



Holidays and Religious Observances 2023-2024

In accordance with Policy #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.

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

FALL 2023

Holiday or Observance	Religious Group	Dates
Labor Day		September 4, 2023
Rosh Hashanah	Jewish	September 15 (evening) - September 17 (evening), 2023
Navaratri	Hindu	October 15 - October 24, 2023
Yom Kippur	Jewish	September 24 (evening) - September 25 (evening), 2023
Vijayadashami	Hindu	October 24, 2023
Sukkot	Jewish	September 29 (evening) - October 6 (evening), 2023
Indigenous Peoples' Day		October 9, 2023
Shemini Atzeret	Jewish	October 6 (evening) - October 8 (evening), 2023
Simchat Torah	Jewish	October 7 (evening) - October 8 (evening), 2023
Diwali	Hindu	November 12, 2023
Veterans Day		November 11, 2023
Thanksgiving Day		November 23, 2023
Hanukkah/Chanukah	Jewish	December 7 (evening) - December 15 (evening), 2023

Holiday or Observance	Religious Group	Dates
Christmas Day	Christian	December 25, 2023
Kwanzaa		December 26, 2023 - January 1, 2024

SPRING 2024

Holiday or Observance	Religious Group	Dates
New Year's Day		January 1, 2024
Orthodox Christmas	Christian	January 7, 2024
Martin Luther King Jr. Day		January 15, 2024
Lunar New Year		February 10, 2024
Maha Shivaratri	Hindu	March 8, 2024
Presidents Day		February 19, 2024
Purim	Jewish	March 23 (evening) - March 24 (evening), 2024
Holi	Hindu	March 25 (evening) - March 26 (evening), 2024
Ramadan	Muslim	March 10 (evening) - April 9 (evening), 2024
Rama Navami	Hindu	March 30, 2023
Passover	Jewish	April 22 (evening) - April 30 (evening), 2024
Good Friday	Christian	March 29, 2024
Easter	Christian	March 31, 2024
Orthodox Good Friday	Christian	May 3, 2024
Orthodox Easter	Christian	May 5, 2024
Eid al-Fitr	Muslim	April 9-April 10, 2024
Memorial Day		May 27, 2024

SUMMER 2024

Holiday or Observance	Religious Group	Dates
Shavuot	Jewish	June 11 (evening) - June 13 (evening), 2024
Juneteenth		June 19, 2024
Eid al-Adha	Muslim	June 16 (evening) - June 19 (evening), 2024
Independence Day		July 4, 2024
Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu	August 26, 2024

Days to Celebrate

Month	Date	Topic
January	1/15/24	Civil Rights Day/MLK
January	1/27/24	Intl Holocaust Remembrance Day
February	any	Black History Month
February	2/11/24	International Day of Women and Girls in Science
March	2/7/24	National Girls and Women in Sports Day
March	3/8/24	International Women's Day
March	any	Women's History Month
March	3/21/24	World Poetry Day
April	4/16/24	Emancipation Day
April	4/7/24	National No Housework Day
May	5/7/24	Teacher's Day
May	5/12/24	Mother's Day
June	6/20/24	World Refugee Day
June	6/6/24	National Higher Education Day
July	7/2/24	Civil Rights Act passed in 1964
July	7/23/24	National Gorgeous Grandma Day
August	8/4/24	National Friendship Day
August	8/26/24	Women's Equality Day
September	9/21/24	World Gratitude Day
September	9/15/24	National Hispanic American Heritage Month begins
October	10/5/24	World Teacher's Day

October	10/13/24	National No Bra Day (breast cancer awareness)
November	any	American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month
November	11/15/24	National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day
December	12/10/24	Jane Addams Day (suffragist/social worker)
December	12/28/24	National Call a Friend Day