



Newsletter

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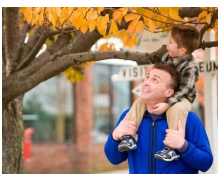


Fun Fall Activities!



Apple Picking! Fall is apple season and it's the only time of year you can pick ripe apples right off the tree! This is a great way for families to get outside, get some exercise, and learn how this popular fruit is grown and harvested. Some orchards even let you grind your own apples into cider!

Visit a Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze! A visit to a pumpkin patch will offer a full day of family fun. You will love having a whole patch to peruse for your own big, orange pumpkin to carve for Halloween! Plus, pumpkin patches often have fun extras like mazes made entirely of tall corn stalks and yummy fall refreshments like cider and apple pie!



Take an Autumn Nature Walk! Crisp, cool air and beautifully colored leaves are special features of the fall season. Take this opportunity to get outside and take a closer look at nature. There are endless possibilities for a nature walk. Pick up fallen leaves and attempt to identify the type of tree they fell from.

Visit a farm! Farms make great day-trips for families. You can get up close and personal with animals, see how the farm functions day-to-day, and even take a hay ride. Some farms even offer hay rides during fall! In the evening there may also be bonfires complete with s'mores and cider.



Organize a Friendly Football Game! The first week of September marks the start of football season so there's no better time to get outside for a friendly game! Gather up the family and neighborhood friends and get some healthy exercise.

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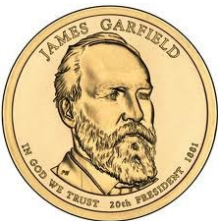
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*Daylight Savings Time!
Turn your clocks back one
hour on Nov. 6th*

New Gold Dollar to be released on November 17, 2011!



James A. Garfield
1831 – 1881

The newest gold dollar features our Nation's 20th President, **James A. Garfield**. President Garfield was born in Ohio in 1831 and raised on his family farm. He worked very hard to pay for his own education. He studied law at Williams College in Massachusetts – which eventually lead to an interest in politics. Garfield took office as President on March 4, 1881. His term lasted only 200 days due to him passing away on September 19, 1881 as a result of being shot by an assassin. President Garfield is remembered as a leader who advocated for a bi-metal monetary system, agricultural technology, and civil rights for African Americans.

What is a Federal Holiday?

In the United States, a federal holiday is a public holiday recognized by the United States federal government. Non-essential federal government offices are closed (for example: Court Houses, State and County offices, Post Offices, and some banks). Currently, there are 11 Federal Holidays that have been established by the United States Congress. Some of the most popular ones that you may know of are New Years Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The remaining include: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Inauguration Day, George Washington's Birthday, Columbus Day, and Veteran's Day.

This fall, we will celebrate 3 of the Federal Holidays mentioned above:



Columbus Day: Celebrated this year on October 10th, it was first established as a Federal Holiday in 1937. It celebrates the anniversary of Christopher Columbus' arrival to the America's.

Veterans Day: Originally named Armistice Day (after the Armistice that ended World War I), it was established as a Federal Holiday in 1938 and re-named Veterans Day in 1954 to honor and remember all Veterans of War.

Thanksgiving: A day known for families and friends to gather and give thanks, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the 4th Thursday of November in the United States, and on the 2nd Monday in October in Canada! Although it wasn't established as a Federal Holiday until 1941, it was first celebrated on a fixed day back in 1863 as an effort by President Abraham Lincoln.



Out of a job now that Summer has come and gone? Here are some ideas to earn extra money during the Fall and Winter months...

- Rake leaves and do other yard work for family or neighbors
- Babysitting after school and/or on weekends
- Shovel snow for family or neighbors
- Many retail stores hire on extra help during the holiday season—this is a great opportunity to gain experience as well as extra cash!



Test Your Apple I.Q.

1. Do Apples float?
A. True
B. False
2. Which state produces the most apples?
A. Wisconsin
B. Washington
C. West Virginia
3. How many different varieties of apples are there in the world?
A. 6
B. 550
C. 7,000
4. How many seed pockets does an apple have?
A. 2
B. 4
C. 5
5. What is apple pie "a la mode"?
A. Apple pie without a crust on top
B. Apple pie before it's cooked
C. Apple pie served with ice cream



Leafy Door Hanger

You Will Need:

- 1 large piece of art paper or 2 sheets of white construction paper
- Acrylic craft paint in fall colors such as red, orange, brown, yellow, gold and green
- Scissors
- 15" twig or branch
- 4- 15" lengths of jewelry cord
- White craft glue
- Football-shaped cookie cutter (optional)

Instructions:

- Finger-paint an entire sheet of paper with paints. Once dried, paint the reverse side also.
- Cut out leaf shapes on the paper, at least 25
- Glue the leaf shapes onto 3 pieces of jewelry cord as shown in the photo above, leaving room on the top.
- Once glue has dried, tie the string onto the twig/branch, spacing evenly.
- Tie the last piece of string on each end of the twig/branch to create a hanger.
- Secure all knots with a little bit of glue, hang to display, enjoy indoors or out!

APPLE QUIZ ANSWERS: 1) A 2) B 3) C 4) C 5) C