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SUMMER IS UPON Us

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Our Mission Statement

The New Heights Educational Group Inc. supports literacy for children and adults by offering a range of educational support services. Such services include assisting families in their selection of schools, organization of educational activities, and acquisition of materials. We promote a healthy learning environment and offer Enrichment programs for families of preschool and school age children, including children with special needs.

New Heights Educational Group, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) educational non-profit organization located in Defiance, Ohio. We provide educational support services beginning 2006 for families in Ohio to bridge the gap from inadequacies in home school, charter school, and public school systems.

"Youth Apprenticeships What Teens Want"

Reviewed by Jeffrey Kidd

"Youth Apprenticeships What Teens Want" by Margaret Bohannon-Kaplan.



"A youth apprenticeship program is a time-release period from school in which a student goes to a work place, and learns by doing. A student... receives hands-on working experience working with a skilled professional." [Kristen Herrmann, Kinsley High School, Kinsley, Kansas]

Today, youth apprenticeships are being created at the high school level. These apprenticeships combine classroom education, and on the job training. These programs help students to clarify their goals, and aspirations. Youth apprenticeships teach not only a trade, but what it means to actually become a responsible adult. These programs also demonstrate to the student the correlation between academics, and the work force. Each student's are categorized in relation to the career that the student has chosen.

Community volunteers canvas the work force to find prospective employers who would be willing to apprentice youth. For example, Wisconsin's Youth Apprenticeship program is a part of a statewide "School-to-Work" initiative. It is designed for high school students who seek on the job training at a work site, along with classroom instruction. The program is a one or two year elective program which combines academic, and technical instruction with mentored on-the-job learning.

In conclusion, teen youth apprenticeship are geared toward: 1) students who don't wish to pursue a college education, and or 2) students who are seeking immediate employment after high school.



PERFORMING ARTS TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE TO OUR PARTICIPATING FAMILIES

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre
IN THE WINGS Arts-In-Education Program
Dress Rehearsal Performance
Thursday, July 24, 2014 @ 7:30 p.m.
Followed by a talk back with cast & crew
Our group may order up to 40 free tickets



DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS has been described as stylish, sexy, irreverent, and "Broadway musical comedy heaven." Frequent Mild Adult Language Based on the popular 1988 film, DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS centers on two con men living on the French Riviera. Lawrence Jameson makes his lavish living by talking rich ladies out of their money. Freddy Benson more humbly swindles women by waking their compassion with fabricated stories about his grandmother's failing health. After meeting, they attempt to work together only to find that this small French town isn't big enough for the two of them. They agree on a settlement: the first one to extract \$50,000 from a young female target, heiress Christine Colgate, wins and the other must leave town. A hilarious battle of cons ensues that will keep audiences laughing, humming and guessing to the end!





Kaden Behan Internet radio host weekly show will be ending soon due to her busy college and life schedule. She will still stay active in NHEG, and remain a radio trainer, and occasional host for "specials". We would like to thank Kaden for her time and efforts in making these shows a success. Kaden was our first host and trainer to the other hosts that started shows after her. **Thank you Kaden!**

Welcome back to Sadia Eijaz Internet Radio Host she will be joining us again this time to offer a biweekly radio show. She will be discussing her favorite books and authors.



Dear NHEG families and volunteers, we need help collecting raffle prizes from area businesses for our Recognition and Graduation Day Event and our open house in Sherwood, if you can help with the collection of these please let us know. We do not have a grant for our Recognition and Graduation Day this year and this will be important fundraiser for us to cover costs of these important ceremonies and the open house.



Summer is around the corner! Time to grab your camera (or smart phone) for HSLDA's annual Photography Contest!

Offering **cash prizes** upwards of \$200, this contest is open to all homeschooled students ages 7-19. We try to choose themes that leave plenty of room for imaginative interpretation, so we invite you to be creative and have fun!

Category 1 (ages 7-10) theme: Interesting Category 2 (ages 11-14) theme: Memorable Category 3 (ages 15-19) theme: Ordinary

Each student is invited to enter up to three photos relating to the theme for their age category.

At <u>hear it from the judges</u>, you can view the judges' comments from previous contests to get a better sense of what to look for or avoid when taking pictures. Also, look at the <u>winning photos</u> from previous years to get an idea of what the judges are looking for!

