

## Annual Environmental/Nature/Science Events

	Event	Date	Purpose	Website?
	National Science Week			No website found.
4	National Wildlife Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> week in April	Wildlife and wild spaces are part of what makes your community special. Take the time outside to watch.	<a href="http://www.nwf.org/nationalwildlifeweek/">http://www.nwf.org/nationalwildlifeweek/</a>
8	World Water Day	August 16-22	The Week provides a unique forum for the exchange of views and experiences between the scientific, business, policy and civic communities. It focuses on new thinking and positive action toward water-related challenges and their impact on the world's environment, health, economic and poverty reduction agendas.	<a href="http://www.worldwaterweek.org">www.worldwaterweek.org</a>
1	Celebration of Life Month	January	To reach out to all those people who make your life a celebration.	<a href="http://www.vohuman.org/Article/Celebration%20of%20Life%20--%20Novruz.htm">http://www.vohuman.org/Article/Celebration%20of%20Life%20--%20Novruz.htm</a>
1	Sherlock Holmes Day	January 6		No website found
1	Winnie the Pooh Day	January 18	Winnie the Pooh Day is an opportunity to enjoy your favorite bear and all of his friends. This day was created to celebrate the birth of A.A .Milne in 1882. He was an author of children's story books, and created Winnie the Pooh and his friends.	<a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/January/winniepoohday.htm">http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/January/winniepoohday.htm</a>
1	Squirrel Appreciation Day	January 21	Squirrel Appreciation Day is an opportunity to enjoy and appreciate your tree climbing, nut gathering neighborhood squirrels. It's held in mid-winter when food sources are scarce for squirrels and other wildlife.	<a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/January/squirrelappreciation.htm">http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/January/squirrelappreciation.htm</a>
1	National Bird Day	January 5, 2009	"National Bird Day" is a day to take time to appreciate native wild birds. It is also a time to reflect on how we treat the native birds of other countries.	<a href="http://www.nationalbirdday.com/index.php">http://www.nationalbirdday.com/index.php</a>
2	Bird Feeding Month	February	February is one of the most difficult times in much of the U.S. for birds to survive in the wild	<a href="http://www.ladygatorsplace.com/birds">www.ladygatorsplace.com/birds</a>
2	Plant Seeds of Greatness	February	Get out your gardening gloves! It is time to	<a href="http://www.epromos.com/calendar/plant">http://www.epromos.com/calendar/plant</a>

	Month		Plant the Seeds of Greatness in the month of February. If you are unhappy with how your life is going at the moment, this month has been set aside to sit-back and reflect on what you can do to improve your situation.	-the-seeds-of-greatness-month.html
2	Youth Leadership Month	February	An annual event dedicated to celebrating young people who take on leadership roles in their lives. This is also the month to empower those young people who have not yet take on leadership positions to do so because they can.	<a href="http://www.epromos.com/calendar/youth-leadership-month.html">http://www.epromos.com/calendar/youth-leadership-month.html</a>
2	Ground Hog Day	February 2	<p>The celebration of Groundhog Day began with Pennsylvania's earliest settlers.</p> <p>Old belief that if the sun shines on Candlemas Day, or if the groundhog sees his shadow when he emerges on this day, six weeks of winter will ensue. Probably inspired by the ancient Hedgehog Day (also Feb 2): Romans observed whether a hedgehog emerging from hibernation could see its shadow in the moonlight--if it could, then six more weeks of winter were expected. Later observed as a folk holiday in Europe and the British Isles.</p>	<a href="http://www.groundhog.org">www.groundhog.org</a>
2	World Wetlands Day	February 2	An annual celebration of the vital importance of wetlands to the world's ecological health and of efforts to conserve these invaluable habitats.	<a href="http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2007/79482.htm">http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2007/79482.htm</a>
2	Boy Scout Day	February 8	Boy Scout Day celebrates the birthday of Scouting in America. On February 8, 1910, Chicago publisher William Dickson Boyce filed incorporation papers in the District of Columbia to create the Boy Scouts of America.	<a href="http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/February/boyscoutday.htm">http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/February/boyscoutday.htm</a>
2	Weather Day	February 9		No website found
2	Be Electric Day	February		No website found

