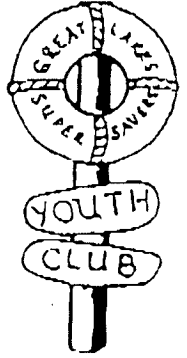


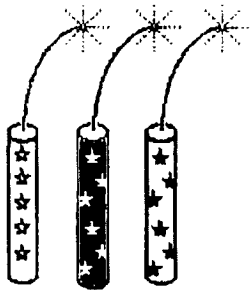


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Happy 4th of July!

Most people in the United States celebrate the 4th of July, but do you know why it's so important? Imagine how you would feel if a stranger told you how to live and kept taking more money from you all the time. That's how the colonists felt in the years leading up to 1776. England kept trying to make the colonists follow more rules and pay more taxes. People were getting mad so they started making plans to make their own rules. They didn't want England to rule them anymore so they told them they were becoming an independent country. (Independent means taking care of yourself, making your own rules, and providing for your own needs.) Many Americans got together and signed a document that was later called the "Declaration of Independence". This document is more than just a piece of paper; it's a symbol of our country's independence and our commitment to certain ideas. Unfortunately, it wasn't as easy as giving England a piece of paper. England didn't want to lose our money. We had to fight for our freedom and the day we won the fight (war) was the 4th of July! That is why we celebrate the 4th of July!!! (Portions taken from kidsdomain.)



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