Guidelines and entry forms can be found on our <u>website</u>, as well as information about our other annual contests, which include art, poetry, and essay writing.

"Why should my children study photography? It's not academic."

"A picture is worth a thousand words." We are reminded of this each time we pick up a newspaper or storybook. A good photograph can capture reality and evoke emotion in a powerful way. One glance at a war-torn countryside or starving community may linger in a person's soul and motivate them to great actions.

Journalistic photography has impacted the world, and a good photographer must learn the art of seeing the opportunities that exist all around and then decide the best way to capture them. Our contest offers students a chance to engage this discipline in a fun way that encourages them to think outside the box. If our children are to positively influence the world around them, a well-trained eye will help them spot both opportunities and exploitations.

Let's train our children to recognize and harness the impact of a well-taken photograph.





And Don't Forget.....

The New Heights Educational Group, Inc. offers multiple contests and award possibilities. These are open to anyone that is a resident of the United States. Please check web site for complete details: http://www.newheightseducation.org/contests.

Currently the following contests are being held:

New Art Contest

Open to Artist interpretation!

Art - Can be a painting or drawing, or other work



Poetry Contest



Photo ContestMust be an original piece!



Songwriter Contest

Open to song writers of all ages must be "family friendly"



You may be invited to share your song with our group!

Essay Contest

Can be on any subject that the student feels is important to them!



Min of 250 words and max 500

Grades to be judged

3-7th grade

8-12th grade

College Students and

Adults



Prizes to be announced

1st Place - Cash Prize

2nd Place - Cash Prize

3rd Place - Cash Prize

College Students and Adults Cash Prize

Pamela Clark HONORED AS BRONZE STEVIE® AWARD WINNER IN 2014 AMERICAN BUSINESS AWARDSSM



Pamela Clark

Defiance, Ohio- June 16, 2014 - For the second year in a row Mrs. Pamela recognize and celebrate such an Clark, Director of the Defiance-based outstanding class of organizations and New Heights Educational Group, has individuals," said Michael Gallagher, Business Awards. On Friday June 13, Awards. "The judges were especially 2014, Mrs. Clark received the Bronze discerning this year. All of this year's Stevie® Award in the **Executive of** Gold, the Year Non-Profit Government tions category.

The American program. business awards non-profit, large and small.

from organizations of all sizes and in Group and Pamela Clark virtually every industry were submitted The New Heights Educational Group, this year for consideration in a wide Inc. promotes literacy for children and range of categories, including Most adults by offering a range Innovative Company of the Year, educational support services. Such ser-Management Team of the Year, Best vices include assisting families in the New Product or Service of the Year, selection of schools, organization of Corporate Social Program of the Year, and Executive of of materials. We promote a healthy the Year, among others.

In response to this achievement, Pamela school-age children, including children Clark said, "This really seems like a with special needs. Learn more about dream! Last year, when I won the Gold the organization at New Heights it was such an honor, but to be recognized by the American Business Awards two years in a row is an amazing feeling. I'm thankful to all the judges and our amazing volunteers and students for all their support."

Stevie Award winners were selected by more than 240 executives worldwide who participated in the judging process this year.

"It's an honor for us to honored by the American president and founder of the Stevie Silver and Bronze Stevie **or** winners should be proud that the Organiza- judges recognized their achievements and their ability to express those Business achievements in a way that captured Awards are the nation's premier the judges' hearts and imaginations." All Details about The American Business organizations operating in the U.S.A. Awards and the lists of Stevie winners are eligible to submit nominations - who were announced on June 13 are public and private, for-profit and available at www.StevieAwards.com/ ABA.

More than 3,300 nominations About New Heights Educational

Responsibility educational activities, and acquisition learning environment and enrichment programs for families of preschool and



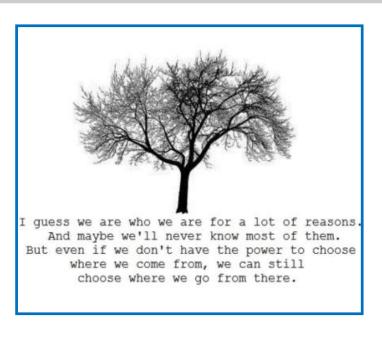
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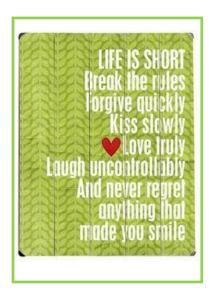


