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## PACK A PICNIC LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Whether you're basking in the sun at the beach, lounging in a park, or exploring a scenic trail, these delicious and easy-to-prepare recipes can turn any outing into a memorable adventure. Gather your loved ones or enjoy some peaceful solitude with these delightful picnic dishes!

### MEDITERRANEAN PASTA

- 12 oz pasta (rotini or penne)
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 cucumber, diced
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped
- 1/2 cup Kalamata olives- pitted, halved
- 1/2 cup feta cheese, crumbled
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- Salt and pepper to taste



Cook pasta according to package instructions. Drain and let cool. In a large bowl, combine the cooled pasta, cherry tomatoes, cucumber, red onion, olives, feta cheese, and parsley. In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, red wine vinegar, oregano, salt, and pepper. Pour dressing over the pasta salad, toss to combine. Chill in refrigerator at least 1 hr before serving.

### LEMON MINT ICED TEA

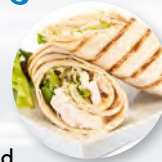
- 8 cups water
- 6 black tea bags
- 1 cup fresh mint leaves
- 1/2 cup honey or sugar
- 1 cup fresh squeezed lemon juice (about 4-5 lemons)



Boil water then remove from heat. Add tea and mint leaves, steep for 10 min, Remove tea bags and mint leaves. Stir in honey or sugar. Let the tea cool to room temp. Add lemon juice. Chill 2 hours. Serve over ice, garnish with lemon slices and mint leaves.

### CHICKEN CAESAR WRAPS

- 2 cups cooked chicken breast, diced
- 1/2 cup Caesar dressing
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan
- 2 cups romaine lettuce, chopped
- 4 large tortillas or wraps



In large bowl, combine cooked chicken, Caesar dressing, Parmesan cheese, and chopped romaine lettuce. Lay out the tortillas and divide the chicken mixture evenly among them. Roll up each tortilla tightly and wrap in foil or plastic wrap for easy transport. Keep chilled until ready to serve.

### CAPRESE SKEWERS

- 1 pint cherry tomatoes
- 8 oz fresh mozzarella balls
- Fresh basil leaves
- Balsamic glaze
- Salt and pepper



Thread cherry tomatoes, mozzarella balls, and basil leaves onto skewers. Be sure to alternate ingredients. Drizzle with balsamic glaze. Add salt and pepper. Serve chilled or room temperature.

Don't forget the sunscreen and extra water as you venture out! We hope you embrace the fresh air, savor the flavors, and create some wonderful memories.

Happy Picnicking!

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# EXPLORE

## The World

FROM YOUR LIVING ROOM

Dreaming of traveling the world but find finances or physical limitations holding you back? Perhaps you want to plan a trip but don't know where to start? The rise of virtual tours and online experiences means you can now explore the wonders of the world from the comfort of your own home. Here are some fantastic virtual travel opportunities that will take you on a journey around the globe, no passport required!



### The Louvre, Paris

Discover the world's most famous art museum without the crowds. The Louvre offers virtual tours of its stunning galleries, including the Egyptian Antiquities, the Galerie d'Apollon, and the iconic paintings in the museum's collection. Marvel at the masterpieces and learn about their histories with detailed descriptions available online.

Explore here: Louvre Virtual Tours - <https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>

### The Great Wall of China

Take a virtual walk along the Great Wall of China and witness the incredible architecture and scenic landscapes. This interactive experience allows you to explore different sections of the wall, with panoramic views and informative guides to enhance your virtual journey.

Explore here: The Great Wall of China Virtual Tour - <https://www.thechinaguide.com/virtual-tours>

### Machu Picchu, Peru

Journey to the ancient Incan city of Machu Picchu with a virtual tour that lets you explore the breathtaking ruins set high in the Andes Mountains. Enjoy 360-degree views and learn about the site's history and significance from expert guides.

Explore here: Machu Picchu Virtual Tour - <https://www.youvisit.com/tour/machupicchu>

### The Vatican Museums, Vatican City

Visit the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel from home with their comprehensive virtual tours. Admire Michelangelo's masterpieces, explore the Raphael Rooms, and delve into the extensive art collections that span centuries.

