

THE NAARVA



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SPRING 2022 (April, May, June)

From The President's Desk...

Greetings NAARVA Family and Friends,

The recovery from the extraordinary impact of COVID-19 continues to change how we safely use our recreational vehicles and gather in small and large groups, but we did it!

The 2021 and 2022 Rally seasons although challenging, overall have been successful. We have gathered throughout our Regions with awesome groups of NAARVA Family members. There were many questions about how we will continue to gather considering fuel cost, availability of rally venues and meeting rooms. It is important to share that venues cost and amenities have changed.

- 1) The cost for sites has increased.
- 2) There are less opportunities for

meeting rooms.

3) Deposits and cancellations rules have changed.

4) Outside catering rules have changed.

Despite all the above changes, we had a wonderful time together! Finally, you did the most by paying the cost for the rally, and the fuel. You brought energy and excitement to the Rallies and the communities we visited. We are NAARVA Strong!

Planning for Eastern, Western and Central Regions were led by Region Directors: Belinda Moore, Eastern Region; Charles Gill, Western Region; and Brian Skipper, Central Region, and their team leaders. These rallies went very well, which had their share of an occasional rainy day!

Although, I was not able to attend the Central Region Rally, I spoke with Region Director Brian Skipper to express my appreciation for the work and commitment of his team.

I encourage Regions to begin your search for 2023 Rally sites as soon as possible as the availability of affordable sites have decreased and many do not have meeting rooms.

That means that our membership will soon begin to receive information about 2023 Rallies, nomination and voting instructions and a request that club and regions update their officers listing.

We are planning to develop a method for each of you to update your membership profile and opt in for Constant Contact. Constant Contact is currently method used by NAARVA to distribute important information to our members. This method is very important for the members at large.

Let's all watch for the Membership Profile Form; it will be available on the [NAARVA.com](http://www.NAARVA.com) website. The information about your recreational vehicle is essential when developing partnerships with our RV Industry Partners. For example: if our membership has 45% Cummins engines, that will assist when NAARVA request sponsorship, seminars, technical services, etc.

So please watch for the Membership Profile Form, complete and return.

In addition, join us for the 2022 National Camp Rally in Shawnee! Please continue to stay safe. If you are not feeling well and you are at an NAARVA gathering, please remain safely in your recreational vehicle!

**Best Regards,
Louise Grogan**



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NAARVA NATIONAL CAMP
RALLY 2022

Registrations Now Closed

NAARVA Going
Mardi Gras in
Oklahoma

Shawnee, Oklahoma
August 7-14, 2022



Hosted by the Southern Region

ANNOUNCING The 2022 "BIG ROLLING WHEELS" CONTEST

Do your RV vacations involve winding through breathtaking landscapes, picturesque villages, and spectacular views of our natural American treasures?

Is your camera ready to capture these sights?

Is your computer on hand to record and share your adventures?

Then you are on the road to entering NAARVA's 2022 "BIG ROLLING WHEELS CONTEST"

Please bring the entry form with your travel submissions to the National Camp Rally in Shawnee, OK by 3:00 PM Wednesday, August 10, 2022. We can't wait to see and read about your adventures!



Anne Steele-Holsey

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM - BIG ROLLING WHEELS CONTEST

A separate form must accompany each entry.

1. Author/photographer's name: _____

How you want your name to appear on the plaque if different from above.

2. Author/Photographer's mailing address: _____

3. Author/Photographer's phone number: (_____) _____ or cell (_____) _____

4. Author/Photographer's E-mail: _____

5. Division/Category of this entry: A. Written narrative _____ B. Photos _____

6. Title of entry: _____

7. Information about your RV: Make/Model _____ Year _____

8. Information about you: The number of years that you have been RVing: _____

6 to 12 mos. _____ 2 Years _____ 5 Years _____ 10 Years _____ 15 Years _____ Over 20 Years _____

Working _____ Retired _____

9. Bring entry form along with your photos or narrative to:

The Rally Registration Area to Anne Steele-Holsey, Wednesday at 3:00 PM

DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022

A Word From the Editor...

“How was it?” After the cabin fever of Covid and winter, how was that first trip out in the RV? Mine coincided with my club’s trip to Ogallala, NE. We had seventeen rigs embarking and completing the 213 mile to Nebraska for a five night stay. In typical camper fashion we ate good, fished when we felt like it, and in many ways, made a noticeable presence at the KOA at which we were staying.

This was about my fifth trip to Ogallala, NE, but I must say that of all my previous visits this was the most enjoyable. What made it so was naturally the interaction with my fellow RMRVRs, the campground was the best of the lot of the five stays, the Wi-Fi for internet connectivity for once worked without a hitch (my phone hotspot wouldn’t work so I was left with the campground Wi-Fi), and it was good to just sit back, drink some wine (non-alcoholic naturally) and hear what my fellow club members have been into. I hope your outings were some enjoyable variation on this theme.

In tune with our National Rally in August, the Spring issue of *The VOICE* will continue with our Lagniappes. The Summer *VOICE* issue will be the last installment of our “little something extras”, and should contain memories from the National NAARVA Camp Rally.

NOW A REMINDER: the NAARVA *VOICE* currently publishes four editions each year. **Winter Edition** covering the 1st quarter, January through March of the year; **Spring Edition** covering the 2nd quarter, April through June of the

How was it

year; **Summer Edition** covering the 3rd quarter, July through September of the year; and **Fall Edition** covering the 4th quarter, October through December of the year. Submission deadlines for contributors will always be by the 10th of March for the Winter *VOICE*, 10th of June, for the Spring *VOICE*, 10th of September for the Summer *VOICE*, and the 10th of December for the Fall *VOICE*. The NAARVA *VOICE* publication dates are the first week of January for the Fall *VOICE*, the first week of April for the Winter *VOICE*, the first week of July for the Spring *VOICE*, and the first week of October for the Summer *VOICE*.

James Gregory

CENTRAL REGION

Where Is She Now?

**Alexis P. Walker-Dunham, J.D.
Recent Law School Graduate**

Alexis graduated on Friday, May 11, 2022 with a Juris Doctor degree from The University of Iowa College of Law.

Alexis was a past recipient of a \$1,000.00 NAARVA Scholarship in 2014. Alexis previously attended The University of Denver and in June, 2018 graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Political Science and Communications Studies and a minor in Criminology. Alexis wants to express her appreciation to The NAARVA organization for their support.

James and Patricia Walker (#94-2665) are longtime members of NAARVA and the *Rocky Mountain RV Rollers*, and are the proud Grandparents of Alexis. The Rollers are equally proud of Alexis and her accomplishments and wish her continued success on her journey through life. Keep up the excellent work, Alexis!

Submitted By: Joellen Davis, *President Rocky Mountain RV Rollers*



ALEXIS P. WALKER-DURHAM, J.D. '22

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA COLLEGE OF LAW

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022, 1:30 P.M. - HANCHER AUDITORIUM

[HTTPS://COMMENCEMENT.UIOWA.EDU/CEREMONY/SPRING2022/COLLEGE-LAW-COMMENCEMENT](https://commencement.uiowa.edu/ceremony/spring2022/college-law-commencement)

Class of 2022

NAARVA Chaplain's Corner...