New Heights Educational Group is proud to announce a special guest appeared on our live internet radio

program. Ms. Inge Auerbacher, holocaust survivor and inspirational speaker, shared her story with listeners via a special half hour interview on Saturday June 21, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. with host Kaden Behan and students Sadia Eijaz and Desiree McMillan. If you could not tune in to listen and converse with Ms. Auerbacher, please go to the following link to hear her story:

http://www.newheightseducation.org/new-heights-radio.html





Needed

Tutor/Teachers needed are needed in Defiance and Putnam County any one that would like to volunteer should contact us directly. There are also some paid opportunities. We currently need reading tutors.

Volunteers of the Month

Kaden Behan

Kathy Woodring

Julie Suffel

Phuong X. Nguyen

Samuel Custer

Shannon Williamson

Enjoli Baker

Daniela Silva

Bill Naugle

Vasudha Bist

New Volunteers for the Month

Rahul Dhiman 6/19/14 Software Developer Rita Ray 6/23/14 Book Editor and Proofreader Rivan Stinson 6/24/14 Book Editor and Proofreader



It's not for money, it's not for fame, It's not for any personal gain, It's just for love of fellow man, It's just to give a helping hand.

It's your reward in your heart,
It's a feeling that you've been a part,
of helping others far and near.
That makes you want to
VOLUNTEER

Many thanks for all your help



The Butterfly House in Whitehouse Ohio contacted us and invited us to visit. We could plan multiple trips in one day by visiting some of the great sites in Grand Rapids, Ohio

http://grandrapidsohio.com/Home http://butterfly-house.com/ Anyone interested in these field-trips should contact us directly.







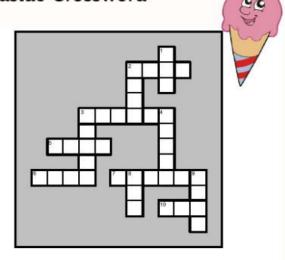




Kids Page



Seaside Crossword

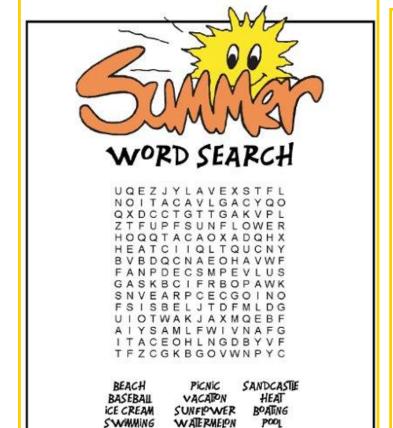


Across

- 2. It may have a sail or
- 3. Perhaps you could collect water in this?
- 5. Watch him scurry down his hole
- 6. They swim in the sea and have scales and fins
- She sells sea on the sea-shore
- 10. I hope this is out for your holiday

- 1, Carry your beach things in this
- 2. A good read!3. The strip of sand along the sea shore
- Dry yourself with this
 Wear one of these to
- keep the sun off your head!
- 9. It feels funny under your toes

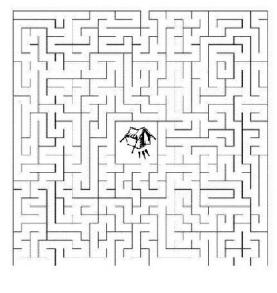
www.ActivityVillage.co.uk - Keeping Kids Busy



CAMP WANNA-HAVE-FUN



Our camper is done roasting marshmallows. Can you help him get back to his tent?



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ON MY MIND

Pamela Clark

JUNE 2014

Pamela's philosophy on tutoring I do not believe students should be tutored just to get through the day's assignments. Why? because it doesn't solve anything. The reason the student needs tutoring is still there. We attempt to assess where the gap in education is and tutor as a means to overcome the gap.



OPEN HOUSE



The new library/office Open House in Sherwood will be held Monday July 28, 2014 from 6 - 8:30 with a second Open Hourse being held on Saturday August 2, 1014 from 1 - 3pm please come and share the time with us. Check out what we will be offering in Sherwood and in Defiance, look over our large assortment of curriculum for all grades and ages from pre-k - college level, leave a suggestion for what you would like to see offered, sign up to volunteer, sign up for a door prize, or join in on our raffle.

