

Laugh & Learn

Thought for Today

True patriotism hates injustice in its own land more than anywhere else.

The Learn: The Fourth of July



The Fourth of July is also called *Independence Day*. It is a federal holiday. Schools, banks, post offices, and government offices are closed on the Fourth of July. The Fourth of July is our most important national holiday because it celebrates the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration of Independence announced America's independence from Britain. It was adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

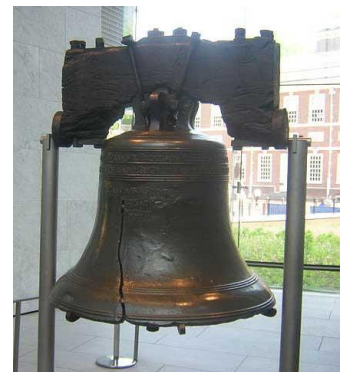
"The Fourth" is also a family celebration. Picnics and barbeques are common. July is summer in the United States, and millions of Americans escape the heat at beaches and other vacation spots.

Jokes

Did you hear the one about the Liberty Bell?
Yeah, it cracked me up! [Note: the USA Liberty Bell cracked the first time it was used]

Why is the Liberty Bell like a dropped Easter egg?
Because they're both cracked!

What kind of tea did the American colonists thirst for?
Liberty!



Answer: Mr. Dan filled one piece of luggage with 8 loaves of chleba.

Watertown, Wisconsin, USA is a town about the size of Svitavy. Below is from the Watertown Daily Times Newspaper

Festivities for 4th Planned.

The city's Fourth of July Parade Committee and Watertown's American Legion Post have several activities planned for this weekend for the Independence Day holiday.

The festivities will begin on Friday at Riverside Park at 4 p.m. with rides provided by Chippewa Valley Rides. A \$15 dollar wristband special will run from 4 to 8 p.m. Featured will be eight new rides not in Watertown last year.

Live music will be provided on Friday from 7 to 11 p.m. by Tony Rocker & The Comeback Special. Classic memories will perform on Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. and the Variations will play from 7 to 11 p.m.

The city's annual Fourth of July parade will start Saturday at 10 a.m. at the intersection of West Main and Water streets and continues to Riverside Park.

The fireworks show will start Saturday at 9:45 p.m., weather permitting. If inclement weather

should arise, the fireworks will be moved to Sunday at 9:45 p.m.

A craft fair will be held at the park on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Rock River Rescue Foundation will host a carp tournament from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The American Legion Post will run the beer, brat, hamburger, pizza and soda stands.

Helps:

American Legion Post: an organization of those who have served in the Army, Navy, Air force or Marines. Such men [or women] are called veterans

Rides: Carnival rides such as the Ferris wheel or carousel.

Wristband: The wristband will permit you unlimited or countless rides.

Inclement weather: Stormy, rainy or bad weather.

Carp tournament: Fishing contest

For the more advanced reader

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.



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. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government...

The Links

Obama Funny http://sendables.jibjab.com/originals/hes_barack_obama

Red Skeleton & The Pledge [old but still great]

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LPblls0iOnI>

Kailua Hawaii 4th of July Parade 2008 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_3uWO-ae3o

Final offer of English Camp, 18-25 July. More than 60 are registered, but we still have money to assist a few more interested campers. Let me know of your interest: <http://eclitomysl.cz/>

The Laugh

What did one flag say to the other flag?
Nothing. It just waved!

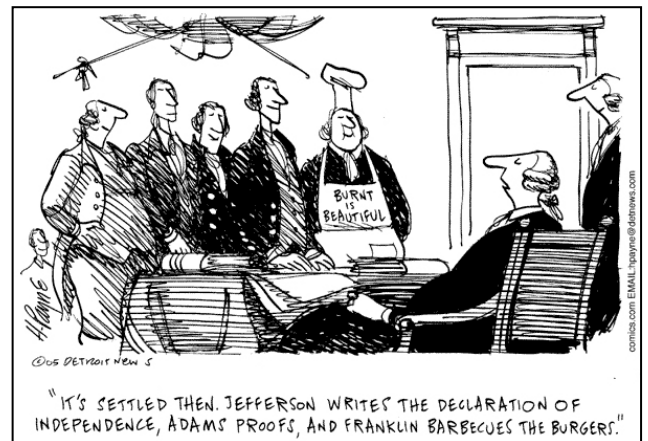
What dance was very popular in 1776?
Indepen-dance!

Teacher: "Why did young George Washington chop down the cherry tree with his hatchet?"
Student: "Because his mom wouldn't let him play with the chain saw!"

off the mark.com by Mark Parisi



The Fourth of July weekend was coming up, and the nursery school teacher took the opportunity to tell her class about patriotism. "We live in a great country," she said. "One of the things we should be happy is that, in this country, we are all free." One little boy came walking up to her from the back of the room. He stood with his hands on his hips and said. . . .
"I'm not free. I'm four."



Nicholas took his four-year-old son, Bryan, to several baseball games where "The Star-Spangled Banner" was sung before the start of each game.

Later, Nicholas and Bryan attended church on the Sunday before Independence Day. The congregation sang The Star-Spangled Banner, and after everyone sat down, Bryan suddenly yelled out at the top of his voice, 'Play ball.'

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