

JANUARY

2026

National Mentoring Month

January 1, 2026 - January 31, 2026

National Mentoring Month is an annual campaign celebrated in January that raises awareness of the power and impact of mentoring.

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4	5	6	7 I Am a Mentor Day	8	9	10
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18	19 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service	20	21	22	23	24
25 Thank Your Mentor Day	26	27	28	29	30	31

JANUARY 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

January 1 - 31 - National Mentoring Month

1. Getting started - The Illustrious Potentate or Illustrious Commandress must select their respective S.A.M. Temple Director or D.I.M.E. Court Chairperson
2. Identify Nobles or Daughters who have an interest in mentoring!
3. Visit <https://aeaonms.org/sam/> and review the following documents:
 - S.A.M. & D.I.M.E. Imperial Mentoring Program Manual & its appendix
 - Background Check Instructions - The S.A.M. & D.I.M.E. Imperial Mentoring Programs require all mentors to undergo a new background check annually.
 - Become a Mentor: Shaping one young person's story can transform countless others. This National #MentoringMonth, let us think of how we can support the youth of today in creating an equitable tomorrow. YOU can help by becoming a S.A.M. or D.I.M.E. mentor.
 - General: Having someone to lean on can be a lifeline in a world that is often lonely. Mentors can provide that support, but we know that more than 1 in 3 young people are growing up without a mentor.
 - Gratitude: Let us make some space for gratitude during this National #MentoringMonth. Take a moment to think of everyone who helped guide your path, and remember to #ThankYourMentor. Pay it forward by elevating the movement.
 - Share Your Story: As we amplify the impact of the mentoring movement, this National #Mentoring Month, let us also celebrate the people who drive it. Mentors, mentees, and their growth are intricately connected.

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JANUARY 2024 HIGHLIGHTS - Continued

January 7 - I Am a Mentor Day

Happy #IAmAMentorDay! Mentoring has been a fulfilling journey for me - I've grown with, and learned so much from my mentee. Today, I urge you to take the first step to becoming a mentor too! Start at mentoring.org/nmm #MentoringMonth #MentoringAmplifies

January 17 - International Mentoring Day

Supportive relationships are critical for all young people, and our movement has been shaping futures & nurturing change across the globe for years. *(Co-created by MENTOR and the Ali Center to mark Muhammad Ali's birthday and honor his commitment to mentoring and social change)*

January 19 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

#MentoringAmplifies opportunities & we strive for equity in our pursuit to close the mentoring gap. Today, let's honor Dr. MLK Jr.'s vision for an inclusive world and continue its creation for those to come. Join us at mentoring.org/nmm #MentoringMonth #MLKDay

January 25 - Thank Your Mentor Day

Referenced from: <https://www.mentoring.org/campaigns/national-mentoring-month/>

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- ✓ Hold a planning meeting with your Temple or Court to plan joint events in 2024
- ✓ Host a meet and greet with mentors, mentees, and parents/guardians
- ✓ Attend and participate in an MLK, Jr. Walk within your community
- ✓ Have mentees to write their own "I Have a Dream" Speech

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February is Black History Month! This annual month-long celebration is an opportunity to celebrate and remember that Black history is American history, Black culture is American culture, and Black stories matter.

www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6 National Wear Red Day	7
8	9 National Pizza Day	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day	17 Mardi Gras	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

FEBRUARY 2026 HIGHLIGHTS -

- February 1 – 28 – Black History Month
- February 1 – 28 **National Heart Health Month**
- February 6 – **National Wear Red Day**
- February 14 – Valentine's Day
- February 17 – Mardi Gras
- February 16 – Presidents' Day

During the month of February, celebrate the contributions that African Americans have made through history by encouraging your mentees to create art, read a book, or create a video/TikTok about Black History Makers

National Heart Health Month – According to the American Heart Association, early signs of atherosclerosis can appear in childhood and adolescence, particularly in individuals with poor diets, inactivity, or obesity. About 1 in 5 U.S. children and adolescents (ages 2–19) are obese, a significant risk factor for future heart disease, while fewer than 25% meet the recommendation of 60 minutes of daily physical activity.

