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STARS & STRIPES

June 14th is Flag Day. How much do you know about our national symbol? Test yourself with this Flag Day trivia quiz.

1. We refer to the flag that flew over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812 as "The Star-Spangled Banner." That flag still exists. Where is it now?
2. If we were to have a new state added to the United States, we would add one star to the flag. On what day would it be added?
3. Someone who is an expert on flags is called what?
4. You will usually find the American flag flying over the White House. When is it not there?
5. What is required to display the American flag at night?
6. When the National Anthem is played, what should you remove?
7. What does it mean when a flag is flown upside-down?
8. The American flag first flew over a fort in which foreign country?
9. Who cut the American flag into pieces and was honored for doing it?
10. What is the one place where the American flag flies 24 hours a day, is never raised or lowered, and is never saluted?

Answers

1. The Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.
2. It would be added on the following July 4th.
3. A vexillologist.
4. When the President is not in Washington, D.C.
5. It must be properly illuminated.
6. Your hat.
7. An upside-down flag means you are in dire distress.
8. Libya.
9. Robert Peary, who left pieces of the flag scattered at the North Pole.
10. The Moon.



Fireworks Safety

To help you celebrate safely this Fourth of July, the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Council on Fireworks Safety offer the following safety tips:

- Always read and follow label directions.
- Have an adult present.
- Buy from reliable sellers.
- Use outdoors only.
- Always have water handy (a garden hose and a bucket).
- Never experiment or make your own fireworks.
- Light only one firework at a time.
- Never re-light a "dud" firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).
- Never give fireworks to small children.
- If necessary, store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in your trashcan.
- Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- The shooter should always wear eye protection and never have any part of the body over the firework.
- Stay away from illegal explosives.



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SUMMERTIME REFRESHMENTS

Ah, summer! Never is there a better time for a refreshing, cool drink. With these recipes in hand, you'll be sure to look forward to the next hot day.

TEA PUNCH

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup black tea
- 2 cups orange juice
- 2 cups pineapple juice
- 2 cups lemonade
- 1 liter bottle of ginger ale

Dissolve the sugar into the tea in a pitcher. Add the orange juice, pineapple juice, and lemonade. Chill for at least four hours. Just before serving, add the ginger ale and serve immediately.

PINEAPPLE LEMONADE

- 1/2 cup sugar

- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 2 cups water
- 4 cups pineapple juice
- 4 cups club soda
- sliced lemon

Dissolve sugar into the lemon juice and water in a large pitcher. Add remaining ingredients & serve immediately, adding a slice of lemon to each glass.

WATERMELON COOLER

- 1 cup cubed watermelon
- 1 cup cubed honeydew melon
- 1 cup cubed cantaloupe
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1-1/2 cups mint tea
- ice

Fill a blender with ice. Add remaining ingredients and blend well. Pour into a tall glass. Garnish with melon balls and mint leaves.



LEMON SPRITZER

- 1 bottle (24 ounces) white grape juice
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
- 1 sliced lemon
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 quart club soda

In a large saucepan, bring the grape juice to boiling. Add the lemon peel, juice, lemon slices and sugar. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Pour into a large pitcher and chill for at least 5 hours. Just before serving, add club soda. Pour into tall glasses filled with ice and garnish with mint leaves.

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Tis the Season Warm Weather Tune-Up Tips

Your bags are packed, your maps are unfolded, and the kids all have their snacks. You and your family are ready for your road trip, but is your car? As the weather gets warmer, there are some things you should do to ensure that every trip, short or long, is a safe one.

Do a check of all of your exterior lights and windshield wipers. Look over your tires to make sure that the tread is not worn down. Don't forget to check your spare also. This is a great time to get out your jack, make sure it is in working order, and re-view how to use it.

Under the hood, check the belts, battery, and all fluid levels. It is a good idea to get a fresh oil and filter change before and after a road trip. Fill up the washer fluid reservoirs and wash all the windows.

Inside your vehicle, do a safety check of all of your seat belts. Check any car seats that are in your car, making sure that they have been installed according to the manufacturer's instructions. Keep a safety kit in your vehicle. This should include first aid supplies, a wrench, screwdriver, flashlight, safety flares, extra water, and some rags.



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