



Banner Countdown to FIRST NIGHT RALEIGH 2008

Enjoy the season, one day at a time, with First Night Raleigh's banner project counting down the days to 2008! Each day will be represented with its own banner created by artists, community organizations and students from the Raleigh area. Unveiled every afternoon on the Fayetteville Street façade of the Alexander Square Parking Deck, each unique banner represents the diverse ways our community celebrates the joys of the season. Check back daily as we countdown to First Night Raleigh 2008 on New Year's Eve!

Counting down the days until 2008:

- 30 (December 2)**
KEITH NORVAL
Keith's banner depicts two birds and a pig looking up at the first star of the night, wondering what the New Year will bring.
- 29 (December 3)**
SANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL, NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY
The members of Sanderson's National Art Honor Society created a banner depicting a dinner party of family and friends gathering together to eat, share and be merry.
- 28 (December 4)**
LEESVILLE ROAD HIGH SCHOOL
This banner symbolizes a "winter wonderland" with fun and cute snowmen, winter animals, and activities.
- 27 (December 5)**
MARY PHILLIPS HIGH SCHOOL
Art students at Mary Phillips High School have painted their silhouettes surrounded with themes of autumn.
- 26 (December 6)**
YMCA GARNER ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
This banner's design represents how members of the Raleigh community celebrate the joys of the season.
- 25 (December 7)**
SOUTHEAST RALEIGH HIGH SCHOOL
The concept of this banner is the joy of commercialism during the holidays. The students at Southeast Raleigh took the heavily recognized style of the current i-pod commercials and combined a storybook-like vignette with a snowflake border.
- 24 (December 8)**
GARNER MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL ART CLUB
Spontaneity and happiness are the hallmarks of the holidays. This banner portrays these elements in a fun and joyous game in the snow.
- 23 (December 9)**
MARBLES KIDS MUSEUM
The Marbles banner was designed by staff members of the Exploris Middle School program and decorated by participants in Winterfest. This banner is a depiction of the Marbles logo.
- 22 (December 10)**
SUSAN FOSTER FROM 4H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
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- 21 (December 11)**
MATHEW CURRAN
This is Mat's abstract interpretation of the all the excitement leading up to the New Year in Raleigh. It focuses mainly on the vibrant colors of the fireworks, the decorations and the music that keeps the city alive during this awesome celebration.

- 20 (December 12)**
ATHENS DRIVE HIGH SCHOOL
The design of this banner consists of a winter forest scene with a snow globe, jaguar (the Athens mascot) and paw prints. The colors are wintry oranges, blues and neutrals.
- 19 (December 13)**
JASON CRAIGHEAD
Jason's banner is an abstracted vision of the energy, excitement, physical and cultural growth of our city.
- 18 (December 14)**
KATIE PHILLIPS
Katie has created an abstract representation of the change in seasons from autumn to winter.
- 17 (December 15)**
MILLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL ART CLUB
This banner depicts an inside-outside winter environment; the inside painted in warm colors of reds and oranges and the outside in cool blues, greens and purples.
- 16 (December 16)**
BROUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL ART CLUB
This banner's design expresses the feeling of joy everyone can experience while having fun playing in the snow.
- 15 (December 17)**
BRENTWOOD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
The Brentwood Boys & Girls Club banner represents the 5 core areas of their organization; health and life skills, education and career development, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation, and leadership.
- 14 (December 18)**
AMY SCHAFER FROM 4H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
This banner's design represents how members of the Raleigh community celebrate the joys of the season.
- 13 (December 19)**
GEORGES LE CHEVALLIER
Georges Le Chevallier has created a family portrait to represent the joys of the season.
- 12 (December 20)**
SCOTT RENK
This banner's design represents how members of the Raleigh community celebrate the joys of the season.
- 11 (December 21)**
KATHERINE KELLY — BROUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL
Katherine has depicted Sir Walter Raleigh flying on an acorn over the city of Raleigh, welcoming in the New Year.

- 10 (December 22)**
AUTUMN L.N. COBELAND
Autumn has designed a banner that evokes the feeling of old French lithographs and compositions from artists such as Steilen and Toulouse-Lautrec. To Autumn, the joys of the season can be felt through the feeling of safety one gets when snuggled under a warm, heavy layer of blankets.
- 9 (December 23)**
LOAVES AND FISHES
A group made up of Loaves and Fishes students, families and staff created this wreath from everyone's handprints to symbolize unity and joy in coming together. All of the parts come together to make the whole design.
- 8 (December 24)**
MAGELLAN CHARTER SCHOOL
The students at Magellan chose a design that includes a "moon-like" face surrounded by oak leaves to represent Raleigh, The City of Oaks, at night. In the figure's mouth is a Raleigh cityscape; including the First Night acorn, buildings under construction and a star-filled night sky.
- 7 (December 25)**
WASHINGTON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
The concept of their banner is looking and feeling great in 2008. Through self-portraiture, members of the Boys & Girls Club display their excitement for the coming year.
- 6 (December 26)**
SOUTHWEST WAKE YMCA TEEN PROGRAM
The teens at Southwest Wake YMCA depicted the joys of the season and service to the community through a Christmas Parade theme. Leading the parade is the YMCA Drum Majorette, followed by a YMCA holiday-decorated bus. The mini bus is pulling an angel-figurine decorated tree on a sleigh, to represent their annual Angel Tree Community Service Project.
- 5 (December 27)**
THE RALEIGH GIRLS CLUB'S YOUNG ARTISTS OF 2007
The Raleigh Girls Club banner is a celebration of the friendships that are formed at the club. On another level, it celebrates the idea of unity. The banner is a mosaic of small paintings that come together to form one giant work of art.
- 4 (December 28)**
CARNAGE GT MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL
As the winter season approaches, Carnage students notice a more peaceful, calm and happy atmosphere enveloping their school — as if they were in a snow globe, unaware of outside noise, schedules, tests and other daily chaos that interferes with their lives. Their banner depicts a snow globe encapsulating their school.
- 3 (December 29)**
SALEM MIDDLE SCHOOL YEAR ROUND
The design of this banner was created to celebrate North Carolinians of all races and cultures coming together to celebrate a new year in the center of Raleigh. The focus of the banner is the people circling around the dropping acorn, an annual tradition in Raleigh's history.
- 2 (December 30)**
DEEPIKA BHATT
Deepika depicted various designs to represent the highly colorful and joyous way Indians in the Raleigh community celebrate holidays. The designs include Henna (Mehndi), Rangoli (floor art), oil lamps representing Diwali, a celebration of lights, and splashes of colors depicting Holi, a festival of colors.
- 1 (December 31)**
LONGVIEW SCHOOL
This banner shows three pairs of hands morphing into a dove, entering 2008 through the shadow of 2007.