDS AT Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party

& BEFORE THE PARTY BEGINS: (S) 4:00 PM – ARRIVE AT MAGIC KINGDOM EARLY

Though the party starts at 7:00 PM, ticket holders can enter the park as early as 4:00 PM. Use these extra three hours to:

- Z Eat a quick-service dinner (avoid sit-down restaurants that take up valuable party time!)
- Knock out high-demand rides while Lightning Lanes is still active for daytime guests
- C Grab a party map and check out exclusive party treats and merchandise

Best Quick-Service Options:

- Cosmic Ray's Starlight Café (good variety of kid-friendly meals)
- Pecos Bill Tall Tale Inn & Café (great Tex-Mex bowls and tacos)
- Note: (iconic hot dogs with a quick turnaround)

Tip: Older kids may want to skip a big meal now and just snack throughout the party on holiday-exclusive treats!

🤜 7:00 PM – PARTY KICKOFF & CHARACTER MEET-UPS

Adventureland or Fantasyland

If your family loves characters, head straight to rare meet-and-greets before lines get crazy

- Jack Skellington as Sandy Claws (Town Square Theater) Super popular!
- Santa Goofy (Storybook Circus) A fun alternative to Santa Mickey.
- The Seven Dwarfs (Fantasyland) Rare group meet-up worth the wait!

igsim Z If your kids prefer thrills, head straight for major attractions that stay open during the party:

- **TRON Lightcycle / Run** (Virtual queue opens at 6:00 PM join on the My Disney Experience app!)
- Space Mountain (Holiday Overlay) A unique, party-exclusive version with red and green lights and holiday music.
- Big Thunder Mountain Railroad Shorter lines at night with epic views.

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🍪 7:45 PM – COOKIE & COCOA STOP

Pinocchio Village Haus or Cosmic Ray's

Take a short snack break at one of the complimentary treat stations before diving into more fun.

******* 8:00 PM – MICKEY'S ONCE UPON A CHRISTMASTIME PARADE (FIRST SHOWING OR MORE RIDES!)

1 Main Street, U.S.A. or Frontierland

Option 1: Watch the first parade – If your family wants a front-row spot, claim it **30-45** minutes early. Main Street is the most magical but also the most crowded, so Frontierland is a better choice if you don't want to wait as long.

Option 2: Skip the first parade & enjoy shorter lines – If your older kids prioritize rides, this is the best time to jump on high-demand attractions like Seven Dwarfs Mine Train or Haunted Mansion while the crowd is watching the parade..

3 9:30 PM – MINNIE'S WONDERFUL CHRISTMASTIME FIREWORKS

📍 Hub Area near Cinderella Castle

Get to the **hub in front of Cinderella Castle** 20-30 minutes before showtime for a good view. If you want to avoid the thickest crowds, consider watching from:

Tomorrowland Terrace – Clear sightlines with more breathing room.

Behind the Castle in Fantasyland – You won't see projections, but it's an easier escape to rides afterward.

Tip: If you've seen the fireworks before, consider using this time for a headliner ride with lower waits!

M 10:00 PM – MORE THRILL RIDES & HOLIDAY OVERLAYS

1 Tomorrowland & Fantasyland

The second half of the party is where older kids shine-they can stay up and take advantage of shorter waits! Prioritize:

Jingle Cruise (Jungle Cruise Holiday Overlay) – A hilarious Christmas version of the classic ride.

TRON Lightcycle / Run (if you got a virtual queue spot at 6 PM)

Space Mountain (Holiday Overlay) – If you didn't ride earlier, now is a great time!

Seven Dwarfs Mine Train – Lines will be shorter than earlier in the night.

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7:45 PM – Signal 10:45 PM – MICKEY'S ONCE UPON A CHRISTMASTIME PARADE (SECOND SHOWING – LESS CROWDED!) & COCOA STOP

Frontierland or Liberty Square

If you skipped the first parade, now is the best time to watch! **This second showing is always less crowded**, and you can often grab a last-minute viewing spot **in Frontierland** without waiting too long.

11:15 PM – CLUB TINSEL DANCE PARTY & LATE-NIGHT FUN

P Cosmic Ray's Starlight Café – Tomorrowland

Older kids love the **high-energy dance party** with Disney characters dressed in festive gear. It's a fun way to burn off any extra energy before the night ends!

If you prefer one last ride, **Big Thunder Mountain Railroad** and **Pirates of the Caribbean** are great nighttime experiences with shorter waits.

11:45 PM – FINAL TREAT STOP & SHOPPING

📍 Main Street, U.S.A.

Before heading out, grab a final round of **complimentary cookies and cocoa** and check out holiday-exclusive merchandise at **Emporium or Star Traders**.

Tip: If you want to avoid **exit crowds,** linger on Main Street, U.S.A. until closer to **12:30 AM**, when the crowd has thinned. I like to use this time to grab souvenirs and themed treats.

🎄 12:00 AM – EXIT VIA MAIN STREET, U.S.A.

Take in the last moments of the holiday magic with the **snowfall on Main Street** before leaving. If you need one last snack, **Casey's Corner** stays open late!

F Tip: If staying at a Disney resort, **use the monorail** instead of the buses to avoid long waits.





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