

## **Labor Day**

Labor Day is an annual holiday celebrated all over the world that resulted from efforts of the labour union movement, to celebrate the economic and social achievements of workers. The majority of countries celebrate Labour Day on May 1, and it is popularly known as May Day and International Workers' Day.

Labor Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the first Monday in September. The holiday started in 1882 and devoted to celebrate "a day off for the working citizens." Labor Day is held in honor of working people in all the states and territories, including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The day was originally established in 1882 by Peter J. McGuire, the founder of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of New York. He proposed a "labor day" to be set as the first Monday in September, because it fell midway between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving Day. As a celebration of workers of New York held a large parade and a festival.

This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Political speeches were introduced later, as more stress was given to the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Today, Labor Day is known as a day of rest and parades. Political demonstrations are more low-key than May 1 Labor Day celebrations in most countries, although labor organizations' events are still of importance in election years.

The holiday celebration in America includes parades, fireworks displays, water sports, and other fun events. Families see this as the last summer holiday, and a chance to relax before the responsibilities of autumn begin. Schools generally begin after it as the last weekend in September before returning to school. However, of late schools have begun before Labor Day, as early as July 24th in many urban districts, including major southern cities in the United States such as Atlanta, Miami, and Los Angeles. In addition, Labor Day marks the beginning of the season for the National Football League and NCAA College Football. The NCAA usually plays their first games the week before Labor Day, with the NFL traditionally playing their first game the Thursday following Labor Day.

**Mark if it is true (T) or false (F), if false explain why:**

1. Labor Day is celebrated on May 1 in USA. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Labor Day is not celebrated in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Peter J. McGuire established the holiday. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Labor Day falls midway between Thanksgiving Day and Halloween. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Political demonstrations are usually held on May 1. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Street parade is a part of a Labor Day. \_\_\_\_\_
7. People like to travel on Labor Day. \_\_\_\_\_
8. For young adults it's a first day returning to the school. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Labor Day symbolizes the beginning of Football game. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The Labor Day was originally established in 1882. \_\_\_\_\_