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- ☐ Water and non-perishable food for several days
- ☐ Extra cell phone battery or charger
- ☐ Battery-powered or hand crank radio that can receive NOAA Weather Radio tone alerts and extra batteries
- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ☐ Whistle to signal for help
- ☐ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation Non-sparking wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ☐ Can opener (if kit contains canned food)
- ☐ Local maps



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Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- ☐ Prescription medications and glasses
- ☐ Infant formula and diapers
- ☐ Pet food, water and supplies for your pet
- ☐ Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a portable waterproof container
- ☐ Cash and change
- ☐ Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- ☐ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person.
- ☐ Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes.
- ☐ Fire Extinguisher Matches in a waterproof container
- ☐ Feminine supplies, personal hygiene items and hand sanitizer
- ☐ Mess kits, Paper cups, plates and disposable utensils, paper towels
- ☐ Paper and pencil Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children





August Birthdays

1	Juliann Spencer	003	13	Erick Knobloch	071
2	Madeline Nelling	079	14	Donald Sinclair	183
3	Paula Blanchette	155	15	Charles Crandall	188
	Derrick Hollier	133	17	Colleen King	084
	Carol White	403		Lisa Patrick	107
4	Paula Brogan	125	18	Marvin Wilder	298
5	Pearl Hodder	189	19	William Noel	246
6	Virginia Brookhart	304	21	Marilyn Hearn	300
	Grace Comstock	206	23	Laura Ann Worthy	436
7	Don Grubbs	220		Donald Seitz	062
	Frank Cappozzo	261	24	Jeffrey Blanchette	155
	Jacqueline Patrick	093		Paul Carter	087
	Nick Powers	258		Ron Viele	159
	Arthur Hoffman	049	25	John Hregdovic	289
9	Sandra Abell	301	27	Harold Williams	305
	Robert LeBlanc	312	28	Pamela Bruce	303
10	Alexander Horvath	197		Steven Keller	140
	Lori Ogden	015		Patricia Silke	263
	Joseph Korona	054	29	Sandie Gilliland	029
11	Karilyn Judd	203		Joanne Reid	290
12	David Jones	109	30	Elizabeth Groleau	190
	Victoria Fox	129	31	Velma Mahan	037

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

5	Karen & Richard Judd	203
7	Johanne & Giles Lussier	222
12	Susan & Thomas Leitch	025
17	Carole & Stanley Reeves	262
18	Donna & Brian Lawrence	260
	Susan & Mark Mason	314
	Sabina & Fabrizio Soffritti	150
20	Patricia & Ray Hollett	080
24	Gloria & John Kolodizieizyck	229
25	Irene & Ivan Butler	401
29	Sandra & Donald Seitz	062
	Patricia & Blair Tilley	268
	Charlene & Stanley Whitehead	217
30	Rachelle & Paul Kuhn	128
31	Jackie & Tree Ondra	138





POOL UPDATE NEWS

As everyone is aware our pool is being totally refurbished beginning August 4, 2025, it will be closed for approximately 5 to 6 weeks. While the work is being done Sunset Palms is letting our residences use their pool. Please be as respectful for their Pool Rules and Regulations as you are for ours.