Volunteer Appreciation Month – Volunteer time at a church, community center, Boys & Girls Club, etc. - <https://www.volunteermatch.org>

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month – Dating violence is more common than you may think, especially among teens and young adults: 1 in 3 U.S. teens will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse from someone they're in a relationship with before becoming adults. And nearly half (43%) of U.S. college women report experiencing violent or abusive dating behaviors.

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- ✓ Healthy Heart Education
- ✓ Basic CPR Education

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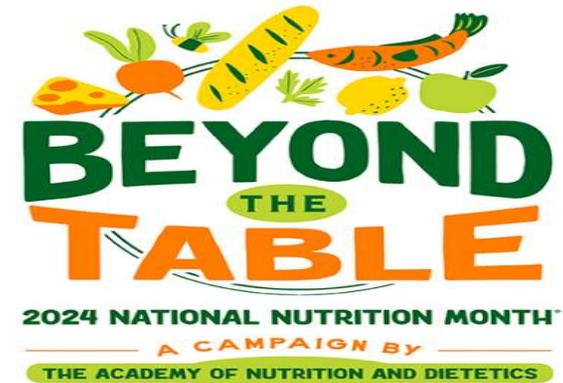
MARCH

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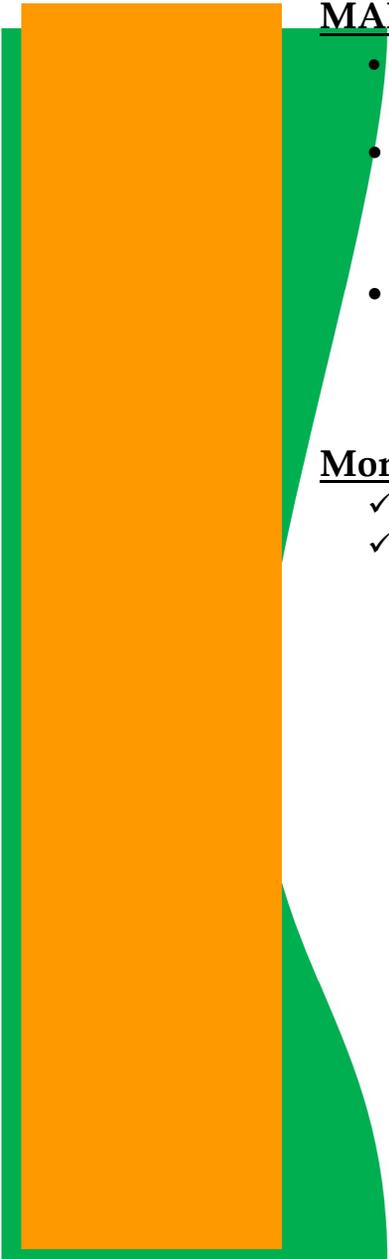
National Nutrition Month: “Let thy food be thy medicine,” said Hippocrates (a long, long time ago), but the sentiment still rings true. National Nutrition Month, celebrated in March, stresses the importance of a balanced diet and exercise. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics promotes the transformative powers of healthy food choices. Everyone is encouraged to develop and stick with a healthy eating plan, combined with physical fitness.

<https://www.eatright.org/about-national-nutrition-month>

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8 International Women's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28



MARCH 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- **March 1 - 31 - National Nutrition Month**
- **Youth Art Month - Tuning Into Art – Encourage your mentees to create an art masterj**
<https://nationaltoday.com/youth-art-month/>
- **International Women’s History Month - Encourage mentees to write an essay or create woman in their life or from history. - <https://unexpectedvirtualtours.com/virtual-ideas-month/>**

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- ✓ Build-Your-Own Balanced Plate Activity with your Temple and Court
- ✓ Poster Presentation Contest on Women’s History

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APRIL

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National Autism Awareness Month

