



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
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
Rosh Hashana	Jewish	September 22 - 23, 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
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

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

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
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SPRING 2026 (continued)

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
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

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