



# Labor Day

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For many people Labor Day means the end of summer and a day off from work and school, but it means much more than that! Labor Day celebrates American workers and the changes they made in the work environment.

Labor Day is always on the first Monday of September the holiday started in 1882 when people started speaking up about bad work conditions. Many workers had to work 10-12 hours a day, 7 days a week with very little pay. Before Labor Day there were also many children who were working at a young age and in dangerous factories. The employees wanted their employers to make sure that they were treated fairly and being appreciated for their work.

The first Labor Day was celebrated with fireworks and parades and tons of people coming together to celebrate their hard works and the changes they made. Now, workers spend the day with their family and friends relaxing. People like to cookout and enjoy the last day of summer outdoors while the weather is still nice! How do you celebrate Labor Day?