

Santa Claus will fly into Nampa

Warhawk Air Museum plans Saturday landing

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NAMPA — Santa Claus plans to touch down in Canyon County at the Warhawk Air Museum on Saturday, opening the holiday season with plenty of fun activities for children.

The museum, located at 201 Municipal Dr. near the Nampa Airport, will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with Santa's visit scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Although St. Nick's visit is featured as the highlight

of the day's festivities, the museum also will offer a cornucopia of other holiday-themed activities for children and adults throughout the day. Youngsters can decorate cookies, make snowflake art, craft holiday necklaces and even take in some Christmas bowling. They also can make snacks to feed Santa's hungry reindeer on Christmas Eve — and get their faces painted.

For those with a hankering to sing, there will be caroling from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The museum also will celebrate past Christmas seasons at noon and 2 p.m., with World War II veterans and others sharing their

wartime holiday memories.

The event also will give youth ages 8 to 18 a hint at what Santa will experience when he makes his rounds on Christmas Eve. The Experimental Aircraft Association will offer free airplane rides throughout the day, weather and aircraft availability permitting.

"It will be a fun-sharing time," museum Executive Director Sue Paul said, adding anyone wanting to join in should call the museum at 465-6446.

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