RULE OF THE MONTH

XIV. Pool, Therapeutic Spa/Hot Tub, Recreation Areas. And Laundry:

1. There is no Lifeguard on duty. The use of the pool and Spa/Hot Tub is at your own risk.
2. You must shower before entering the pool, rules are posted at the pool and Spa/Hot Tub.
3. No one under the age of sixteen (16) is permitted without adult supervision.
4. The pool enclosure is open from 8:00 AM to 11:00PM. The time between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM and 9:00 PM and 11:00 PM is reserved for adults 18 years and older.
5. Individuals who exit the pool or spa and apply suntan oil or soap must shower before reentering the pool or spa/hot tub.
6. No one in diapers in pool or spa/hot tub. Appropriate swimmyies are allowed.
7. Pregnant women, small children, people with health problems, and people using alcohol, narcotics, or other drugs that can cause drowsiness should not use the spa/hot tub without first consulting a doctor.
8. No one is allowed in pool area when pool covers are in place.
9. No running in the pool enclosure. No diving or jumping into the pool or spa/hot tub
10. No beverages are allowed while in the pool or spa/hot tub.
11. No Food allowed in pool enclosure.
12. Non-alcoholic beverages are permitted in an unbreakable container with a lid. Glass containers of any kind are not permitted in the pool enclosure.
13. No coolers are allowed in pool enclosure. Do not attempt to enter enclosure.
14. The therapeutic spa/ hot tub is for the exclusive use of the residents and their adult (18 years of age or older) guests.
15. Board of Directors approved assistance animals are permitted to accompany their owners into the pool enclosure but are not allowed in the pool or spa/hot tub.
16. Do not attempt to change the settings of the jets or the thermostat.
17. No more than 15 minutes in the spa/hot tub.
18. Rules posted in the billiards room, shuffleboard, and bocce courts must be adhered to on all occasions by Residents and guests.
19. Cooperation in keeping the Clubhouse, restrooms, and other utility buildings clean and serviceable is required. The Board of Directors requests that special attention be given to turning out lights and turning off water and shower faucets at the completion of use.
20. A coin-operated laundry is available to Golden Gate Residents only. Laundry room equipment, tubs, and floors must be left clean after use. Report any equipment not working to the office. Golden Gate is not responsible for any damage to articles washed or dried in the laundry.

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- Denials of loan applications
- Mail stops coming to, or is missing from, your mailbox

How to report identity theft

To report identity theft, contact:

- The **Federal Trade Commission (FTC)** online at IdentityTheft.gov or call 1-877-438-4338
- The three **major credit reporting agencies**. Ask them to place fraud alerts and a credit freeze on your accounts.
- The **fraud department at your credit card issuers**, bank, and other places where you have accounts

How to protect yourself from identity theft

- **Do not answer phone calls**, texts, social media messages, or email from numbers or **people you do not know**.
- Do not share personal information like your bank account number, Social Security number, or date of birth.
- **Collect your mail every day** and place a hold on your mail when you will be on vacation or away from your home.
- Review credit card and bank account statements. Watch for and report unauthorized or suspicious transactions.
- **Understand how ATM skimming works** and how to protect yourself
- Learn when it is safe to use a public Wi-Fi network
- Store personal information, including your Social Security card, in a safe place. **Do not carry it in your wallet.**

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Imposter Scam

The top types of imposter scams:

An imposter scammer may call, text, or email to convince you they are **someone in authority**. They may even use caller ID to make it look like they are calling from an official government or business' number. To commit identity theft, they try to get you to send money or a gift card or share personal information.

- **Government** imposter scams - Unless you contact them first, government agencies typically initiate communication with you by letter. Unexpected contact or demands through any other method may be a scam.
- **IRS** imposter scams - scammers pretend you owe the IRS money for taxes and may threaten legal action
- **Social Security** imposter scams - scammers claim there is a problem with your Social Security account or promise to increase your benefits
- **Charity** scams - scammers pretend to be from a real or fake charity and try to get you to contribute
- **Grandparent** scams - scammers pretend to be a grandchild or other relative who needs emergency financial help
- **Tech support** scams - scammers tell you your computer's security is at risk and try to remotely access your device and steal personal information or ask for payment
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21. The right is reserved to change hours of operation or close the laundry for maintenance as needed.
22. Golden Gate shall not be responsible for loss or damage caused by accident, fire, theft, or any other causes. Golden Gate shall not be liable for accident or injury to any person or property through the residence or guest use of the recreation facilities. The Resident and their guests may avail themselves of these facilities at their own risk and assume liability for any physical damage or personal injury caused by such use.
23. According to Florida administrative code chapter 64E code 2016 pool temperature is to be kept at 83-86 degrees.
24. The above Rules and Regulations are to be observed by everyone, and it is hoped you will assist us in enforcing them.,

Please take pride and bare in mind these Pool Rules and Regulations are not only for your safety and protection, but also for the investment that has been spent to repair, replace and update a facility that is enjoyed by all our Residents.