BY THE REVEREND JESSE BATTLE

*"If you're gonna play the game, boy
You gotta learn to play it right..."*
- Kenny Rogers, The Gambler

Could A Small Adjustment Solve Your Problem

The New Testament Gospel of John shares a narrative in which Peter, after the crucifixion of Jesus, decided to go back to his previous passion of fishing. Six of his disciple friends, also grieving the death of their beloved friend and savior, joined him for a nighttime fishing expedition. The sad irony is that while they knew how to fish, after fishing all night, they had not caught any fish by the dawn of morning!

We could excuse their lack of success on the fact that they were in bereavement; perhaps, their hearts were not really into fishing. But, Peter was an expert fisherman; and as any skilled fisherman knows, fish are more likely to bite during the calm of a peaceful night. The mere fact that Peter chose the nighttime to do his fishing suggests that his fishing skills were second-nature to him. He knew how to fish! But still, they fished all night and caught nothing!

The next morning a stranger, who was in fact the resurrected Christ, greeted them on the shore. He politely asked if they had any fish that he could eat. Without explanation, void of compassion for the hungry stranger, they flatly responded, "NO!" Of course, they did not know at that time that the stranger was none other than Jesus Christ, their Lord! I'm certain that had they known who the stranger was, they would have responded in a more caring manner. This begs the question: *Should our kindness be contingent upon who we are responding to, or should kindness be the model for all of our interactions with others?*

Nevertheless, Jesus, seeing their pain, and the frustration of the embarrassment and exhaustion of fishing all night with no success, suggested one small adjustment. No, he did not suggest that they go to a different lake! Nor did he suggest that they get a different type of boat, or that they use a net made of a different fabric! He merely suggested that they cast their nets on the other side of the boat! Inherent in that suggestion is the implication that the fish were already in the lake. The problem was that Peter and his companions were going about the task of fishing without consideration of the simple possibility that the fish could have been on the other side of the boat.

How often do we go about the business of doing what we do without consideration of minor adjustments that could make a major difference in our results? How often do we judge others without considering the possibility that they are dealing with factors that may not have been part of our experience? The sad irony is that major differences in one's results often require only a slight adjustment of attitude! And, even more ironic is that the ad-



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justment could simply be in how one responds to an action or suggestion!

I find it amusing that most disputes among families, among friends, and even within organizations such as NAARVA, could be eliminated with minor adjustments on the part of either the offending member or the offended member. Of course, the responsibility starts with the offending member! But, there may be circumstances unknown to us that might have driven the offender in a way that resulted in the offense. Even in cases such as this, if the offended member could be mature enough to consider other possibilities, it might negate the offense! Jesus' suggestion could be administered without invoking any additional burden on those exhausted, embarrassed, and broken disciples! That small adjustment resulted in 153 large fish. Could a small adjustment in your attitude, in your behavior, in your response solve your problem?

Rules for Submitting Articles to The Voice

If you want to share news from your Club, or have something to say about RV'ing, E-mail your information to your Regional Director. **The deadline for the Summer VOICE content submissions is September 10, 2022.**

NAARVA members may access *The Voice* through the NAARVA website: www.naarva.com.

If you do not have an E-mail account or access to a computer, call 704-333-3070, and a hard copy will be mailed to you. *The Voice* is published four times yearly by NAARVA. Voice Editor: James Gregory imscholar2@cs.com.

CENTRAL REGION

Hello NAARVA Family,

The 2022 Central Region Rally in Branson was truly a great event! We had over 94 RV sites and 4 cabins reserved for our members. The *Ohio Buckeye Roadrunners'* President Wanda Gibson and our Central Region Executive Board planned a surprise recognition for NAARVA founding member Norman L. Ellis. To our delight, Mr. Ellis was very surprised. A large group of first timers were in attendance and really enjoyed the week's events. This year was the Central Region's election year and following officers were installed for the 2022-24 term:

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Regional Director, Brian Skipper
Assistant Director, Sylvia Allen
Treasurer, Pat Brady
Secretary, Saundra Powell
Financial Secretary, Joellen Davis
On behalf of the Central Region Executive Board, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped to make our rally a success! We are looking forward to planning our 2023 rally which will be held in Hutchinson, Kansas at the Kansas State Fairgrounds.

Let's get ready to enjoy our National Rally in Shawnee OK. Safe travels everyone!



Norman L. Ellis (l.) is surprised by special recognition.

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SOUTHERN REGION

Come one and all to our Mardi Gras in Shawnee, Oklahoma!

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NAARVA Going



In

Shawnee, Oklahoma

August 7-14, 2022

Hosted by Southern Region

Lagniappe:

What you pack clothing-wise will depend on what you're planning to do during your trip. No matter what you'll be doing, you already know you'll be needing basics like enough t-shirts and shorts to last you the length of the trip.

WESTERN REGION

Greetings NAARVA

It's that time of year for us to get back out and begin our Regional Rallies. Our 2022 Western Region Rally just ended at the Wild Horse Casino and RV Park in Pendleton, Oregon.

True to our motto, "Endless Excitement Out West" we had a great week of reconnecting and great conversations. Our theme, "Soul Train Party" was a huge success. Members came out dressed in those memorable bell bottom pants, colorful shirts and blouses, as well as platform shoes. The week also included line dancing, with a fairly large number of participants. Dancing in the street, as well as games of cornhole and spades rounded out some of the week's activities. We were privileged to have in our attendance President Louise Grogan, a major influence in the Western Region.

Another highlight was the culmination of our week with the Saturday night dinner. Great times were had with raffles, door prizes, and a very successful Dessert Auction. The Dessert Auction raised \$695.00, which will be used for charitable donations.

Now that the fun and games have concluded, we're getting busy preparing to entertain the entire NAARVA family at the 2023 - 30th Annual Na-

tional Camp Rally. Although we're smaller in numbers compared to the other regions, we are full of energy and ideas to make 2023 an outstanding celebration. This year we want to emphasize our beginnings as well as the journey to where we are now. As you look at all the participants during our rallies, it is truly breathtaking to see the commitment everyone connected with NAARVA exhibits. The 2023 - 30th Annual National Camp Rally will be one to attend and remember.

NAARVA has come such a long way in its nearly 30 years as an organization, and we envision many more years of growth.

**Respectfully,
Charles D. Gill Jr.**

**CHARLES
GILL, JR.**
Director,
Western
Region



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From bell bottoms to platform shoes the Soul Train Party was a huge success.

ABOUT PICTURES...

Please remember when taking pictures that you need to have your camera (phone) set on a high resolution (at least 250 dpi {300 preferred}) and USE your flash at all times, even when outside, as it dispels shadows especially on faces. Don't be afraid to get "close" to the subject, so we can "see faces" not a lot of background. Send your photos via E-mail in a separate .jpg file. Do **NOT embed photos** in the article. If photos are too dark, blurry or too small, they will not be printed in *The Voice*. **Please limit your photos to 6 per article.**

Bereavement Information

A NAARVA member's death announcement should be given to your Chapter President, who will pass it along to your Regional Director. The Regional Director will submit the list of names to **Beth Gill, NAARVA's National Benevolence Chair**, at: przr50@gmail.com

Lagniappe:

When choosing routes and destinations for a trip, do your research and plan to stick to the proven routes; don't venture off the path too much, especially if you're not used to driving a motorhome or towing a trailer. Once you've tackled a few easier trips, you'll be more comfortable going off the beaten path.

