



## Winter Myths and History

A Yeti is also known as the abominable snowman and lives in the mountains of Asia. It sometimes leaves tracks in the snow. The Yeti is said to be very muscular and tall. His hair is reddish or gray.



An adult Yeti usually weighs about 200 to 400 pounds. It is relatively short compared to North America's Bigfoot. In 2010, hunters in China caught a strange animal that they claimed to be a Yeti.

The Russian government has recently taken an interest in the Yeti. The first documented sighting report was in Germany in 1925.

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People in the Netherlands first began to build snowmen in 1380. Nowadays, people of all ages do it because it takes little to no artistic ability.

In the middle ages it was a way to avoid thoughts of the dangers during the winter seasons. In 1511 the towns people of Brussels came together to make over 100 snowmen known as the miracle of 1511. For over 30 years in the city Sapporo, Japan people have festivals and contests regarding snowmen. In the Hokkaido region, more than 12,000 miniature snowmen have messages written on them from their masters. In Sonoma Valley, California, every December they kick off the holiday season with the Lighting of the Snowmen Festival.

Source:  
<http://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/winters-effigies-the-deviant-history-of-the-snowman>

### Update on Track Team fundraiser !!

Thanks for getting our fundraiser with Buffalo Wild Wings (Wood Village) off to a great start! On the first night we earned over \$160.00!!!

During December, January, and February present our "Home Team Advantage" card and we will earn 10% of all sales. Pick up a flyer in the office and help us reach our goal of \$1,700.00!

## December Events:

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup>:

Boys "A" basketball @ Centennial Middle School, 6 PM

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>:

Boys "A" basketball @ DMMS vs Damascus, 5 PM

Boys "B" basketball @ West Orient., 4:30 PM

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup>:

No School - Winter Break Starts! See you Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Christmas is probably the most, if not one of the most, popular holidays of the year. Many people celebrate it in many different ways that sometimes aren't even close to what we do in America.

Christmas is celebrated differently in nearly every country. In Ukraine, for example, Christmas isn't celebrated on December 25<sup>th</sup>, instead, they celebrate it on January 7<sup>th</sup>. A festive week continues from January 7<sup>th</sup> until January 14<sup>th</sup>. The dates are based off of the Orthodox Christian Church Calendar, not the one we use in America. A Christmas dinner in Ukraine may consist of borscht, a red beet soup, or varenyky, dough stuffed with potatoes and fried with chopped up onion.

Giving gifts is an integral part of the Christmas celebrations, and it is no exception in China. People exchange beautiful Christmas gifts with each other. These Christmas gifts are the ideal way to express your love and care to important people. Since most of China is not Christian, they don't go to church or send prayers like most of America does. They start with decorating their homes with beautiful paper lanterns, lights, and paper flowers. Another major highlight of Christmas celebrations in China are the local festivals. The most important winter festival in China is the Spring Festival. During this festival, children are gifted new clothes, a mouth-watering meal, small toys and firecrackers.

