

Buzz Picture Of the Month



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The BuzzLetter



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School is out - vacation begins. What are your plans?

It may cost an arm and a leg to take the family to one of the big amusement parks, but there are a lot of other excursions that are fun, educational, and reasonably priced.

- Steam railroads. There are more than 40 19th century railroads in the U.S. and Canada on which you can take a short ride for a reasonable price. To find one near you, Google "tourist trains."
- Berry and fruit picking at farms. Check the phone book or search the Internet for "pick your own fruit (state name)."
- Hands-on science museums. Kids can learn about everything from oceanography to the human body. Check the phone book or search for "hands-on science museums."
- Corn mazes. They are 3-D puzzles you can walk through and have become very popular. To find one call the chamber of commerce or go to cornfieldmaze.com.

Father's Day is June 15th

A Message to Dad

When I think of all the things you do,
The ways in which you care,
I'm filled with a sense of gratitude
And pride that is always there.
I seldom take the time to tell you
That I'm happy you're my dad;
So I'll tell you now what's in my heart,
"You're the best that I could have!"

~Source: PoetryGift.com

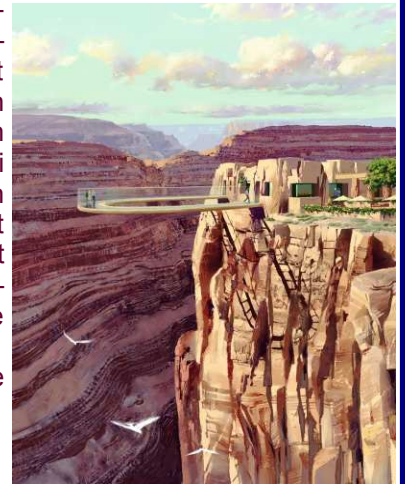


What about the Grand Canyon Skywalk?

One of the most recent projects at the Grand Canyon has also been one of the most controversial. The Grand Canyon Skywalk is on the west side of the Canyon. It was open to the public March 28, 2007 and is accessed by the Grand Canyon West Road. Essentially, it was built by the Hualapai Indian tribe and featured as a major Grand Canyon attraction. The U-shaped glass walk extends 65 feet beyond the rim of the canyon and you look straight down 4000 feet to the bottom of the canyon. Currently, the cost is \$25.00 per person to access the walk and no cameras are allowed.

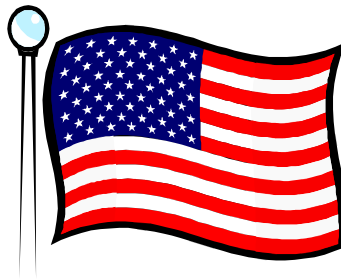
To get more information to plan a tour trip to the **Grand Canyon** go to:

www.National-Park-Information.com



CHALK TALK

June 14th is Flag Day



Flag Etiquette

- ▶ The flag should never be displayed with the union down.
- ▶ The flag should never touch anything beneath it, nor touch the ground.
- ▶ The flag should never be flown at night unless spotlighted.
- ▶ The lapel flag pin should be worn on the left lapel near the heart.
- ▶ The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

The Color Significance of the Flag:

RED — signifies hardness and valor.

WHITE — signifies purity and innocence.

BLUE — signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

A thoughtful mind, when it sees a Nation's flag, sees not the flag only, but the Nation itself; and whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag the Government, the principles, the truths, the history which belongs to the Nation that sets it forth.

~ Henry Ward Beecher

The Little Chap Who Follows Me

*A careful man I ought to be.
A little fellow follows me;
I do not dare to go astray
For fear he'll go the selfsame way.*

*I must not madly step aside,
Where pleasure's paths are smooth
and wide,
And join in wine's red revelry -
A little fellow follows me.*

*I cannot once escape his eyes:
Whatever he sees me do he tries.
Like me, he says he's going to be,
The little chap who follows me.*

*I must remember as I go,
Through summer's sun and winter's
snow,
I'm building for the years to be,
A little fellow who'll follow me.*

~ Author Unknown

Education Matters

TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES OVER SUMMER

Garage sales help your kids learn to negotiate, find bargains



It's better than a scavenger hunt and more entertaining than Saturday morning cartoons. Visiting garage sales can help you find big bargains and help your kids learn how to handle money.

Here are some tips for successful hunting from Sonia Weis, coauthor of *Pocket Idiot's Guide to Garage and Yard Sales* (Penguin).

Before you go, tell the kids how to act. No running. Behave as guests in a person's home. Be polite. If someone has their hands on an object, don't look at it or say anything until the person puts it down.

Make a list of things they should be on the lookout for, either things that you

want or things they want themselves.

Each child should have a set amount of money saved from an allowance or what you give them for the hunt. They will learn how to budget their funds and also get the knack of bargaining for a lower price. Tell them how. Pass along these suggestions from Weis in order to help them become good shoppers.

* Test anything electrical to see if it actually does work.

* Take a few of your own batteries along so they can test toys and other battery-operated items.

* If you see something you like, pick it up and carry it around with you until you decide if you want it or not.

* When you go during the last hour of the sale, you have an opportunity to ask for a lower price, and sellers will be more willing to give it.

* If you go during the first hour of a sale, the best items will still be there.

Check to see if all parts of a set or toy are included.

Suggestions for Summer Activities

Check your library to see what programs they offer children during the summer



... or suggest one, such as offering prizes (bookmarks or stickers) for so many books read. See if the school will honor their efforts at the beginning of the next

school year with a certificate.

Make a digital slide show with family photos.

Show your children how to access your collection of digital family pictures. Then use your laptop computer to run a slide show of the whole collection or a few selected folders.



Help your kids plant a garden.

The plants in your garden attract different kinds of insects and birds. Do some



research and plant according to the ones you want to attract; such as butterflies and hummingbirds. Do the "hard" labor in the cool of the morning. Then watch

to see which animals and insects come to your garden.

Encourage your kids to read the newspaper.

Have your kids read an article in the newspaper and do an outline or write a summary paragraph. Then have them add to it as the summer progresses. Who knows, they may become writers one day!



Real Fact: Did you know . . .

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Travel Log

Can you spot the new road signs?

A team of civil engineers, graphic designers, psychologists, and vision experts came up with a thinner, more legible type. The font, called Clearview, took 10 years to develop. The Federal Highway Administration approved the Clearview road signs in 2006. They can be seen in parts of Pennsylvania and Texas and are planned for other states in months and years to come.

Need a Traveling Companion or a gift to take with you?



Take Hasbro's Furby

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Getting Technical

Category: Digital Imaging

And don't forget to take along SANYO's waterproof camcorder underwater video and 6 megapixel still photos above or below water.



Xacti E1, Model: VPC-E1

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HIGH TECH? Not really, but

... one day a man picked up a hairpin. He bent it several ways, then stopped when the shape he had arrived at seemed interesting. He couldn't know it then, but he had just invented the paper clip! The invention, so they say, netted him a quarter of a million dollars. Do you have a simple idea that's a great one?