Cookin'

To all those wanting some veggies with their meat, or just desirous of a little lighter fare, we present the following. NOTE: This can be made less fattening and vegan by sautéing the garlic in a little broth or water instead of the butter, and by substituting an equal measure of a non-dairy milk and a tablespoon of cornstarch (potato starch works as well), for the heavy cream. Use Nutritional Yeast instead of the parmesan cheese called out in the recipe. Heat the non-dairy milk in a small pan (to about 100 degrees F) and whisk in the corn or potato starch until just thickened (don't overcook). Remove from heat, stir to cool slightly, and add to the remaining ingredients when called out below.

Pasta with Vegetables



The Ingredients:

1 cup pine nuts	3/4 cup heavy cream (see Note)
3 tbsp. butter (see Note)	1 tsp. dried thyme
1 clove garlic chopped fine	salt and ground pepper
1/2 cup asparagus cut on the diagonal	1/2 lb. cooked pasta (try whole wheat)
1/2 cup green beans also cut on the diagonal	spirals or Fuseli) cooked per directions
1/2 cup peas	chopped cherry tomatoes
1/2 cup carrots diced	grated parmesan cheese (see note)
1/2 cup yellow squash diced optional	chopped fresh basil

How to do it:

In non-stick or cast iron pan roast the pine nuts, stirring constantly until golden brown. Remove from heat and pan to a plate.

In the pan sauté the garlic in the butter over medium heat (see note below).

Add remaining vegetables to the garlic mixture and sauté until tender but still crisp - about 5+ minutes. A little more broth or water may be required to help the sauté if you decide not to use the butter.

Pour in cream or cream substitute, season with thyme, salt, and pepper. Boil/simmer for one to two minutes. Mixture should be slightly thickened, not a stiff paste.

Add cooked pasta, mix well, cover and let set five to ten minutes to thicken.

To serve take a 1-1/2 to 2 cup mixture portion, top with pine nuts, cherry tomatoes, chopped basil and parmesan or nutritional yeast. Enjoy!

Cookin'

Note: The goal of sautéing is to build flavor in the ingredient by browning it. You don't need oil for that. For no-oil sautéing, heat a dry pan over medium-high heat until it's wicked hot. Then add your vegetables, aromatics, or whatever you're sautéing to the dry pan and let some of the moisture evaporate. You actually want the ingredients to stick to the pan a bit for browning, but not so much that they burn.

Shake the pan or stir rapidly to prevent burning. When you see some browning on the food and/or pan, add a splash of stock, juice, vinegar, coconut water, beer, wine, or other flavorful liquid to “deglaze” the pan and capture all that delicious browned flavor you just created. Add a splash at a time—just enough to loosen the ingredients and dissolve the brown glaze on the pan.

Looking Ahead:

Summer Quarter Celebrations and Events
Includes Available Regional Club Events

July

July 1: International Joke Day

Another International Joke Day begins on July 1. Where would any of us be without jokes and laughter to brighten our spirits? It can help any situation. This July 1, we invite you to take some time out of your day to recognize the important job humor plays in keeping stress at bay, building relationships, and bringing levity to a world that badly needs it. And be sure not to confuse the purpose of International Joke Day with April Fools' Day — the two couldn't be further apart. July 1 is all about getting a grin out of your best friend, sharing a laugh on social media, and appreciating the stand up comics who have left us in stitches for decades.



July 3: National Stay Out of the Sun Day

Hang up your beach towels, don your coziest attire and prepare for an all-day Netflix marathon, because believe it or not, there's a national holiday devoted to staying indoors. National Stay Out of the Sun Day falls on July 3 each calendar year and encourages us to give our skin a much-needed break from the sweltering heat. Any excuse to lounge around the house for a lengthy period of time can (and should) be taken full advantage of.

July 4: Independence Day

Is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States, which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The Second Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject (and subordinate) to the monarch of Britain, King George III, and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress had voted to declare independence two days earlier, on July 2, but it was not declared until July 4.



July 5: Workaholics Day

National Workaholics Day is on July 5, and it's meant to remind us to find a good balance between our home and work life. In general, workaholics tend to put work before almost everything else. This includes family, friends, and even their own health for the sake of work performance and their quest for perfectionism. As a result, multiple areas of their lives are affected negatively. Their love life can fall apart and they can become lethargic if they don't properly take care of themselves. On National Workaholics Day, we are reminded to make sure to care for ourselves outside of work as well!



July 6: National Fried Chicken Day

National Fried Chicken Day 2022 is on Wednesday, 6th of July, 2022. The USA celebrates this special day on the 6th of July every year. Other countries like the UK, Canada, Australia, Philippines, etc. also observed Fried Chicken Day on the same date of 6th July. **“No veggies, just classic Fried Chicken”** may be considered the theme of national fried chicken day 2022 in the USA. Fried Chicken is a classic dish of the USA and it is loveable in the southern states of America. The bird also gets the spotlight on this day as people only focus on having a

piece of chicken leg or breast. No one looks at vegetables on this day and it is only fried chicken that gets all attention.

July 7: Tell the Truth Day

Tell the Truth Day is observed on July 7th. Like most of us, at some point, you probably told a lie but, hopefully, it was just a white lie with little consequence. Unfortunately, lying can lead to much more harmful outcomes when it becomes a personality trait. Truthfulness and honesty are the foundations of living with integrity.

July 8 - 10, 2022, Eastern Region **DC Connection Family & Friends / Club**

Anniversary Celebration
Bethpage Camp Resort, 679 Brown's Lane
Urbanna, VA 23175
Website: www.rvonthego.com/ClubPotLuck



July 8 - 10, 2022, Southern Region
Georgia Easy Riders RV Club
Camp Sherrye on the Coosa
350 Line Drive, Wetumpka, AL 36092
Phone (334) 391-1266
Hosts: Myrtle — Annette Mayfield /
John — Alexis Jones

July 9: Collector Car Appreciation Day

Collector Car Appreciation Day on July 9th is celebrated annually to raise awareness regarding the importance of automotive restoration as well as the hobby of collecting cars. Restoring and collecting cars plays an essential role in American society since it highlights the lucrative car business that the U.S. has greatly benefited from. The day also includes some of the greatest American cars that have ever been made. So on this day, show off your car collection if you have one, or simply partake in events where vintage cars are being displayed and glorified.

July 10: National Piña Colada Day

July 10th recognizes a sweet, rum-based cocktail on National Piña Colada Day. Along with rum, a Piña Colada includes cream of coconut and pineapple juice and is usually served blended or with ice. Piña Colada means 'strained pineapple,' a reference to the freshly pressed and strained pineapple juice used in the drink. While pineapple has been a part of the distillation history of rum, coconut didn't show up until later. The first written reference to a Piña Colada was in 1922. However, two different claims to the invention of the Piña Colada in 1952 come from San Juan. Neither wavers from their story.





