
July/August 2008 Newsletter

Independence Day: Americans Celebrate the Birth of Their Nation

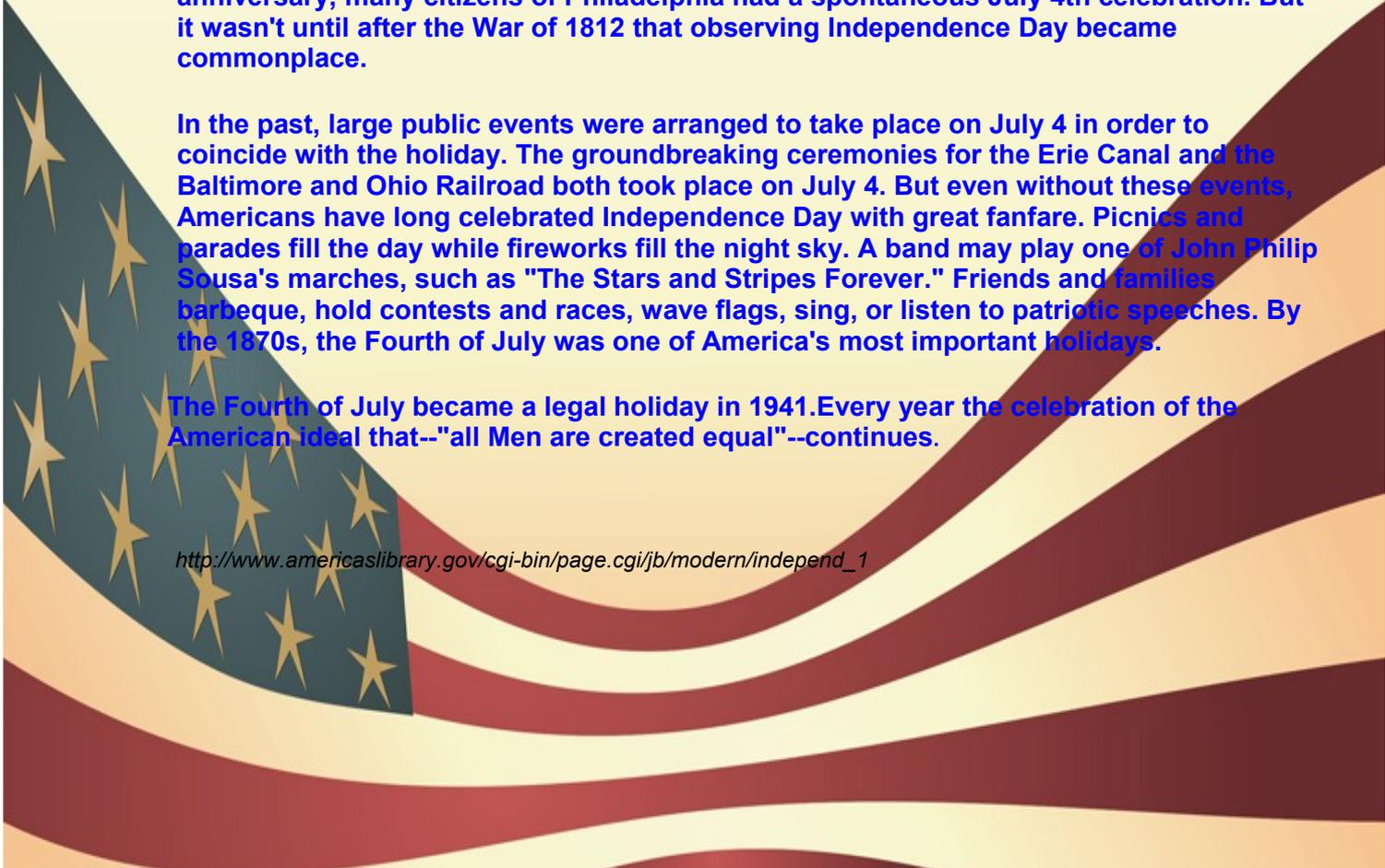
Independence Day honors the birthday of the United States of America and the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. It's a day of picnics and patriotic parades, a night of concerts and fireworks, and a reason to fly the American flag.

