

Host a Family or Community Walk



Make Your Lantern(s)

Traditional Jar Lanterns

Up-cycle a jar into a beautiful, colorful lantern that's easy for even the smallest kiddo to make!

- Watch a [quick how to video](#).
- Order Lantern Making Kits [here](#).
- Read our [DIY Activity](#).
- Materials: Jar, tissue paper, string, glue, tea light, leaves.

Pick a Format For Your Walk

Meet Up + Walk

Pick an outdoor spot to meet, then gather to enjoy a sweet lantern walk, keeping safe distance.

Lantern Hunt

Encourage neighbors, organizations & businesses to put lanterns in their front windows so families can hunt for lights.

Plan a Location & a Walk!

Pick a meeting spot in a local park, green space or neighborhood to meet and walk. Connect with whomever oversees the green space to make sure it's okay for your group to arrive. We recommend meeting about 30 minutes before sunset. Start off by circling up to greet one another, sing and sense all that is changing around you. Then, walk with lanterns lit to experience the beauty of your lights against the darkness.



Prepare to Sing!

Singing is a key part of every Tinkergarten class and our Lantern Walk tradition. We've shared our favorite Lantern Walk songs below. Enjoy weaving them or any songs that bring hope and joy into your walk!

Lantern Walk Songs

- Lantern Songs [Lyric Sheet](#)
- Listen: [Together with our Lights](#)
- Listen: [I Go Outside With My Lantern](#)
- Listen: [Come to Tinkergarten song](#)
- Watch: [Come to Tinkergarten music video](#)



Welcoming Others to Join In

There are many ways to engage friends, neighbors and the broader community in this beautiful tradition. Scroll down to read about easy steps you can take to spread the word and welcome neighbors, friends and community to join in!



After Your Walk



Brew some tea and enjoy cozy time together. You can keep that cozy ritual and your lantern going throughout the winter, too! Or, pack a thermos and enjoy a spot of tea as part of your walk, too!



Tag [@tinkergarten](#) and include #TGLanternWalk as you share Lantern Walk photos and stories on social media. Or, share in our free [Outdoors & All 4 Facebook Group](#). We and the tens of thousands of Tinkergarten families and educators taking walks this year would love to celebrate with you!

Inviting People to Join Your Walk

There are many ways to spread the word and welcome people to join your walk! Reach out to everyone you know and encourage them to bring friends, too! Here's a sample message & a few photos (click to download). Use them to share with people in your personal network, with local schools/groups or on social media:

"I learned about a sweet tradition of having a Fall lantern walk to help kids (and all of us) welcome the darkness of winter and learn to embrace the changes in nature together with joy. [I/My family and I/Our organization] are going to host a walk, and I hope you can join in!

Our Lantern Walk will be on [date] at [time] at [location]. It's free and open to all! You can also learn more about the Lantern Walk tradition, how to make your own lanterns and even purchase an official lantern-making kit at tinkergarten.com/lantern."

