

**Introduction:** Summer Solstice is the first official day of summer. It is June 21<sup>st</sup>.



### Make memories:

-Create a summer bucket list of all the fun memories you want to make over the next couple months – (or make [summer cards](#) to help you keep track) ideas might be go to the beach, swimming, paint a sun, visit a [museum](#), build a tee pee, learn [a constellation](#) and find it in the [night sky](#), do a messy science experiment, go [geocaching](#), make [ice cream](#) in a Ziploc bag, make your own super [giant bubble mixture](#), visit family or close friend, [water balloon target practice](#), free movies at theater, and the list could go on and on

### Crafts and Activities:

- [Study](#) the significance of the summer solstice and what is going on with the earth on this day
- [20 fun ideas for summer](#), [50 fun crafts for summer](#) or our [pinterest board](#) for tons of fun ideas
- Make a [sun dial](#) using a paper plate; [Mixed media sun](#) – use paper, foam, paint and other supplies you have to make a fun looking sun; or [hand print sun](#)
- Design an [Amazing Race](#)

### Foods:

- [solar oven S'mores](#) – create your own solar oven with a pizza box
- [coconut popsicles](#)
- sun cupcakes – with [candy corn](#) or [gumdrops](#)

### Facts about Summer

1. The summer solstice is the longest day of the year
2. summer solstice brings the greatest amount of light to the Northern Hemisphere, not the greatest amount of heat.
3. Earth is tilted *toward* the sun in the summer and *away* from the sun in the winter
4. the sun will arrive at its northernmost point in the sky
5. People from many different cultures have held solstice celebrations for thousands of years
6. The summer solstice is a time to celebrate renewal, life, fertility, and the potential for a good harvest

Source: [Facts](#) and [Info](#)