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2	International World Thinking Day	February 22	International World Thinking Day is celebrated by Girl Scouts, Girl Guides and other girl groups. The original objective of this day was to set aside a day for girls all over the world to think of each other, and to give thanks and appreciation to "sister" Girl Scouts and Girl Guides.	<a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/February/worldthinkingday.htm">http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/February/worldthinkingday.htm</a>
2	International Children's Book Day	April 2	International Children's Book Day encourages reading, and promotes the love of books for children. It marks the birthday of Danish storyteller Hans Christian Andersen(1805).	<a href="http://www.ibby.org/index.php?id=269">http://www.ibby.org/index.php?id=269</a>
2	Great Backyard Bird Count	Feb 13-16, 2009	The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual four-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent.	<a href="http://www.birdsource.org">www.birdsource.org</a>
3	Craft Month	March	National Craft Month is a nationwide consumer awareness program designed to draw attention to crafts and the benefits derived from craft activities.	<a href="http://www.craftassoc.com/craftmonth.html">www.craftassoc.com/craftmonth.html</a>
3	Pecan Day	March 25 & April 14	Pecan Day is a rather nutty day. It's a day to celebrate and enjoy popular, tasty pecans.	<a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/March/pecanday.htm">http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/March/pecanday.htm</a>
3	Umbrella Month	March	A month dedicated to one of the most versatile, yet underrated inventions.	<a href="http://atlanticlogowear.wordpress.com/2008/02/07/national-umbrella-month/">http://atlanticlogowear.wordpress.com/2008/02/07/national-umbrella-month/</a>
3	Youth Art Month	March	You Art Month is a month dedicated to focusing on art in schools and encouraging students to give art a try.	<a href="http://www.acminet.org/youth_art_month.htm">http://www.acminet.org/youth_art_month.htm</a>
3	Girl Scout Day	March 12	Girl Scout Day recognizes and celebrates the Girls Scouts of America. This date celebrates the creation of the first Girl Scout group on March 12, 1912.	<a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/March/girlscoutday.htm">http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/March/girlscoutday.htm</a>
3	Plant a Flower Day	March 12	Plant a Flower Day is a day to get a little	<a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/morehol">http://www.holidayinsights.com/morehol</a>

			dirt under your fingernails. Take a few minutes to plant a flower today.	idays/March/plantflowerday.htm
3	Learn About Butterflies Day	March 14	This is a special day to learn more about butterflies.	<a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/March/butterfliesday.htm">http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/March/butterfliesday.htm</a>
3	Absolutely Incredible Kids Day	March 15	Campfire USA created this day as a day to show kids they are loved and cared for. Among other things, they suggest you write a letter to your kid today.	<a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/March/incrediblekidday.htm">http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/March/incrediblekidday.htm</a>
3	World Meteorological Day	March 23	Commemorates the creating of World Meteorological Organization, on that date in 1950.	<a href="http://www.wmo.int/pages/wmd/">http://www.wmo.int/pages/wmd/</a>
3	Take a Walk in the Park Day	March 30		
3	International Earth Day	March 20,2009	International Earth Day was initiated to make earth inhabitants aware of their responsibility to care for the planet. This care includes environmental and natural resources. International Earth Day was founded by John McConnell, of Davis City, Iowa. In September, 1969,	<a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/other/earth.htm">http://www.holidayinsights.com/other/earth.htm</a>
3	Spring Equinox	March 20,2009	The Spring (or Vernal) Equinox brings days and nights in equal proportions. It is simply the day when there is exactly 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of nighttime. But, did you know that this is only true on the Equator?	<a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/other/spring.htm">http://www.holidayinsights.com/other/spring.htm</a>
4	Arbor Day	Last Friday in April	Arbor Day is a nationally-celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and care.	<a href="http://www.arborday.org">www.arborday.org</a>
4	Backpack Safety Month	April	To encourage back safety when carrying a backpack.	<a href="http://www.backpacksafe.com">www.backpacksafe.com</a>
4	Garden Week	Second week of April	Gives visitors a chance to step through over 250 of Virginia's most beautiful gardens.	<a href="http://www.vagardenweek.org/">http://www.vagardenweek.org/</a>
4	Great American Clean-up	April	Keep America beautiful!	<a href="http://www.kab.org">www.kab.org</a>

