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## Celebrating June

### Great Outdoors Month

**Entertainer Tom**  
**2:00, 1350 Building**  
*June 1*

**Fishing Trip and Picnic**  
**10:00 AM, Izaak Walton**  
*June 8*

**Entertainer Rodgers Polkas**  
**2:00, 394 Building**  
*June 8*

**Flag Day**  
*June 14*

**Entertainer Johnny Len**  
**2:00, 400 Building**  
*June 15*

**Dads Root Beer Float Social**  
*June 18*

**Father's Day**  
*June 19*

**First Day of Summer**  
*June 20*

## Long Road to Father's Day

The creation of a holiday dedicated to mothers enjoyed vast support and culminated in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson declared the second Sunday in May an official Mother's Day. A holiday honoring fathers, however, did not come so swiftly.

The first organized celebration of fathers occurred on July 5, 1908, in West Virginia, as a church sermon honoring a local man who perished in a tragic coal mine explosion. The next year, a woman from Spokane, Washington, who was raised by her widower father, rallied local organizations to support an official Father's Day. She won the hearts of state legislators, and Washington state celebrated the first official Father's Day on July 19, 1910. By 1924, President Calvin Coolidge was calling for all states to declare Father's Day holidays, but many fathers themselves did not support the movement.

Some men thought a father's holiday akin to Mother's Day was too sentimental. Others believed it was just another gimmick to rake in their hard-earned bucks. Efforts were launched to do away with both Mother's and Father's Day, and simply celebrate Parents' Day with no gift giving. When the Great Depression hit, however, advertisers redoubled their efforts to promote the holidays. Father's Day, they argued, was a "second Christmas" for men. In 1938, the National Council for the Promotion of Father's Day was born. Unsurprisingly, this council was really a group of men's clothing retailers from New York City. During World War II, Father's Day was promoted as the ultimate homage to our fighting fathers. By the end of the war, Father's Day had unofficially become a national institution. It was not until 1972, in the middle of his re-election campaign, that President Richard Nixon declared the third Sunday in June Father's Day. Today, almost every country in the world has followed suit and celebrates a holiday honoring fatherhood.

## Olympic Origins



With Rio de Janeiro's 2016 Summer Olympics just two months away, it seems an opportune time to celebrate the founder of the modern Olympic Games, Baron Pierre de Coubertin. On June 23, 1894, Coubertin created the International

Olympic Committee, the group organizing and maintaining the integrity of the Olympic Games.

Before the 1800s, many societies did not see any need for organized athletics. Sports were widely considered to be an unimportant diversion. Born in Paris to a wealthy, aristocratic family, Coubertin was expected to head into politics or a command position in the military. Instead, he went to school and focused on education, particularly physical education and the role of sports in society.

Coubertin believed that engaging school children in sports would physically, morally, and socially strengthen generations of French citizens and make France a more powerful nation. With the country still reeling from its defeat in the Franco-Prussian War, Coubertin thought sports could keep the French better prepared for battle. Sporting events were also democratic. Regardless of background or upbringing, any athlete could be victorious on the playing field.

In Coubertin's mind, ancient Greece was the perfect model of a society that took sport seriously. The gymnasiums of Athens were places where people exercised both their bodies and minds. In 1889, Coubertin gathered a number of athletes and advisors with the purpose of reviving the ancient Olympic Games. While many countries sponsored their own Olympic-style games, the notion of a world games was novel. At the meeting of his newly formed International Olympic Committee, it was decided that amateur athletics should occur every four years and competition should be in modern sports rather than ancient ones. Two years later, the first modern Summer Olympics was held in Athens, Greece.

## June Birthdays

In astrology, those born between June 1st and 21st are Gemini's Twins. The Twins represent energetic communication and interaction. Curious Geminis love to collect and share information. Witty and intellectual, they attract many friends, mentors, and colleagues. Those born between June 22nd and 30th are Crabs of Cancer. Kind and protective, Crabs love to nurture others. While they may be emotional, they are never soft. Cancers are tenacious in their pursuit of domestic harmony.

Jerry Mathers (actor) – June 2, 1948

Frank Lloyd Wright (architect) – June 8, 1867

Judy Garland (actress) – June 10, 1922

Jim Nabors (actor) – June 12, 1930

Alois Alzheimer (doctor) – June 14, 1864

Meryl Streep (actress) – June 22, 1949

Mel Brooks (actor) – June 28, 1926

Lena Horne (singer) – June 30, 1917

## Resident Birthdays

John D. – June 2

Dolores S. – June 6

Dona B. – June 13

Leon S. – June 17

## From the Activity Directors Desk

Please join us for a Dads Root Beer Float Social on Saturday, June 18 to celebrate Fathers Day with Dad. We will be starting at 1:00 to 2:00 in our 400 building, 1:30 to 2:30 in our 1350 Building and 2:00 to 3:00 in our 394 Building. Please contact Lena with a number we can expect to attend from your family by June 10.

If you would like to join us at Izaak Walton for fishing and a picnic please contact Lena by May 30 so we can provide you with a picnic lunch.

Text or leave a message at 920-680-2420 or email at [arlena\\_leurquin@yahoo.com](mailto:arlena_leurquin@yahoo.com) (Be sure to include your family members name when leaving a message) All messages will be confirmed with a return message.