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# What You Need to Know About Father's Day



When: 3rd Sunday in June

Who came up with the idea of Father's Day? Her name was Sonora Louise Smart Dodd and she lived in Spokane, Washington. Sonora was the oldest of six children raised by their father, William Jackson Smart, when their mother died during child-birth. Sonora honored and revered her father, and while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909, she determined there should also be a day to honor fathers. Sonora gained local support and made her dream a reality one year later within her own city of Spokane, Washington. Sonora married John Bruce Dodd. She died March 22, 1978, several years after Father's Day became a permanent national observance.

In 1910 Sonora chose June 19th as the day to celebrate Father's Day because that was her father's birthday. With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane on June 19, 1910.

In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. In 1966 President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring that the third Sunday of June as Father's Day. Finally, in 1972 President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday in June.

Father's Day is celebrated in every part of the world. In the United States, Canada and most countries in Asia, Father's Day is celebrated on the third Sunday in June.

Why did Sonora want a day for fathers? \_\_\_\_\_

When was Father's Day made a permanent national holiday? \_\_\_\_\_

How will you show love for your father this Father's Day? \_\_\_\_\_

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