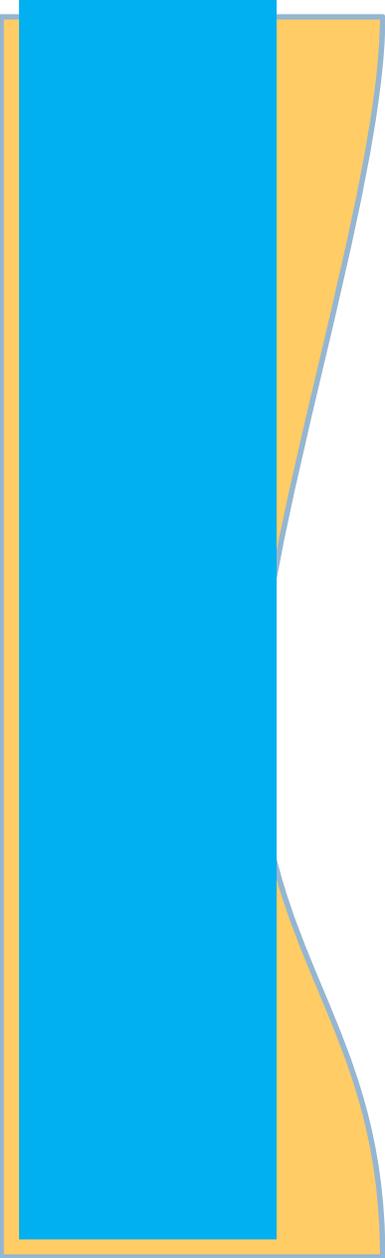
Every April, Autism Speaks celebrates World Autism Month, beginning with the United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on April 2.

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AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 World Autism Day	3	4
5 Easter Sunday	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 National Library Day	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25
26	30	31	31			



APRIL 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- April 2 - World Autism Day
- April 11- 17 - NAEYC's Week of the Young Child, celebrating early learning and young children.
- April 5 - Easter Sunday
- April 14 - National Library Day - *Encourage or take mentees to check out a book and obtain a Library card.*
- April 22 - Earth Day - *Clean up trash and plastic in your neighborhood or local park.*
- April 1 to 30 - Youth Service Month, extending the celebration of youth service.
- April 1 to 30 - Global Youth Service Days - focusing on youth service and community involvement.
- April 1 to 30 - Youth Service Month, extending the celebration of youth service.

World Autism Awareness Month - <https://www.autismspeaks.org/world-autism-awareness-day>

National Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month - National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month is observed throughout the month of April. This time is set aside as a special awareness and education month that aims to bring exposure to sexual violence and educate on how to prevent it. Did you know that every 68 seconds in the U.S., an American is sexually assaulted? This situation is dire, and this is not just for women; men and children are also equally affected by sexual abuse and assault. <https://www.nsvrc.org/saam>

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- ✓ Easter Egg Hunt
- ✓ "Mentees as Teachers!" Allow your mentee(s) to plan to teach or share something with YOU that they are knowledgeable about, and let them teach it.

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MAY

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National Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental health is wealth, especially during Mental Health Awareness Month, which is celebrated in May. The stigma around mental health and treatment has long existed, even though this has started to change. A disproportionate number of people hesitate to seek help or even discuss it with their loved ones, fearing judgment and unnecessary backlash. Simple logic dictates that if we are hurt anywhere, we must seek treatment to get better. This applies to both our mental and physical well-being.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
National Lupus Month	1		3		1	2 Kentucky Derby
3 National Ride A Bike Day	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day National Lupus Day	11 National Youth Substance Use Prevention	12	13	14	15	16 Armed Forces Day
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
31						

MAY 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- Kentucky Derby
- May 3 - National Ride-A-Bike Day
- May 10 - Mother's Day
- May 10 - World Lupus Day
- May 10 -16 National Youth Substance Use Prevention Week
- May 16 - Armed Forces Day
- May 25 - Memorial Day
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National Mental Health Awareness Month

- <https://www.samhsa.gov/childrens-awareness-day/about>
- <https://youth.gov/youth-topics/youth-mental-health>
- <https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month>
- <https://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month>

National Lupus Month – *Wear purple!*

- <https://www.lupus.org/lupus-awareness-month>

National Physical Fitness & Sports Month – Get moving! Get Active! Get outside!