4	Keep America Beautiful Month	April	A month dedicated to litter prevention and recycling.	<a href="http://www.kab.org/site/PageServer?pagename=index">http://www.kab.org/site/PageServer?pagename=index</a>
4	Lawn and Garden Month	April	Every April communities, organizations, and individuals nationwide celebrate gardening during National Garden Month.	<a href="http://www.nationalgardenmonth.org/">http://www.nationalgardenmonth.org/</a>
4	National Dark Sky Week	April	during the new moon	<a href="http://www.ndsw.org/">http://www.ndsw.org/</a>
4	National Walk to Work Day	First Friday in April	U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy G. Thompson declared the first National Walk to Work Day as April 2, 2004. With obesity and sedentary lifestyles growing at an alarming rate, National Walk to Work Day was initiated to draw attention to the need to get out and exercise, and to get in shape.	<a href="http://walking.about.com/od/pedestrians/p/walktoworkday.htm">http://walking.about.com/od/pedestrians/p/walktoworkday.htm</a>
4	Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month	April	People are urged to spend time this month to educate themselves and others about existing animal cruelty laws and to support pending legislation.	<a href="http://www.petplace.com/dogs/april-is-prevention-of-animal-cruelty-month/page1.aspx">http://www.petplace.com/dogs/april-is-prevention-of-animal-cruelty-month/page1.aspx</a>
5	May Day	May 1	May 1st, often called May Day, just might have more holidays than any other day of the year. It's a celebration of Spring. It's a day of political protests. It's a neopagan festival, a saint's feast day, and a day for organized labor. In many countries, it is a national holiday.	<a href="http://www.infoplease.com/spot/mayday.html">http://www.infoplease.com/spot/mayday.html</a>
4	World Health Day	April 7	Sponsored by United Nation's World Health Organization (WHO), World Health Day focuses upon a different health theme each year.	<a href="http://www.paho.org/english/dd/pin/whd2008.htm">http://www.paho.org/english/dd/pin/whd2008.htm</a>
4	Big Wind Day	April 12	Big Wind Day commemorates the highest wind speed ever recorded on the planet. On April 12, 1934, the staff of the Mount	<a href="http://www.mountwashington.org/about/visitor/recordwind.php">http://www.mountwashington.org/about/visitor/recordwind.php</a> <a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/morehol">http://www.holidayinsights.com/morehol</a>

			Washington Observatory recorded the highest surface wind ever measured, anywhere on earth. This big wind was officially recorded at 231 miles per hour.	<a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/April/bigwindday.htm">idays/April/bigwindday.htm</a>
4	Look Up at the Sky Day	April 14	Look Up at the Sky Day is a fun day to check out what's up there.	<a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/April/lookupatskyday.htm">http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/April/lookupatskyday.htm</a>
4	World Heritage Day	April 18	This special day offers an opportunity to raise the public's awareness about the diversity of cultural heritage and the efforts that are required to protect and conserve it, as well as draw attention to its vulnerability.	<a href="http://www.gdrc.org/heritage/world-heritage-day.html">http://www.gdrc.org/heritage/world-heritage-day.html</a>
4	April Shower's Day	April 22	Website is from a town in NH that has an event for this day	<a href="http://www.plaistow.com/Pages/PlaistowNH_RecCalendar/S012665FB-0126675D?formid=161">http://www.plaistow.com/Pages/PlaistowNH_RecCalendar/S012665FB-0126675D?formid=161</a>
4	Earth Day	April 22	To inform others around you how to protect the environment.	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/earthday">www.epa.gov/earthday</a>
4	World Penguin Day	April 25	World Penguin Day coincides with the annual northward migration of penguins. This happens each year on or around April 25th. Penguins do not fly. Rather, they walk, or waddle their way to and from.	<a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/other/penguinawareness.htm">http://www.holidayinsights.com/other/penguinawareness.htm</a>
4	National Environmental Education Week	April 12-18, 2009	National Environmental Education Week (EE Week) promotes understanding and protection of the natural world by engaging K-12th grade students and educators in an inspired week of environmental learning. This year's EE Week theme is "Be Water Wise!"	<a href="http://eeweek.org/">http://eeweek.org/</a>
5	American Wetlands	May	To save and restore America's Wetland	<a href="http://www.americaswetland.com">www.americaswetland.com</a>
5	Family Month	May-June	This year's focus: grandparents, foster families, and crisis prevention	<a href="http://www.familymonth.net">www.familymonth.net</a>
5	International Composting Awareness Week	May 3-9, 2009	International Composting Awareness Week is a week of activities, events and publicity to improve awareness about the importance of this valuable organic resource and to promote compost use, knowledge	<a href="http://www.compostweek.com.au/">http://www.compostweek.com.au/</a>