July 10 - 24, 2022
Rocky Mountain RV Rollers
Cool Sunshine RV Park
1055 7th Street
Alamosa, CO 81101
(719) 992 - 9105
Hosts: Alex & Jo Ann Fitts, James & Arnetta Gregory

July 11: Cheer Up the Lonely Day

Cheer Up the Lonely Day is on July 11, whether it's a close friend, family member, old neighbor, new classmate, parent, child, or anybody else in your life, if you know anyone who is lonely or going through a tough time, surprise them today with a visit, a hug, or organize a get-together to help get the word out and spread the spirit of friendliness!

July 12: Simplicity Day

It's time to get back to basics and celebrate National Simplicity Day on July 12! The holiday falls on this date every year to honor the birthday of Henry David Thoreau, who was born on this day in 1817. As Thoreau himself said: *"As you simplify your life, the laws of the universe will be simpler."*

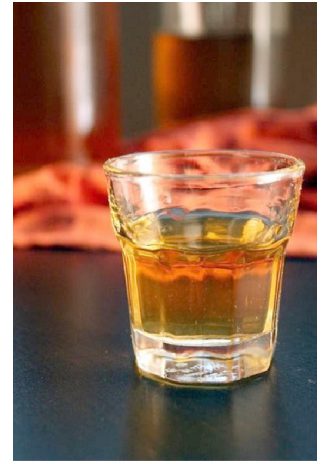
July 14: Bastille Day

Is the common name given in English-speaking countries to the national day of France, which is celebrated on 14 July each year. In French, it is formally called *Fête nationale française* (French: [fɛt nasjonal]; "French National Celebration"), and legally *le 14 juillet* (French: [lə katɔʁz(ə) zɥijɛ]; "the 14th of July"). The French National Day is the anniversary of the Storming of the Bastille on 14 July 1789,^{[1][2]} a major event of the French Revolution, as well as the Fête de la Fédération that celebrated the unity of the French people on 14 July 1790.



National Grand Marnier Day

Never doubt the greatness of French liqueur, as National Grand Marnier Day, celebrated on July 14 every year, brings yet another delicious French drink into the spotlight (move over champagne). Grand Marnier is the name of a brand of French liqueurs, with their most famous product being the Grand Marnier Cordon Rouge — an orange-flavored liqueur made from a blend of cognac brandy, sugar, and pure bitter orange essence. For those who cannot distinguish between whiskey and cognac, whiskeys are made from rye, corn, and barley malt, whereas cognac is a kind of brandy that is derived from grapes but other whole or malted grains as well. All of this means that anyone who is interested in celebrating this holiday is going to want to make sure they buy the real stuff and don't end up buying just plain old whiskey.



July 15: National Give Something Away Day

Imagine a day when you could clean house and get rid of clutter, show someone that you care, gift small things to strangers, and generally making the world a better place. Yes, this day does, in fact, exist and on July 15 we celebrate National Give Something Away Day!

July 15 -17, 2022, Central Region
**Ebony Dream Makers/
Minnesota Voyagers RV Club
Pine View Campground
8053 W. J Street, Fort McCoy, WI 54656
Phone: 608-388-3517
Hosts: With Minnesota Voyagers RV Club**



July 16: Personal Chef Day

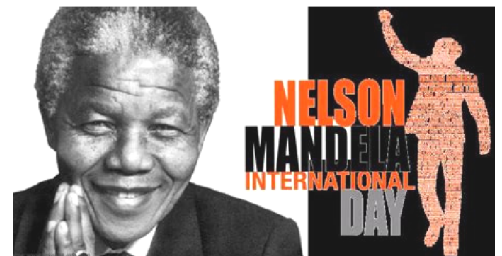
Always ready to save the day by making warm homemade meals, personal chefs are celebrated on National Personal Chef Day on July 16. The day is commemorated to honor the relentless hard work and efforts of personal chefs that can range from standing for long hours every day to going shopping for ingredients to taking care of special cravings and/or dietary restrictions.

July 17: Wrong Way Day

One pilot and his legendary flight can inspire millions, and that is exactly what Wrong Way Corrigan Day is celebrating on July 17 each year. This day marks the transatlantic flight of stunt pilot Douglas Corrigan, who flew his plane on an unauthorized flight from New York to Ireland. He famously claimed he went the wrong way, hence his nickname — 'Wrong Way' Corrigan.

July 18: Nelson Mandela International Day

Is an annual international day in honor of Nelson Mandela, celebrated each year on 18 July, Mandela's birthday. The day was officially declared by the United Nations in November 2009, with the first UN Mandela Day held on 18 July 2010. However, other groups began celebrating Mandela Day on 18 July 2009. On 27 April 2009, the 46664 concerts and the Nelson Mandela Foundation invited the global community to join them in support of an official Mandela Day. Mandela Day is not meant as a public holiday, but as a day to honor the legacy of Nelson Mandela, South Africa's former President, and his values, through volunteering and community service.

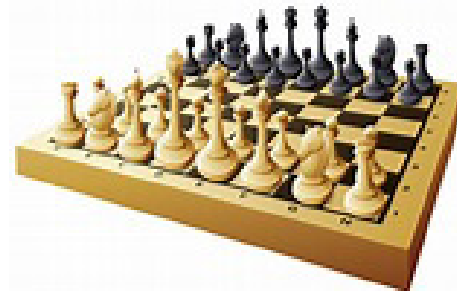


July 18: National Get Out of the Dog House Day

National Get Out of the Dog House Day is observed on the third Monday of every July, on July 18 this year. “In the doghouse” is an idiom that people (often men) use to express that they are in trouble with their significant other. It is also used to describe being the cause of someone's anger. Basically, “being in the doghouse” is not where a person wants to be.

July 20: International Chess Day

The idea to celebrate this day as the international chess day was proposed by UNESCO, and it has been celebrated as such since 1966, after it was established by the International Chess Federation (FIDE), which has 181 chess federations as its members, organizes chess events and competitions around the world on this day. As recently as 2013, the international chess day was celebrated in 178 countries, according to FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov. On 12 December, 2019, the UN General Assembly unanimously approved a resolution recognizing the day.¹¹¹



July 21: National Junk Food Day

Have you ever wished for a day where you can eat absolutely anything you want? Well that day is July 21st. National Junk Food Day is celebrated every year on July 21. Dedicated to the foods we like to snack on, this isn't your average cheat day. Today, you can eat junk food for every meal. Popularized in the U.S. in the 1950s, junk foods are usually, by definition, high in fats, sugars, salt, and calories. But they are also high in deliciousness! Junk food day is the perfect day to treat yourself. On this day, you're allowed your favorite junk foods without any guilt. So go ahead and add extra cheese on that burger and go for that order of fries. Today you're allowed!

July 22: National Hammock Day

National Hammock Day is celebrated every year on July 22 to commemorate the universal symbol for relaxation. Developed by the Mayans of Central and South America for sleeping or resting, a hammock is a sling made of fabric, rope or netting, which is suspended between two points such as posts or trees. Most often, hammocks were made from the woven bark from the Hamack Tree — hence “hamacas”. Today the hammock is often seen as a symbol of summer, leisure, relaxation, and simple, easy living. So grab your favorite book, put your feet up, and relax!