- <https://healthfinder.gov/nho/MayToolkit.aspx>

Action for Healthy Kids

- <https://www.actionforhealthykids.org>

National Bike Month

- <https://www.bikeleague.org/content/bike-month-dates-events-0>

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- ✓ Show & Tell - Have your mentees share a picture or items that is important to them and explain why.
- ✓ Have mentees create colorful Mother's Day cards for the women in their families or take them to a church or nursing home to share with the elderly women there.
- ✓ Take your mentees to participate in a walk in your community to support lupus awareness! Be sure to take pictures!

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JUNE

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National African American Music Appreciation Month

In June, we acknowledge the significant contributions of African American musicians, composers, singers, and songwriters to the American cultural landscape. The month honors the history and rich African traditions that gave birth to different styles of music such as rap, hip-hop, jazz, rhythm and blues, barbershop, and swing. It is also the month to celebrate creative inspiration and appreciate the impact that African American music has had on generations of performers and music lovers. Over the years, we have seen Black musicians reach great heights, not only on official music record charts, but also at entertainment award ceremonies. President Jimmy Carter designated June as Black Music Month in 1979; President Barack Obama later renamed it African American Music Appreciation Month.

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Month of the Mentee	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 National Children's Day
14	15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth 2026 IMPERIAL YOUTH	20
21 Father's Day National Selfie Day SESSION	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			LGBTQ+ Pride Month

JUNE 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- June 8 - National Children's Day (Second Sunday in June)
- June 14 - National Kids Day
- June 16 - Father's Day - *Have mentees create colorful Father's Day cards for the men in their families or take them to a church or nursing home to share with the elderly men there.*
- June 18 - 21 - Imperial Youth Conference Session in Augusta, GA

June 19 - Juneteenth - On "Freedom's Eve," or the eve of January 1, 1863, the first Watch Night services took place. On that night, enslaved and free African Americans gathered in churches and private homes across the country awaiting news that the Emancipation Proclamation had taken effect. At the stroke of midnight, prayers were answered as all enslaved people in the Confederate States were declared legally free. Union soldiers, many of whom were black, marched onto plantations and across cities in the South, reading small copies of the Emancipation Proclamation, spreading the news of freedom in the Confederate States. Only through the Thirteenth Amendment did emancipation end slavery throughout the United States.

- www.juneteenth.com
- <https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/historical-legacy-juneteenth>

June 18 - June 21 - Augusta, GA - A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Imperial Youth Department - Inaugural Imperial Youth Conference -
<https://www.aeaonmsyouth.org/>

National African American Music Appreciation Month - June is African American Music Appreciation Month! Created by President Jimmy Carter in 1979, this month celebrates the African American musical influences that comprise an essential part of our nation's treasured cultural heritage.

- [NMAAHC - Celebrating Black Music Month](#)

LGBTQ+ Pride Month - The S.A.M. & D.I.M.E. Imperial Mentoring Programs understands the call to action to support LGBTQ+ youth and strives to provide guidance where needed. With the unique needs of LGBTQ+ youth, mentors must be sensitive to this movement, even if it makes us uncomfortable. Below is a link to resources that can assist your Temple or Court in addressing the needs of LGBTQ+ youth within your communities.

- [Mentoring.org - LGBTQ+ Mentoring Resources](#)

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- Participate in local Juneteenth Events/Activities
- Create a scrapbook or photo album of the activities you and your mentees have completed so far.
- Discuss a current event that is happening in the news. You'd be surprised how much your mentee shares!

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JULY

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National Social Awareness Month

During Social Wellness Month in July, break out of your routine and commit to meeting new people. This is because social wellness is all about your capability to bond with others and build satisfying relationships. Why is this so important? Well, the fact is, the more people you meet, the more likely you are to develop new hobbies and embark on journeys you never even imagined you would be a part of. You will get to hear new jokes, experiment, explore new places, and get involved in new activities, among other things. Most importantly, social relationships have a lasting impact on physical health!

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“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller.