			and products.	
5	International Migratory Bird Day	2nd Saturday in May (always day before Mother's Day)	<b>International Migratory Bird Day</b> celebrates the incredible journey that migratory birds take each year. They travel thousands of miles between breeding grounds in North America, and their winter homes in Central and South America. Organizers say this is a day to both support, and to increase awareness of conservation efforts in support of migratory birds. They also suggest a field trip into a woods to look for and enjoy migrating birds.	<a href="http://www.birdday.org">www.birdday.org</a> 2009 is Celebrating Birds in Culture <a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/other/birdday.htm">http://www.holidayinsights.com/other/birdday.htm</a>
5	National Backyard Games Week	Third week of May	The event is designed to bring families and friends together through fun outdoor activities.	<a href="http://www.patchproducts.com/press/041905.asp">http://www.patchproducts.com/press/041905.asp</a>
5	National Bike Month	May	Dedicated to promoting bike use.	<a href="http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bike-month/">http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bike-month/</a>
5	National Bike to Work Day	Third Friday in May	Dedicated to promoting bike use.	<a href="http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bike-month/">http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bike-month/</a>
5	National Bike Week	Third week of May	Dedicated to promoting bike use.	<a href="http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bike-month/">http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bike-month/</a>
5	Preservation Month	May	Celebrating the country's diverse and irreplaceable heritage by participating in local events throughout the nation.	<a href="http://www.preservationnation.org/take-action/preservation-month/">http://www.preservationnation.org/take-action/preservation-month/</a>
5	Wildflower Week	Second week of May	NYC Wildflower Week celebrates all things green and wild in the Big Apple—the hundreds of native flowers, trees, shrubs and grasses that call NYC home. It's a week of inspired environmental learning, with dozens of free activities, walks and talks for all New Yorkers to enjoy.	<a href="http://www.nycwildflowerweek.org/">http://www.nycwildflowerweek.org/</a>
5	Bird Day	May 5	<b>Bird Day is the oldest</b> of the days set aside to recognize birds. According to the U.S. Library of Congress, Bird Day was first	<a href="http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/jb/progress/birdday_1">http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/jb/progress/birdday_1</a>

			observed on May 4, 1894. It was started by Charles Almanzo Babcock, superintendent of schools in Oil City, Pennsylvania. By 1910, Bird Day was widely celebrated, often in conjunction with Arbor Day. Bird Day and Arbor Day events are focused upon conservation training and awareness.	<a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/other/birdday.htm">http://www.holidayinsights.com/other/birdday.htm</a>
5	Jumping Frog Day	May 13	<i>Frog Jumping Day</i> is a great day to jump like a frog.	<a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/May/frogjumpingday.htm">http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/May/frogjumpingday.htm</a>
5	Love a Tree Day	May 16	Trees are a good thing. They give us shade, comfort and warmth. They give off oxygen, too. There are many, many benefits provided by trees. So, you have good reason to love a tree or two.	<a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/May/loveatreeday.htm">http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/May/loveatreeday.htm</a>
5	International Museum Day	May 18	The goals of International Museum Day are to give museum professionals the opportunity to meet the public, and to make the public aware of challenges faced by museums. Each year, a different theme is promoted.	<a href="http://icom.museum/imd.html">http://icom.museum/imd.html</a>
5	Plant Something Day	May 19	A day to plant something.	No website found
5	International Biodiversity Day	May 22	In 1993, the United Nations declared the 22 May International Biodiversity Day (IBD) as a way of increasing the awareness and understanding of biodiversity issues.	<a href="http://www.planetfriendly.net/calendar/events.php?id=8153">http://www.planetfriendly.net/calendar/events.php?id=8153</a>
5	World Turtle Day	May 23	World Turtle Day was initiated in 2000 by the American Tortoise Rescue, a turtle and tortoise rescue organization founded in 1990 in Malibu, California.	<a href="http://animals.about.com/od/tortoisesandturtles/a/worldturtleday.htm">http://animals.about.com/od/tortoisesandturtles/a/worldturtleday.htm</a>
5	Astronomy Day	May 1, 2009	Astronomy Day is a day to look up to the stars. It was established to promote astronomy to the general public.	<a href="http://www.astronomy.com/asy/default.aspx?c=ps&amp;id=80">http://www.astronomy.com/asy/default.aspx?c=ps&amp;id=80</a>
5	Nat'l Women's Health Week	May 10-16, 2009	National Women's Health Week empowers women across the country to get healthy by	<a href="http://www.womenshealth.gov/whw/">http://www.womenshealth.gov/whw/</a>

