

**Holidays and Religious Observances 2025-2026**

Per Policy #406.1, AAUW California should avoid scheduling state events on significant secular and religious holidays observed by members of various groups whenever possible.

Below is a list of major Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jewish holidays, religious observances, and U.S. public (Federal) holidays for 2025-26. Please email diversity@aauw-ca.org with any additions or corrections.

AAUW California leadership and program directors need to consult this calendar before scheduling events.

**FALL 2025**

| **Holiday or Observance** | **Religious Group** | **Dates** |
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| **Ganesh Chaturthi** | Hindu | **August 27, 2025** |
| **Labor Day** |  | **September 1, 2025** |
| **Krishna Janmashtami** | Hindu | **September 4, 2025** |
| **Mawlid (Eid Milad un Nabi)** | Muslim | **September 4 (evening) - September 5, 2025** |
| **Navaratri** | Hindu | **September 22 – October 1, 2025** |
| **Yom Kippur** | Jewish | **October 1 (evening) - October 2 (evening), 2025** |
| **Dussehra (Vijayadashami)** | Hindu | **October 1, 2025** |
| **Indigenous Peoples' Day** |  | **October 13, 2025** |
| **Sukkot** | Jewish | **October 6 (evening) - October 13 (evening), 2025** |
| **Shemini Atzeret** | Jewish | **October 13 (evening) - October 15 (evening), 2025** |
| **Simchat Torah** | Jewish | **October 14 (evening) - October 15 (evening), 2025** |
| **Diwali** | Hindu | **October 21- October 22, 2025** |
| **Veterans Day** |  | **November 11, 2025** |
| **Thanksgiving Day** |  | **November 27, 2025** |

**WINTER 2025 - 2026**

| **Holiday or Observance** | **Religious Group** | **Dates** |
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| **Bodhi Day** | Buddhist | **December 8, 2025** | |
| **Hanukkah/Chanukah** | Jewish | **December 14, 2025 (evening) – December 22, 2025 (evening)** | |
| **Christmas Day** | Christian | **December 25, 2025** | |
| **Kwanzaa** |  | **December 26, 2025 - January 1, 2026** | |

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| **New Year's Day** |  | **January 1, 2026** |
| **Orthodox Christmas** | Christian | **January 7, 2026** |
| **Pongal** | Hindu (Tamil) | **January 14, 2026** |
| **Lailat al Miraj** | Muslim | **January 15-16, 2026** |
| **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** |  | **January 19, 2026** |
| **Lailat al Bara’ah** | Muslim | **February 2 (evening)-February 3, 2026** |
| **Nirvana Day** | Buddhist | **February 15, 2026** |
| **Maha Shivaratri** | Hindu | **February 15, 2026** |
| **Presidents Day** |  | **February 16, 2026** |
| **Lunar New Year** |  | **February 17, 2026** |
| **Ramadan** | Muslim | **February 17 (evening) - March 18 (evening), 2026** |

**SPRING 2026**

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| **Holiday or Observance** | **Religious Group** | **Dates** |
| **Purim** | Jewish | **March 2 (evening) - March 4 (evening), 2026** |
| **Magha Puja Day** | Buddhist | **March 3, 2026** |
| **Holi** | Hindu | **March 3 (evening) - March 4 (evening), 2026** |
| **Laylat al Qadr** | Muslim | **March 16- March 17, 2026** |

**SPRING 2026 (continued)**

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| **Eid al-Fitr** | Muslim | **March 18-March 19, 2026, or March 20, 2026** |
| **Nowruz (Persian New Year)** |  | **March 20, 2026** |
| **Rama Navami** | Hindu | **March 26, 2026** |
| **Passover** | Jewish | **April 2 (evening) – April 8 (evening), 2026** |
| **Good Friday** | Christian | **April 3, 2026** |
| **Easter** | Christian | **April 5, 2026** |
| **Orthodox Good Friday** | Christian | **April 10, 2026** |
| **Orthodox Easter** | Christian | **April 12, 2026** |
| **Theravada New Year** | Buddhist | **April 13, 2026** |
| **Earth Day** |  | **April 22, 2026** |
| **Shavuot** | Jewish | **May 21 (evening) – May 23 (evening), 2026** |
| **Day of Arafat** | Muslim | **May 25 (evening) – May 26 (evening), 2026** |
| **Memorial Day** |  | **May 25, 2026** |
| **Eid al-Adha** | Muslim | **May 26 (evening) – May 27 (evening), 2026** |
| **Vesak-Buddha Day** | Buddhist | **May 31, 2026** |

**SUMMER 2026**

| **Holiday or Observance** | **Religious Group** | **Dates** |
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| **Day of Ashura/Muharram** | Muslim | **June 17, 2026** |
| **Juneteenth** |  | **June 19, 2026** |
| **Islamic New Year** | Muslim | **June 25 (evening) - June 26, 2026** |
| **Independence Day** |  | **July 4, 2026** |
| **Asala-Dharma Day** | Buddhist | **July 29, 2026** |
| **Obon** | Buddhist | **August 13, 2025 - August 15, 2026** |

**Days to Observe**

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| **Month** | **Date** | **Topic** |
| January | 1/19/26 | Civil Rights Day/MLK |
| January | 1/27/26 | Intl Holocaust Remembrance Day |
| February | any | Black History Month |
| February | 2/5/26 | National Girls and Women in Sports Day |
| February | 2/11/26 | International Day of Women and Girls in Science |
| March | 3/8/26 | International Women's Day |
| March | any | Women's History Month |
| March | 3/21/26 | World Poetry Day |
| March | 3/31/26 | Trans Day of Visibility |
| April | 4/7/26 | National No Housework Day |
| April | 4/16/26 | Emancipation Day |
| April | 4/30/26 | Day of the Child (Children’s Day/Book Day) |
| May | any | Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month |
| May | 5/5/26 | Teacher's Day |
| May | 5/10/26 | Mother's Day |
| June | any | Pride Month |
| June | 6/6/26 | National Higher Education Day |
| June | 6/20/26 | World Refugee Day |
| July | 7/2/26 | The Civil Rights Act, passed in 1964 |
| July | 7/23/26 | National Gorgeous Grandma Day |
| August | 8/2/26 | National Friendship Day |
| August | 8/26/26 | Women's Equality Day |
| September | 9/21/26 | World Gratitude Day |
| September | 9/15/26 | National Hispanic American Heritage Month begins |
| October | 10/5/26 | World Teachers Day |
| October | 10/11/26 | International Day of the Girl |
| October | 10/11/26 | National Coming Out Day |
| October | 10/13/26 | National No Bra Day (breast cancer awareness) |
| November | any | American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month |
| November | any | Trans Awareness Month |
| November | 11/15/26 | National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day |
| November | 11/20/26 | Transgender Day of Remembrance |
| December | 12/10/26 | Jane Addams Day (suffragist/social worker) |
| December | 12/28/26 | National Call a Friend Day |