

# JULY

## FUN HOLIDAYS THIS MONTH

### 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

Imagine the courage our nation's founders must have had to draft the Declaration Of Independence! Simply writing the words was an act of treason. As you celebrate this pivotal day, consider the areas in your life where you need to have courage. Remember our founder's courage is part of your heritage. Take hope from their example. You can do hard things.



### 22 HAMMOCK DAY

Plan and complete tasks early so you have plenty of downtime scheduled for relaxing today.



### 30 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP

Reach out to a friend you haven't spoken with in a while. Write letters to friends and family around the world. Learn about how other cultures celebrate friendship. But maybe the most important thing to do is to develop and strengthen the friendships you love and cherish.



## THE FRANKLIN FIVE

### MIX UP YOUR DAILY ROUTINE

Stuck in a rut with your daily routine? Visit [FranklinPlannerTalk.com](http://FranklinPlannerTalk.com) for helpful tips and articles on how to organize your daily tasks for a better life.

### PLAN A ROAD TRIP

A road trip doesn't have to be long and hectic. Take a Saturday and get away. Make several stops along the way so the kids don't get bored. Visit a quirky roadside shop, or stop to photograph the scenery. Try a new diner for lunch, or pack a picnic. It will turn an ordinary Saturday into a lifelong memory.

### TALK WITH YOUR KIDS ABOUT THE COST OF FREEDOM

Take some time this month to visit a war monument (almost every town has one) or talk with your children about the sacrifices soldiers have made for freedom. If you or a family member has served in the military, share a story with your children to help them gain a deeper respect for the heroes all around them.

### LOUNGE IN STYLE

Pick a small section of your yard to update this month. It's not too late to plant something new, lay out a small patio of paver bricks, or build a small arbor. Make sure it's a project you can do in a weekend or two, so you can spend the rest of the summer enjoying it.

### READ

Take some time to relax in the shade with a good book. Reading broadens vocabulary, excites the mind, and expands our understanding. Not only that, it's rather enjoyable.

## MY FOCUS FOR THIS MONTH