

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
- Consitution 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

Summer reading books:

For adults

- + **A Beautiful Mind** - *Sylvia Nasar*
- + **Paradise** - *Toni Morrison*
- + **Dreamcatcher** - *Stephen King*
- + **Desirable daughter** - *Bharati Mukherjee*
- + **It's Not About the Bike** - *Lance Armstrong*
- + **Cold Mountain** - *Charles Frazier*
- + **Airframe** - *Michael Crichton*
- + **Hard Drive** - *Bill Gates & Making of the Microsoft Empire* by *James Wallace and Jim Erickson*
- + **Don't Tell Anyone** - *Frederick Busch*
- + **Peace Like a River** - *Leif Enger*

For children

- + **Billy Budd** - *Herman Melville*
- + **Uncle Tom's Cabin** - *Harriet Beecher Stowe*
- + **The Pigman** - *Paul Zindel*
- + **The Chronicles of Narnia** - *C. S. Lewis*
- + **Miss Potter** - *Richard Maltby Jr.*
- + **The River Between Us** - *Dr. Seuss*
- + **The Ghost of Lizard Light** - *Elvira Woodruff*
- + **Getting to Know the world's Greatest Composers** - *Duke Ellington*
- + **Kitten Crowd** - *Ben M. Baglio*
- + **The Secret of Shadow Ranch** - *Carolyn Keene*
- + **The White Death** - *George Khoury*
- + **Will Somebody Please Marry My Sister?** - *Eth Clifford*



AC Tetovo Summer Working Hours:
Effective July 1 – August 30
Monday – Friday
10:00– 13:00 and 17:00 – 20:00
Closed Saturday and Sunday

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

American Corner Tetovo

July 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Conversation Hours will continue in September	2 Video Showing "Great Lodges of the National Park- Canyon Lodges" 18:00	3 Presentation: "Architecture and Environment" Speaker: David Buege 17:00	4 U.S Independence Day 
7 Kids Creative Hour 11:00	8 Presentation: "Telling America's Story-America.gov" Speaker: Albion Abdullai, IRC Assistant at U.S. Embassy-Skopje 17:00	9 Video Showing "Great Lodges of the National Park- Glacier Lodges" 18:00	10	11
14 Kids Creative Hour 11:00	15	16 Stacey Fox Trio Performance 10:00	17 Readers` Club "Our Iceberg is Melting" with Patrice Koerper 18:00	18
21 Kids Creative Hour 11:00	22	23 Video Showing "Great Lodges of the National Park-Pacific Northwest Lodges" 18:00	24	25
28 Kids Creative Hour 11:00	29	30 Video Showing "Great Lodges of the National Park- Grand Lodges" 18:00	31	

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August 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Video Showing “Baseball” Part 1 “Our Game” 18:00	5 Video Showing “Baseball” Part 2 “Our Game” 18:00	6 Video Showing “Baseball” Part 1 “Something Like a War” 18:00	7 Video Showing “Baseball” Part 2 “Something Like a War” 18:00	8 Video Showing “Baseball” Part 1 “Shadow Ball” 18:00
11 Video Showing “Baseball” Part 2 “Shadow Ball” 18:00	12 Video Showing “Baseball” Part 1 “A National Heirloom” 18:00	13 Video Showing “Baseball” Part 2 “A National Heirloom” 18:00	14 Video Showing “Baseball” Part 1 “The Faith of Fifty Million People” 18:00	15 Video Showing “Baseball” Part 2 “The Faith of Fifty Million People” 18:00
18 Video Showing “Baseball” Part 1 “The National Pastime” 18:00	19 Video Showing “Baseball” Part 2 “The National Pastime” 18:00	20 Video Showing “Baseball” Part 1 “The Capital of Baseball” 18:00	21 Video Showing “Baseball” Part 2 “The Capital of Baseball” 18:00	22 Video Showing “Baseball” Part 1 “A Whole New Ballgame” 18:00
25 Video Showing “Baseball” Part 2 “A Whole New Ballgame” 18:00	26 Video Showing “Baseball” Part 1 “Home” 18:00	27 Video Showing “Baseball” Part 2 “Home” 18:00	28	29