



THANKSGIVING FUN

As families and friends gather for Thanksgiving celebrations, many traditions and activities can be shared and enjoyed. Read below to learn more:

Have some butcher paper available and let your guests draw a festive image of a Thanksgiving Turkey for their own personalized placement.

Have a pie bake off and see what type of pie is the most popular with your guests.

While waiting for the Thanksgiving meal, play your own flag football game, winner gets an extra slice pie.

Have your guests write on a displayed whiteboard or poster board, what they are thankful for this year.

Create memories to last a lifetime.



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FUN FACTS¹

1. U.S. Farmers produce about 735 million pounds of cranberries. The top producers are Wisconsin and Massachusetts. (2012 year of production)
2. The U.S. will also grow 2.7 billion of sweet potatoes—many in North Carolina, Mississippi, California, and Louisiana—and will produce more than 1.1 billion pounds of pumpkins.
3. Each year at least two lucky turkeys avoid the dinner table, thanks to a presidential pardon—a longstanding Washington tradition of uncertain origin.
4. Instead of the American Bald Eagle, Ben Franklin advocated for the Turkey to be the national bird.
5. According to the Huntington Post, the most popular Thanksgiving pie flavors are:

Pie Type	Percentage of Survey
Pumpkin	39%
Pecan	20%
Apple	26%
Other	9%
Chocolate Pecan	6%

¹ National Geographic, *Thanksgiving 2010 Myths and Facts-html-*
<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news.2010/11/101121> (accessed November 11, 2014).