



## Happy Birthday!

What a special time of year to have a birthday! December birthdays get celebrated along with the holidays, but sometimes we forget that a birthday is deserving of special attention all on its own. Even here at the North Pole, where it feels like every day is Christmas, the elves make sure to hang pink and blue paper streamers and balloons, or whatever color is their favorite. Oh, Elf Ellie has every color in the rainbow in the party chest in the Elf Lounge. She's always ready for a party! She has her own team of elves to coordinate all the festivities: there's the Elf Band to play the music, the elf bakers over at Mrs. Claus' Bake Shoppe to bake the cake; another group of elves to stir the ice cream; the candy factory experts; and the table setters. Elf Ellie is very particular about how the tables are set. Every elf gets a goodie bag for after the party. She bags the cookies and candy, then ties the bag with lots and lots of curly ribbon. And even though my birthday is on Christmas Day, Elf Ellie and Mrs. Claus make sure I get a birthday party before the reindeer and I set off around the world on Christmas Eve.

But really, I love spending my birthday traveling all over the world, delivering presents to all the good girls and boys. And you have been so good this year! My goodness, I see from my Santa Book you are definitely on the "Nice" list.

I can't wait to see you at Christmas! You are such a special person, and one of my favorite people to visit. Until then, enjoy the holidays and keep the spirit of Christmas, which is to give of yourself, and your time; share with friends and family; and know that it is better to give than to receive. For when you give to others, goodness comes back to you, anyway.

Enjoy your birthday!

Love,

**Santa**

