

# Friendship International



MAY 10, 2024

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

If this is your first summer in the U.S., you can look forward to celebrating your first Independence Day in America! This special American holiday is commonly called the “4th of July” because that’s when it takes place.

This day marks the anniversary of an important event in American history: the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. This declaration was a statement that the American colonies wanted to be free from British rule.

Many businesses close on this day, but most retail stores, restaurants and important services like hospitals remain open.

Families and friends often gather for celebrations with outdoor games, summer activities and lots of picnic food. You’ll see plenty of American flags and a lot of “red, white, and blue” in clothing and decorations.

Many cities and towns have parades with bands, floats, and people dressed in costumes. These parades may honor military service members and veterans. Lexington’s parade will begin downtown at 12PM on July 4th and will move down Main Street from Midland to Mill Street.

The biggest excitement happens after the sun goes down! Cities and towns across the country put on large fireworks displays at night. You’ll see “fireworks sales tents” go up in the weeks before the 4th of July. In these pop-up stores people can buy smaller fireworks and sparklers. Some of these items can be dangerous, so proceed with caution and follow all safety rules!

If you are in the United States on July 4th, we hope you will immerse yourself in this fun American holiday! [More on 4th of July activities in Lexington here.](#)



## UPCOMING DATES

May 17

End of the year Picnic

May 29

Last Day of School for Fayette County

*In August we'll open registration for the Fall and plan to get started again in September. We will reach out via email this summer!*



## JAZZ IN THE PARK

Pack an evening snack and a picnic blanket (or a couple of chairs) and head over to the park for an evening of FREE live music each week this summer. This concert series features a different jazz band each week, so the audience will experience a variety of jazz music through the summer.

For more information and a full schedule, visit:  
[www.lexingtonky.gov/big-band-jazz](http://www.lexingtonky.gov/big-band-jazz)

Tuesdays, May 14 – July 2, 2024 at Moondance Amphitheater  
Tuesdays, July 9 – Aug. 13, 2024 at Ecton Park  
7:00 – 8:30 PM

## END OF THE YEAR PICNIC Friday, May 17th

Join us for our LAST Friendship of the semester on Friday, May 17th! Please bring a food item to share and an outdoor chair (if you have one).

We are planning to meet outside under the pavilion at Ashland (in the back), but if the weather is bad we will meet inside the building.

There will be no classes this day or childcare. Your kids are welcome to join us at the picnic.

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

As we wrap up this year, we are already looking forward to the next year of Friendship. We would love to hear more about your experience at Friendship this past year. What you liked and what your suggestions are!

Would you help our planning of the future of Friendship by filling out this survey

[Click HERE to Take the Survey](#)



**A PAINTING PROJECT THAT ANYONE CAN DO! PAINT THIS SUMMER "WATERMELON" COASTER CRAFT**



**MAKE THIS EASY "RED, WHITE, AND BLUE" DESSERT FOR 4TH OF JULY THIS YEAR: MIXED BERRY TRIFLE**