			taking action.	
6	Perennial Gardening Month	June	Celebrate Perennial Gardening Month by discovering new perennials to plant in June.	<a href="http://www.groundsmag.com/news/grounds_maintenance_june_perennial_gardening/">http://www.groundsmag.com/news/grounds_maintenance_june_perennial_gardening/</a>
6	Rivers Month	June	Our rivers are truly natural treasures, offering recreation, wildlife viewing, ecosystem study, or peaceful contemplation. June is the month to appreciate the rivers we have.	<a href="http://www.boatingprogram.com/flyer.pdf">http://www.boatingprogram.com/flyer.pdf</a>
6	Rose Month	June	Appreciate one of the most beautiful flowers available.	<a href="http://www.rosegardening101.com/archives/how-to-celebrate-national-rose-month/">http://www.rosegardening101.com/archives/how-to-celebrate-national-rose-month/</a>
6	World Environment Day	June 5	One of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action.	<a href="http://www.unep.org/wed/2008/english/">http://www.unep.org/wed/2008/english/</a>
6	Dinosaur Day	June 1	Website is from a college that puts on an event every year; it is not on the same day as the national one though.	<a href="http://www.sierra.cc.ca.us/EventsAthletics/NatHistMus/dinosaurDay.htm">http://www.sierra.cc.ca.us/EventsAthletics/NatHistMus/dinosaurDay.htm</a>
6	World Ocean Day	June 8		<a href="http://www.theoceanproject.org/wod/">http://www.theoceanproject.org/wod/</a>
6	World Day to Combat Desertification	June 17	In 1994, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 17 the "World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought".	<a href="http://www.unccd.int/publicinfo/june17/2005/menu.php">http://www.unccd.int/publicinfo/june17/2005/menu.php</a>
6	National Trails Day	June 6, 2009	On this day every year more than a million hikers, bikers, equestrians, and others take part in thousands of events nationwide in celebration of America's trails.	<a href="http://usparks.about.com/cs/hikingtrails/a/trailsday.htm">http://usparks.about.com/cs/hikingtrails/a/trailsday.htm</a>
6	National Get Outdoors Day	June 13, 2009	National Get Outdoors Day is a new annual event to encourage healthy, active outdoor fun.	<a href="http://www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org/">http://www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org/</a>
6	Great American Backyard Campout	June 27, 2009	Great American Backyard Campout is a national event that encourages individuals, youth, friends and families to campout!	<a href="http://www.nwf.org/BackyardCampout">www.nwf.org/BackyardCampout</a>
7	Blueberries Month	July	To promote the greater appreciation and use of high bush blueberries.	<a href="http://www.blueberry.org">www.blueberry.org</a>
7	Recreation and Parks Month	July	Recreation facilities and parks across the country annually use July to celebrate the	<a href="http://www.nrpa.org/content/default.aspx?documentId=2145">http://www.nrpa.org/content/default.aspx?documentId=2145</a>