On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress unanimously adopted the Declaration of Independence. Though it is the Constitution that provides the legal and governmental framework for the United States, the Declaration, with its eloquent assertion "all Men are created equal," is equally beloved by the American people. On the Declaration's first anniversary, many citizens of Philadelphia had a spontaneous July 4th celebration. But it wasn't until after the War of 1812 that observing Independence Day became commonplace.

In the past, large public events were arranged to take place on July 4 in order to coincide with the holiday. The groundbreaking ceremonies for the Erie Canal and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad both took place on July 4. But even without these events, Americans have long celebrated Independence Day with great fanfare. Picnics and parades fill the day while fireworks fill the night sky. A band may play one of John Philip Sousa's marches, such as "The Stars and Stripes Forever." Friends and families barbeque, hold contests and races, wave flags, sing, or listen to patriotic speeches. By the 1870s, the Fourth of July was one of America's most important holidays.

The Fourth of July became a legal holiday in 1941. Every year the celebration of the American ideal that--"all Men are created equal"--continues.

http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/jb/modern/independ_1





Test your Knowledge with this quiz!

1. July 4, 1776 is known as Independence Day. What happened that day?

Pilgrims Arrive
Boston Tea Party Held
Declaration of Independence adopted
Constitution adopted

2. Which U.S. President was born on the fourth of July?

Abraham Lincoln
Calvin Coolidge
William Howard Taft
John F. Kennedy

3. The Declaration of Independence took place during what war?

Revolutionary War
War of 1812
Spanish-American War
World War I

4. Which future U.S. President drafted the Declaration of Independence?

George Washington
John Adams
Thomas Jefferson
James Madison

5. Where did the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence take place?

New York, New York
Washington, D.C.
Williamsburg, Virginia
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

http://www.whitehouse.gov/kids/dec_indep/quiz/

FRIENDSHIP DAY

August 6th

(1st Sunday in August)

"The only way to have a friend is to be one."
~ **Ralph Waldo Emerson**



Friends are one of the greatest treasures we have in life. We choose our friends and share ourselves with them in good times, bad times and through every day life. Friends can be people we meet at school, work, neighbors, parents, brothers or sisters, your spouse, even your pet.

For many, making friends isn't easy, and for all of us, it's hard work keeping friendships healthy. Friendship Day is an opportunity to remember the important contribution friends make in our lives, and to let your friends know how much you value and appreciate their friendship.

One of the most important things to remember about friendships is that the best ones benefit both friends. Friendship is about sharing - remember to be a good listener, too. In order to have a friend you have to be a friend.

On Friendship Day, do something special with your friend. You might do something fun, or do something together for your community. Doing things to help create a more peaceful, just and sustainable world with friends is doubly rewarding. You'll be helping to create a better world, and strengthening the bonds of your friendship at the same time.

www.betterworldcalendar.com/friendshipday.htm

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<p>1 American Corner Summer working hours <u>10:30-17:30</u></p>	<p>2 Architecture and Environment David Bugue Augurn University 18:00-19:00</p>	<p>3 OPEN HOUSE DAY In observance of 4th of July</p>	<p>4 4th of July (we are closed) </p>
<p>7 Completing a successful application - Undergrad Gordana Mircic 17:00-18:00</p>	<p>8 Chaco Canyon: An Ancient Kingdom Prof. Michael Fuller Archeologist 18:00-19:00</p>	<p>9 Recent discoveries and adaptations of early photography Prof. David Hanlon 18:00-19:00</p>	<p>10 American Corners meeting in Bitola (we are closed)</p>	<p>11 TOEFL Testing</p>
<p>14 Telling America's Story Abdullah Albion US Embassy Officer 17:00-18:00</p>	<p>15 Stacey Fox Trio performance 18:00-19:00</p>	<p>16 Video Presentation By Boyd Eliot Pickup 18:00-19:00</p>	<p>17 Undergraduate Studies: Video Showing 16:00-17:00</p>	<p>18 </p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Matinée Movie of the week @ 12:00 </p>	<p>24 Perdue University Tanya Obetkovski Admission Officer 18:00-19:00</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Matinée Movie of the week @ 12:00</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1 </p>
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