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American

Summer



- » Mother's Day
- » Memorial Day
- » Father's Day
- » Fourth of July
- » Labor Day



Summer Holidays >

- » Celebrated the second Sunday in May every year.
- » My family celebrates Mother's Day by having a big dinner party with all of our relatives. The moms all get to relax and enjoy the day while the kids and dads cook dinner.
- » There is a huge market for flower sales and deliveries on Mother's Day in the USA.

Mother's Day



- » Celebrated on the last Monday in May.
- » This holiday was originally created in 1868 to honor soldiers who died in our Civil War on both sides. It is now celebrated to honor all soldiers who have died in battle.
- » My family celebrates Memorial Day with barbecues, fireworks, and lots of red, white, & blue!
- » Memorial Day is also known as the symbolic start of summer in the USA. This is also the start of the fashion tradition of wearing white pants and dresses.

Memorial Day



- » Celebrated the third Sunday in June every year.
- » My family celebrates Father's Day every year by doing something outdoors. One year, we got stuck in a torrential rainstorm while canoeing down a river. We also celebrate with our relatives by having a huge barbecue.
- » There is a huge market for sports paraphernalia, grilling supplies, and electronics during Father's Day.

Father's Day



- » We have been celebrating our freedom from England since July 4th, 1776. This holiday is formally known as Independence Day.
- » Over 200 years ago these words were read in Independence Hall in Philadelphia:
 - > *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."*
- » I celebrate Fourth of July with my friends and family with more cookouts, concerts, fireworks, and red, white, & blue!

Fourth of July





Summer Fireworks

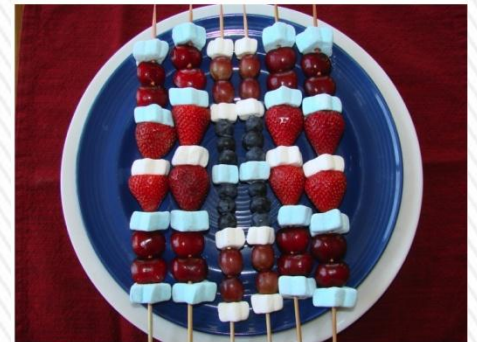
- » Celebrated on the last Monday in September.
- » Started in New York City in 1882 to create a day for the “working class citizens.” It became a federal holiday in 1894. All states recognize it to this day.
- » This is the symbolic end of summer (and for the fashionistas – the end of wearing white pants and dresses.) The school year usually starts after this date in the States.
- » This holiday is celebrated with outdoorsy activities with family and friends.

Labor Day





4th of July
FRUIT KABOBS



Summer Cookout Food





Summer Cookout Drinks





Summer in sunny Florida

- » Beach days / Pool days
- » Picnicking
- » Vacationing
- » Fishing / Going out on the boat
- » Barbecuing
- » Water parks / Theme parks
- » Concerts



Summer Activities





Adventure Island:
Tampa, Florida

Blizzard
Beach:
Orlando,
Florida



Water Parks

- » Busch Gardens (Tampa)
- » Walt Disney World (Orlando)
- » Islands of Adventure (Orlando)
- » Universal Studios (Orlando)
- » Epcot (Orlando)



Theme Parks



- » This is the season of huge tailgates and outdoor concerts. The concert venue in Tampa, Florida is called **The Amphitheater**.
- » Country concerts are particularly popular during the summer months in the US. Artists such as **Jimmy Buffett** and **Dave Matthews Band** also enjoy outdoor concerts during the summer.



Concerts



- » Waterskiing
- » Wakeboarding
- » Jetskiing
- » Paddleboarding
- » Skimboarding
- » Tubing
- » Kayaking
- » Canoeing
- » Surfing



Water Sports





- » *A typical summer day in Tampa, FL:*
- » High: 90°F / 32°C
- » Low: 75°F / 24°C
- » Mostly sunny with scattered thunderstorms between 3 PM and 5 PM.

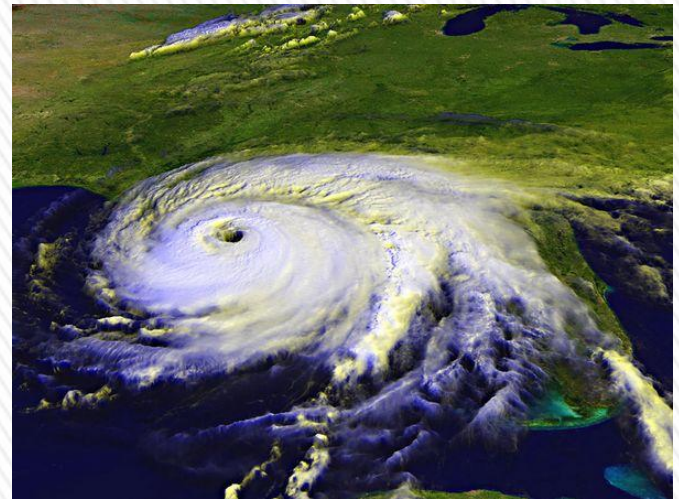
The Weather



- » The six month hurricane season runs from June 1st through November 30th.
- » Hurricanes are large, spiraling tropical storms that can pack wind speeds of over 160 miles an hour and unleash more than 2.4 trillion gallons of rain a day.
- » 40 percent of the hurricanes that occur in the United States hit Florida.
- » The difference between a tropical storm and a hurricane is wind speed – tropical storms usually bring winds of 36-47 miles per hour, whereas hurricane wind speeds are at least 74 miles per hour.

The Weather:

Hurricanes



- » When was Memorial Day originally created? Why do Americans celebrate this holiday?
- » How do I celebrate the Fourth of July?
- » What are tiny hand-held fireworks called?
- » After which holiday does the school year typically begin in the USA?
- » Name a few items you can find at an American Cookout.
- » What are my favorite activities to do in Florida during the summer?
- » What types of concerts are especially popular during the summer?
- » What is the difference between paddleboarding and surfing?
- » My hometown, Tampa, FL, is called the _____ capital of the world. Why? (weather)
- » What is the difference between a tropical storm and a hurricane?

