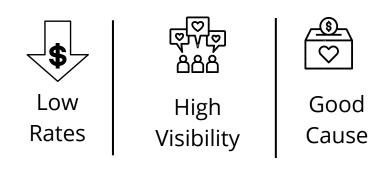


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# Artist Spotlight

Josh has been improving his sewing skills and creating some amazing items. He has learned to sew different fabrics into items such as a tote bag, a breadbasket, and now even a kimono. What is a kimono you may ask? It's a traditional Japanese garment that has different styles and patterns sewn into a T- shape from a single piece of fabric. What a unique skill to learn. Keep up the good work.

We think you are *sew* cool Josh!





## The Funnies

- Someone told me today is June 1st... But they May be wrong.
- Why do pirates hate May, June, July, and August? Because they don't have Arrrrrs in them!
- Why did the fish blush? Because it saw the ocean's bottom.

- Why do fish at camp swim in salt water? By Kyle Because pepper water makes them sneeze!
- What is a blue whale's favorite James Bond film? License to Krill.
- How can you tell that the ocean is friendly? It waves.
- At camp when do you go at red and stop at green? When you're eating a watermelon.

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By Rachel, Jamie, Bradley, and Alex B

Words Of Wisdom We'll all be planning that route We're gonna take real soon We're waxing down our surfboards We can't wait for June We'll all be gone for the summer We're on surfari to stay Tell the teacher we're surfin' Surfin' U.S.A.

We chose the song, "Surfin' USA" by the Beach Boys. This is a song that definitely embodies summer. When we hear the song it makes us think of all the fun Summer activities we love to do. It especially makes us want to spend time with friends and family at the beach. Surfs up everybody, enjoy your summer!

### History of Juneteenth

By Kyle

Juneteenth is known as a big day in history as over 250,000 enslaved African Americans were freed by executive decree. But has one wondered how it all started?

It all started way back in 1863, during the days of President Lincoln. Specially, on January 1st of that year which is known as "Freedom's Eve". Many African Americans had gathered across the country through churches and private homes. They waited for the Emancipation Proclamation to take effect, making the enslaved declared legally free. This was spread across the US and even included as the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution. This amendment declared emancipation for all Americans officially ending slavery.

However, not everyone was imm**ediately free. Due to not being implemented in loc**ations that were under Confederate control. Luckily, full freedom was achieved on June 19, 1865, when the last slaves were finally freed in Galveston Bay, Texas. The news from the army announced by executive decree, all African Americans were no longer enslaved.

Thus every June 19th afterward, we commemorate this event and celebrate freedom for all with a holiday known as Juneteenth!

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#### Celebrate Summer in your Backyard at Home

By Bradley

- When I think of summer, I think of going to the beach and or traveling. Here are some fun tips to have a vacation at home or in the backyard without the long travel and cost. Where is the best place to have a vacation, if you are not looking to travel far? The best place is at home and or in your backyard.
- What are you going to do on this vacation? Here are some summer fun suggestions:
- Have a fun movie night under the stars. Enjoy a barbecue with friends and family. Freeze fruit in the freezer for a fun treat in the
- heat. Go for a picnic and bring your favorite foods. Fly a kite and or throw a frisbee. Have smores on a campfire, grill, or microwave. Swim at a community pool, house pool, and or sprinklers. Go for a walk and or hike. Camp in your home. Finally don't
- forget self-care! Meditation is very beneficial for physical and mental health and it is also fun to do with friends and family.
- Taking the time to be outside/inside and being present and grounded in the moment, can be the best way get rejuvenated.
- Meditation and self care are important because they can keep you present in the moment and rooted with nature, community

and friends. Traveling far can be expensive and tiring, so these are my tips for ways to enjoy celebrating a vacation at home.



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