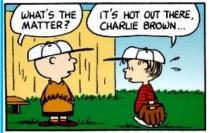
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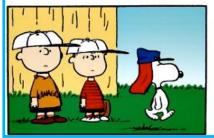




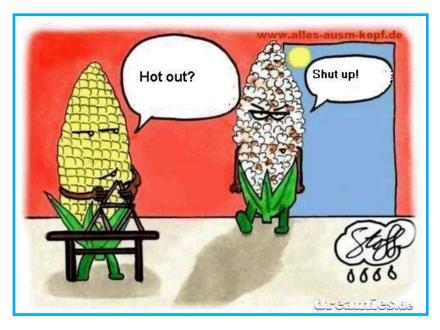








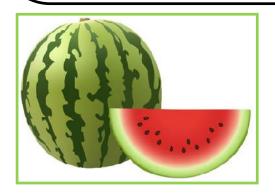




New Radio Host Needed

We have regular internet radio shows to discuss various educational topics and we are looking for a VOLUNTEERs to host a half-hour radio show on common core and a variety of other topics once a week. We would give the necessary training and the volunteer. Host can choose any day of the week, and host does have say on time show airs as long as it doesn't fall during another hosts time slot. This show would keep all listeners up to date on anything to do with common core across the nation. Anyone interested in applying please email us at NewHeightsEducation@yahoo.com or call 419-786-0247 for more info.

You can learn more about us by visiting our website http://www.NewHeightsEducation.org









RECIPE

C O R N E

Chili's Monterey Chicken

By JustaQT on April 14, 2003

• Prep Time: 5 mins

• Total Time: 15 mins

Servings: 1

About This Recipe: "From Copykat.com (http://www.copykat.com)

Ingredients

- 1 boneless skinless chicken breast
- 2 teaspoons barbecue sauce (she recommends Bull's Eye)
- 2 slices crisp bacon (should be very crispy)
- 1/4 cup Monterey jack and cheddar cheese blend

Directions

- 1) Pound chicken breast until it is somewhat flattened, and season with salt and peppe
- 2) Spray Pam in a nonstick skillet, and cook chicken breast until it is done.
- 3) Transfer to a serving plate.
- 4) Top chicken breast with Barbeque sauce, bacon, and cheese.
- 5) Broil chicken breast in the oven, or melt the cheese in a microwave.
- 6) Sprinkle with a small amount of cold chopped tomatoes and chives.

Easy Tiramisu for Two



What You Need

- 12 vanilla wafers, divided
- 2 Tbsp. hot water
- 1 tsp. MAXWELL HOUSE Instant Coffee
- 2 JELL-O Vanilla Pudding Snacks
- 1/4 cup thawed COOL WHIP Whipped Topping
- 1 tsp. Unsweetened cocoa powder

Make It

RESERVE 2 wafers for later use. Coarsely crush remaining wafers; spoon into 2 dessert dishes.

MIX water and coffee; drizzle over wafer crumbs.

TOP with pudding, COOL WHIP and cocoa powder. Garnish with reserved wafers.

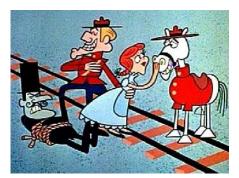


Who is Phuong X. Nguyen



Phuong X. Nguyen is currently an international student at Walnut Grove Christian School, Fort Mill, SC. Before arriving in the United States, he lived in Vietnam with his parents and younger sister, and did his 10th grade with the highest average grade in his class. At Walnut Grove Christian School, he got an 80/80 in Math in this year's PSAT and 800/800 in most of the practical SAT tests. He is now in grade 11th and hoping to get a college scholarship. Phuong is a volunteer math tutor with New Heights Educational Group. He loves to help needed students with his best competence. I am looking forward to working as a volunteer math tutor in these areas: Geometry, Algebra I and II, Pre-calculus. He would also like to help with Physics and Chemistry.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

