



April 2017

April Activities

This will be an especially fun month at Mother Earth, because we will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the 14th, and that means we will be working on our Easter Egg Basket craft the first two weeks of this month! We will also be having some other fun Easter projects like a painting contest on the 11th, and in our cooking class the same day, will be dying Easter Eggs! Late in the month is our annual **FIESTA**, Mother Earth style! We will celebrate on April 28th with a BBQ, outside games, and food booths. We will be looking for volunteers to help administrate our games for the day, so if you can be of assistance, please contact Jody or Toni at 691-1778 as soon as possible. Our field trips this month will be to the Dollar Store on the 4th and the park on the 18th! Also check out our other activities like clay activities on Wednesdays, cooking classes, Friday dance days and LOTS of arts and crafts!

Looks to be a VERY fun month at Mother Earth!

April Fool's Day

April Fools' Day is celebrated in many countries on April 1 every year. Sometimes referred to as All Fools' Day, April 1 is not a national holiday, but is widely recognized and celebrated as a day when people play practical jokes and hoaxes on each other.

In Italy, France and Belgium, children and adults traditionally tack paper fishes on each other's back as a trick and shout "April fish!" in their local languages (*pesce d'aprile!*, *poisson d'avril!* and *aprilvis!* in Italian, French and Dutch, respectively). Such fish feature prominently on many French late 19th to early 20th century April Fools' Day postcards.

The earliest recorded association between April 1 and foolishness can be found in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* (1392). Many writers suggest that the restoration of January 1 by Pope Gregory XIII as New Year's Day of the Gregorian Calendar in the 16th century was responsible for the creation of the holiday, sometimes questioned for earlier references.

Best wishes for a Happy Birthday go out to Isaac S., Myriam R., Amador E., Jordan E., Francisco M., Marsha S., Lucy O., Alicia G., Kerry K., Sandra M., Lewis G., Joshua H., Herbie H., Jesus L., Debra L., Rubi Z., Lucretzia H., Noemi R., Marley T., Klaryssa L., Danielle J., and Linda P-A. Congratulations to all of you!

What is Fiesta San Antonio?

Fiesta San Antonio started in 1891 as a one-parade event. It evolved into one of this nation's premier festivals, with an *economic impact* of more than \$284 million for the Alamo City.

The funds raised by official Fiesta events provide services to San Antonio citizens throughout the year. So you could say that Fiesta never ends!

Fiesta really is one of America's truly great festivals. It began as a way to honor the memory of the heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto. That commemoration still takes place. But over the past century and more, Fiesta has grown into a celebration of San Antonio's rich and diverse cultures. 2012 marks Fiesta's 121st anniversary.

History of Fiesta

In 1891, a group of ladies decorated horse-drawn carriages, paraded in front of the Alamo, and pelted each other with flower blossoms. The parade was organized to honor the heroes from the battles of the Alamo and San Jacinto. The first parade had horse-drawn carriages, bicycles decorated with fresh flowers and floats carrying children dressed as flowers. The Belknap Rifles represented the military. The participants pelted each other with blossoms.

The Battle of Flowers Parade is the only one in the country to be planned and directed completely by women. Today it's the largest parade in Fiesta. It's second in size nationally only to the Tournament of Roses Parade.

Joke of the Month

A man woke up in a hospital bed and called for his doctor. He asked "Give it to me straight, doc. How long have I got?" The physician replied that he doubted that his patient would survive the night. The man then said "Call for my lawyer."

When his lawyer arrived, the man asked for his physician to stand on one side of the bed, while the lawyer stood on the other. The man then laid back and closed his eyes.

When the man remained silent for several minutes, the lawyer asked the man what he had in mind. The man replied "Jesus died with a thief on either side, and I thought I'd check out the same way."