July 23: Gorgeous Grandma Day

Maybe you call her Nana. Maybe you call her Granny. Maybe you call her when you're in trouble because you know she'll be there for you at the drop of a hat. Whatever the case may be, today is her day. But it's not just Grandma Day —oh no. This July 23, we celebrate National Gorgeous Grandma Day. Today's the day to tell ol' Granny just how stunning she really is. She looks fine for an eighty year old, you have to admit. We bet all the grandpas are dying to get with her.



July 24: Parent's Day

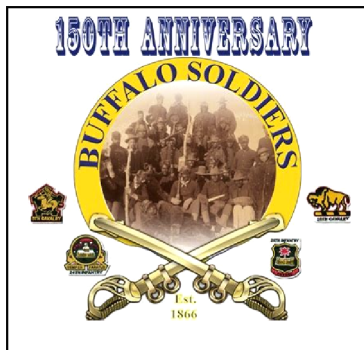
In 1994, Congress unanimously passed “The Parents' Day Resolution” establishing the fourth Sunday of July as a perennial day of commemoration. On this day each year, Americans recognize outstanding parents, celebrate the teamwork in raising children, and support the role of parental guidance in building a strong, stable society. Throughout the nation in almost every state, community leaders organize Parents' Day events to honor parents.

July 25: Hire a Veteran Day

National Hire a Veteran Day was established in 2017 and founded by Dan Caporale, Marine Corps Veteran and founder of Hire Our Heroes, a national non-profit organization. This special day is set aside to raise awareness of civilian employment for transitioning service members and Veterans after their military service. It is also a call to action for those who hire and those who apply. Employers are encouraged to consider and hire Veterans. Veterans bring leadership, work-ethic, teamwork, tenacity, dedication, determination to succeed, and many other "must-have" traits to an employer.

July 26: National Aunt and Uncle Day

National Aunts and Uncles Day is observed every July 26. Our aunts and uncles are unique parts of our family; they can be like a second set of parents, or great friends you happen to be related to. Often, they've watched us grow up, and are full of stories about things we did in our youth we might not even remember. July is a great month for a cookout, or outdoor activities. Call up your aunts and uncles and ask them to come out and celebrate their special place in your life.



July 28: Buffalo Soldiers Day

Buffalo Soldiers Day on July 28th commemorates the formation of the first regular Army regiments comprising African American soldiers in 1866. Congress established the first peacetime all-black regiments in the regular U.S. Army after the end of the Civil War. The Buffalo Soldiers (one of many African-American regiments raised during the Civil War) were the first instituted. Since they were frontier regiments, Buffalo Soldiers of the 9th and 10th Cavalries protected unsettled lands as pioneers moved westward. They also faced the hardships of the Wild West. During and after the Civil War, Army desertion rates remained high. However, among Buffalo Soldiers, low rates prevailed. They were also noted for their dedication and commitment during the Spanish-American War and other engagements during the late 1800s.

July 28 — 31, 2022, Central Region

Akron Adventurers Kampers Club

Atwood Lake Park

9500 Lakeview Rd, Mineral City, OH 44656

Follow 77 S. to exit 93 OH-212 E, turn left on OH-212 E /OH-800 N, turn right on OH-212 E, turn left on Atwood Lake Road NE, turn right onto Shop Road.

Campground on right.

Website: atwoodpark.mwcd.org

July 30: National Father-in-Law Day



Parents bring you into the world, giving you life and raising you to be the person you are. They also do that for your spouse, the person of your dreams. Fathers play a truly unique role in that experience. That's why we celebrate National Father-in-Law Day every July 30. Although there are plenty of ways to celebrate your Dad-in-Law, the best way is simply to let him know you care.

July 31: Talk In An Elevator Day

Did you know that elevators have been around since 200 B.C.? That's right, people have been using elevators since before the birth of Jesus. This is all the more reason to celebrate and strike up a conversation with a stranger on National Talk in an Elevator Day, on the last Friday of July, which falls on July 31 this year. Taking a moment to talk to another human being can do wonders to refresh your and the other person's day. If you are shy and are looking to become a bit more confident, this is also your day to shine. Elevators may just be a means of transport, but they can also help to forge new friendships.

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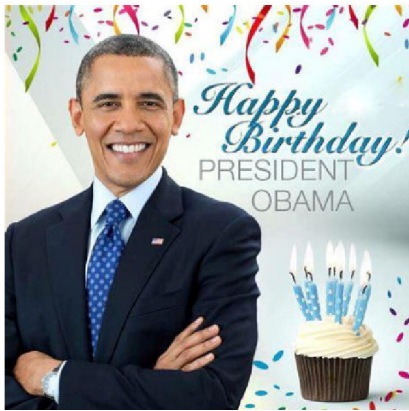
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August 1: Colorado Day

On August 1, 1876, president Ulysses S. Grant signed a proclamation admitting Colorado as a state. Colorado Day was celebrated as a state holiday on August 1 for many years, and then was moved to the first Monday in August, most likely after the time the U.S. Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill in 1968. The day no longer became a public holiday, but rather an observance, when the state started observing Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a public holiday in 1985. As this is not a public holiday. Government and public offices, businesses, and schools are not closed on this day but may hold special events and outreach programs to commemorate the annual observance.



August 4: Barack Obama's Birthday

President Obama, it's your birthday, August 4, so come on down! Barack Hussein Obama II became the first African-American President of the United States in November, 2008. Still respectfully referred to as "Mr. President", Obama was born to an American mother and Kenyan father. When his father left the family, Mr. Obama was raised by his mother and maternal grandparents. Today, President Obama, a Harvard Law School graduate; is a highly-sought after speaker, role model and leader within the Democratic Party. On his birthday, we admire President Obama for his undying commitment to the American ideals of justice and humanity for all.

August 7: Purple Heart Day

The Purple Heart was first created on August 7, 1782 by the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, General George Washington. Then known as the Badge of Military Merit, it was awarded to 3 Revolutionary soldiers in 1783. After the end of the American War of Independence, no medals were awarded until 1932, when the medal was revived on the bicentennial anniversary of George Washington's birth. According to a circular dated February 22, 1932, Purple Heart Medals were to be awarded to those wounded or killed while serving in the United States Armed Forces as a result of enemy action on or after April 5, 1917. The United States officially joined the First World War on April 6, 1917.

**August 7-14, 2022:
All Regions NAARVA
National Camp Rally
Heart of Oklahoma
Expo Center
1700 W. Independence
Street
Shawnee, OK 74804
Host: NAARVA Southern
Region**



August 8: International Infinity Day

International Infinity Day, also known as Infinity Day, first came to light in 1987 by sidewalk New York philosopher Jean-Pierre Ady Fenyo. Jean-Pierre's goal to celebrate life through free-thinking by promoting art, philosophy, and science quickly spread rapidly across the globe. Since then, people continue to celebrate the freedom to think deeply and freely, respectively! We also have on this day, the opportunity to celebrate the number 8 in all its uniqueness! Whether you're a deep thinker, a question-box, or problem solver, we encourage you to celebrate #International Infinity Day with a thirst for knowledge.