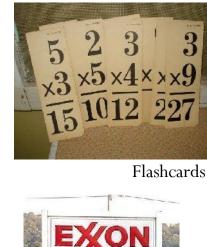


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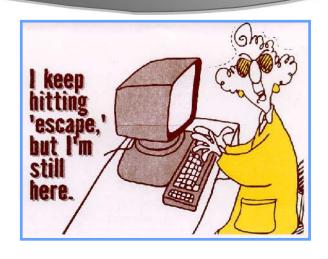


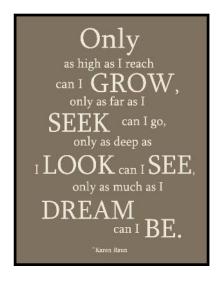




2014 Graduation and Recognition Day

NHEG Recognition Day/Graduation Day will be held on July 26, 2014 tentatively from 3 - 5:30 pm in Defiance, Ohio. Location will be announced soon. We need volunteers for this event if you can help please contact us soon. Please check our site often for updates on the time and location of this event.







Whether you school year 'round or take a break during the summer months, June, July, and August are the ideal time to jazz up your homeschooling with a bit of extra fun. Warm weather, sunshine, and summer breaks from regular-year activities all make the middle of the year perfect for a little excitement! Camps and swimming are pretty par-for-the-course for many families, but there are just so many things that homeschoolers can do to get the most out of summer and make some wonderful memories. Here are 20 fun ideas to get you started:

Create your own slip-n-slide. For instructions on how to construct an especially hard-core fun slip-n-slide, check out Digital Misery.com.

Attend a free woodworking workshop. Go to <u>Lowe's Build and Grow</u> or <u>homedepot.com</u> for information on upcoming workshops.

Make your own freezer pops. Check out A Month of Ice Pops.

Participate in your local library's summer programs. Most local libraries offer a variety of summer activities and reading programs. These can be everything from magician shows to sewing clinics to reading for pizza coupons.

See a movie for less. Many theatres, such as Regal Entertainment Group and Carmike Cinemas, offer summer movie programs for kids where admission can be as little as \$1 on the particular days of the program

Create a lemonade stand. A lemonade stand is a great way to teach kids entrepreneurship while keeping neighbors cool during the heat of the summer months! Have kids design a lemonade stand, make the lemonade, and conduct the business transactions themselves. Let them use their profits to purchase something of their choice.

Visit a local arboretum or botanical garden. To find local gardens, visit bhq.org or Lawn & Garden Search.

Make homemade ice cream. For some simple and traditional ice cream recipes, check out <u>ice-cream-recipes.com</u>, or for some more high-fallutin' options, visit <u>My</u> Recipes, Taste of Home, or Southern Living.

Go bowling for free. Visit kidsbowlfree.com for more information and to find the location of participating bowling centers in your area.

Create an outdoor art studio. So why not create an art studio outdoors? An old bed sheet and some homemade paint in spray bottles can create loads of fun with minimal mess! Check out Family Fun for more information.

Take the kids to VBS. Summertime is the time for Vacation Bible School! Many local churches host VBS during the summer months, with a combination of recreation activities, crafts, singing, and Bible stories. VBS is a great way for kids to get a camp-type experience for free, without actually spending the night anywhere.

Go on a free field trip. There are just so many wonderful free things to do in your own community! Visit <u>free-attractions.com</u>, put in your home state, and check out all of the no-cost options at your fingertips!

Catch lightning bugs. Are they lightning bugs or fireflies? Whatever you call them, this time-honored tradition is a "must" for every child. Once you've caught them (or even before you do), bring the kids inside and check out firefly.com for information on the bugs, or investigate How Stuff Works to find out how they light up.

Pick your own summer produce. Check out Pick Your Own to find a list of farms and orchards in your area where you can pick local produce.

Create some fun shapes with watermelon. Check out watermelon.org for lots of creative carving ideas!

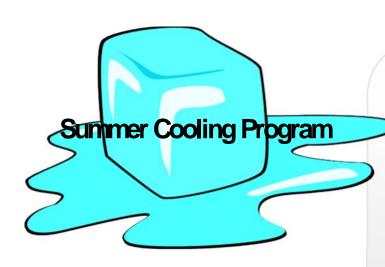
Attend a festival. Visit festivals.com for a list of upcoming festival events in your area.

Build a special hideaway or fort. Kids love to create their own forts - Check out Chocolate Cake Moments for lots of great ideas!

