

What is Juneteenth?

This celebration marks a day in 1865 when enslaved Texans learned they'd be free—two months after Robert E. Lee surrendered and ended the Civil War and two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. Source: <https://www.learningforjustice.org/magazine/teaching-juneteenth>

Juneteenth continues to be a time to share the experiences of those who fought to seek freedom and equal opportunities for future generations. 4-H shares a commitment to equity and opportunity. May this day serve as a time to reflect on our past, assess where we stand today, and plan for the future with open hearts and minds.



4-H celebrates JUNETEENTH



Take a picture of you with your completed calendar and an activity you did and submit it to: go.illinois.edu/HeritageMonthActivity or scan the code on the right to submit.

Remember to include this in your Experience Award application as a state level experience.

We'll use more than one day to explore these activities! Civic Season is the time between Juneteenth and July 4th ~ This calendar reflects that time for activities!

6/19

Activity:

Attend a local Juneteenth celebration or make a poster to celebrate.

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Read

[What is Juneteenth?](#)

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Watch:

[What is Juneteenth and why is it important?](#)

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Research:

[Who celebrates Juneteenth?](#)

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Research:

Research the cultural significance of celebrating the holiday with red food

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Virtual Tour:

[Emancipation Museum Artifacts](#)

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Virtual Tour:

Visit Emancipation Park

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Watch:

[Celebrating Juneteenth Tour](#)

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Read:

[Books that celebrate Juneteenth](#) or ask at your local library!

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Listen/Watch:

[Frederick Douglass "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?"](#)
[Read by his descendants.](#)

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Activity:

Make a video telling your thoughts about this speech. Did it change your perspective on this holiday?

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Activity:

Make a poster showing a change you want to see in the world

7/1

Activity:

Write or make a video essay about how you can help make those changes happen with 4-H!

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Read:

[Learn the history and significance of the food eaten on this holiday.](#)

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Read:

[President Joe Biden's speech-making Juneteenth a National Holiday.](#)

7/4

Writing Prompt:

What does Civic Season mean to you? What have you learned this Civic Season?