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Back to School Rally – Book bag give-away			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 World Youth Skills Day	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 National Hamburger Day	29	30	31	Interview a senior citizen

JULY 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

July 4 - Independence Day

July 15 - World Youth Skills Day

National Social Awareness Month - National Social Wellness Month

Conflict Resolution for Youth - Learn how to be respectful and assertive, rather than aggressive, when dealing with conflict.

- https://www.momjunction.com/articles/important-conflict-resolution-skills-for-teenagers_00106119/

- <https://childmind.org/article/teaching-kids-how-to-deal-with-conflict/>

Cyber Safety for Youth - Review this training with your mentees to help them understand the purpose of and the potential dangers of the internet.

- <https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Kids%20Cybersecurity%20Presentation.pdf>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kz2es3-XJvw>
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Interview a senior citizen for an article - Help your mentees interview a respected elder: in your Court, at home, or within the community, and have them share it with your other mentees. They can write it up and share it with the interviewee and give it to them as a gift of thanks for their time.

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- "Help wanted!" Fill out mock applications for jobs or help your mentee create their résumé. If you have a résumé, share it with your mentee (Be sure to remove any personal information).
 - <https://www.thebalancemoney.com/job-application-form-sample-2061607>

- Play 20 Questions - Write down 20 questions for your mentee to answer! Make it fun! Then switch!

AUGUST

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National Back to School Month

If the “summer-ending-and-school-starting” ritual makes you anxious, participate in Back-to-School Month. This August event helps parents, students, and teachers prepare for the new academic year. Celebrated since the 1960s, Back to School Month will motivate you to start your back-to-school shopping and get you excited about it. So put away the beach bag and pick up the backpack, because it’s time for Back-to-School Month and we want you to get an “A” for participation.

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Career Fair/Mutual Job Shadowing						1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					2026 IMPERIAL SESSION	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
National Grandparents Day						
30	31					Host an Educational Fair
	National Youth Violence Prevention					

AUGUST 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- August 12 - International Youth Day, raising awareness of issues facing youth globally
- August 14 - 21 - Imperial Session - Tampa, FL

Back to School - A few tips to share with parents/guardians to aid in “easing” mentees back into the routine of heading back into the classroom.

K-12 - <https://mightyandbright.com/blogs/news/3-back-to-school-tips-for-the-2022-2023-school-year>

Older Mentees - <https://antimaximalist.com/tips-for-back-to-school-success/>

Career Fair/Mutual Job Shadowing - Connect with local businesses and set up a career fair. Or better yet take your mentees who are of age to a career fair. Research your local Boys/Girls Club and local organizations that cater to hiring young adults.

Consider taking your mentee to work with you on “Bring My Child to Work Day” if your employer allows you to do so.

National Youth Violence Prevention - <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/youthviolence/index.html>

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- Create a family tree - Create a visual family tree with your mentees and share with one another.
 - [Parents.com - Printable Family Tree](#)
 - <https://parenting.firstcry.com/articles/how-to-make-a-family-tree-5-easy-craft-ideas/>
- Learn to play a new card game like “I declare war”, “Go Fish”, Hearts, Gin Rummy, Memory, Old Maid

SEPTEMBER

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National Suicide Prevention Month

There are an average of 123 suicides each day in this country. It's the tenth leading cause of death in America, second leading for ages 25-34, and third leading for ages 15-24. In order to create awareness and strengthen the fight against suicide, the entire month of September is Suicide Prevention Month. Participate in the fight by getting involved with local organizations and lending a hand to those who need assistance.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
National Sewing Month		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13 Grandparents Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Voter Registration Day	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

SEPTEMBER 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- **September 7 - Labor Day**
- **September 13 - Grandparents Day**
- **September 22 - Voter Registration Day** - If your mentees are of age, encourage them to register to vote! OUR VOICES COUNT!! - <https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/>

National Suicide Prevention Month - Resources to assist mentees in need who may be struggling with mental health concerns.