Explore here: Vatican Museums Virtual Tour - <https://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en/collezioni/musei/tour-virtuali-elenco.html>

### The Great Barrier Reef, Australia

Dive into the vibrant underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef with a virtual tour that showcases its diverse marine life and coral formations. Experience the reef through stunning videos and interactive maps that highlight its ecological importance and beauty.

Explore here: Great Barrier Reef Virtual Tour - <https://attenboroughsreef.com/>



#### Tips for Enhancing Your Virtual Travel Experience:

- Use a large screen to view and headphones for any audio to fully immerse yourself.
- Take notes, jot down interesting facts and places you'd like to visit in person.
- Invite friends or family, share the experience and discuss favorite parts.

# EXPLORE *Community Events*

Curious about the community events near you? Whether away from home or wanting to explore the events around your travel destinations, try out this search and see what results appear for you!

Go to the Google.com search engine. Ensure your location is on! Type in "2024 Summer Events Near Me" and see what the local area has to explore.



## The Benefits of Online Bill Pay

In today's fast-paced world, managing finances efficiently is more important than ever. One tool that has revolutionized the way we handle payments is online bill pay. With numerous advantages, from convenience to enhanced security, here's a look at why bill pay could be the perfect solution for managing your bills.

### PAYMENT CONVENIENCE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

#### Time-Saving Efficiency:

Our Bill Pay service allows you to schedule payments to be made automatically, so you never have to worry about missing a due date. This can be a major time-saver, it eliminates the need to write checks, purchase stamps, or visit multiple websites to pay bills.

#### Streamlined Bill Management:

You can manage all your bills from a single platform, making it easy to keep track of what's due and when, reducing the risk of late payments. Bills with consistent amounts can be set to send on a regular basis. Set up reminders and alerts to keep you informed of other bills as their due dates approach!



To get started, simply log into online banking and select Bill Pay from the top tab. We'll walk you through the rest the first time you access the platform. If you would like additional help, contact your local branch!

#### Enhanced Security:

Using bill pay can help reduce the risk of identity theft and fraud. Traditional paper bills and checks can be intercepted or stolen. Online transactions are well protected with multiple layers of security, including encryption and secure logins. You control exactly when payments are made, which can help protect you against unauthorized activity.

#### Detailed Records:

Bill Pay provides electronic records of all your transactions, making budgeting and financial planning a breeze, as you can easily review past payments and track spending habits. Plus, with electronic storage, less paper piles up at home!

For a step-by-step guide, visit our educational video at:  
<https://www.oectours.com/mobile/?b=1019&c=16182>

\*Message and data rates may apply to Bill Pay

# Summer 2024

## YOUR LOCAL VIP EVENTS



### Fulda VIP Anniversary Party

Join the Fulda Branch as they celebrate:

Date: Wed. August 21st  
Sign-up Deadline: Fri. Aug. 16th  
Begins at 5:00 p.m. at the Fulda Senior Dining Center.

No Cost!  
Meat and drinks provided, please bring a dish to share.

RSVP by calling Sonda Kass at 507-425-2575

### Fulda, Slayton & Lakefield Mystery Trip

While destination may be a mystery, we can tell you: all meals, transportation, & entertainment are included with your ticket.

The other thing we can tell you: **You won't want to miss it.**

Reserve your ticket by Monday, August 12th.  
Members: \$156 | Non-Members: \$172.

For more information or to RSVP, Contact:  
Slayton, Staci Birt: 507-836-8587  
Fulda, Sonda Kass: 507-425-2575  
Lakefield, Mary Hage: 507-662-5281

# MYSTERY TRIP

Destination:  
**CLASSIFIED**

DATE:  
Thursday,  
Aug 22



### Classic Car Museum and The Grotto

Wednesday, July 31 | Sign-Up Deadline: Wednesday, July 24  
\$110 Members, \$121 Non-Members  
Meals, Admission and Transportation Included

Join the Fulda, Slayton and Lakefield branches to marvel at the Grotto of the Redemption. After, you'll venture back into time, starting in the 60's with a grand collection of restored classic cars along a 1960's Main Street replica.

For more information or to RSVP, Contact:  
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