

# Independence Day

## STATES CELEBRATION

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### HOW DIFFERENT STATES CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day is a special time in America when people all across the country come together to celebrate freedom and independence. But did you know that each state has its own unique way of celebrating this important day? Let's take a closer look at how different states celebrate Independence Day!

#### FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

In many states, Independence Day celebrations kick off with a spectacular fireworks show. These dazzling displays light up the night sky with bursts of color and excitement. Families gather in parks, stadiums, and even on beaches to watch these magnificent fireworks light up the sky in celebration of America's Freedom.



#### PARADES AND FESTIVALS

Parades and festivals are a cherished tradition on Independence Day. In towns and cities nationwide, streets come alive with vibrant displays of colorful floats, lively marching bands, and talented performers. Families gather along the parade route, eagerly anticipating the festivities. Following the parade, the celebrations continue with local festivals offering a variety of attractions. From delicious food vendors to toe-tapping live music, and entertaining carnival games, there's something for everyone to enjoy. These parades and festivals embody the spirit of unity and community, bringing people together to honor and celebrate the nation's independence.



while children play games like Frisbee and tag.

#### PICNICS AND BARBECUES

Many states celebrate Independence Day with picnics and barbecues. Families and friends gather in parks, backyards, and even at the beach to enjoy delicious food and good company. Grills sizzle with hamburgers, hot dogs, and grilled corn on the cob,

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#### BEACH PARTIES

For states with coastlines, beach parties are a popular way to celebrate Independence Day. Families pack up their beach towels, umbrellas, and coolers filled with snacks and drinks and head to the shore for a day of fun in the sun. They swim in the ocean, build sandcastles, and enjoy beach volleyball games before settling in to watch the fireworks display over the water.

#### CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

Some states incorporate their unique cultural traditions into their Independence Day celebrations. For example, in Hawaii, you might see hula dancers performing traditional dances, while in Texas, you might find rodeos and cowboy-themed events. These cultural celebrations add an extra layer of meaning to the holiday festivities.



#### CONCLUSION

No matter where you are in the United States, Independence Day is a time to come together with family, friends, and neighbors to celebrate the freedoms that make our country great. Whether you're watching fireworks, marching in a parade, or enjoying a picnic at the beach, the spirit of patriotism and unity shines bright on this special day!

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## HOW DIFFERENT STATES CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY

DIRECTIONS. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

**1. What is the main focus of the passage?**

- a) The history of Independence Day
- b) How different states celebrate Independence Day
- c) The significance of fireworks
- d) The importance of picnics and barbecues

**2. What is a popular way to kick off Independence Day celebrations in many states?**

- a) Parades and Festivals
- b) Picnics and barbecues
- c) Fireworks extravaganza
- d) Beach parties

**3. What do families often do after watching the parade during Independence Day celebrations?**

- a) Play beach volleyball
- b) Enjoy live music
- c) Attend cultural celebrations
- d) Explore carnival games at local Festivals

**4. Which activity is commonly associated with beach parties during Independence Day celebrations?**

- a) Building sandcastles
- b) Grilling hamburgers and hot dogs
- c) Watching hula dancers perform
- d) Marching in a parade

### SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What are some popular ways to celebrate Independence Day?
2. What do families often do after watching the parade?
3. What activities are commonly associated with beach parties?
4. In which state might you find rodeo events during Independence Day?
5. What adds an extra layer of meaning to Independence Day celebrations in some states?

**5. In which state might you find rodeo events as part of Independence Day celebrations?**

- a) Hawaii
- b) Texas
- c) California
- d) Florida

**6. What is a common feature of Independence Day celebrations in states with coastlines?**

- a) Watching Fireworks over the ocean
- b) Attending cultural dances
- c) Picnicking in parks
- d) Watching rodeos

**7. What adds an extra layer of meaning to Independence Day celebrations in some states?**

- a) Building sandcastles
- b) Watching Fireworks
- c) Incorporating unique cultural traditions
- d) Participating in picnics

**8. What do families often pack for beach Independence Day celebrations?**

- a) Umbrellas and coolers
- b) Jackets and scarves
- c) Skis and snowboards
- d) Hats and gloves

**9. What do parades and festivals often feature during Independence Day celebrations?**

- a) Grilling competitions
- b) Live music performances
- c) Skiing competitions
- d) Ice skating shows

## ANSWER KEY

### MCQS

1. b) How different states celebrate Independence Day
2. c) Fireworks extravaganza
3. d) Explore carnival games at local Festivals
4. a) Building sandcastles
5. b) Texas
6. a) Watching Fireworks over the ocean
7. c) Incorporating unique cultural traditions
8. a) Umbrellas and coolers
9. b) Live music performances
10. b) Different states celebrate Independence Day in unique ways.

### SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Popular ways to celebrate Independence Day include Fireworks shows, parades, picnics, barbecues, and beach parties.
2. After watching the parade, families often enjoy Food vendors, live music, and carnival games at local Festivals.
3. Activities commonly associated with beach parties include swimming, building sandcastles, and playing beach volleyball.
4. Rodeos and cowboy-themed events are commonly found in Texas during Independence Day celebrations.
5. Incorporating unique cultural traditions adds an extra layer of meaning to Independence Day celebrations in some states.

**ANSWER KEY  
INCLUDED**

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QUESTIONS**

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