[Template:About](/wiki/Template:About" \o "Template:About) [Template:Month header](/wiki/Template:Month_header) [Template:Calendar](/wiki/Template:Calendar) **June** is the sixth [month](/wiki/Month) of the [year](/wiki/Year) in the [Julian](/wiki/Julian_calendar) and [Gregorian calendars](/wiki/Gregorian_calendar) and one of the four months with a length of 30 [days](/wiki/Day). June contains the [summer solstice](/wiki/Summer_solstice) in the [Northern Hemisphere](/wiki/Northern_Hemisphere), the day with the most daylight hours, and the [winter solstice](/wiki/Winter_solstice) in the [Southern Hemisphere](/wiki/Southern_Hemisphere), the day with the fewest daylight hours (excluding polar regions in both cases). June in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent to [December](/wiki/December) in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa. In the Northern hemisphere, the beginning of the traditional astronomical [summer](/wiki/Summer) is 21 June (meteorological summer begins on 1 June). In the Southern hemisphere, meteorological winter begins on 1 June. [Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed)

At the start of June, the sun rises in the constellation of [Taurus](/wiki/Taurus_(constellation)); at the end of June, the sun rises in the constellation of [Gemini](/wiki/Gemini_(constellation)). However, due to the [precession](/wiki/Precession) of the equinoxes, June begins with the sun in the [astrological](/wiki/Astrology) sign of [Gemini](/wiki/Gemini_(astrology)), and ends with the sun in the [astrological sign](/wiki/Astrological_sign) of [Cancer](/wiki/Cancer_(astrology)).[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed)

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## Etymology and History[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=1)]

The [Latin](/wiki/Latin) name for June is [*Junius*](/wiki/Iunius_(month)). [Ovid](/wiki/Ovid) offers multiple etymologies for the name in the [*Fasti*](/wiki/Fasti_(poem)), a poem about the [Roman calendar](/wiki/Roman_calendar). The first is that the month is named after the [Roman goddess](/wiki/List_of_Roman_deities) [Juno](/wiki/Juno_(mythology)), the goddess of marriage and the wife of the supreme deity [Jupiter](/wiki/Jupiter_(mythology)); the second is that the name comes from the Latin word *iuniores*, meaning "younger ones", as opposed to *maiores* ("elders") for which the preceding month May *(*[*Maius*](/wiki/Maius)*)* may be named.[[1]](#cite_note-1) In ancient Rome, the period from mid-May through mid-June was considered inauspicious for marriage. Ovid says that he consulted the [Flaminica Dialis](/wiki/Flaminica_Dialis), the high priestess of Jupiter, about setting a date for his daughter's wedding, and was advised to wait till after June 15.[[2]](#cite_note-2) [Plutarch](/wiki/Plutarch), however, implies that the entire month of June was more favorable for weddings than May.[[3]](#cite_note-3) Certain [meteor showers](/wiki/Meteor_showers) take place in June. The [Arietids](/wiki/Arietids) takes place May 22 to July 2 each year, and peaks on June 7. The [Beta Taurids](/wiki/Beta_Taurids) June 5 to July 18. The [June Bootids](/wiki/June_Bootids) take place roughly between 26 June and 2 July each year.

### Ancient Roman observances[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=2)]

Under the calendar of ancient Rome, the festival of [Ludi Fabarici](/wiki/Rosalia_(festival)#Military_Rosaliae) took place on May 29 - June 1, [Kalendae Fabariae](/wiki/Rosalia_(festival)#Military_Rosaliae) took place on June 1, the [Festival to Bellona](/wiki/Bellona_(goddess)) took place on June 3, [Ludi Piscatorii](/wiki/Ludi_Piscatorii) took place on June 7, and [Vestalia](/wiki/Vestalia) took place from June 7-June 15. The [Secular Games](/wiki/Secular_Games) were held roughly every 100 years in either May or June. These dates does not correspond to the modern [Gregorian calendar](/wiki/Gregorian_calendar).

