

Trivia

did you know that ...

Watermelon is summer's most popular vegetable. It is part of the cucumber, pumpkin, and squash family. The average American eats 15 pounds of watermelon a year.

The modern Summer Olympics were revived in 1896.

The first bathing suit for women was created in the 1800s. It was long sleeved with woolen bloomers.

Summer movie season is considered the most popular time for audiences to watch films.

The United States only has two officially recognized holidays that take place during the summer time and they are the 4th of July and Labor Day.

The Eiffel Tower can grow up to six inches in hot weather due to the expansion of its iron structure.

According to the NOAA National Climate Data Center, the average summer temperature within the United States is 71.9 degrees Fahrenheit or 22.9 degrees Celsius.

Horace Mann, a 19th century early American educator, created summer vacation for schools in 1837.

Popsicles were invented by accident in 1905 when a young boy left a mixture of powdered soda and water outside overnight and it froze.

July is National Ice Cream Month. More Americans buy ice cream in July than any other month.

The Dog Days of Summer refers to the weeks between July 3rd and August 11th. They are named after the Dog Star (Sirius) in the constellation of Canis Major.

Ancient Romans and Greeks blamed Sirius for the extreme temperatures, drought, sickness, and discomfort that came in late summer.

Mosquitoes, summer's pest, have been around for more than 30 million years.

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Dates in History

1799 On July 19th, during Napoleon Bonaparte's Egyptian campaign, a French soldier discovered a black basalt slab inscribed with ancient writing near the town of Rosetta, about 35 miles north of Alexandria. The irregularly shaped stone contained fragments of passages written in three different scripts: Greek, Egyptian hieroglyphics and Egyptian demotic. The Greek passage announced that the three scripts were all of identical meaning. The artifact thus held the key to solving the riddle of hieroglyphics, a written language that had been "dead" for nearly 2,000 years.

1863 On July 1st, the largest military conflict in North American history began this day when Union and Confederate forces collided at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The epic battle lasted three days and resulted in a retreat to Virginia by Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia.

1991 On July 28th, Dennis Martinez of the Montreal Expos pitched a perfect game to lead his team to a 2-0 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers. Martinez was the first Latino ever to pitch a perfect game.

On the Lighter Side

Bernice had been employed at the same office for over 50 years and was the boss' top secretary. Everyone was jealous of her. Every day when Bernice showed up for work she would open the drawer to her left, peek inside, and then lock it. When she finally retired, her coworker Sandy, who was dying of curiosity, made it her mission to figure out what was in that drawer.

After days of searching she finally found the key. Sweating with excitement, she slowly opened up the drawer. Inside was a folded piece of paper. She slowly reached inside and took it out, while cautiously looking over her shoulder. After a few seconds of trepidation she opened it up.

It said the following, "Put only one spoonful of sugar in the boss' coffee."

Jerry, an avid golf player, couldn't help challenging his boastful son to a game of golf. He was in for quite a surprise when on the first swing his son got a hole in one. "OK," Jerry said quickly. "Now, I will take my practice shot, and then we will start."

There were four teenagers who played hooky one morning. Upon coming to class in the afternoon, they reported that their lateness was because their car got a flat tire. "That's fine," the teacher said much to the students relief. "But there was an oral test this morning which you boys have to make up, so please have a seat and take out a piece of paper. Now for the first question, which tire was flat?"

Q. Why don't oysters give to charity?

A. Because they're shellfish.

Q. What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A. A gummy bear!