

Fun Facts about Summer



Summer is So Much More than just heat and hot dogs!

General Facts

The **Eiffel Tower** gains about six inches in height during the warmer summer months. In addition, the top of the tower may shift away from the sun by as much as seven inches due to the thermal expansion on the side facing the sun.

The Midnight Sun (visible sun for 24 hours) is a natural phenomenon that occurs around the summer solstice each year and lasts for several weeks. Northern lands, including Canada, Iceland, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Russia, and Alaska all benefit.

The dog days of summer got their name from Sirius the dog Star in the Canis Major constellation, according to The Best Life Online. You can view the star in July to August; the hottest days of the year.

People Facts

Nine out of ten birthdays occur in September with September 9th and 19th as the two most popular days to enter the world. Maybe it's the spiked eggnog or the warm fuzzy feelings of the holidays, but more people are frisky during December and holiday miracles are conceived.

A 2014 European College of Neuropsychopharmacology study revealed that babies born during the summer are more prone to **mood swings and babies** born in cooler months were more—pardon the pun—chill.

The bikini, a summer beach staple, was invented in France in 1946 partly due to the impact of material rationing from World War 2. French engineer, Louis Réard introduced this revolutionary swimwear and named this two-piece after the Bikini Atoll in the Pacific Ocean.

The Longest Summer Bikini Parade had 1,085 people participating. This bikini parade happened in China on August 19, 2012.

Most Summer **Vacations are at the Beach or Ocean**. The top five summer vacations in the United States are: a resort (14%), a lake (17) national parks (21%) a famous city (42%), and the beach or ocean top the list with 45%.

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Food Facts

Summer is hot dog season for a few reasons: It's the favored portable food when you're camping, at the ballpark, or a family picnic. Americans eat a whopping estimated 20 billion hot dogs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. We might need a little more mustard because that equates to 70 hot dogs per person annually.

The largest scoop of ice cream weighed in at 3,010 pounds (1,365 Kg) and was created to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Kemps Dairy in Cedarburg, Wisconsin on June 28, 2014, according to Guinness World Records. It was made of strawberry ice cream and actually contained 733 containers of the delicious pink treat.

Watermelon is a favorite summer treat because it is a great thirst quencher. In fact, it consists of 92 percent water. Americans eat a whopping 15 pounds of watermelon annually. There is actually a National Watermelon Day that falls on August 3.

The Popular **Summer Treat, Popsicle**, was accidentally invented. In San Francisco, 1905, an 11-year old boy left a glass of soda outside. The soda had frozen by the next morning. He then started selling them at a park in New Jersey.

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Nature Facts

Every June, **goats climb 30 feet** or more up the thorny and gnarly Argan trees of southwest Morocco to get a taste of the tree's fruit, which looks like a shriveled up apple.

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee and North Carolina hosts a massive **meet and mate night for fireflies**. These synchronous fireflies show up in the thousands every summer for two weeks of synchronized blinking to attract mates.

Summer nights are filled with the **rhythmic chirping of crickets**. Did you know that you can estimate the temperature by counting the number of cricket chirps in 15 seconds and adding 37? This method, known as Dolbear's Law, is surprisingly accurate!

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National Doodle Day



Release that inner artist – and have loads of fun doing it – on National Doodle Day, a celebration of all those idle sketches that people tend to make while on the phone or in boring meetings. These scrappy drawings are recognized each year on their very own day of celebration, so free that creative spirit and don't forget to take a sketchpad to that next scheduled meeting!

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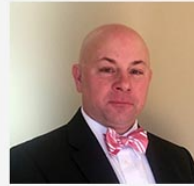
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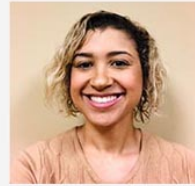
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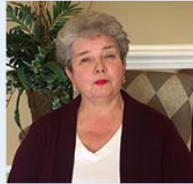
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