

# How does your family celebrate Independence Day?



My family loves Independence Day. We have a lot of fun! We put out red, white, and blue flags. I help my mom decorate. We normally have a cookout at a friend's house and swim.

We sometimes eat a low country boil and my mom makes pasta and a cherry dessert. Independence Day is really fun for my family!

**Brycen Steele, 5th, Shoemaker Elementary, Ms. Garrett**

The Fourth of July is a lot of fun. First, we watch the parade and then we have a cookout. Next, we play in the backyard and then we go inside and watch TV. Then, we wait until it is nighttime to set off the fireworks. That is how we celebrate Fourth of July.

**Phedre Kilgore, 2nd, Mount Carmel Elementary, Mrs. Strickler**

On Independence Day my family and I go to my aunt's house. While we're there we ride dirt bikes and four-wheelers. Then we grill out on the back porch. I love going to my aunt's house.

**Maddox Hounshell, 7th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Brooks**

My family celebrates Independence Day by going out to eat and watching fireworks. We eat steak at Texas Roadhouse. We watch the fireworks in Kingsport. When we get home, we can still hear them from inside. I can't wait until Independence Day again next year.

**Trevor Light, 2nd, Hilton Elementary, Mrs. Edwards**

I spend time with my family. I eat hot dogs and hamburgers. We stay home and shoot fireworks. My favorite fireworks are sprinklers. Sometimes I go watch the parade.

I love Fourth of July.

**Cooper Parsons, 2nd, Mount Carmel Elementary, Ms. Spradlin**

My family celebrated Independence Day by going to Yogi Bear Jellystone Park. We had fun with our family. We played in the water the whole time. We stayed two days and watched fireworks and played with sparklers at the end of the day.

**Jordan Barnett, 5th, Nickelsville Elementary, Mrs. Finch**

I went to Kingsport and there were amazing fireworks. I had fun with my family. I am proud to live in the USA. We should always remember the sacrifice that was made for our great country. God Bless America.

**Jude Frazier, 5th, Shoemaker Elementary, Ms. Garrett**

Every Fourth of July I go to my nan and pap's house. I always have a good time with my very large family and it's always hectic because I have thirteen cousins. My nan and pap's house is at the lake and I love it there. My whole family comes if they can. My dad and pap get on the dock and shoot fireworks. My nan and I decorate. Then my dad cooks for my family. Every Fourth of July it gets better and better and I love it.

**Madison Lester, 4th, Miller Perry Elementary, Ms. Jeffers**

On Independence Day, I meet up with friends and family. We play games and eat a big dinner. We prepare the meal together. Making a pie to look like an American flag is always my job. My sister and I do arts and crafts together to hand out to the smaller kids. We make a flag especially to put on my pepow's grave. We then pray and thank him for what he did for our country.

**Summer Haynes, 5th, Pennington Middle, Ms. Hounshell**

On the Fourth of July, I go camping in the backyard. I go swimming at the water park. Leigh Ann Frazier, 2nd, Nickelsville Elementary, Mrs. Gilmer

For my Independence Day, I hang out with my cousins Ally and Andrew. Then, we play tag or hide and seek. We also have a cookout, which includes hot dogs and hamburgers. We all wear red, white, and blue shirts, shorts, and hats. Lastly, we go to the Pennington or Jonesville firework show. That's how I celebrate the Fourth of July! Gracie Willis, 6th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Jones

My family celebrates Independence Day by shooting off fireworks, visiting family members, and having a cookout. We also have a family night where we all stay and fish.

**Kendyl Stewart, 4th, Nickelsville Elementary, Mrs. Finch**

For the 4th of July I celebrate my aunt's birthday. We do this fun thing. Instead of candles, we use sparklers. My dad always buys fireworks so we can set them off in her backyard. It's so fun! She always tells stories about her mom and adventures of her youth.

I never got to meet her mom but the way she tells stories about her I will never forget her or my aunt.

**Lukas Hill, 5th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Austin**

My family celebrates Independence Day by going to the parade. Every year, my family goes to the parade in Kingsport. This year I got to ride the HMG float. It was a campfire theme. At night, my family came out to watch the fireworks on the concrete. This is the best way to spend the Fourth of July!

**Maddie Jo Watts, 2nd, Hilton Elementary, Mrs. Edwards**

I was born in Puerto Rico and just moved to Tennessee two months ago. Since my little brother was born the 4th of July, my family has had a tradition to always celebrate both festivities at the beach. Every year we would have a big BBQ followed by a birthday song and cake.

**Dylan Benabe, 4th, Mount Carmel Elementary, Ms. Tipton & Mrs. Mowel**

On Independence Day, my friends come to my house and get soldier pancakes. We have a water slide with red, white, and blue water my mother created. My friends and I go to the park and grill out at the pool. My parents get drinks and food with red, white, and blue decor.

**Addie Carter, 5th, Pennington Middle, Ms. Hounshell**

I love Fourth of July. It's so much fun to dress up in red, white, and blue! My family and I go to parades and have cookouts. It's really fun to watch the fireworks. We also go to my grandma's and hang out with family and friends. It's really fun to celebrate Fourth of July with family and friends. I'm really looking forward to the next Fourth of July.

**Sammi Culhane, 4th, Miller Perry Elementary, Ms. Jeffers**

We celebrate Independence Day at the beach. Every year there are jets flying across the beach. We play a game of soccer and then we get in the ocean. After we get out of the ocean, we go back to the beach house and eat hamburgers and hotdogs. Next we go back to the beach and throw a football. When it starts to get dark, we have a bonfire. This is how my family celebrates Independence Day.

**Mason Baker, 5th, Shoemaker Elementary, Ms. Garrett**

We watch fireworks. I've watched fireworks in Pennsylvania and Dollywood. I like the smiley face fireworks and the heart ones, too. Some fireworks are loud. I like those, too. I love fireworks.

**Maxx Ball, 2nd, Mount Carmel Elementary, Mrs. Short**

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