

# NATIONAL WHAT? WEEK

An incomplete guide to national and international designated days of the year based on a 9 month school calendar.

Check with contacts listed for free teaching materials, contests, and special programs that may be associated with the event listed.

The year 2009 will be celebrated as:

## The Year of Science

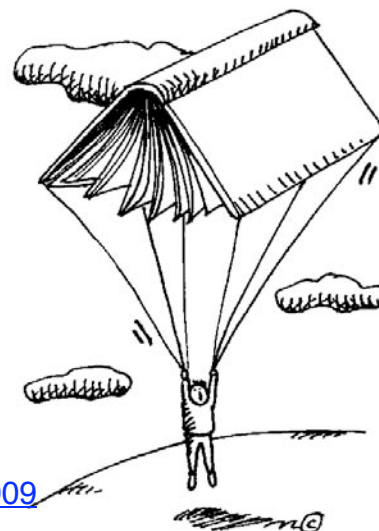
<http://www.copusproject.org/yearofscience2009>

## International Year of Astronomy

<http://www.astronomy2009.org>

## International 'Water for Life' Decade (2005-2015)

<http://www.un.org/waterforlifedecade/>



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## SEPTEMBER

Library Card Sign-Up Month <http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/otherinit/card/librarycard.htm>  
National Hispanic Heritage Month <http://www.loc.gov/topics/hispanicheritage/>

Sept. 17 Constitution Day <http://www.constitutionday.com/>  
Sept. 21 International Day of Peace <http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org/>  
Sept. 27 National Public Lands Day <http://www.publiclandsday.org/>

Last Saturday in Sept.: National Estuaries Day <http://www.estuaries.gov/>

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## OCTOBER

National Seafood Month <http://www.mbayaq.org/>  
Energy Awareness Month <http://www.energystar.gov/>

Oct. 5 World Habitat Day <http://www.worldhabitatday2007.org/>  
Oct. 16 U.N. World Food Day [http://www.fao.org/wfd2007/index\\_en.html](http://www.fao.org/wfd2007/index_en.html)  
Oct. 24 United Nations Day <http://www.un.org/events/unday/2007/>

First full week in Oct.: Banned Books Week <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/>

Second full week in Oct.: World Rainforest Week <http://www.ran.org/>  
Earth Science Week <http://www.earthsciweek.org/>

Third full week in Oct.: National Chemistry Week <http://www.chemistryweek.org>

## NOVEMBER

Native American Heritage Month <http://www.loc.gov/topics/nativeamericans/>

Nov. 15      America Recycles Day <http://www.nrc-recycle.org/americanrecycles.aspx>

Second full week in Nov.:    American Education Week <http://www.nea.org/aew/index.html>

   Children's Book Week <http://www.cbcbooks.org/cbw/>

Third full week in Nov.:    Geography Awareness Week <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/>

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## DECEMBER

Universal Human Rights Month <http://www.udhr.org/default.htm>

Dec. 5      International Volunteer Day <http://www.worldvolunteerweb.org/>

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## JANUARY

National Mentoring Month [http://www.mentoring.org/mentoring\\_month/](http://www.mentoring.org/mentoring_month/)

National Hobby Month <http://www.web-holidays.com/calendar/january/01hobby.htm>

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## FEBRUARY

African American History Month <http://www.loc.gov/topics/africanamericans/>

National Bird Feeding Month <http://www.wildbird.com/content/nbs.index>

Science Literacy Month <http://www.swarthmore.edu/NatSci/cpurrin1/evol12/slm/slm.htm>

Feb. 2      World Wetlands Day <http://www.ramsar.org/>

Feb. 15-18    Great Backyard Bird Count <http://www.birdsource.org/>

Feb. 27      Polar Bear Day <http://www.polarbearsinternational.org/>

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## MARCH

Women's History Month <http://www.nwhp.org/>

Youth Art Month [http://www.acminet.org/youth\\_art\\_month.htm](http://www.acminet.org/youth_art_month.htm)

Music in our Schools Month <http://www.menc.org/guides/miosm/MIOSMFront.html>

Mar. 22      World Day for Water <http://www.worldwaterday.org/>

Mar. 23      World Meteorological Day <http://www.wmo.int/pages/wmd/>

Second full week in Mar.: Groundwater Awareness Week <http://www.ngwa.org/>

Three weeks in Mar.: Globe at Night Program <http://www.globe.gov/GaN/>

## APRIL

National Poetry Month [http://teacher.scholastic.com/lessonrepro/k\\_2theme/poetry.htm](http://teacher.scholastic.com/lessonrepro/k_2theme/poetry.htm)  
Keep America Beautiful Month <http://www.kab.org/>

Apr. 7 World Health Day <http://www.who.int/world-health-day/2007/en/index.html>  
Apr. 22 Earth Day <http://www.earthday.net/>  
Apr. 25-27 National Youth Service Day <http://ysa.org/NatIGYSD/tabid/59/Default.aspx>

Third full week in Apr.: National Library Week <http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.htm>  
National Environmental Education Week <http://www.eeweek.org/>

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## MAY

Asian Pacific Heritage Month <http://www.apaha.org/>  
Clean Air Month <http://www.lungusa.org/>  
American Wetlands Month <http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/awm/>  
Nevada Archaeology Awareness Month  
<http://dmla.clan.lib.nv.us/docs/shpo/hpweek/hpmonth2007.htm>

May 12 International Migratory Bird Day <http://www.birdday.org/>  
May 18 Endangered Species Day  
<http://www.stopextinction.org/site/c.epIQKXOBJsG/b.704799/k.CCB4/Home.htm>  
May 18 International Museum Day [http://icom.museum/2007\\_contents.html](http://icom.museum/2007_contents.html)  
May 22 International Day for Biological Diversity <http://www.cbd.int/default.shtml>  
May 23 World Turtle Day <http://www.hsus.org/wildlife/>  
May 29 International Day of U.N. Peacekeepers  
<http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/peacekeepers/>

First Thursday in May Space Day <http://www.spaceday.org/index.html>  
First full week in May: International Astronomy Week <http://www.astroleague.org/>  
Compost Awareness Week <http://www.compostingcouncil.org/>  
National Wildflower Week <http://www.nps.gov/plants/cw/variety.htm>

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## JUNE

Zoo and Aquarium Month <http://www.mesastate.edu/msclibrary/resources/zoo.htm>  
American Rivers Month <http://www.americanrivers.org/>  
National Safety Month <http://www.nsc.org/nsm/>

June 2 National Trails Day <http://americanhiking.org/events/ntd/>  
June 5 World Environment Day <http://www.unep.org/wed/2007/english/>  
June 8 World Oceans Day <http://www.theoceanproject.org/wod/>

Third week: National Pollinator Week [http://www.pollinator.org/pollinator\\_week\\_2008.htm](http://www.pollinator.org/pollinator_week_2008.htm)