- <https://npin.cdc.gov/groups/national-suicide-prevention-month>
- <https://teenlifeline.org/tspa/>
- <https://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/national-suicide-prevention-awareness-month>
- <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/get-involved/digital-shareables/shareable-resources-on-suicide-prevention>

National Sewing Month - National Sewing Month is a celebration of a creative form of self-expression that we recognize in September but enjoy throughout the year. The month-long Open House, featuring retailers, bloggers, online stores, schools, organizations, individuals, and more, is a great opportunity to renew your interest, share ideas, be inspired, expand your knowledge, and express your creativity. Happy Sewing!

Mentors! If you can sew, teach your mentee how to sew! Pass on a skill that is still relevant to our youth!

- **Easy sewing projects** - <https://www.theyellowbirdhouse.com/sewing-projects-for-kids-to-make/>
- **Easy hand sewing projects** - <https://hellosewing.com/easy-hand-sewing-projects/>
- **Easy NO - Sew projects** - <https://www.care.com/c/easy-no-sew-kids-craft-ideas/>

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- Weekly Life Lessons - Share open dialogue with your mentees about the weekly happenings at work, school, or in everyday life.
- Take a field trip to go skating or bowling! Have pizza!!
- Host a game night on Zoom! - <https://www.weareteachers.com/20-fun-zoom-games-for-kids/>

OCTOBER

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National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October has been recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month for nearly 40 years. It is devoted to educating people about breast cancer, the importance of early detection, and access to timely, high-quality care.

- www.komen.org



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breast Cancer Awareness Month		National Book Month		1 National Bullying Prevention	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Indigenous Peoples Day (Columbus Day)	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
29	30	31 Halloween				

OCTOBER 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- October 1 - 31 - National Bullying Prevention Month
- October 1 - 31 - National Youth Substance
- October 1 - 31 - National Book Month
- October 12 - Indigenous Peoples Day (Columbus Day)
- October 20 - National Youth Confidence Day
- October 31 - Halloween

Breast Cancer Awareness Month - Early detection and effective treatment are critical to reducing breast cancer deaths. Together, we can end breast cancer by supporting those in need today while tirelessly searching for tomorrow's cures.

- <https://www.komen.org/about-komen/our-impact/breast-cancer/breast-cancer-awareness-month/>
- <https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer-awareness-month/>

National Book Month - National Book Month is held each October. The month-long celebration focuses on the importance of reading, writing and literature. National Book Month is also a time to honor the country's best books and authors. In October, the National Book Awards announced the year's 15 finalists for Best Book of the Year. Think about your favorite book or set aside time to read something new to expand your horizons.

- <https://www.webuybooks.co.uk/blog/ways-to-celebrate-national-book-month/>
- <https://blog.savvas.com/3-ways-to-celebrate-national-book-month/>

National Bullying Prevention Month

- <https://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/national-bullying-prevention-month>
- <https://www.learningforjustice.org/topics/bullying-bias>

National Youth Substance Use Prevention

- <https://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/national-substance-abuse-prevention-month>

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- Take a field trip to the library or visit a secondhand bookstore to find books for your mentees to read and exchange.
- Think Pink! - Participate in a walk for Breast Cancer Awareness with your mentees!
- Halloween Party! - Host a Halloween Costume party with mentees or participate in Trunk or Treat!