			kick-off of summer programming as well as a time to pull their communities together to volunteer, get involved in great outdoor physical activities and advocate for parks and recreation.	
7	Roots and Branches Month	July	This July is a time to acknowledge your heritage and your future. A really fun and enlightening activity would be to create your own family tree--that is, of course, if you don't already have one!	<a href="http://www.awarenessdates.com/2008/07/roots-and-branches-month.html">http://www.awarenessdates.com/2008/07/roots-and-branches-month.html</a>
8	American Adventures Month	August	American Adventures Month exists to promote vacationing in the Americas. Whether, traveling in luxury or primitive conditions, tourists are encouraged to explore South, Central and North America. Experiencing the Americas in a variety of ways celebrates all that the Americas offer.	<a href="http://www.americanadventures.info/">http://www.americanadventures.info/</a>
8	Happiness Happens Month	August	The main goals for this month are to recognize and express happiness as well as not rain on other people's parades--admirable goals for an admirable cause!	<a href="http://www.epromos.com/calendar/happiness-happens-month.html">http://www.epromos.com/calendar/happiness-happens-month.html</a>
8	National Night Out	August 5, 2008	The "25 <sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch	<a href="http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/index.html">http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/index.html</a>
8	National S'mores Day	August 6	National S'mores Day celebrates this tasty summer treat.	<a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/other/smoresday.htm">http://www.holidayinsights.com/other/smoresday.htm</a>
9	Clean Up the World Weekend	September	Partners with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) to inspire and assist communities to "clean up, fix up and conserve their local environment" through carrying out initiatives ranging from waste removal and tree planting to water and energy conservation projects	<a href="http://www.cleanuptheworld.org/en/">http://www.cleanuptheworld.org/en/</a>
9	Honey Month	September	A month to celebrate nature's natural sweetener!	<a href="http://www.honey.com/media/honeymonth/index.html">http://www.honey.com/media/honeymonth/index.html</a>
9	International Coastal	September	Volunteers around the globe joined	<a href="http://www.coastalcleanup.org/main.cfm">http://www.coastalcleanup.org/main.cfm</a>

	Clean-up	17	together, clearing tons of trash from coastlines, rivers and lakes.	
9	Mold Awareness Month	September	The purpose of National Indoor Toxic Mold Awareness Month is to inform, educate, and raise awareness about the adverse health effects due to exposure of indoor molds and mycotoxins.	<a href="http://www.topix.com/health/2008/08/national-indoor-toxic-mold-awareness-month-sept-5-oct-5-2008">http://www.topix.com/health/2008/08/national-indoor-toxic-mold-awareness-month-sept-5-oct-5-2008</a>
9	Mushroom Month	September		No website found.
9	National Estuaries Day	September -	An annual celebration of the vibrant coastal areas where rivers meet the sea- estuaries.	<a href="http://www.estuaries.gov/estuaries101/GetInvolved/Default.aspx?ID=153">http://www.estuaries.gov/estuaries101/GetInvolved/Default.aspx?ID=153</a>
9	Organic Harvest Month	September	The objective of Organic Harvest Month™ is to highlight organic agriculture and the growing organic products industry.	<a href="http://www.ota.com/news/ohmcalendar.html">http://www.ota.com/news/ohmcalendar.html</a>
9	Potato Month	September	A month dedicated to potatoes and the many wonderful ways they can be prepared.	<a href="http://www.gone-ta-pott.com/National_potato_month.html">http://www.gone-ta-pott.com/National_potato_month.html</a>
9	Rice Month	September	It has many nutritional values and September is the official month, so give rice a try.	<a href="http://calorielab.com/news/2005/08/30/september-is-national-rice-month/">http://calorielab.com/news/2005/08/30/september-is-national-rice-month/</a>
9	United Planet Month	September		No website found
9	Take a Kid Outside Week	September 24-30, 2008		<a href="http://takeachildoutside.org/">http://takeachildoutside.org/</a> <a href="http://partners.takeachildoutside.org/signup/">http://partners.takeachildoutside.org/signup/</a> Login: signup Password: ncmns
9	World Water Monitoring Day	September 18	An international education and outreach program that builds public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources around the world by engaging citizens to conduct basic monitoring of their local water bodies.	<a href="http://www.worldwatermonitoringday.org/">http://www.worldwatermonitoringday.org/</a>
9	International Talk Like a Pirate Day	September 19	Talk like a pirate all day today!	<a href="http://www.talklikeapirate.com/">http://www.talklikeapirate.com/</a>
9	World Carfree Day	September 22	Every September 22, people from around the world get together in the streets, intersections, and neighbourhood blocks to	<a href="http://www.worldcarfree.net/wcfd/">http://www.worldcarfree.net/wcfd/</a>

