



THE FRANKLIN FIVE

CELEBRATE FAMILY TRADITIONS

If you ask your friends and children to tell you their favorite Independence Day traditions, two things will happen. You'll get great new ideas to try, and you'll discover that some of the things you're already doing mean more to your kids than you think.

PLAN A ROAD TRIP

Road trips are a wonderful way to experience the nuances of an area—from the flavors at the local drive-through diners to the sights and landscapes you'll see along the way. Right now is a wonderful time to take to the roads for an adventure.

MAXIMIZE YOUR YARD

Pick a small section of your yard to update this month. It's not too late to plant something new, lay out a small patio of paver bricks, or build a small arbor. Make sure it's a project you can do in a weekend or two, so you can spend the rest of the summer enjoying it.

PRACTICE HABIT SIX

Synergize. You've likely experienced times when working with someone else has enabled you to get more done than you ever thought possible. As you work with co-workers and family members, be sure to emphasize their strengths and contributions.

TALK WITH YOUR KIDS ABOUT THE COST OF FREEDOM

Plan to visit a war monument (almost every town has one) and talk with your children about the sacrifices soldiers and their loved ones have made for freedom. Share stories with your children to help them gain a deeper respect for the heroes around them.

MY FOCUS FOR THIS MONTH

KEY DATES

- 1 CANADA DAY
- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 18 NATIONAL ICE CREAM DAY
- 25 PARENTS DAY
- 30 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP

WEEKLY OBSERVANCES

- 6-12 NATIONAL GARDENING WEEK

MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

- NATIONAL GRILLING MONTH
- FAMILY REUNION MONTH
- SOCIAL WELLNESS MONTH
- NATIONAL PARK AND RECREATION MONTH