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June Horoscopes and Birthdays

In astrology, those born between June 1–21 are Gemini's Twins. Geminis love conversation, and they're good at it, too! Witty, intellectual, curious, charming, and imaginative, they're the life of the party. If you were born between June 22–30, that makes you a Crab of Cancer. Crabs are nurturers, dedicated to their home and family. Gentle and kind, they love storytelling around the dinner table and enjoy traditions.

Celebrities born in June include:

Lenor Castillo – June 21, Aspen House

Andy Griffith – June 1, 1926
Morgan Freeman – June 1, 1937
Dean Martin – June 7, 1917
Joan Rivers – June 8, 1933
Gene Wilder – June 11, 1933
Meryl Streep – June 22, 1949
June Carter Cash – June 23, 1929

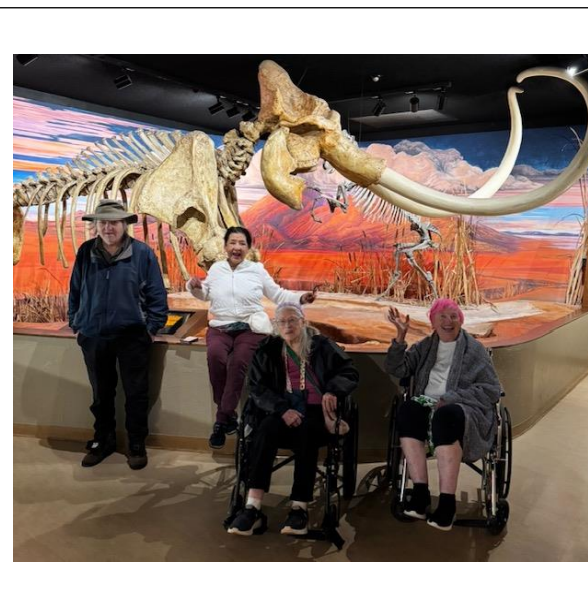
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From fantasy novels to animated films, they are often depicted as mischievous yet wise creatures. Some travelers even participate in "gnome-napping" pranks, where a garden gnome is taken on an adventure and returned with photos from its journey.

Beyond their playful reputation, gnomes bring a sense of personality to gardens. Whether tucked among flowers or standing guard by a vegetable patch, they

add a touch of fun to outdoor spaces. Paired with colorful flowers, stone pathways, or miniature fairy gardens, gnomes can make any yard feel magical.

As June arrives and gardens come into full bloom, it's the perfect time to celebrate these tiny guardians. If you don't already have a garden gnome, this might be the year to welcome one into your yard!



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Celebrating June

Great Outdoors Month

Say Something Nice Day

June 1

Turtle Races Day

June 7

Yarn Bombing Day

June 11

Old Time Fiddlers Week

June 16–21

International Sushi Day

June 18

Flip-Flop Day

June 20

Lightning Safety Awareness Week

June 22–28

Day of the Seafarer

June 25

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Guardians of the Garden

Gnomes have been a part of gardening culture for centuries, bringing charm and whimsy to yards around the world. These small, bearded figures are said to be protectors of gardens, watching over plants and warding off pests. Their popularity is celebrated every June 10 on International Garden Gnome Day, a fun occasion for garden enthusiasts to showcase their favorite gnome statues. Some even extend the festivities into Gnome Week, taking the time to rearrange their gnome displays or add new ones.

The tradition of garden gnomes dates back to 19th-century

Germany, where they were originally made from terra-cotta. By the late 1800s, they had spread across Europe, becoming especially popular in England. The first mass-produced gnomes were created by a German company called Philipp Griebel, whose descendants still produce them today.

Gnomes have even made their way into pop culture.
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Canine Coworkers

The Friday after Father's Day (June 20 this year) is widely celebrated as Take Your Dog to Work Day. Companies can make bringing animals to work easier by making work pet-friendly. Grassy areas give dogs a place to relieve themselves. Some offices even provide special water fountains and free biscuits.

Pets in the office have been proven to boost morale and lower

stress. But not every dog is meant for the workplace. Poorly trained or barking pooches might have to stay at home. And owners also have to remember to bring their dog leashes, treats, beds, and bowls.

On the other hand, bringing your dog to the office might be good for your dog's health, too. Perhaps a nine-to-five routine is just what the veterinarian ordered.