JUST A THOUGHT....

“Do not let age dictate your worth; embrace the wisdom that comes with experience.”

Welcome New Residents

Jennifer and Lawrence Darbyshire	#113
Regina and Sandra Parks	#121
John and Paula Brogan	#203
Rachel Scott and John Hregdrovic	#289
Jeffrey and Theresa Polundniak	#009

Welcome to
The Community

SHUFFLEBOARD

Hello friends and neighbors.

Yes, the Shuffleboard FUN continues throughout the summer.

Horsecollar is still scheduled for 9 am on Tuesdays and Saturdays on our courts.

In addition, our good neighbors at Mainlands Unit 5 continue to host Horsecollar on Thursdays at 9 am.

It's cheap fun for 50 cents, and a great way to try your luck and learn some basic skills from our willing veterans. We provide the sticks (cues) and all you need to remember is to wear closed-toed shoes.

A wonderful way to meet and share the FUN with your fellow Golden Gate residents.

Thanks again to the Board plus Lam and Scott for keeping our courts in top shape.
Have a FUN, safe and healthy summer!



Golden Gate Kitchen Treasures

Copied from the Golden Gate Women's Club Recipe Book.

7 LAYER SALAD

1 head of lettuce, shredded

½ c. chopped celery

½ c. chopped green pepper

½ c. chopped onion

1 (10 oz.) frozen peas, cooked
and drained

1 pt. mayonnaise

2 tbsps. sugar

8 strips bacon, cooked, drained
and crumbled

½ c. grated cheddar cheese

In large glass bowl, place lettuce, pepper then layers of celery, onion, pepper and peas. Spread mayonnaise to the edge of bowl, sealing all. Sprinkle sugar; layer bacon and cheese. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate.

Ellen Reed

RHyme AND REASON

BY DONNA OLANDER

THUNDER

I really love the thunder, I think there's nothing better.

Unless followed by the pounding rain and everything gets wetter.

The rolling sounds are soothing, make want to take a nap,

I pretend to be somebody's kitty, curled up in their lap.

Not everyone agrees with me and I can say that's fine,

But taking a cozy thunder nap is a unique pleasure of mine.

SERVICE ANIMALS

According to our Golden Gate Lawyer, "we cannot require a Service Animal to wear a vest or provide certification. There is no certification that has any legal meaning."

We "can require that the person provide documentation of the disability and need for the animal if those things are not obvious (e.g. you cannot ask a blind person or person in a wheelchair for documentation of a disability)."

If the Board wants to request additional information, there are regulations on what can be asked.

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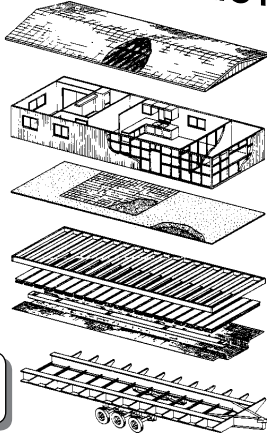
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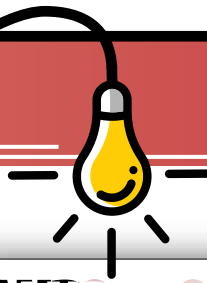
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August is a transitional month in many parts of the world, marking the tail end of summer in the Northern Hemisphere and the approach of spring in the Southern Hemisphere

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U.S. National Holidays and Observances –

- **August 4 (Monday)** – Colorado Day (State holiday in Colorado)
- **August 4 (Monday)** – American Family Day (Arizona, state observance)
- **August 4 (Monday)** – Civic Holiday (Observed in some U.S. territories and Canadian provinces)

Note: There are no federal holidays in the U.S. during August.

