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THE RITZ-CARLTON

REYNOLDS, LAKE OCONEE

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A LUXE LAKESIDE HOLIDAY AT THE RITZ-CARLTON REYNOLDS, LAKE OCONEE

Celebrate a season full of love and light with holiday activities and offerings



GREENSBORO, GA – November 4, 2019 – The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee is decking the resort with boughs of holly and good tidings for all to enjoy. Guests are invited to take part in festive celebrations, cozy up to the warm fireplaces, and marvel at the enchanting décor throughout the holiday season.

LIGHT UP THE LAKE

The most special time of year kicks off with an evening full of live entertainment, sweet treats and holiday games at the resort's **Lighting at the Lake**, taking place on November 27. The evening begins with a live performance from singer-songwriter and world-renowned upright bassist, Scott Mulvahill. All will anticipate how Santa is expected to arrive this year. And once he does, he will flip the switch, illuminating the resort with hundreds of thousands of twinkling lights, spreading cheer throughout. The night truly begins as the post-lighting traditions commence, with hot cocoa and apple cider flowing, while guests skate around the enchanting ice rink, slide down the grand 20-foot long ice slide, sing along to the classic holiday carols, and snap photos with Santa.

The magical 6,000-square-foot **Ice Rink in The Forest** is back for yet another year and will be open daily beginning Wednesday, November 27, 2019 through Sunday, January 5, 2020. Skating is available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. and is complimentary for all registered resort guests.

FESTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY

Continue the holiday spirit with exciting celebrations, including an abundance of family and kids-only experiences, throughout the season.

- **Thanksgiving Brunch:** The perfect way to bring the family together over seasonal and classic dishes, The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds Lake Oconee's decadent Thanksgiving brunch will feature time honored favorites, paired with new festive offerings such handcrafted elixirs and shrubs from a Bubbles and Bourbon Bar. Merriment and cheer will fill the brunch, with live entertainment complementing the holiday affair.
- **Gingerbread Galore:** As guests open the doors to the main lobby, they'll be greeted to a winter wonderland as a life-size Gingerbread House, crafted by Pastry Chef Michael Gaddy and his team, will stand tall and fill the space with a sweet aroma. While the elves are hard at work, children can build their own creation complete with pre-built houses, candy, and icing, as they enjoy hot cocoa and cookies at the **Gingerbread Workshops**, hosted by Mrs. Claus.
- **Special Moments with Mr. & Mrs. Claus:** Snap photos with the Big Man in Red while enjoying savory and sweet items such as miniature pancakes, muffins, waffles, and more during **Breakfast in Santa**. All the good girls and boys in attendance will be able to spend time with Santa, before he makes his list and checks it twice! Throughout the holiday season, listen to animated readings of Christmas classics told at **Story Time with Mrs. Claus**. Santa's helpers may also deliver a few surprises!
- **Santa's Little Helpers:** Elves-in-training are treated to a holiday-filled **Ritz Kids Night Out** with a festive dinner, sweet treats, Christmas games, and a special toy created by the elves. For an individual experience, treat the kids to an **Elf Tuck In** at bedtime, where they will be delighted in a holiday storytelling in the comfort of their guest room, complete with a copy of The Polar Express autographed by Santa to take home. Milk and cookies will top off the evening before kids are snuggled into their beds for a good night's sleep.
- **Santa's Workshop on The Lake:** Just in time for the holiday season, the Linger Longer Express arrives from the North Pole decked out and ready for carolers of all ages to climb aboard and sing along to favorite Christmas classics. Stop by the Ritz Kids Concierge on your ride back to write and drop off a **Letter to Santa**, and the resort's helpful elves will deliver it to Kris Kringle right away. A favorite of Rudolph himself, join the **Reindeer Games** for festive fun in the game room, build a "beary" special holiday friend at the **Build a Buddy** workshop, or gather with popcorn and cocoa for a festive classic movie.

HOLIDAY INDULGENCES FOR THE ADULTS

Retreat to the spa for seasonal treatments, in addition to the destination's beloved Southern-inspired therapies. A peaceful day spent in the Spa is just what is needed during the holiday craze, and guests can refresh with festive treatments like the **Winter Forest Facial**, **Sugar Plum Manicure and Pedicure** and **Under the Mistletoe Moisturizing Hair Treatment** throughout the season.

Cozy up at Barrel Room with a **Cranberry Martini** or **Oat Milk White Russian** and stay warm no matter the weather with hot cocktails. Barrel Room's spin on spiked cocoa is sure to please, such as **Like Butter** which features Peanut Butter infused Knob Creek Bourbon and Benjamin Prichard's Sweet Lucy Cream Liqueur, garnished with a s'more.

RING IN 2020

Countdown to the new decade with the annual **New Year's Eve Family Celebration**. Live music is sure to have you dancing the night away, while the bar serves up cocktail favorites, and hors d'oeuvres are passed around the room throughout the evening. Guests can also enjoy a complimentary toast of bubbly at the stroke of midnight, there is no better way to ring in the New Year. Then, partake in the **Polar Bear Plunge** on January 1. The cool, refreshing dip is sure to make the start of the year (and decade) memorable.

For more information about The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee's holiday activities, pricing and availability or to reserve luxury accommodations, please visit ritzcarlton.com/reynoldsholidays or call 706.467.0600.

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The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee is known for its personalized service enhanced by an abundance of gracious Southern hospitality. Situated on 30 acres of stunning shoreline property on Georgia's Lake Oconee, the resort features access to 99 holes of championship golf designed by Bob Cupp, Jack Nicklaus, Tom Fazio and Rees Jones. Additional highlights include: 257 guest rooms with resort and lake views; a 27,600-square-foot, full-service spa and fitness center; more than 58,000 square feet of expansive indoor and outdoor meeting space; the Sandy Creek Barn, a restored 1820s classic wood beam barn; fine low-country cuisine at Georgia's, updated classics at Linger Longer Steakhouse, casual dining at Gaby's by the Lake, custom barrels of bourbons and whiskeys in Barrel Room; and outdoor activities at the new Sandy Creek Sporting Grounds and on-property experiences ranging from fishing, swimming, waterskiing, jet skiing, paddle boarding and wakeboarding to trail biking and hiking. For more information and reservations, please call toll-free (800) 241-3333, (706) 467-0600 or visit www.ritzcarlton.com/reynolds.

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