

NATIONAL WHAT? WEEK

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

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

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The year 2012 will be celebrated as:

The International Year of Sustainable Energy for All:

<http://www.sustainableenergyforall.org>

and is part of the

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

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



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. 4 National Wildlife Day <http://www.nationalwildlifeday.com/>

Sept. 17 Constitution Day <http://www.constitutionday.com/>

Sept. 21 International Day of Peace <http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org/>

Sept. 22 National Estuary Day <http://www.estuaries.org/>

Sept. 24 – 30 Take a Child Outside Week

Sept. 27 National Public Lands Day <http://www.publiclandsday.org/>

Sept. 30 Chinese Moon Festival <http://www.chinahighlights.com/festivals/mid-autumn-festival.htm>

Sept. 24-30 TAKE A CHILD OUTSIDE WEEK <http://www.childrenandnature.org/>

Sept. 30-Oct.6 BANNED BOOKS WEEK <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/banned/>

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. 8: International Observe the Moon Night <http://observethemoonnight.org/>

Oct. 16 U.N. World Food Day http://www.fao.org/wfd2007/index_en.html

Oct. 17 National Fossil Day <http://nature.nps.gov/geology/nationalfossilday/>

Oct. 18 Mix it Up at Lunch Day <http://www.tolerance.org/mix-it-up>

Oct. 24 United Nations Day <http://www.un.org/events/unday/2007/>

Oct. 12-18 WORLD RAINFOREST WEEK <http://www.ran.org/>
Oct 14-20 EARTH SCIENCE WEEK <http://www.earthsciweek.org/>
Oct. 21-27 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>

Nov. 11-17 ORANGUTAN CARING WEEK <http://www.orangutanrepublik.org/>
Nov. 11-17 AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK <http://www.nea.org/aew/index.html>
Nov. 11-17 GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/>

DECEMBER

UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH <http://www.udhr.org/default.htm>

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

Dec. 14-Jan. 5th GREAT CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT <http://birds.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count>

JANUARY

NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH http://www.mentoring.org/mentoring_month/
NATIONAL HOBBY MONTH <http://www.web-holidays.com/calendar/january/01hobby.htm>

Jan. 5 National Bird Day <http://www.nationalbirdday.com/>
Jan. 20 Penguin Awareness Day <http://www.altiusdirectory.com/Society/penguin-awareness-day.php>

Jan. 21 Squirrel Appreciation Day <http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/January/squirrelappreciation.htm>
Jan. 24 National Compliment Day <http://the365daychallenge.com/2011/01/08/day8/>

Jan. 14-23 GLOBE AT NIGHT <http://www.globeatnight.org/>

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/evolk12/slm/slm.htm>

Feb. 1 National Freedom Day http://www.americaslibrary.gov/es/pa/es_pa_free_1.html
Feb. 2 World Wetlands Day <http://www.ramsar.org/>
Feb. 3 Cordova Ice Worm Day <http://www.alaskacenters.gov/ice-worms.cfm>
Feb. 11 National Inventors Day <http://www.altiusdirectory.com/Society/national-inventors-day.html>

Feb. 15	Galileo's Birthday	http://www.mmdtkw.org/VGalileo.html
Feb. 17	Random Acts of Kindness Day	http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/
Feb. 18-21	Great Backyard Bird Count	http://www.birdsource.org/
Feb. 27	International Polar Bear Day	http://www.polarbearsinternational.org/
Feb. 12-21	GLOBE AT NIGHT	http://www.globeatnight.org/

MARCH

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH		http://www.nwhp.org/
YOUTH ART MONTH		http://www.acminet.org/youth_art_month.htm
MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH		http://www.menc.org/guides/miosm/MIOSMFront.html
March 2	Dr. Seuss's Birthday:	http://www.seussville.com/
March 9	Ig Nobel Awards	http://www.improbable.com/
March 14	National Pi Day:	http://www.piday.org/
March 14	Learn About Butterflies Day	http://butterflywebsite.com/
March 14	Einstein's Birthday	http://web.visionlearning.com/events/Einstein_Mar14_2004.htm
March 15	Tau Day (2 Pi Day)	http://tauday.com/
March 19	Sun-Earth Day	http://sunearthday.nasa.gov/2012/index.php
March 22	World Day for Water	http://www.worldwaterday.org/
March 30	Take a Walk in the Park Day	http://www.nps.gov
March 31	National Bunsen Burner Day	http://www.wisegeek.com/what-is-a-bunsen-burner.htm
March 11-17	GROUNDWATER AWARENESS WEEK	http://www.ngwa.org/
March 13-22	GLOBE AT NIGHT	http://www.globeatnight.org/

