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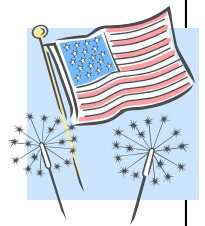
ELI Weekly

Time for America to Celebrate!

Saturday is Independence Day for the United States, otherwise known as the 4th of July. Many Americans celebrate this day with friends and family by having a barbeque or picnic during the day and watching fireworks that night. Others may go to large events, such as parades, fairs, or baseball games to celebrate the occasion.

Here in the U.S., as in many other countries that observe an Independence Day, patriotism is a major part of the celebration. Some of the common patriotic symbols for the 4th of July are the American flag, the Bald Eagle, the Liberty Bell, the Statue of Liberty, Uncle Sam, and the Declaration of Independence.

The Declaration of Independence is the document in which the American colonies declared their independence from Great Britain. It was adopted on July 4, 1776. The original Declaration of Independence can still be seen today, right alongside the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, in the National Archives Building in Washington D.C.



Many celebrations take place all across the country. In Philadelphia, one part of the celebration occurs at the Liberty Bell Center, where descendants of the signers of the Declaration of Independence ceremonially tap the bell, which signals a nation-wide bell ringing. There will be Macy's sponsors fireworks in Manhattan. Boston always hosts Harbor fest, which features historic tours, Revolutionary era reenactments, and concerts. Down in Florida, Disney always has huge celebrations at its theme parks. And of course, Washington D.C. has a huge parade and festival every year.

Can't make it to a far off city for the big day? St. Louis is only a 3 1/2 hour drive and there you can go to Fair St. Louis, an annual event that's been going on for over 130 years! Fair St. Louis takes place downtown and has a parade, free concerts, games, foods, and much more! It's a blast! And if you can't get to St. Louis, you can enjoy the 4th of July right here in Springfield. James River Assembly hosts a huge celebration every year called "I Love America." They will have a great fireworks display and a concert too! Check out the details below. No matter what you do, relax and have FUN!

4th of July Event in Springfield

Jameriver Presents: I Love America

The James River "I Love America" celebration honors the founding of our Nation and God's faithfulness to America. In 1997, "ILA" began as a small church gathering and has now grown into the Ozarks largest Independence Day event. A total of 13,000 people attended the first "ILA" and now over 80,000 enjoy the day's activities at the Springfield Underground. Highlights include an incredible 4-hour air show, nearly 100 free games and activities, live bands throughout the day, the James River Choir's "Living Flag" and amazing fireworks in the sky.

- When: Friday, July 3, 2009 Gates open at 11:00 a.m.
- Where: Springfield Underground at Highway 65 & Division



For more information, visit to: <http://www.iloveamerica.ws/index.html>



Announcement

- Have a safe and happy 4th of July!
- Good luck on your mid-term exams!
- **Lost & Found Box in the office!!!** - If you have found anything not belonging to you, please bring it to the office and put it into the box.
- Color version of the ELI newsletter is available on the ELI website. Visit: <http://morriscenter.missouristate.edu/eli/newsletter.htm>



Weekly English Expression

A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing !!!

- A:** That candidate seems to be a good choice.
B: I know. What an honest face he has!
A: I'm telling everyone to vote for him.
B: Well, don't bother telling Sandy. She thinks he's *a wolf in sheep's clothing.
A: How could she think that? Didn't she see him holding a baby on TV?
B: I guess she thinks he's only trying to get elected.
A: No one would hold a baby just to get more votes.
B: Well, I would.

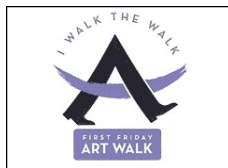
*A wolf in sheep's clothing: a person who hides the fact that they are evil, with a pleasant and friendly appearance.



For more English expressions, Go to <http://www.englishdaily626.com/>

More Activities This Weekend

- **First Friday Art Walk**
When: Friday, July 3 6-10 p.m.
Where: Downtown
 Just in time for the Fourth of July, First Friday Art Walk explodes with color, music and activities in 20 participating galleries.
- **Springfield Cardinals Baseball Game**
 Springfield Cardinals vs. Frisco RoughRiders
When:
 Friday, July 3 2009 (07:10PM)
 Saturday, July 4 2009 (07:10PM)
Where: Hammons Field



Weather Forecast

Forecast for June. 29— July. 5

		Fahrenheit (High/Low)
Monday:	Sunny	86/64
Tuesday:	Sunny	88/64
Wednesday:	Mostly Sunny	89/68
Thursday:	Partly Cloudy	89/70
Friday:	Partly Cloudy	90/73
Saturday:	Partly Cloudy	88/70
Sunday:	Scattered T-Storms	87/74



Weather forecasts are **always** changing, so for the most up-to-date forecast, go to: www.weather.com, or watch the local news or the weather channel.