August 9: National Book Lovers Day

Books are the purest form of escapism. They can take you to any time, place, or culture. In honor of National Book Lovers Day August 9, we put away our smart phones, pull out a good book and simply read. (Well, an audio book will suffice too.) From clay tablets to today's eBooks, literature has played a crucial role in preserving cultures, educating the masses, and storytelling. On this day, join a book club or re-read a favorite novel because National Book Lovers Day rocks!

August 10: Lazy Day

National Lazy Day encourages the act of being lazy. This observance allows for individuals to take a break to manage stress. Many individuals who are lazy are often more resourceful. Laziness has positive effects similar to rest and idleness. The benefit of taking a nap or regular break in the day time helps lower blood pressure. It can also help with clearing the mind.



August 11: National Son and Daughter Day

National Son and Daughter Day is celebrated annually on August 11. This love-centric family holiday reminds us to take a step back from the whirlwind of paying the bills, surviving the maelstrom of current events, and meeting what seem to be thousands of daily obligations, and spend time with our children. National Son and Daughter Day is a time to go ahead and spoil the kids a little. Be a grandparent ahead of time for a day, and remind the kids that through all the ascents and descents of mayhem and joy, and however they've turned out so far, they're the greatest loves of your life.

August 12: Middle Child Day

If you have siblings, you know the rivalry can get real. Middle children often get less attention from busy parents. But despite the commonly held belief that their insecurity and resentment carries on into adulthood, middle children actually develop some critical skills that help them become successful adults. Started in 1986 by Elizabeth Walker, National Middle Child Day celebrates our middle siblings and reminds us that each child is precious and important.



August 12: National Vinyl Record Day

National Vinyl Record Day on August 12 is your chance to go old school. Spin music lovers all around the world have disagreements on a number of things, but one thing we think everyone can agree on is that vinyl records are here to stay. For those who value the quality of sound, owning physical copies of your favorite albums, or simply the nostalgia factor, it's probably safe to assume you've got your own collection of vinyl records stashed away somewhere. So now's your time to dust off the old needle and let the music take you away on a cloud of good, good, good, vibrations.



August 13: National Garage Sale Day

On Garage Sale Day, held on August 13 this year, head to garage sales taking place in your vicinity and start shopping! Yes, these sales are amazing and can actually help you find items you have been searching for. This includes furniture, books, decorative items, jewelry, cutlery, electronics, and many other objects that may serve an essential purpose in your life. All you have to do is ensure you are not being duped into buying something at an incredibly high price. Need to get rid of things of your own? Use this day to hold a sale in your garage or backyard!



August 14: Social Security Act

The Social Security Act established benefits for old-age retirees and the jobless, as well as aid for dependent mothers and children, victims of work-related accidents, people who are blind, and those who have physical disabilities. It was signed into law in 1935 during the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Previously, such benefits were not provided at all by the federal government, aside from pensions for veterans.

August 15: National Relaxation Day

National Relaxation Day is a day when people use it as an excuse to take a break from their hectic schedules-usually observed on August 15 every year. During National Relaxation Day, people are encouraged to take the day off work, stay at home and simply get some `me time. People can also choose to volunteer for a social cause, engage in activities that relieve stress, sleep for longer hours and simply be with family and close friends.

August 16: National Airborne Day

National Airborne Day, observed on Aug. 16th each year, celebrates the accomplishments of Army parachute tradition. The Army's Airborne Rangers and the Army Golden Knights parachute team are among the best known American paratrooper organizations, and the accomplishments of Army paratroopers are noted across more than seven decades of service including the Iraq war in 2003.



August 17: National Black Cat Appreciation Day

On National Black Cat Appreciation Day, August 17, black cats could use a good spin doctor. They're so sleek and seductive with their all-knowing yellow and green eyes, but black cats seldom get positive press even though they're just as adorable as other cats. Let's look at facts about this national day that honors our beautiful, sleek cats, and the reason why it was created in the first place.

August 18: National Couple's Day

National Couple's Day is August 18, a date where love is in the air, and it smells sweet with a hint of spice! It's National Couple's Day, the time to celebrate the one you adore. Your partner in crime, your ride or die, your pain in the...well, you know what we mean. Love isn't always easy, but when you find that special someone, it's definitely worth it. Though you should tell your partner how you feel everyday, today is definitely the day to light up some candles, turn the lights down low, and dance to your song (every couple has one)!

August 19-21, Eastern Region
DC Connection RV Club

Tall Pines Harbor Campground
8107 Tall Pines Lane, Temperanceville, VA 23442
Phone: (757) 824-0777, www.tallpinesharbor.com



August 20: National Radio Day

On August 20, we'll be coming to you on all frequencies for National Radio Day. Radio was once one of the most incredible technologies on Earth — used by militaries and governments alike for navigation, news distribution, and more. It made news and music more accessible and brought us closer as a nation and a planet. Though today we rely more heavily on the internet and television for what we once relied on radio for, radio is far from dead and increasingly appreciated for its vintage and fantastic content.

August 21: Senior Citizens Day

Do you have an elderly person in your life that you love and appreciate? National Senior Citizens Day, August 21, is the day to let them know how much you care and it's an opportunity to recognize their accomplishments. In 1988, this holiday was proclaimed to raise awareness about issues that affect senior citizens and their quality of life.

August 23: International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

The night of 22nd to 23rd of August 1791, in Santo Domingo (today Haiti and the Dominican Republic) saw the beginning of the uprising that would play a crucial role in the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade. It is against this background that the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is commemorated on August 23rd each year. This International Day is intended to inscribe the tragedy of the slave trade in the memory of all peoples. In accordance with the goals of the intercultural project "The Slave Route", it should offer an opportunity for collective consideration of the historic causes, the methods and the consequences of this tragedy, and for an analysis of the interactions to which it has given rise between Africa, Europe, the Americas and the Caribbean.

August 25 - 28, 2022, Central Region
Akron Adventurers Kampers Club
Wolfie's Campground
101 Buckeye Drive, Zanesville, Ohio 43701
77 S. to 70 W to exit 155.
Go 2 miles to campground
Website: wolfiescampground.com



August 26: Women's Equality Day

The right to vote, the cornerstone of democracy, belongs to all citizens — but this wasn't always the case. Until recently, most countries denied voting rights to half of their population: women. To claim their voice, women began agitating for the right to vote in the early 19th century. In the U.S., decisions about who could vote were left up to the states. The 19th Amendment, ratified in 1920, ensures voting rights for everyone regardless of gender. Today, Women's Equality Day celebrates the achievements of women's rights activists and reminds us of the unique daily struggles that women face.

August 26 - 27, 2022, Central Region

Rocky Mountain RV Rollers

Trinidad Lake State Park

32610 State Highway 12, Trinidad, CO 81082

Attend Triniddio Blues Fest While there:

Frudat: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday: 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Hosts, Michael and Traci Walker,

Willie Rosaya & Bobbie Silva



August 28: March on Washington



On August 28, 1963 a quarter million people came to the nation's capital to petition their duly elected government in a demonstration known as the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Frustrated by the inaction of a gridlocked Congress, the marchers called for Congress to pass the Civil Rights bill. While the March did not immediately change the balance of power in Congress in support of civil rights, it did accomplish two very important things. First, it prompted many Americans to reconsider their perspective on the Civil Rights Movement. Second, it reaffirmed the strength of American liberal institutions. For many Americans, the confirmation that our nation and government institutions were resilient enough to withstand a non—violent mass protest on a deeply divisive issue was reason enough to hope for democracy to prevail.

