



THE SIXTH FLOOR MUSEUM  
AT DEALEY PLAZA

## SUMMER FUN

Happy Birthday, America!



### Independence Day

We celebrate Independence Day in the United States on July 4th. On this day in 1776 the 13 colonies declared their independence from England, creating the United States of America. This is one of the most important holidays for Americans and can be celebrated in many ways. Festivities can be large or small and may include parties, going swimming or camping, attending parades, and of course, enjoying fireworks. To the right you see President Kennedy greeting crowds in Philadelphia at an Independence Day celebration in 1962. How do you and your family celebrate Independence Day?



### Decorating

One way to celebrate America and the 4th of July is to decorate. Around the holiday time you may see homes donnedn patriotic banners, United States flags, and even red, white, and blue flower pots. How many different decorations can you spot in the photo?

A great way to create a personal decoration is to make a tie dye shirt. Use fabric dye, a white T-Shirt, rubber bands, and plastic gloves to design your own shirt. Watch [this video](#) for ideas and instructions on how to make your shirt.



### Fun in the sun!

One fun way to enjoy the summer is to go swimming. Even President Kennedy loved to go swimming with his family. You can also enjoy being outside by playing these games with friends and family members:

**Tic Tac Toe** | Using chalk, draw a tic tac toe board. Play the game using different shapes or icons as your markers. The first to get three in a row wins!

**Water Balloon Toss** | Fill up several balloons with water. Toss back and forth with a friend or family member. Every time each person throws a balloon without popping it, take one step back. This game is great for two people or multiple groups of two.



### **I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!**

Did you know that July is National Ice Cream Month? President Kennedy loved ice cream and was often seen enjoying his favorite flavor, vanilla. Vanilla is the most popular flavor in the United States followed by chocolate and cookies & cream. What is your favorite flavor?

Have you ever made ice cream at home? There are several ways to make ice cream. Check out this machine-free [ice cream recipe](#) and try it yourself.

### **Here is a fun dairy-free popsicle recipe:**

**Ingredients:** red, white, and blue sports drinks

**Tools:** Ice cube tray or popsicle mold, popsicle sticks

#### **Directions:**

1. Fill 1/3 of the mold with red sports drink, place in freezer until hardened
2. Pour in white sports drink, add stick, and freeze until hardened
3. Pour in blue sports drink, freeze until hardened
4. Run the mold under hot water to loosen the popsicle when ready to eat

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