APRIL

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH		http://teacher.scholastic.com/lessonrepro/k_2theme/poetry.htm
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL MONTH		http://www.kab.org/
April 7	World Health Day	http://www.who.int/world-health-day/2007/en/index.html
April 8	Draw a Picture of a Bird Day	http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/April/picturebirdday.htm
April 12	Look Up at the Sky Day	http://cloudappreciationsociety.org/
April 22	Earth Day	http://www.earthday.net/
Apr. 20-22	Global Youth Service Days	http://gysd.org/
April 27	Arbor Day	http://www.arborday.org/
April 28	Astronomy Day	http://www.astroleague.org/
Apr. 8-14	NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK	http://www.ala.org/nlw/
Apr. 23-29	ASTRONOMY WEEK	http://www.astroleague.org/
Apr. 11-20	GLOBE AT NIGHT	http://www.globeatnight.org/
Apr. 15-25	NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK	http://www.eeweek.org/

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/
May 1	Save the Rhinos Day	http://www.savetherhino.org/
May 5	Oyster Day	http://oysterday.com/
May 10	National Shrimp Day	http://www.encyclopedia.com/topic/shrimp.aspx
May 11	National Space Day	http://www.spaceday.org/
May 12	International Migratory Bird Day	http://www.birdday.org/
May 16	National Sea Monkey Day	http://www.sea-monkey.com/
May 18	Endangered Species Day	http://www.stopextinction.org/esd.html
May 18	International Museum Day	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	Pink Flamingo Day	http://www.tropicalbirds.com/flamingo.php
May 29	International Day of U.N. Peacekeepers	http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/peacekeepers/
May 7-12	COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK	http://www.compostingcouncil.org/
May 7-13	NATIONAL WILDFLOWER WEEK	http://www.nps.gov/plants/cw/variety.htm
May 7-13	CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK	http://www.cbcbooks.org/cbw/

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 5	Special Transit of Venus	http://sunearthday.nasa.gov/2012/index.php
June 8	World Oceans Day	http://www.theoceanproject.org/wod/
June 15	National Lobster Day	http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/invertebrates/lobster/
June 20	Summer Solstice	http://www.chiff.com/a/summer-solstice.htm
June 24	Museum Comes to Life Day	http://www.si.edu/Museums
June 30	National Meteor Day	http://www.amsmeteors.org/
June 18-24	NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK	http://pollinator.org/

JULY

NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH		http://www.nrpa.org/
July 2	World UFO Day	http://www.worldufoday.com/
July 28	Buffalo Soldiers Day	http://buffalosoldiersmuseum.com/cms/
July 28	National Day of the Cowboy	http://www.nationaldayofthecowboy.com/cms/
July 15-21	NATIONAL ZOOKEEPER WEEK	http://aazk.org/national-zoo-keeper-week/

AUGUST

NATIONAL CATFISH MONTH http://www.gone-ta-pott.com/National_catfish_month.html

NATIONAL WATER QUALITY MONTH <http://water.epa.gov/learn/kids/waterkids/waterforkids.cfm>

ARTIST APPRECIATION MONTH
<http://www.scholastic.com/resources/booklist/august-is-art-appreciation-month/>

Aug. 5 International Friendship Day http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Friendship_Day

Aug 9 International Day of the Worlds Indigenous People
<http://www.unwomen.org/2011/08/international-day-of-the-worlds-indigenous-peoples-9-august-2011/>

Aug. 19 Aviation Day <http://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/aviation-day/>

Aug. 20 World Mosquito Day <http://malariaomore.org.uk/world-mosquito-day>

Aug. 31 Eat Outside Day
<http://enfield.patch.com/articles/august-31-its-national-eat-outdoors-day>

Aug 7-12 NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK
<http://sustainableagriculture.net/blog/national-farmers-market-week/>

Aug 15-21 NATIONAL AVIATION WEEK <http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/>