			remind the world that we don't have to accept our car-dominated society.	
10	Communicate with your Kids Month	October	Good communication flows from mutual respect, understanding, and trust among family members, and more than ever before, it is vital that parents create and maintain good communication with their kids.	<a href="http://www.parentingwithoutpressure.com/holidays/ncwykm.htm">www.parentingwithoutpressure.com/holidays/ncwykm.htm</a>
10	Eat Better, Eat Together month	October	It is time for adults to eat meals with children and teenagers and to celebrate family meals.	<a href="http://www.nutrition.wsu.edu/ebet">www.nutrition.wsu.edu/ebet</a>
10	Energy Awareness Month	October	Set aside a time to remind us about saving energy in 1981 with American Energy Week, which was observed from 1981 through 1985. It became a month-long observance at the Department of Energy in 1986. On September 13, 1991, President George Bush <a href="#">proclaimed</a> October as Energy Awareness Month. Since then, the U.S. Department of Energy has been conducting energy awareness campaigns that promote the wise and efficient use of our nation's energy.	<a href="http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/services/energy_aware.html">http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/services/energy_aware.html</a>
10	International Walk to School Month	October	gives children, parents, school teachers and community leaders an opportunity to be part of a global event as they celebrate the many benefits of walking.	<a href="http://www.iwalktoschool.org/">http://www.iwalktoschool.org/</a>
10	Photographer Appreciation Month	October	Appreciate your photographer friends!	<a href="http://www.epromos.com/calendar/photographer-appreciation-month.html">http://www.epromos.com/calendar/photographer-appreciation-month.html</a>
10	Popcorn Poppin' Month	October	Each year when the new crop is harvested, it reminds us popcorn will always be the naturally fun snack for the entire family	<a href="http://www.popcorn.org/poppinmonth/index.cfm">http://www.popcorn.org/poppinmonth/index.cfm</a>
10	Spinach Lovers Month	October		No website found
10	World Animal Day	October 4	started in 1931 at a convention of ecologists in Florence as a way of highlighting the plight of endangered species. Since then it has grown to	<a href="http://www.worldanimalday.org.uk/index.asp">http://www.worldanimalday.org.uk/index.asp</a>

			encompass all kinds of animal life and is widely celebrated in countries throughout the world. October 4 was chosen as World Animal Day as it is the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.	
10	Earth Science Week	Oct 11-17, 2009 and Oct 10-16, 2010,	2008 Theme: No child left inside	<a href="http://www.earthsciweek.org">www.earthsciweek.org</a>
11	Family Stories Month	November	What stories would you be willing to tell about your family?	<a href="http://www.awarenessdates.com/2007/11/family-stories-month.html">http://www.awarenessdates.com/2007/11/family-stories-month.html</a>
11	Native American Heritage Month	November	November is dedicated to remembering you Native American heritage, as well as honoring other Native Americans.	<a href="http://www.loc.gov/topics/nativeamericans/">http://www.loc.gov/topics/nativeamericans/</a>
11	Dia De los Muertos or Day of the Dead	November 1 & 2	In actuality, Dia De Los Muertos is not one, but two days spent in honor of the dead. The first day celebrates infants and children who have died. This is a group which is believed to have a special place in heaven and are referred to as "Angelitos" or little angels. The second day is in honor of adults who have passed away.	<a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/other/losmuertos.htm">http://www.holidayinsights.com/other/losmuertos.htm</a>
11	America or National Recycles Day	November 15	The only nationally recognized day dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and to buy recycled products.	<a href="http://nrc-recycle.org/aboutard.aspx">http://nrc-recycle.org/aboutard.aspx</a>
11	Take a Hike Day	November 17	Walking, and hiking is an excellent way to get exercise, and get into shape. Hikes are distinguished from walks, in that they are taken in the woods, hills, mountains, or somewhere else in a nature setting. Hikes not only give you exercise, they also provide scenic sites and vistas, that are good for relaxation of the mind and soul.	<a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/November/takeahikeday.htm">http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/November/takeahikeday.htm</a>
12	Telescope Day	December 3	Marking the invention of the telescope by Galileo in 1621.	No website found.
12	Poinsettia Day	December 12	By an Act of Congress, December 12 was set aside as National Poinsettia Day. The	<a href="http://homeschooling.about.com/library/bldec12a.htm">http://homeschooling.about.com/library/bldec12a.htm</a>

