



The Mini Page

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Happy New Year!

A 2015 Kids' Calendar



Special Olympics
WORLD GAMES
LOS ANGELES 2015

Special Olympics

The 47th Special Olympics World Summer Games are scheduled for July 25 through Aug. 2 in Los Angeles.

The Special Olympics were founded by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the sister of President John F. Kennedy, in 1968. The games promote inclusion, courage, skill and teamwork among people with **intellectual** (in-tuh-LECK-shoo-uhl), or mental, disabilities.

The Los Angeles Special Olympics will include more than 7,000 athletes and 3,000 coaches representing 177 countries.



images courtesy 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games Organizing Committee

Athletes will compete in 25 Olympic-style sports, including basketball, cycling,

gymnastics, triathlon and volleyball. Events will take place at many different **venues**, or places, in and around Los Angeles.

Keep this 2015 calendar and watch for coming special events.

January

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College Football Playoff National Championship

Benjamin Franklin birthday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February

National African-American History Month

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Children's Authors and Illustrators Week

Bubble Gum Day

Presidents Day

March

National Women's History Month

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April

National Autism Awareness Month

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National Grammar Day

St. Patrick's Day

First day of spring

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HA! HA! HA!
April Fools' Day

Easter

Earth Day

2014 in Review

Can you remember some big events from last year? Sometimes things happen so fast that we forget them.

Here are some memorable moments from 2014:

January

- **Lewis Clarke**, 17, of the United Kingdom becomes the youngest person to travel to the South Pole.



Lewis Clarke

- The U.S. Senate confirms **Janet Yellen** as the first woman to head the Federal Reserve.

February

- The **Olympic Winter Games** are held in Sochi, Russia.

- A **Girl Scout** in Oklahoma City sells more than 18,000 boxes of cookies.



photo courtesy ABC Bakers

March

- **"Frozen"** wins the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature.
- **Malaysia Airlines Flight 370** disappears while flying from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Beijing, China.

May

- Racehorse **California Chrome** wins the Kentucky Derby.



California Chrome

photo by Jay Baker

- President Barack Obama dedicates the **September 11 Memorial and Museum** in New York City.

June

- The soccer **FIFA World Cup** begins in Brazil.

July

- The **Ice Bucket Challenge** raises money for ALS, a deadly disease.



August

- Actor **Robin Williams** dies.
- **Becky Hammon** becomes the first full-time female (assistant) coach in the NBA.



Robin Williams
1951-2014

September

- Apple launches **iPhone 6** and iPhone 6 Plus.
- The first person in the United States with **Ebola virus** is treated at a Dallas hospital.

October

- The **Kansas City Royals** win the American League championship for the first time in 29 years.

November

- The **Republican Party** gains control of the U.S. Senate in the midterm elections.
- The **European Space Agency** lands a probe on the surface of a comet.

Ready Resources

The Mini Page provides ideas for websites, books or other resources that will help you learn more about this week's topics.

On the Web:

- LA2015.org
- specialolympics.org/history.aspx
- bit.ly/11wujDQ
- eunicekennedyshriver.org
- <https://getintoit.specialolympics.org/>

At the library:

- "Special Olympics" by Mike Kennedy



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New Year

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Words that remind us of 2014 and 2015 are hidden in the block above. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: CALENDAR, CHRISTMAS, COMET, DAY, DERBY, EASTER, EBOLA, HANUKKAH, ICE BUCKET, INTELLECTUAL, KENTUCKY, KWANZAA, LOS ANGELES, NEW, OLYMPICS, PRESIDENTS, SPECIAL, VETERANS, WEEK, YEAR.



Mini Spy

Mini Spy is marking important dates on both her calendars. See if you can find:

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Sweet and Salty Popcorn

You'll need:

- 1 bag microwave popcorn (approximately 8 to 9 cups popped)
- 4 cups O-shaped oat cereal
- 1 cup peanuts
- 1/2 cup dried apricots, chopped
- 1 cup golden raisins
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

What to do:

1. Mix popcorn, cereal, peanuts and fruit in large bowl. (Remove all unpopped kernels.)
 2. Heat corn syrup, honey, butter and cinnamon to boiling in a small saucepan.
 3. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla.
 4. Pour syrup mixture over popcorn mixture. Toss gently to coat. Spread in large ungreased shallow pan.
 5. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Stir every five minutes.
 6. Allow to cool and stir occasionally to prevent sticking. Store loosely covered.
- You will need an adult's help with this recipe.*

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Meet Mizuo Peck



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Mizuo Peck stars as Sacajawea in the movie "Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb." She also acted in that role in the previous "Night at the Museum" movies.

She has acted in several commercials, TV shows and plays and has modeled.

Mizuo, 37, was born in New York City. She began acting and singing at a children's musical theater company when she was 11. She earned her college degree in theater.

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Gus Goodsport's Supersport



Height: 5-10
Age: 39
Hometown: Bakersfield, California

Kevin Harvick

The 2014 NASCAR Sprint Cup season featured a new scoring system used to crown the sport's top driver. Drivers accumulated points over 26 races to advance to the Chase for the Sprint Cup, a 10-race playoff among 16 racers. The key to advancing was clear: Win races.

Kevin Harvick won two early races to secure his spot in the season-ending Chase, but checkered flags eluded him for months afterward. Once in the Chase, however, Kevin rose to the challenge. He won at Charlotte in October to avoid elimination, and at Phoenix to advance to the championship race the very next week.

Needing only to finish better than the three other title contenders at Homestead-Miami Speedway in Florida, Kevin and his No. 4 team sprinted to Victory Lane in the Nov. 16 finale, edging fellow finalist and second-place finisher Ryan Newman by just one spot. After 14 seasons racing in the Cup series, Kevin had captured his first championship.

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Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Charlie: Why are calendars so busy?

Chelsea: Because they have a date every single day!



Cory: What is a calendar's favorite fruit?
Carrie: Dates!

Craig: Why did the tired worker tear out part of his calendar?

Cindy: Because he wanted to take a month off!




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May





National Physical Fitness and Sports Month


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National Pet Week



4-10
Children's Book Week



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Memorial Day

June




National Candy Month

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FIFA Women's World Cup begins



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Flag Day



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Lightning Safety Awareness Week

July




National Ice Cream Month

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Independence Day



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Special Olympics Summer Games begin



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Parents' Day

August




National Mustard Day

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Coast Guard Day





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National Lighthouse Day




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National Aviation Day

September





National Honey Month


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Labor Day



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Constitution Day




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First day of autumn

October





National Roller Skating Month


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Fire Prevention Week





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National School Lunch Week



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Halloween

November

National Diabetes Month

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Marine Corps birthday



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Veterans Day



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Thanksgiving

For family members' and friends' birthdays

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Next week, The Mini Page finds out about Hawaii's mountains and volcanoes.

December





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10-17
Human Rights Week



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Christmas



26-Jan. 1
Kwanzaa