Camp in your backyard. Set up a tent for the family in the yard, cook out on the grill, and make camping easy and fun! Read books by flashlight & tell some ghost stories: Visit American Folklore for some campfire story inspiration!

Attend a craft clinic. Craft stores such as Michael's, Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores, AC Moore, and Hobby Lobby offer a variety of crafting workshops and tutorials for kids.

Check out some yard sales. Teach kids how to find great deals by hitting the local summer yard and garage sales! Give kids a small amount of money for them to purchase a few treasures of their own, and show the kids how to transform the "great finds" into useful items for the home.



July 1 - Aug 31, 2014
Summer Cooling Program
will provide Monetary
assistance for cooling bills
or window air conditioners.
These will be available to
families who qualify. Contact
Becky at Defiance NOCAC



Annual Blue Grass Festival
with Steve Scott
at the Oakwood Opry Barn
August 21, 2014
at
9461 State Route 66
Oakwood, Ohio 45875
from 7:00pm - 11:00pm



Are you willing to host an exchange student(s)?

If you are interested please contact

Wyntra Jones at her email

sumtap@yahoo.com





Scholastic Summer Reading ChallengeTM



SUN SAFETY TIPS

Sun exposure is the most preventable risk factor for all skin cancers, including melanoma. You can have fun in the sun and decrease your risk of skin cancer.

Here's how to be smart when playing in the sun:

Generously apply sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 15 that provides broad-spectrum protection from both ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) rays to all exposed skin. Re-apply every two hours, even on cloudy days, and after swimming or sweating.

Wear protective clothing, such as a long-sleeved shirt, pants, a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses, where possible.

Seek shade when appropriate, remembering that the sun's rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. If your shadow is shorter than you are, seek shade.

Protect children from sun exposure by playing in the shade, using protective clothing and applying sunscreen.

Use extra caution near water, snow and sand as they reflect the damaging rays of the sun, which can increase your chance of sunburn.

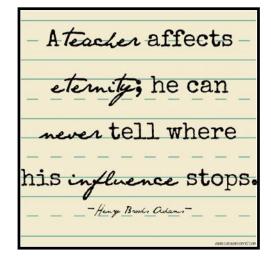
Get vitamin D safely through a healthy diet that may include vitamin supplements.

Don't seek the sun. Avoid tanning beds. Ultraviolet light from the sun and tanning beds can cause skin cancer and wrinkling. If you want to look like you've been in the sun, consider using a sunless self-tanning product, but continue to use sunscreen with it.

Check your birthday suit on your birthday. If you notice anything changing, growing or bleeding on your skin, see a dermatologist. Skin cancer is very treatable when caught early.

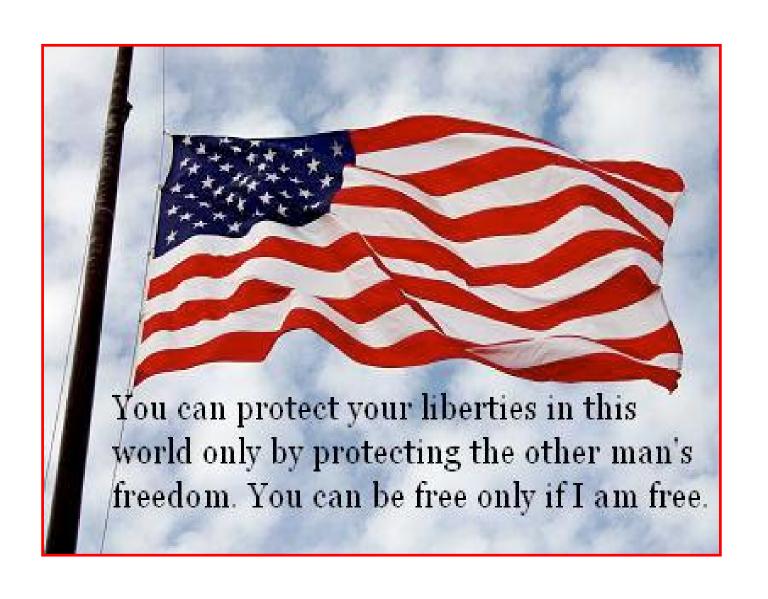
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Be the change you wish to see in the world.









Remember the ideals of liberty and have a joyful American Independence Day