

JUNETEENTH

Freedom Day • African American Independence Day • Jubilee Day

Juneteenth is a...



Time for celebration

This celebration marks a day in 1865 when enslaved Texans learned they'd be free—two months after Robert E. Lee surrendered and ended the Civil War and two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.

Time to reflect on our past

Juneteenth is more than an observance of freedom. It's also a time to share the experiences of those who fought—literally and figuratively—to seek true freedom for future generations.



4-H celebrates and honors

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Create a “Future Freedom” Vision Board

Create a collage (physical or digital) representing what freedom and equality should look like in the future. They can include images, quotes, or personal goals related to justice and inclusion.

Podcast or Audio Storytelling Challenge

Participants record a short podcast episode or audio clip reflecting on a Juneteenth theme: “What freedom means to me” or “A story of courage I want to remember.” Encourage use of music or sound effects to enhance storytelling.

Juneteenth Time Capsule

Have youth write letters, draw art, or collect items that represent this year’s Juneteenth and their hopes for the future. Seal everything in a “time capsule” to be opened in one year (or more).