Row Your Boat



Canoes are the perfect vehicles for water exploration.

Some of the best natural places in the world are accessible only by boat, and few boats are better suited for adventuring than canoes. Perhaps this is why canoes get a holiday all to themselves: June 26, Canoe Day.

Although there is some evidence that canoes originated north of Japan in Siberia, canoes are generally considered native to North America. The word *canoe* comes from the word *kenu*, which means “dugout.” The Indigenous peoples of the Caribbean fashioned canoes by hollowing out massive tree trunks, which they used to travel from island to island.

American Indians are responsible for the most recognized version of the canoe. These first canoes were built out of wooden ribs covered with the bark of birch trees. Birch bark was light, smooth,

waterproof when sealed with pine resin, very resilient, and abundant. The design has changed little since those early days. Canoes are still the best way to explore the many waterways of North America. Early French-Canadian fur traders found canoes so invaluable that they founded the first canoe factory in Quebec in 1750, even employing local tribespeople in construction. Some canoes were up to 40 feet long, capable of carrying 12 people and 6,000 pounds—perfect vehicles for venturing into the vast new world of North America.

Today a canoe is most likely used for a placid trip down a stream. If you want to harken back to how the pioneers traveled, a canoe might be the best way to do it. However, since we can outfit modern canoes with backrests and cushioned seats, our trips may be a bit more comfortable.

Hot Days, Cool Sips

Not that you need an excuse to enjoy a refreshing glass of iced tea, but June 10 is Iced Tea Day. You can enjoy it with a slice of lemon or sweetened with sugar or honey. Looking for a new take on tea? Jazz it up with a sprig of mint, thyme, or lemongrass, or freeze it to make iced-tea pops.

Unwilling to play second fiddle to any drink, lemonade enjoys

its own holiday on June 21. Lemonade Day is not just for sipping lemonade but also for starting up lemonade stands, getting outside, and celebrating the entrepreneurial spirit.

Perhaps the next big thing to hit stands this June will be the Arnold Palmer, that perfectly refreshing mix of iced tea *and* lemonade.



This June, enjoy a drink over ice for Iced Tea Day and Lemonade Day.

Rustic Roots



Unplug, decompress, and celebrate Log Cabin Day.

Ready to rough it? The last Sunday in June is Log Cabin Day. Time to unplug, decompress, turn off the electricity, and forgo running water.

The beauty of a log cabin is that you actually get to live inside of nature. Logs are cut and stacked on top of one another. Notches are cut at the corners to allow logs to overlap, and it's made weathertight with moss,

dirt, or other soft forest material stuffed into the gaps and joints. No nails needed.

Scandinavians, Germans, Russians, and Ukrainians all have a long history of building with logs. Often the logs were used beyond just building houses—for barns, saunas, and bathhouses. Best of all, these structures are so soundly built that many still stand and can be visited today.

Kitchen Fails and Fixes



Take the time to celebrate cooking disasters on Kitchen Klutzes Day.

It may be time, on June 13, to face the fact that not everyone is a five-star chef. Kitchen Klutzes Day is an opportunity to admit that mistakes do happen: starting the blender without the top on, forgetting a casserole in the oven, crying over a gallon of spilled milk. You could remedy these mishaps with a fan, a towel, and a fire extinguisher, or you could learn to avoid common kitchen mistakes.

The first, and perhaps best, piece of advice is to read a recipe in its entirety before starting to cook. Check the recipe also to make sure you have all ingredients on hand and prepped. This way you won't be left in the lurch when the recipe says “simmer for two hours” and your guests are at the door.

Second, don't overcook! If you're afraid that your meat is

too rare or your scrambled eggs are too runny, the solution is not to cook them for an extra 10 minutes. Instead, a meat thermometer is the best tool for deciding whether meat is done.

Also, many foods, such as scrambled eggs, continue to cook after they're taken off the heat. It's a good idea to let the food sit for a few minutes. Meat redistributes its juices. Rice needs to steam. Even brownies need to set. Resting time is as important as cooking time.

Third, season your food to take advantage of its natural flavors. We all know that too much salt is bad for our diets, but salt is also one of the most important ingredients in any dish. It brings out all flavors—sweet, savory, or sour. If you're still looking for another flavor boost, use fresh herbs to perk up soups, eggs, meats, sauces, and breads.