## Events in June[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=3)]

[thumb|June, from the *Très riches heures du duc de Berry*](/wiki/File:Les_Très_Riches_Heures_du_duc_de_Berry_juin.jpg) [thumb|*June*,](/wiki/File:Juni_Leandro_Bassono.jpg) [Leandro Bassano](/wiki/Leandro_Bassano) [thumb|](/wiki/File:Band_Trooping_the_Colour,_16th_June_2007.jpg)[Trooping the Colour](/wiki/Trooping_the_Colour) is celebrated in June in [London](/wiki/London)

### Month-long observances[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=4)]

* [African-American Music Appreciation Month](/wiki/African-American_Music_Appreciation_Month) ([United States](/wiki/United_States)
* [ALS Awareness Month](/wiki/ALS_Awareness_Month) ([Canada](/wiki/Canada))
* [Caribbean American Heritage Month](/wiki/List_of_observances_in_the_United_States_by_presidential_proclamation#Annual_special_months_recognized_by_presidential_proclamation) ([United States](/wiki/United_States))
* [Crop over](/wiki/Crop_over) ([Barbados](/wiki/Barbados)), celebrated until the first Monday in August.
* [Great Outdoors Month](/wiki/List_of_observances_in_the_United_States_by_presidential_proclamation#Annual_special_months_recognized_by_presidential_proclamation) ([United States](/wiki/United_States))
* [National Smile Month](/wiki/National_Smile_Month) ([United Kingdom](/wiki/United_Kingdom))
* [National Oceans Month](/wiki/List_of_observances_in_the_United_States_by_presidential_proclamation#Annual_special_months_recognized_by_presidential_proclamation) ([United States](/wiki/United_States))
* [Season of Emancipation](/wiki/Emancipation_Day) (April 14 to August 23) ([Barbados](/wiki/Barbados))

## Movable observances, 2016[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=5)]

* [Bike to Work Week Victoria](/wiki/Bike_to_Work_Week_Victoria) (May 30-June 5)
* [Phi Ta Khon](/wiki/Phi_Ta_Khon) (Dan Sai, [Loei province](/wiki/Loei_province), [Isan](/wiki/Isan), [Thailand](/wiki/Thailand)) Dates are selected by village mediums and can take place anywhere between March and July.

### [[Movable Western Christian observances]], 2016[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=6)]

* [Lajkonik](/wiki/Lajkonik) ([Kraków](/wiki/Kraków), [Poland](/wiki/Poland)) – June 2
* [Feast of the Sacred Heart](/wiki/Feast_of_the_Sacred_Heart) – June 3.
* [Petertide](/wiki/Petertide) ([Anglican](/wiki/Anglican)) – June 26

### [[Movable Eastern Christian observances]], 2016[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=7)]

* [Sunday of the Blind Man](/wiki/Pentecostarion#Sunday_of_the_Blind_Man) – June 5
* [Feast of the Ascension](/wiki/Feast_of_the_Ascension) – June 9
  + [Heroes Day (Romania](/wiki/Heroes'_Day#Heroes.27_Day_in_Romania))
* [Sunday of the Holy Fathers](/wiki/Pentecostarion#Sunday_of_the_Holy_Fathers) – June 12
* [Saturday of the Dead](/wiki/Pentecostarion#Saturday_of_the_Dead) – June 18
* [Pentecost](/wiki/Pentecost) – June 19
* [Day of the Holy Spirit](/wiki/Pentecostarion#Pentecost) – June 20
* [Third Day of the Trinity](/wiki/Whit_Tuesday) – June 21
* [Sunday of All Saints](/wiki/All_Saints_Day) – June 26
* [Apostles' Fast](/wiki/Apostles'_Fast) – June 27–29

### First Friday (June 3)[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=8)]

* [Labour Day](/wiki/Labour_Day) ([Bahamas](/wiki/Bahamas))
* [National Doughnut Day](/wiki/National_Doughnut_Day) ([United States](/wiki/United_States))

### First Saturday (June 4)[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=9)]

* [National Trails Day](/wiki/National_Trails_Day) ([United States](/wiki/United_States))
* [Saiō Matsuri](/wiki/Saiō_Matsuri) ([Meiwa, Mie](/wiki/Meiwa,_Mie), [Japan](/wiki/Japan))