Notable National Observances

- **August 1** – National Girlfriends Day
- **August 2** – National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- **August 4** – National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
- **August 8** – International Cat Day
- **August 9** – National Book Lovers Day
- **August 10** – National S'mores Day
- **August 13** – International Left-Handers Day
- **August 15** – National Relaxation Day
- **August 17** – National Thrift Shop Day
- **August 19** – National Aviation Day (honoring Orville Wright's birthday)
- **August 21** – National Senior Citizens Day
- **August 26** – National Dog Day
- **August 30** – National Beach Day



Seasonal Characteristics

Northern Hemisphere:

Typically the hottest month of the year in many regions.

Associated with vacations, beach trips, and outdoor festivals.

Late summer crops like tomatoes, corn, and peaches are in abundance.

Southern Hemisphere:

It's the end of winter, with signs of early spring appearing in places like Australia and South Africa.

Cooler temperatures persist, but days begin to lengthen.



Major Historical Events in August



1 August 1774 – *Discovery of Oxygen*

- English chemist Joseph Priestley successfully isolated oxygen, a major milestone in chemistry 1.

2 August 1990 – *Iraq Invades Kuwait*

- Saddam Hussein's forces invaded Kuwait, triggering the Gulf War and leading to Operation Desert Storm .

3 August 1492 – *Columbus Sets Sail*

- Christopher Columbus departed from Spain on his first voyage to the Americas with the Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria .

4 August 1944 – *Anne Frank Captured*

- The Frank family was discovered by the Nazis in Amsterdam, leading to Anne Frank's eventual death in a concentration camp .

5 August 1962 – *Marilyn Monroe Found Dead*

- The iconic actress was found dead in her Los Angeles home, with her death ruled a probable suicide .

6 August 1945 – *Atomic Bomb Dropped on Hiroshima*

- The U.S. dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, killing tens of thousands and leading to the end of WWII .

8 August 1963 – *The Great Train Robbery*

- A gang of 15 men stole £2.6 million from a Royal Mail train in the UK, one of the most famous heists in history .

12 August 30 B.C. – *Death of Cleopatra*

- The Egyptian queen Cleopatra died, reportedly by suicide via snake bite, after her defeat by Octavian .

13 August 1961 – *Construction of the Berlin Wall Begins*

- East Germany began building the Berlin Wall, dividing East and West Berlin during the Cold War .

31 August 1997 – *Death of Princess Diana*

- Princess Diana died in a car crash in Paris, sparking global mourning and conspiracy theories

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August Anecdotes



Columbus Sets Sail – August 3, 1492

Christopher Columbus began his famous voyage across the Atlantic in August. Legend has it that as he departed from Spain, many believed he would fall off the edge of the Earth. Instead, he stumbled upon the Americas—though he thought he’d reached Asia!



Shakespeare’s Summer Stage

It’s said that in Elizabethan England, August was prime time for open-air theater. Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre would be packed with audiences enjoying plays like *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*—a fitting title for the season!



World Elephant Day – August 12

In recent years, August has become a month of advocacy too. On August 12, people around the world celebrate World Elephant Day, raising awareness about the majestic creatures and the threats they face. One touching story involves an elephant sanctuary in Thailand where rescued elephants are treated to fruit buffets and mud baths on this day.



The Great American Road Trip

August has long been the month of the classic family road trip in the U.S. One anecdote from the 1960s tells of a family who drove from New York to California in a station wagon, stopping at every roadside attraction—from the world’s largest ball of twine to dinosaur parks. It became a cherished family tradition for decades.



The Perseid Meteor Shower

Every August, stargazers gather to watch the Perseid meteor shower. One couple in Utah reportedly got engaged under a sky full of shooting stars—he timed the proposal with the peak of the shower, and she said yes just as a meteor streaked overhead.



