

JUNE HOLIDAYS AND HOLY DAYS

Holy Day	Description	Impact to Personnel
<p>LITHA, a.k.a., MIDSUMMER EVE (Summer Solstice) [Wicca/Pagan] 21 Jun (Fri)</p>	<p>This is one of the eight major High Days of the Druid and Wiccan calendar. Solstice, Midsummer or Litha means a stopping of the sun. This is a time to celebrate growth and life and to recognize balance in the world and to be aware of the ongoing shifting of the seasons. High Day observances include evening prayer vigils and ritual dances.</p>	<p>Special celebration - Wiccans and Druids (any Neo Pagans) on evening work shifts may request time off for High Day observances.</p>
<p>PENTECOST [Orthodox Christian] 23 Jun (Sun)</p>	<p>Celebrates the day when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and it is traditional for baptisms and confirmations of new Christians.</p>	<p>Special worship - Christians may seek permission to participate in the celebration.</p>
<p>17 of Tammuz [Jewish] 25 Jun (Tue)</p>	<p>Recalls the breaking of the Tablets by Moses after the Sin of the Golden Calf. Also laments the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem during the Roman siege, 69 CE.</p>	<p>Food Restrictions - Observances include lengthy penitential prayers and a daylight hour fast from sunrise to sunset on July 8.</p>
<p>FEAST of SAINTS PETER & PAUL [Catholic Christian] 29 Jun (Sat)</p>	<p>This feast honors the martyrdom of the two great Apostles and for missionary activity.</p>	<p>Food restrictions</p>
<p>ALL SAINTS' DAY [Orthodox Christian] 30 Jun (Sun)</p>	<p>This holy day celebrates the solemnity of All Saints.</p>	<p>Special worship – Orthodox Christians may seek permission to participate in the celebration.</p>

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<p>RAMADAN *start of* [Islam] 9 Jul (Tue)</p>	<p>This is the holiest period of the Islamic Year. During the holy month, Muslims are required to abstain from food, drink — including water — starting from 1.5 hours before sunrise until sunset. Smoking is also prohibited during these hours. The fast begins on 9 Jul.</p>	<p>Work and food restrictions - Daytime fasting is a part of Ramadan, therefore on especially hot days, Muslims may seek permission to reduce or be excused from physical training (including PT Assessments) or limit their time outdoors, duty permitting.</p>
<p>TISHA B'AV [Jewish] 15-16 Jul (Mon-Tue)</p>	<p>This solemn day of fasting commemorates the destruction of Jerusalem. This fast is observed with fasting and mourning from sundown to sundown. Begins at sundown on 25 Jul</p>	<p>Food and work restrictions - Jewish personnel may seek permission to reduce or be excused from physical training (including PT Assessments) or limit their time outdoors.</p>
<p>ASALA PUJA DAY (Dharma Day) [Buddhist] 22 Jul (Mon)</p>	<p>This is one of the most important days of celebration in the Buddhist religion. This is the anniversary of the start of Buddha's teaching his first sermon, "The Wheel of Truth", after his enlightenment. Dharma Day is seen as a chance to express gratitude that the Buddha, and other enlightened teachers, have shared their knowledge with others.</p>	<p>Special celebration - Buddhist personnel may seek permission to participate in services.</p>