



## Holidays and Religious Observances 2026-2027

Per Policy 406.1, AAUW California and all branches should avoid scheduling events that conflict with any of the following dates of major religious significance to Christian, Hindu, Islamic and Jewish religions.

Below is a list of major Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jewish holidays, religious observances, and U.S. public (Federal) holidays for 2026-27. Please email [diversity@aauw-ca.org](mailto:diversity@aauw-ca.org) with any additions or corrections.

**PLEASE AVOID SCHEDULING EVENTS ON ANY OF THE LISTED DATES BELOW OR DURING THE CONFERENCE WEEKEND OF APRIL 16-18, 2027.**

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

### FALL 2026

Holiday or Observance	Religious Group	Dates
<b>Mawlid (Eid Milad un Nabi)</b>	Muslim	<b>August 25 (evening) - August 26, 2026</b>
<b>Krishna Janmashtami</b>	Hindu	<b>September 4, 2026</b>
<b>Labor Day</b>		<b>September 7, 2026</b>
<b>Rosh Hashana</b>	Jewish	<b>September 11 - 13, 2026</b>
<b>Ganesh Chaturthi</b>	Hindu	<b>September 14, 2026</b>
<b>Yom Kippur</b>	Jewish	<b>September 20 (evening) - September 21 (evening), 2026</b>
<b>Sukkot</b>	Jewish	<b>September 25 (evening) - October 2 (evening), 2026</b>
<b>Shemini Atzeret</b>	Jewish	<b>October 2 (evening) - October 3(evening), 2026</b>
<b>Simchat Torah</b>	Jewish	<b>October 3 (evening) - October 4 (evening), 2026</b>
<b>Navaratri</b>	Hindu	<b>October 11 – October 20, 2026</b>
<b>Dussehra (Vijayadashami)</b>	Hindu	<b>October 20, 2026</b>
<b>Indigenous Peoples' Day</b>		<b>October 12, 2026</b>
<b>Diwali</b>	Hindu	<b>November 8, 2026</b>
<b>Veterans Day</b>		<b>November 11, 2026</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>		<b>November 26, 2026</b>

## WINTER 2026-2027

Holiday or Observance	Religious Group	Dates
<b>Bodhi Day</b>	Buddhist	<b>December 8, 2026</b>
<b>Hanukkah/Chanukah</b>	Jewish	<b>December 4 (evening) – December 12, 2026 (evening)</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	Christian	<b>December 25, 2026</b>
<b>Kwanzaa</b>		<b>December 26, 2026 - January 1, 2027</b>
<b>New Year's Day</b>		<b>January 1, 2027</b>
<b>Orthodox Christmas</b>	Christian	<b>January 7, 2027</b>
<b>Pongal</b>	Hindu (Tamil)	<b>January 15 – January 18, 2027</b>
<b>Lailat al Miraj</b>	Muslim	<b>January 5-6, 2027</b>
<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>		<b>January 18, 2027</b>
<b>Lailat al Bara'ah</b>	Muslim	<b>January 23 (evening) - January 24, 2027</b>
<b>Nirvana Day</b>	Buddhist	<b>February 15, 2027</b>
<b>Presidents Day</b>		<b>February 15, 2027</b>
<b>Lunar New Year</b>		<b>February 6, 2027</b>
<b>Ramadan</b>	Muslim	<b>February 8 (evening) - March 8 (evening), 2027</b>
<b>Magha Puja Day</b>	Buddhist	<b>February 21, 2027</b>

## SPRING 2027

Holiday or Observance	Religious Group	Dates
<b>Lailat al-Qadr</b>	Muslim	<b>March 6, 2027</b>
<b>Maha Shivaratri</b>	Hindu	<b>March 6, 2027</b>
<b>Purim</b>	Jewish	<b>March 22 (evening) - March 23 (evening), 2027</b>
<b>Holi</b>	Hindu	<b>March 22 (evening) - March 23 (evening), 2027</b>

## SPRING 2027 (continued)

<b>Good Friday</b>	Christian	<b>March 26, 2027</b>
<b>Easter</b>	Christian	<b>March 28, 2027</b>
<b>Theravada New Year</b>	Buddhist	<b>April 12, 2027</b>
<b>Rama Navami</b>	Hindu	<b>April 15, 2027</b>
<b>Passover</b>	Jewish	<b>April 21 (evening) – April 29 (evening), 2027</b>
<b>Earth Day</b>		<b>April 22, 2027</b>
<b>Orthodox Good Friday</b>	Christian	<b>April 30, 2027</b>
<b>Orthodox Easter</b>	Christian	<b>May 2, 2027</b>
<b>Day of Arafat</b>	Muslim	<b>May 15 (evening) – May 16 (evening), 2027</b>
<b>Eid al-Adha</b>	Muslim	<b>May 16 (evening) – May 19 (evening), 2027</b>
<b>Vesak-Buddha Day</b>	Buddhist	<b>May 20, 2027</b>
<b>Memorial Day</b>		<b>May 31, 2027</b>

## SUMMER 2027

<b>Holiday or Observance</b>	<b>Religious Group</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>Islamic New Year</b>	Muslim	<b>June 5 (evening) - June 6, 2027</b>
<b>Shavuot</b>	Jewish	<b>June 10 (evening) – June 12 (evening), 2027</b>
<b>Day of Ashura/Muharram</b>	Muslim	<b>June 14 (evening) - June 15, 2027</b>
<b>Juneteenth</b>		<b>June 19, 2027</b>
<b>Asala-Dharma Day</b>	Buddhist	<b>July 1, 2027</b>
<b>Independence Day</b>		<b>July 4, 2027</b>
<b>Obon</b>	Buddhist	<b>August 13, 2027 - August 15, 2027</b>

## Days to Observe

Month	Date	Topic
January	1/18/27	Civil Rights Day/MLK
January	1/27/27	Intl Holocaust Remembrance Day
February	all	Black History Month
February	2/3/27	National Girls and Women in Sports Day
February	2/11/27	International Day of Women and Girls in Science
March	3/8/27	International Women's Day
March	all	Women's History Month
March	3/21/27	World Poetry Day
March	3/31/27	Trans Day of Visibility
April	4/7/27	National No Housework Day
April	4/16/27	Emancipation Day
April	4/30/27	Day of the Child (Children's Day/Book Day)
May	all	Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month
May	5/4/27	Teacher's Day
May	5/9/27	Mother's Day
June	all	Pride Month
June	6/6/27	National Higher Education Day
June	6/20/27	World Refugee Day
July	7/2/27	The Civil Rights Act, passed in 1964
July	7/23/27	National Gorgeous Grandma Day
August	8/1/27	National Friendship Day
August	8/26/27	Women's Equality Day
September	9/21/27	World Gratitude Day
September	9/15/27	National Hispanic American Heritage Month begins
October	10/5/27	World Teachers Day
October	10/11/27	International Day of the Girl
October	10/11/27	National Coming Out Day
October	10/13/27	National No Bra Day (breast cancer awareness)
November	all	American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month
November	all	Trans Awareness Month
November	11/15/27	National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day
November	11/20/27	Transgender Day of Remembrance
December	12/10/27	Jane Addams Day (suffragist/social worker)
December	12/28/27	National Call a Friend Day