August 30: National Grief Awareness Day

National Grief Awareness Day on August 30 is dedicated to raising awareness of the myriad ways in which individuals cope with loss. It offers resources to those going through personal losses and reminds us to support people we know who are grieving. National Grief Awareness Day, founded by Angie Cartwright in 2014, hopes to encourage open communication on loss and bereavement and better inform the public on the facts of grief.

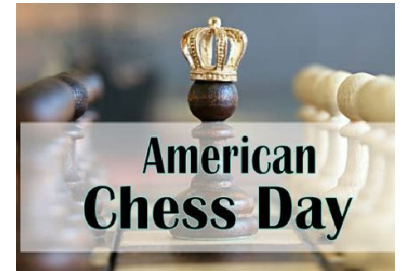
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September 1: American Chess Day

A game of strategy and skill, chess is played the world over by young and old alike. To play, two opponents face off across a checkers-style board, and take turns using their pieces of kings, queens, rooks, knights, bishops, and pawns to move along the 64-square board. Game times vary — great players can knock out their opponents very quickly or can spend hours strategizing their every move. To win, a player must use his pieces to capture those of the other player, with the ultimate goal of taking over the other player's king. Checkmate! Often called "The Game of Kings," you can play chess the good old-fashioned way with another player in person, or on the computer with opponents from all over the world.



September 1- 5, 2022

Central Region

Akron Adventurers Kampers Club

Evergreen RV Resort

**16359 Dover Road (250) Dundee,
Ohio 4462**



September 2: V-J Day

Victory over Japan Day (also known as V-J Day, Victory in the Pacific Day, or V-P Day-1) is the day on which Imperial Japan surrendered in World War II, in effect bringing the war to an end. The term has been applied to both of the days on which the initial announcement of Japan's surrender was made – 15 August 1945, in Japan, and because of time zone differences, 14 August 1945 (when it was announced in the United States and the rest of the Americas and Eastern Pacific Islands) – as well as to 2 September 1945, when the surrender document was signed, officially ending World War II.

September 3: World Beard Day

We celebrate the ultimate symbol of ruggedness on World Beard Day on the first Saturday in September. Times are changing, but the beard has been more than just a fashion statement — it has been considered a sign of manliness since prehistoric times. The beard represents virtues such as strength, wisdom, and even social status in some cultures. There is something about a beard that demands admiration and respect thus, deserves a day of celebration.

September 5: Labor Day

Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday in September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. The three-day weekend it falls on is called Labor Day Weekend. Beginning in the late 19th century, as the trade union and labor movements grew, trade unionists proposed that a day be set aside to celebrate labor. "Labor Day" was promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, which organized the first parade in New York City. In 1887, Oregon was the first state of America to make it an official public holiday. By the time it became an official federal holiday in 1894, thirty states in America officially celebrated Labor Day.



September 9: National 401(k) Day

We all dream of a life of leisure during our golden, retirement years. National 401(k) Day, celebrated every year on the Friday after Labor Day, prompts us to check in on our nest egg. With only 70% of Americans financially prepared for retirement, understanding what you can do to make the dream of retirement a reality is important. It is estimated that 79% of Americans work for a company that offers a 401(k) plan; however, only 41% take advantage of the benefit. Don't let another day go by without learning why you should save for retirement through your company's 401(k) plan or what you can do to save for retirement if you don't have access to a 401(k).



**September 9- 11, 2022, Eastern Region
Akron Adventurers Kampers Club**

**Cape Charles / Chesapeake Bay KOA
32246 Lankford Highway, Cape Charles, VA 23310
Phone: (757) 568-8903
www.koa.com/campgrounds/chesapeake-bay/
Hosts: Hobbs/Robinson**

**September 9-11, 2022
Southern Region
Georgia Easy Riders RV Club**

**Back Yard RV Park
(Formerly Known as The Woods),**

**4350 Sassafras Cir.
Montgomery, AL 36105
Phone (334) 356-1887
Hosts: Alton — Phyllis Atchison /
Sydney — Gwendolyn Montgomery**



Forget-me-nots

September 11: Grandparents Day

Congress passed the legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents' Day in the U.S. and, on August 3, 1978, then-President Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation. The flower of the U.S. National Grandparents Day is the forget-me-not which blooms in the spring. As a result, seasonal flowers are given in appreciation to grandparents on this day.

September 12: National Day of Encouragement

The National Day of Encouragement, celebrated since 2007, is a day meant to remind us that encouragement matters. It all started when a group of high school students attending a leadership forum were asked to come up with a solution to the biggest problem that faced young people in their day. The problem: a lack of encouragement. The solution: September 12. The day following September 11, a day full of hurt, confusion and hopelessness. September 12 seemed an appropriate time to acknowledge the importance of coming together and encouraging others. Encouragement matters. Fast forward several years, and the official Senate resolution was passed, declaring Sept. 12 the National Day of Encouragement. That alone is testament to the power of encouragement.

September 15: National Linguine Day

The pesto is blended, the shrimp is boiled. What's left is for you to add the most important ingredient linguine. It's September 15, National Linguine Day! Linguine, which means "little tongues" in Italian, has an ancient lineage among pasta. Along with its cousin, fettuccine, the signature linguine shape started appearing in bowls across Italy's Liguria region almost 400 years ago.



September 16: National Working Parents Day

Working Parents Day celebrates the many sacrifices working parents make to provide for their families. It is an opportunity to recognize the importance of work-life balance, and to thank working parents for their dedication and hard work. On this Day, we can appreciate all the ways working families make a positive impact in our communities. This is a day to recognize the challenges and successes of working parents. It is also a day to celebrate the progress that has been made in helping working parents balance their work and family responsibilities.



September 16 - 18, 2022

Central Region Ebony Dream Makers

Palace Campground

11357 US Hwy 20 W, Galena, IL 61036 815-777-2466

September 16 - 18, 2022

Central Region

Minnesota Voyagers RV Club

Veterans Camp Site

11300 180th St. N, Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047

Phone: (651) 433-2699 (Hosts: The Allens)



September 17: Oktoberfest

The Oktoberfest (German pronunciation: (ok'to:be fEsfI)) is the world's largest Volksfest, featuring a beer festival and a travelling funfair. It is held annually in Munich, Bavaria, Germany. It is a 16- to 18-day folk festival running from mid- or late-September to around the first Sunday in October, with more than six million international and national visitors attending the event. Locally, it is called d'Wiesn, after the colloquial name for the fairgrounds, Theresienwiese. The Oktoberfest is an important part of Bavarian culture, having been held since the year 1810.

September 17: International Eat an Apple Day

International Eat An Apple Day, held on the third Saturday of September each year, is on September 17 this year, and encourages us to bite into this crunchy, bright-colored fruit. Don't stop there; the goal here is to eat one each day. As the saying goes, that's how you keep the doctor away.

