

**Holidays and Religious Observances 2024-2025**

In accordance withPolicy#406.1, AAUW California should, whenever possible, avoid scheduling state events on secular and religious holidays of significance and known observance by members of various groups.

Below is a list of major Christian, Hindu, Islamic, and Jewish holidays and religious observances, and U.S. public (Federal) holidays for 2023-24. This is an ever evolving list, so please email [diversity@aauw-ca.org](mailto:diversity@aauw-ca.org) with any additions or corrections.

The AAUW California leadership team, committee chairs, program directors, etc. are encouraged to consult the calendar before scheduling events.

**FALL 2024**

| **Holiday or Observance** | **Religious Group** | **Dates** |
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| **Labor Day** |  | **September 2, 2024** |
| **Ganesh Chaturthi** | Hindu | **September 7, 2024** |
| **Mawlid (Eid Milad un Nabi)** | Muslim | **September 15 (evening) - September 16, 2024** |
| **Navaratri** | Hindu | **October 3 - October 12, 2024** |
| **Yom Kippur** | Jewish | **October 11 (evening) - October 12 (evening), 2024** |
| **Dussehra (Vijayadashami)** | Hindu | **October 12, 2024** |
| **Indigenous Peoples' Day** |  | **October 14, 2024** |
| **Sukkot** | Jewish | **October 16 (evening) - October 23 (evening), 2024** |
| **Shemini Atzeret** | Jewish | **October 23 (evening) - October 25 (evening), 2024** |
| **Simchat Torah** | Jewish | **October 24 (evening) - October 25 (evening), 2024** |
| **Diwali** | Hindu | **October 31-November 1, 2024** |
| **Veterans Day** |  | **November 11, 2024** |
| **Thanksgiving Day** |  | **November 28, 2024** |
| **Bodhi Day** | Buddhist | **December 8, 2024** |
| **Hanukkah/Chanukah** | Jewish | **December 25, 2024 (evening) - January 2, 2025 (evening)** |
| **Christmas Day** | Christian | **December 25, 2024** |
| **Kwanzaa** |  | **December 26, 2024 - January 1, 2025** |

**SPRING 2025**

| **Holiday or Observance** | **Religious Group** | **Dates** |
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| **New Year's Day** |  | **January 1, 2025** |
| **Orthodox Christmas** | Christian | **January 7, 2025** |
| **Pongal** | Hindu (Tamil) | **January 14, 2025** |
| **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** |  | **January 20, 2025** |
| **Lailat al Miraj** | Muslim | **January 26-27, 2025** |
| **Lunar New Year** |  | **January 29, 2025** |
| **Magha Puja Day** | Buddhist | **February 12, 2025 or February 13, 2025** |
| **Lailat al Bara’ah** | Muslim | **February 13 (evening)-February 14, 2025** |
| **Nirvana Day** | Buddhist | **February 15, 2025** |
| **Maha Shivaratri** | Hindu | **February 26, 2025** |
| **Presidents Day** |  | **February 17, 2025** |
| **Ramadan** | Muslim | **February 28 (evening) - March 30 (evening), 2025** |
| **Purim** | Jewish | **March 13 (evening) - March 14 (evening), 2025** |
| **Holi** | Hindu | **March 14 (evening) - March 15 (evening), 2025** |
| **Nowruz (Persian New Year)** |  | **March 20, 2025** |
| **Laylat al Qadr** | Muslim | **March 26-March 27, 2025** |
| **Eid al-Fitr** | Muslim | **March 29-March 30, 2025 or March 31, 2025** |
| **Rama Navami** | Hindu | **April 6, 2025** |
| **Passover** | Jewish | **April 12 (evening) - April 20 (evening), 2025** |
| **Theravada New Year** | Buddhist | **April 13, 2025** |
| **Good Friday** | Christian | **April 18, 2025** |
| **Orthodox Good Friday** | Christian | **April 18, 2025** |
| **Easter** | Christian | **April 20, 2025** |
| **Orthodox Easter** | Christian | **April 20, 2025** |
| **Vesak-Buddha Day** | Buddhist | **May 12, 2025** |
| **Memorial Day** |  | **May 26, 2025** |

**SUMMER 2025**

| **Holiday or Observance** | **Religious Group** | **Dates** |
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| **Shavuot** | Jewish | **June 1 (evening) - June 3 (evening), 2025** |
| **Day of Arafat** | Muslim | **June 5 (evening) - June 6, 2025** |
| **Eid al-Adha** | Muslim | **June 6 (evening) - June 7 (evening), 2025** |
| **Juneteenth** |  | **June 19, 2025** |
| **Islamic New Year** | Muslim | **June 26 (evening) - June 27, 2025** |
| **Independence Day** |  | **July 4, 2025** |
| **Day of Ashura/Muharram** | Muslim | **July 5, 2025** |
| **Asala-Dharma Day** | Buddhist | **July 10, 2025** |
| **Obon** | Buddhist | **August 13, 2025 - August 15, 2025** |
| **Krishna Janmashtami** | Hindu | **August 15 or August 16, 2025** |

Days to Observe

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| **Month** | **Date** | **Topic** |
| January | 1/20/25 | Civil Rights Day/MLK |
| January | 1/27/25 | Intl Holocaust Remembrance Day |
| February | any | Black History Month |
| February | 2/5/25 | National Girls and Women in Sports Day |
| February | 2/11/25 | International Day of Women and Girls in Science |
| March | 3/8/25 | International Women's Day |
| March | any | Women's History Month |
| March | 3/21/25 | World Poetry Day |
| March | 3/31/25 | Trans Day of Visibility |
| April | 4/7/254 | National No Housework Day |
| April | 4/16/25 | Emancipation Day |
| April | 4/30/25 | Day of the Child (Children’s Day/Book Day) |
| May | any | Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month |
| May | 5/6/25 | Teacher's Day |
| May | 5/11/25 | Mother's Day |
| June | any | Pride Month |
| June | 6/6/254 | National Higher Education Day |
| June | 6/20/25 | World Refugee Day |
| July | 7/2/25 | Civil Rights Act passed in 1964 |
| July | 7/23/25 | National Gorgeous Grandma Day |
| August | 8/4/25 | National Friendship Day |
| August | 8/26/25 | Women's Equality Day |
| September | 9/21/25 | World Gratitude Day |
| September | 9/15/25 | National Hispanic American Heritage Month begins |
| October | 10/5/25 | World Teacher’s Day |
| October | 10/11/25 | International Day of the Girl |
| October | 10/11/25 | National Coming Out Day |
| October | 10/13/25 | National No Bra Day (breast cancer awareness) |
| November | any | American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month |
| November | any | Trans Awareness Month |
| November | 11/15/25 | National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day |
| November | 11/20/25 | Transgender Day of Remembrance |
| November | 11/20/25 | World Children’s Day |
| December | 12/10/25 | Jane Addams Day (suffragist/social worker) |
| December | 12/28/25 | National Call a Friend Day |