

# THE ENRICHMENT PROJECT

Badge Program

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## Monthly Observances: April

*April observances are extremely varied, so you're very likely to find something that interests you. Animals, food and stress are just a few topics covered.*

*Monthly observances can give you everything from ideas for activities to service projects.*

## MONTHLY OBSERVANCES: APRIL

### Steps

#### 1. April printable.

Download the Enrichment Project printable of April monthly observances in the United States. These are observances that occur all month long. For April, these include:

- Amateur Radio Month
- Confederate History Month
- International Guitar Month
- Lawn and Garden Month
- Math Awareness Month
- National Food Month
- National Kite Month
- National Pet Month
- National Recycling Month
- Self-Publishing Month
- Stress Awareness Month
- Thai Heritage Month
- World Habitat Awareness Month
- Zoo and Aquarium Month

Review the printable to find what monthly themes you can incorporate into your own activities.

#### 2. Your own list.

Start your own list of April monthly observances, including ideas to help celebrate them. Expand on the list provided or create your own from scratch to meet the needs of your audience or group.

#### 3. Theme.

Any monthly observance can be a theme for your meeting or event. April has a lot of themes available beyond indoor activities. Look through the provided PDF or your self-created list and find one that interests you. How can you build a theme around your chosen observance?

## START PLANNING

#### 4. Meetings, parties and events.

You can plan a meeting, party or event based on a monthly celebration theme. You might want to do one or more activities based on your observance. You may choose to focus an entire event around it. Don't limit yourself to the stated themes. For example, Stress Awareness Month might make you want to help others reduce their stress. You could do a spa event — making items like bath salts and facial scrubs. You could also explore various exercises that help you relax like yoga or pilates.



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### 5. **Create and design.**

Use the April observances as a way to focus your creative energy. When you're stuck for an idea, these can give you a jumping off point to start brainstorming. Some things you might create include:

- Art
- Blog posts
- Club activities
- Crafts
- Ebooks
- Games
- Gifts
- Podcasts
- Printables
- STEM
- Videos

### 6. **Education.**

Teaching and leading activities about April observances gives your curriculum a new look. You can find many supplements and printables educational professionals share online. Find support for your chosen observance.

### 7. **Sharing.**

Sharing your ideas with others not only encourages participation but may bring greater variety into your activities. You can share:

- Cultural observations
- Hobbies
- Interests
- Recipes
- Religious observances

Explore ways to share with others in your community or group.

### 8. **Service.**

You can plan service around a monthly observance. For example, National Pet Month might have you exploring local animal shelters to see how you can help via donation drives or volunteer hours. National Food Month might be a good theme for checking out your local food pantries and ways your community helps the homeless through soup kitchens and similar programs. Look through the observances and find one or more that allow you to bring service into your monthly activities.

### 9. **Communicate.**

Use monthly observations in your communications. You can share your thoughts and ideas to move people to action. From blog posts to emails to newsletters, keep your communication fresh by incorporating these observances in your writing.

### 10. **Brainstorm.**

Brainstorm ways to incorporate observances into your own community or group. This might be a one-time event or a series for a group, club or community.



## CONTINUE THE SEARCH

### 11. **Explore offerings online.**

Pick a monthly observance (or more) and start your online research. What is available online that you can download and use? Be sure to keep track of where you get the information so you can refer back to this resource.

### 12. **Search for even more!**

How have other people celebrated the month theme you chose? Talk to them to find out what they did. Ask about what worked, what didn't and what they might change to make it better.

Can you incorporate their ideas into your own project? If not, what adjustments can you make?

## Supplements

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*Printable sheet of monthly observances*

*NOTE: If you have additional observances you'd like added, please let me know.*

## Sites to Explore

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:April\\_observances](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:April_observances)

[www.butlerwebs.com/holidays/default.htm](http://www.butlerwebs.com/holidays/default.htm)

[giftedkids.about.com/od/Monthly-Special-Days-Calendars/a/Special-Days-And-Observances-In-April.htm](http://giftedkids.about.com/od/Monthly-Special-Days-Calendars/a/Special-Days-And-Observances-In-April.htm)

[www.nsc.org/news\\_resources/Resources/Pages/NSCSafetyCalendar.aspx](http://www.nsc.org/news_resources/Resources/Pages/NSCSafetyCalendar.aspx)

[library.thinkquest.org/2886](http://library.thinkquest.org/2886)

[www.pohly.com/dates\\_apr.html](http://www.pohly.com/dates_apr.html)

[www.brownielocks.com](http://www.brownielocks.com)

[www.theultimateholidaysite.com](http://www.theultimateholidaysite.com)

[www.thenibble.com/fun/more/facts/food-holidays.asp](http://www.thenibble.com/fun/more/facts/food-holidays.asp)

[www.gone-ta-pott.com](http://www.gone-ta-pott.com)

[www.holidaysforeveryday.com](http://www.holidaysforeveryday.com)

[www.tfdutch.com/foodh.htm](http://www.tfdutch.com/foodh.htm)

[www.welcoa.org/observances](http://www.welcoa.org/observances)

[www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays](http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays)

***Check out [Irajla's Enrichment Project](#) to start your own adventure.***