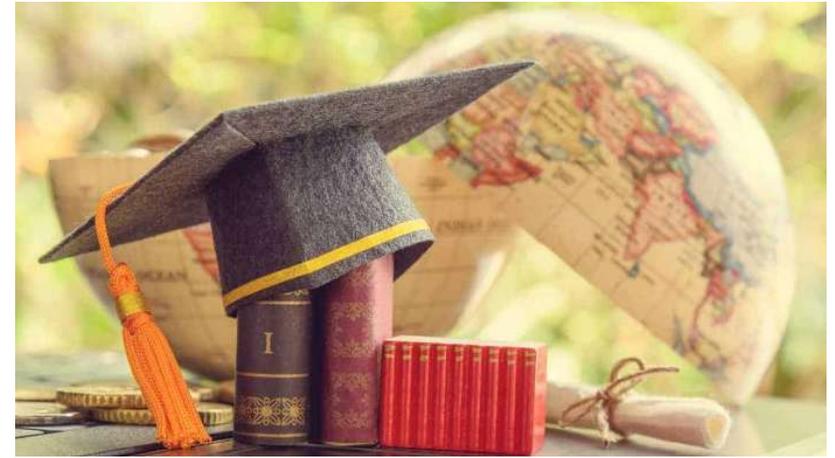
NOVEMBER

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National Scholarship Month

Financing a college education in America has become a seriously stressful endeavor. Student loans, while convenient now, can result in crushing debt later. That's why we dedicate time to National Scholarship Month each November. It encourages students to focus on securing funds they'll never need to repay. Learn how to be creative during your search; you'll be surprised by what you find. So, make a plan, set clear goals, and research the scholarships you're interested in. Then, apply, apply, apply!

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1	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
8 National STEM/STEAM Day	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13 National STEM/STEAM Day	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30	31				

NOVEMBER 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- **November 3 - Election Day** - <https://www.learningforjustice.org/classroom-resources/lessons/why-local-elections-matter>
- **November 8 - National STEM/STEAM Day** - [5 Fun Ways to Celebrate STEM/STEAM Day](#)
- **November 11 - Veterans Day** - Honor our veterans past and present by thanking them for their service.
- **November 25 - Thanksgiving Day**

National Scholarship Month - Assist or advise your mentees (Junior and Senior) about scholarship opportunities available to them.

- <https://www.scholarshipproviders.org/page/NatlSchMonth>
- <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-information/national-scholarship-month/>
- <https://scholarshipamerica.org/blog/scholarship-america-celebrates-national-scholarship-month/>
- <https://www.charities.org/news/national-scholarship-monthnational-education-month>
- <https://www.collegeraptor.com/paying-for-college/articles/scholarship-search-applications/national-scholarship-month/>

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- **Being Thankful** - Have mentees discuss what they are thankful for, set goals to accomplish, and develop a personal plan of action!
- **Create Something!** - Create a scrapbook, journal, or photo album; Add memories each time you and your mentee(s) are together!
- **Organize!** - Assist your mentee in organizing their schoolwork and developing a study schedule.

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DECEMBER

2026

Celebration of Love & Light!

Representing lights, candles, and tables full of food, December is the heart of the holiday season. From Christmas and Hanukkah to Kwanzaa and New Year's Eve, families gather to celebrate, honor cultural traditions, and usher in a new year.

Happy Holidays from,
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Cookie Party!		1	2	3	4	5 Host a Joint Temple/Court Christmas Party for Mentees
Decorate Ornaments Party3						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	Winter Begins	22	23	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day Hanukkah Begins	Kwanzaa Begins
27	28	29	30	31		

DECEMBER 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- December 24 - Christmas Eve
- December 25 - Christmas Day
- <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/facts-about-christmas/>
- <https://www.history.com/topics/christmas/history-of-christmas>

- December 25, 2026 - January 2, 2027, Hanukkah
- https://www.chabad.org/holidays/chanukah/default_cdo/jewish/Hanukkah.htm

- December 26 - January 1 - Kwanzaa - <https://www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/>
- December 31 - New Year's Eve

Monthly Mentoring Ideas:

- Host a Joint Temple/Court S.A.M. & D.I.M.E. Christmas Party!

- Host an end-of-the-year appreciation luncheon or dinner for Mentees and their parents/guardians.

- Cookie Party! - Get your mentees together and decorate cookies
 - <https://www.designeatrepeat.com/easy-christmas-cookies-for-kids/>
 - <https://www.tasteofhome.com/collection/christmas-cookies-kids-cant-wait-to-make-for-santa/>

- Ornament Party! - Create Christmas ornaments with your mentees
 - <https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/diy-christmas-ornaments-for-kids/>
 - <https://www.acraftylife.com/homemade-christmas-ornaments-for-kids-to-make/>

- CELEBRATE! Discuss culture, customs, and traditions that your mentees observe. Try different foods or customs celebrated in their homes.

Set a New Year's Resolution with your mentee(s) for goals that you would like to accomplish in the

Please share pictures of your S.A.M. & D.I.M.E. events on our FB page or send via email to: imperial.samdime@gmail.com