### First Sunday (June 5)[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=10)]

* [Armed Forces Day](/wiki/Armed_Forces_Day#Canada) ([Canada](/wiki/Canada))
* [Father's Day](/wiki/Father's_Day) ([Lithuania](/wiki/Lithuania), [Switzerland](/wiki/Switzerland))
* [Mother's Day](/wiki/Mother's_Day) ([France](/wiki/France), only if [Pentecost](/wiki/Pentecost) occurs on the last Sunday in May, when the holiday is typically held.)
* [National Cancer Survivors Day](/wiki/National_Cancer_Survivors_Day) ([United States](/wiki/United_States))
* [Teacher's Day](/wiki/Teacher's_Day) ([Hungary](/wiki/Hungary))
* [The Seamen's Day](/wiki/Public_holidays_in_Iceland) ([Iceland](/wiki/Iceland))

### One Week Before June 12 (June 5-11)[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=11)]

* [Festa Junina](/wiki/Festa_Junina) begins and ends on June 29. ([Brazil](/wiki/Brazil))

### First Monday (June 6)[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=12)]

* [June Holiday (Lá Saoire i mí Mheitheamh)](/wiki/Public_holidays_in_the_Republic_of_Ireland) ([Republic of Ireland](/wiki/Republic_of_Ireland))
* [Queen's Official Birthday](/wiki/Queen's_Official_Birthday) ([New Zealand](/wiki/New_Zealand), [Cook Islands](/wiki/Cook_Islands), [Western Australia](/wiki/Western_Australia))
* [Western Australia Day](/wiki/Western_Australia_Day)

### Second Thursday (June 9)[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=13)]

* [Seersucker Thursday](/wiki/Seersucker_Thursday) ([United States](/wiki/United_States))

### A Saturday (June 11)[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=14)]

* [Queen's Official Birthday](/wiki/Queen's_Official_Birthday) ([United Kingdom](/wiki/United_Kingdom)) (precise week varies)

### Second Saturday (June 11)[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=15)]

* [China's Cultural Heritage Day](/wiki/China's_Cultural_Heritage_Day) ([China](/wiki/China))
* Start of [National Dairy Goat Awareness Week](/wiki/National_Dairy_Goat_Awareness_Week), ending on the third Saturday (2016 date: June 18).
* [National Day](/wiki/National_Day) ([Montserrat](/wiki/Montserrat), [Pitcairn Islands](/wiki/Pitcairn_Islands), [Saint Helena](/wiki/Saint_Helena), [South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands](/wiki/South_Georgia_and_South_Sandwich_Islands), [Tristan da Cunha](/wiki/Tristan_da_Cunha) ([United Kingdom](/wiki/United_Kingdom)))
* [Queen's Official Birthday](/wiki/Queen's_Official_Birthday) ([Tuvalu](/wiki/Tuvalu))

### Second Sunday (June 12)[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=16)]

* [Canadian Rivers Day](/wiki/Canadian_Rivers_Day)
* [Children's Day](/wiki/Children's_Day) ([United States](/wiki/United_States))
* [Father's Day](/wiki/Father's_Day) ([Austria](/wiki/Austria), [Belgium](/wiki/Belgium))
* [Mother's Day](/wiki/Mother's_Day) ([Luxembourg](/wiki/Luxembourg))

### Third Week (June 12-18)[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=17)]

* [Bike Week (Bicycle Week)](/wiki/Bike_Week_(Bicycle_Week)) ([United Kingdom](/wiki/United_Kingdom), [Ireland](/wiki/Ireland))

### Monday before Father's Day in the United States (June 13)[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=18)]

* [International Men's Health Week](/wiki/International_Men's_Health_Week): (Begins on the Monday before Father's Day, ends on [Father's Day (United States)](/wiki/Father's_Day_(United_States)) 2015 dates: June 15–21

### Monday after the second Saturday (June 13)[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=19)]

* [Queen's Official Birthday](/wiki/Queen's_Official_Birthday) ([Norfolk Island](/wiki/Norfolk_Island))

### Second Monday (June 13)[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=20)]

* [Queen's Official Birthday](/wiki/Queen's_Official_Birthday) ([Papua New Guinea](/wiki/Papua_New_Guinea), [Solomon Islands](/wiki/Solomon_Islands), [Australia](/wiki/Australia), with the exception of [Western Australia](/wiki/Western_Australia), which celebrates on the first Monday)

### A Saturday (June 15)[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=21)]

* [Great American Backyard Campout](/wiki/National_Wildlife_Federation#Great_American_Backyard_Campout)[[4]](#cite_note-4)