“A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing... and the lawn mower is broken.”
— **James Dent**

“Some of the best memories are made in flip-flops.”
— **Kellie Elmore**

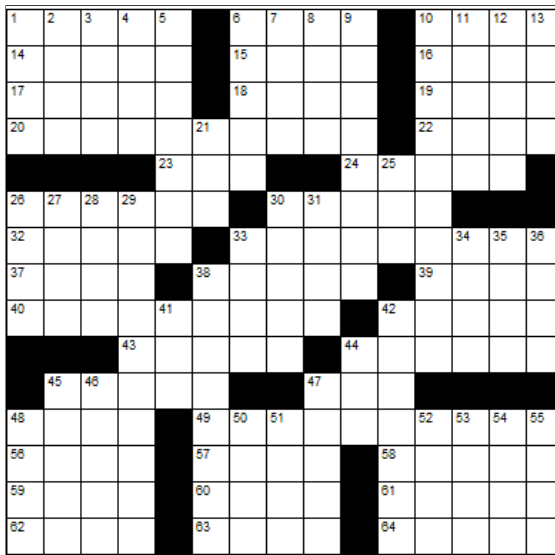
“It’s so hot I saw a fire hydrant chasing a dog.”
— **Unknown**

“Resting beach face.”
— **Every beachgoer ever**



ACROSS

1. Retrieve
6. Not fat
10. A speech defect
14. Drama set to classical music
15. Overhaul
16. Bounce back
17. Adjust again
18. Weightlifters pump this
19. Found on rotary phones
20. Noticeable
22. Prefix meaning "Within"
23. Possessed
24. Durable fabric
26. Browbeat
30. Show embarrassment
32. Give or take
33. Supervised examinations
37. French for "Black"
38. Difficult
39. Achy
40. Excisions
42. Stop
43. Battle
44. Thousands of kilograms
45. Truth (archaic)
47. Aspiration
48. Storage site
49. Interchanged
56. Module
57. Walk in water
58. Parental brother
59. Roof overhang
60. Nitpicky to a fault
61. Josh
62. Perished
63. Awful
64. Aromatic compound



DOWN

1. Car company
2. Type of sword
3. Exam
4. Algonquian Indian
5. Short-handled ax
6. Threesome
7. Parsley or sage
8. False god
9. Paragon
10. Leather shorts
11. Sugarcoating
12. Protective covering from sunlight
13. Game on horseback
21. Small amount
25. Estimated (abbrev.)
26. Orchestra
27. Double-reed woodwind
28. Earth
29. Steady
30. Main impact
31. Cuts lumber
33. Winnie the ____
34. Horse color
35. Celtic language
36. D D D
38. Cheapskate
41. Small songbird
42. Use a calculator
44. Poetic contraction
45. Red Sea peninsula
46. Martini garnish
47. Bless with oil
48. Took to court
50. Hindu princess
51. Jewish month
52. Anagram of "Nose"
53. "Go away!"
54. Otherwise
55. Bambi was one



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August Safety



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- Stay indoors during peak heat hours (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.).
- Use fans or air conditioning to cool down your space.
- Take cool showers or baths to lower body temperature.
- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, and light-colored clothing.



Stay Hydrated

- Drink plenty of water, even if you're not thirsty.
- Avoid alcohol, caffeine, and sugary drinks, which can dehydrate you.
- Eat water-rich foods like fruits and vegetables (e.g., watermelon, cucumber).



Check on Vulnerable Individuals

- Seniors, children, and people with chronic illnesses are more at risk.
- Check in regularly with neighbors or family members who live alone.



Protect Yourself Outdoors

- Wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses.
- Apply sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher every 2 hours.
- Take breaks in the shade or indoors when possible.



Know the Signs of Heat Illness

- Heat exhaustion: Heavy sweating, weakness, dizziness, nausea.
- Heat stroke: High body temp, confusion, no sweating — call 911 immediately.

Hydration Recipe

Cucumber Mint Water

Ingredients:

1 cucumber, thinly sliced
A handful of fresh mint leaves
1–2 liters of cold water
Ice cubes



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Combine all ingredients in a pitcher. Let it infuse in the fridge for at least 1 hour. Refreshing and great for digestion!