September 18: Wife Appreciation Day

National Wife Appreciation Day, celebrated on the third Sunday of September (September 18), gives those of us who are lucky enough to have wives an extra chance to show them how much they mean to us. Our wives keep us grounded and centered. They inspire us to work hard, play hard, and to always have something to bring to the table to show that we're improving ourselves. Wives ask us to take out the trash and empty the dishwasher and change the oil (stereotypical but true), which is good with us because those things need to get done anyway, and we like the idea of our ladies having that extra fifteen minutes or half-hour to just be in their space.



September 20: National Queso Day

Almost any cheese lover will tell you that the world got a little better the day that chili con queso dip got invented. Chili con queso, or “queso,” for short, is a delicious cheese dip that finds a home in a great deal of Tex-Mex cooking. Queso originates from Chihuahua, a state located in the north of Mexico. There’s a good chance you won’t find a whole lot of the kind of queso dip that we know and love offered up at restaurants in Mexico, but restaurants all throughout the U.S. serve up this delectable vat of cheesy goodness.

September 21: International Day of Peace

The International Day of Peace (or World Peace Day) celebrated annually on September 21 is devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. At a time when war and violence often monopolize our news cycles, the International Day of Peace is an inspiring reminder of what we can create together. Peace. Let’s give it a chance!



September 22: Falls Prevention Awareness Day

Falls Prevention Awareness Day is on September 22 at the start of the fall season and it’s a very serious matter that we all need to be paying attention to. It’s the leading cause of injury-related emergency department visits and the day is used to address this public health issue. Falls can be more dangerous than they might seem. They can cause bruising, hip fractures, and head injuries, and these accidents have the potential to be fatal, especially for the elderly which means that they deserve extra attention to make sure they're protected.

September 22: Car Free Day

World Car Free Day, which is celebrated on September 22, encourages motorists to give up their cars for a day. Organized events are held in some cities and countries. The events, which vary by location, give motorists and commuters an idea of their locality with fewer cars. While projects along these lines had taken place from time to time on an ad hoc basis starting with the 1973 oil crisis, it was only in October 1994 that a structured call for such projects was issued in a keynote speech by Eric Britton at the International Ciudades Accesibles (Accessible Cities) Conference held in Toledo (Spain).

Lagniappe:

If you need to buy food, drinks, or things you left behind when you arrive at your destination, try and travel farther away from tourist traps to do so. Pit stops, gas stations, and tourist attractions will charge a lot more, especially for the “necessities.”

September 23: International Day of Sign Languages

The International Day of Sign Languages is celebrated on September 23 by the United Nations. The International Day of Sign Languages is commemorated on this day since the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) was founded on this day in 1951, as a result of efforts by the WFD in 2017.

September 24: National Family Health & Fitness Day USA

Family Health and Fitness Day USA is on the last Saturday of September and it's a day that promotes physical activity and health with your loved ones. We share genes with our family, but aren't aware of the everyday habits we develop from our families as well. Food and health patterns tend to spread between family members when they live in the same household, which means that it can be hard to break out of unhealthy patterns when everyone else is doing it. Thankfully, Family Health and Fitness Day USA reminds us to put family fitness first.



September 24: National Hunting and Fishing Day

National Hunting and Fishing (NHF) Day brings together sportsmen and women to celebrate the rich tradition of hunting, target shooting and fishing with national, state, regional and local organizations hosting related events. Launched in 1971 by Congress, NHF Day has consistently recognized hunters and anglers for their leadership in wildlife and conservation. NHF Day is observed and celebrated the fourth Saturday in September every year.



September 25: Gold Star Mother's Day

Gold Star Mother's and Family Day falls on September 25 this year and is traditionally observed on the last Sunday in September. The day is for honoring families of those who have received The Gold Star, the military award no one wants. The award commemorates the tragic death of a military member who has perished while in the line of duty and hopes to provide a level of comfort to the parents and families that are left behind. Since World War I, a "Gold Star Family" has signified a family that has lost one of its members in combat. The family can display a Gold Star Service Flag for any military family members who have died from any honorable cause – each gold star on the flag signifies a death.

September 25: National Cooking Day

It can be easy to get in a rut of constantly ordering takeout, heating-up frozen meals, or settling for a dinner of apples and cheese. But if you want to feel truly nourished, nothing beats a home-cooked meal. It's nice to slow down and enjoy the process of preparing your own food — and the joy of eating it! That's why we're celebrating National Cooking Day on September 25. National Cooking Day encourages and inspires each of us to discover something new and enjoyable in the kitchen. It's a time to learn a new skill by preparing something delicious for loved ones — and ourselves. So put on your aprons and let's get cooking!



September 25: National Daughters Day

National Daughter's Day on September 25 is a day to celebrate and cherish our daughters who bring so much love into our lives. Although we don't really need a reason to celebrate our children, it's nice to be given the opportunity to pay our daughters some extra attention and show them how much they are loved.



September 26: Johnny Appleseed Day

When confronted with the legend of Johnny Appleseed, most people are surprised to discover that this American legend was a living, breathing, historical human being! It's true. Far from being simply the stuff of folklore and folk tales, Appleseed (real name: John Chapman) was an American nurseryman who introduced apple trees to the Midwest, including Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. He was also a conservationist and missionary during the earliest days of the United States.

September 27: National Voter Registration Day

National Voter Registration Day, brings Americans together over our mutual love of democracy — or so we hope. If you're already registered, make sure your information is current with the registrar's office.



September 28: National Ask a Stupid Question Day

On National Ask a Stupid Question Day, September 28 — there really is no such thing as a dumb question. At some point during the 1980s — the researchable resources in terms of exact details are scant — American school teachers recognized that some of the questions their shyer students were holding back would make for fruitful classroom discussions, should those questions be asked out loud. On National Ask a Stupid Question Day, teachers have the perfect excuse to tap into the inquisitiveness of their students.

Lagniappe:

One of the most enjoyable parts of a summer road trip is getting to cook and eat meals outside. Any meals you plan to make yourself should be planned out in advance to ensure that you have everything you need to make them, as well as snacks for in between meals.



September 29: National Coffee Day

While the U.S. and Canada celebrate National Coffee Day on September 29, other nations mark this day throughout the calendar. International Coffee Day happens just two days later on October 1. The International Coffee Organization has pledged to help struggling coffee farmers worldwide make a living wage.

September 29: World Heart Day

Every year, over 17 million people die from heart disease. As a way to fight this, the World Heart Federation created World Heart Day. It's an event held every year on September 29. People around the world can find events that raise awareness about cardiovascular disease (CVD) — its warning signs, the steps you can take to fight it, and how to help those around you who may be suffering. So on September 29, fight CVD by getting involved with a World Heart Day event near you.



September 30: National Love People Day

People write songs about it or read poems inspired by it but do we really know what love is? That's something to consider on National Love People Day, held annually on September 30. Many religions and non-religious spiritual practices center on the idea of giving love wholeheartedly without expecting anything in return. This day is dedicated to inspiring and supporting others with the power of unconditional love.



Lagniappe:

Be flexible! Something will likely go wrong — you'll get lost or move at a slower pace than you thought. Embrace these unexpected obstacles and enjoy the "adventure", it adds to your RV trip. You never know what you might discover on the road or about yourself dealing with it.