

4th July Challenge



“Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness”

~Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, 1776

We're heading stateside on a voyage of discovery to celebrate Independence Day. Proceeds from this badge go towards helping Scouts and Guides from across the UK take part in lots of adventures via The Pawprint Trust. Thank you for your support!

Suggested challenges for different age groups:

3-5 Years : Complete a minimum of 3 challenges from different sections.

5-7 Years : Complete 1 challenge from each of the 4 sections.

7-11 Years : Complete 1 challenge from each of the 4 sections + 1 more of your choice.

11-14 Years : Complete 1 challenge from each of the 4 sections + 2 more of your choice.

14-18 Years : Complete 1 challenge from each of the 4 sections + 3 more of your choice.

18+ Years : Award yourself a badge for assisting young people in achieving their challenges.

For even more programme ideas check out our '4th July' board over on
www.Pinterest.com/PawprintBadges

Once completed head to the website to get your paws on your badges!

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Craft

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- ★ Create your own paper pompoms or streamers.
- ★ Make your own firework patterns/pictures using red, white and blue.
- ★ Hold your own Uncle Sam hat decorating competition.

What/How?

Uncle Sam is a personification of the United States government or country in general. He dates back to as early as 1775 and appears in the original lyrics of *Yankee Doodle* (a song often associated with the American Revolution). He is shown wearing a tall white hat with a blue ribbon band and white stars. Make your own top hats and decorate them for Independence Day using materials of your choice.

- ★ Make your own Statue of Liberty headdress and torch.
- ★ Carve your very own version of Mount Rushmore using breeze blocks.

What?

Mount Rushmore is carved with the heads of 4 of America's presidents. Standing at 18m high it depicts; George Washington (1732-1799), Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919) and Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865). They were chosen to represent America's birth, growth, development and preservation. Carve your own face in a breeze block but remember to take care and wear appropriate eye protection.

- ★ Create your own stars and stripes wind catcher.
- ★ Make your own 4th July decorations and host a red, white and blue party (count this towards your 'Other' challenge).
- ★ Craft your own Liberty Bell from an old tin can. The original Liberty Bell was cast in London at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and is an iconic symbol of American Independence.
- ★ Design your own jewellery from red and white paper straws, painted pasta or recycled magazines/newspapers.
- ★ Mix up your own star spangled slime in red or blue and add glitter and sequin stars.
- ★ Make your own ping pong ball firers on a red, white and blue theme. Check out our Pinterest board for some ideas.

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Food

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- ★ Make your own Lemonade to celebrate 4th July.
- ★ Prepare a host of red, white and blue foods for your guests at your red, white and blue Independence Day party!
- ★ Each year on 4th July over 150 million hot dogs are consumed in America. Host your own BBQ/hot dog eating competition.
- ★ Turkey was almost the national symbol of America. Prepare, cook or make a recipe using turkey.
- ★ Taste test a selection of teas.

Why?

The Boston Tea Party was a significant event in the growth of the American Revolution which eventually led to the Declaration of Independence. American patriots boarded British boats in Boston Harbour and threw chests of tea overboard in protest against unfair taxes.

- ★ Boston, USA is named after Boston in Lincolnshire, England. Taste or make something using Lincolnshire sausages.
- ★ Cook up your own Boston Baked Beans; a twist on the traditional baked bean, flavoured with molasses and salt pork (similar to bacon).
- ★ Fireworks are popular on 4th July. Practice your knife skills and create your own firework fruit kebabs.
- ★ BBQs are popular as we know...create your own hot dog toppings. Who knows, sugar sprinkles or maple syrup could be the next big thing?!
- ★ S'mores are a favourite in America and are our favourite too! Make your own either toasting your marshmallows over a campfire or layering your ingredients in a deep baking tin for a sliceable, cake-like version!
- ★ Dip your own 4th July apples. Colour white chocolate red/blue or make traditional red toffee. Decorate your dipped apples with red, white and blue sprinkles and sweets.
- ★ Decorate your own edible American flag pizzas.
- ★ Dip and decorate your own 4th July pretzels using white chocolate and coloured sweets/sprinkles.

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Games

- ★ Play Uncle Sam Says (Simon Says to you and me!).
- ★ Test your knowledge with a flags quiz...did you know the stars on the original American flag were in a circle?
- ★ Guess whose signature is whose. Take a look at some famous signatures and see if you can guess who they belong to OR get your leaders/teachers to sign and see if you can match the signatures with the correct person.

Why?

The most famous signature on the Declaration of Independence is John Hancock. Measuring almost 13cm in length, Hancock's signature is so famous that it has become a synonym/slang in America for "signature".

- ★ Play like you're on board the Boston Tea Party ships with a game of Port and Starboard/Captain's Coming.
- ★ Swap out the fruits in a game of Fruit Salad for stars, stripes, 4th July, fireworks and Independence Day!
- ★ Name that tune OR guess where the National Anthem is from.

Why?

America's national anthem is to the tune of *To Anacreon in Heaven*. Can you guess which country other national anthems come from? Alternatively hold a music quiz and see how many songs you can correctly name.

- ★ Test your memory with a game of "On Independence Day I went to the market and I bought..." naming only items that are red/white/blue!
- ★ Have a game of Duck, Duck, Goose using red, white and blue instead.
- ★ On hot days enjoy a game of water balloon dodge ball.
- ★ Play a game of 4th July BINGO using our free resource available from the website.
- ★ Have a game of baseball, an American favourite.
- ★ Play red, white and blue tag with players collecting coloured tokens/tabs when they tag another player and collecting all 3 colours to win.



Other

- ★ The Boston Tea Party eventually led to the American Revolution. Hold your own tea party.
- ★ Enjoy a visit to a fireworks display or find out how fireworks are made.
- ★ The first lighthouse in America was built in Boston in 1716. Find out some more fun facts about lighthouses and raise some money for the Coastguard Association or Royal National Lifeboat Institution.
- ★ Boston is also home to the oldest public park in the USA. Enjoy a day out at your local park or visit a national park.
- ★ The Bald Eagle is the national symbol of America. Find out some facts about them and/or visit a bird sanctuary and see if you can meet one.

Did You Know?

Bald Eagles aren't actually bald! Bald is an old word for white, coming from the term *pie bald* meaning 'white head'.

- ★ Host your own red, white and blue Independence Day party.
- ★ The Liberty Bell is a symbol of American Independence. Have a go at bell ringing or visit your local church/cathedral to see how it's done.
- ★ Have a fancy dress competition and dress as something American or in red, white and blue.
- ★ Yankee Doodle is the song of the American Revolution but is now commonly sung as a nursery rhyme or campfire song. Try singing it and if you like sing some other rhymes or campfire songs.
- ★ Plan and budget for a trip to America. Do some research to find out where you'd like to go and what you'd like to see. Map your journey and cost it up. Take it further and go on your own American adventure.
- ★ The Declaration of Independence outlines natural and legal rights. Create your own Declaration with the rights you think you should be entitled to at your age. Will these change over time? Why?
- ★ Share your adventures working towards your 4th July Challenge badge to let others know what you've been up to. Tag us @PawprintBadges and #AdventureForAll