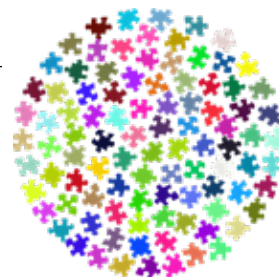


Indoor Activities



Mind-Stimulating Activities

- Puzzles and brain games: Crosswords, Sudoku, or jigsaw puzzles.
- Reading or audiobook clubs: Great for solo enjoyment or group discussion.
- Creative writing or journaling: Reflect on memories or write short stories.
- Virtual museum tours: Explore art and history from home.



Creative & Crafty Fun

- Painting or drawing: Watercolors, acrylics, or even adult coloring books.
- Knitting, crocheting, or sewing: Relaxing and productive.
- Scrapbooking: Organize photos and keepsakes into memory books.
- DIY crafts: Try making greeting cards, jewelry, or seasonal decorations.



Entertainment & Socializing

- Watch classic movies or musicals: Create a themed movie night.
- Listen to music or dance indoors: Gentle movement to favorite tunes.
- Play board games or cards: Invite friends or join a local group.
- Host a tea party or indoor picnic: Fun and refreshing without the heat.



Wellness & Movement

- Chair yoga or stretching routines: Gentle and safe for all levels.
- Indoor walking: Use a hallway or mall for light exercise.
- Meditation or breathing exercises: Great for relaxation and focus.



Food & Fun

- Try new recipes: Make refreshing summer dishes or smoothies.
- Ice cream tasting: Sample different flavors at home.
- Virtual cooking classes: Learn something new from the comfort of home.

“The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.”

— Plutarch

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

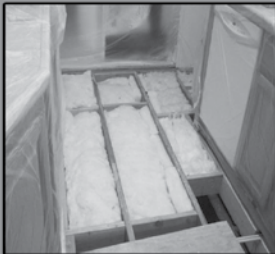
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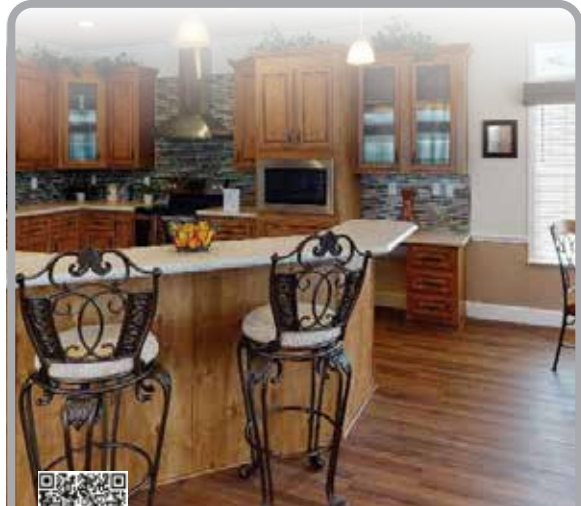
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Fun Facts About August



It Wasn't Always Called August

Originally, August was called Sextilis in Latin, meaning the sixth month of the Roman calendar. It was renamed in honor of Emperor Augustus Caesar.

It's the Only Month Without a Major U.S. Holiday

While there are observances and fun days, August is the only month without a federal holiday in the U.S.

It's a Meteor Shower Month

The Perseid meteor shower, one of the most spectacular of the year, peaks in mid-August and can produce up to 100 meteors per hour!

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It's a Popular Vacation Month

In many countries, especially in Europe, August is when people take extended holidays—some businesses even close for the entire month!

The Dog Days of Summer

The phrase refers to the hottest days of the year, often in early August, and is linked to the rising of the star Sirius, the “Dog Star.”



Funny Quotes About August

“August: the only month where your ice cream melts faster than your patience.”

“If you need me in August, I’ll be somewhere between the fan and the freezer.”

“August is like the Sunday of summer—still fun, but you know what’s coming.”

“In August, even my shadow needs a break from the heat.”

August Word Search



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