

# Joyful Journal

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"I am so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.

— L.M. Montgomery



### October - one of my favorite





I have always loved fall. I love fall sports I love the changing of the seasons (yes, we do get that here in California) and I love spending time with my kiddos. This is us attending a home football game.





The field hockey season is keeping us busy with games every week. It is so fun to watch the girls play. Sam started with the JV team and was asked to move up to Varsity. A dream of mine was to see my girls play on the same team at some point in their high school career. Proud mom



### October is Breast Cancer awareness month



October can feel different for each of us — some wear pink to celebrate, some quietly observe the month, some feel grief, and some feel unseen or misunderstood.

Breast cancer awareness month is an international campaign that is recognized in October. The goal is to promote screening and prevention of the disease, which affects one in eight women in the United States every year and 2.3 million women worldwide. Known best for its pink theme color, the month features several campaigns and programs aimed at:

- supporting people diagnosed with breast cancer, including metastatic breast cancer
- educating people about breast cancer risk factors
- stressing the importance of regular screening, starting at age 40 or an age that's appropriate for your personal breast cancer risk
- fundraising for breast cancer research

## "A year from now you may wish you had started today"

- Karen Lamb

### Breast cancer risk factors

Just being a woman and growing older are the two biggest risk factors for breast cancer. Those factors are difficult to change, but you can change other risk factors, such as smoking, drinking alcohol, and not exercising regularly.

**Breast cancer screening** Regular breast self-exams, an annual exam by your doctor, and yearly mammograms are important tools in breast cancer detection — especially early detection, when cancers may be more treatable.

This information is provided by Breastcancer.org - learn more to support yourself, a loved one or a friend



### Do you Know your FL State Facts?

- 1. With 1,197 statue miles, Florida has the longest coastline in the contiguous United States, with 825 miles of accessible beaches to enjoy.
- 2. Florida Everglades, containing 1.5 million acres of sawgrass, marshes, mangrove forests, hardwood

hammocks and wetlands, is the largest subtropical wilderness in the United States

- Between Sugarloaf Key and Big Pine Key en route to Key West, you'll pass a habitat for the elusive Key deer, the smallest deer in North America.
- 4. Florida produces more than 70% of the nation's oranges and ranks #1 for tomatoes, grapefruit, sugar cane, snap peas, cucumbers, and oranges.
- 5. The world's first scheduled passenger airline service operated between St. Petersburg and Tampa, starting Jan. 1, 1914
- 6. It's claimed that the first sunblock was invented
  - in Miami Beach, in 1944, by pharmacist Benjamin Green. Called Red Vet Pet (it was a red gel) it was used to protect American GIs from the sun in World War II. He later added cocoa butter to develop what eventually became suntan lotion.
- 7. Jacksonville, in square miles, is the largest city in the contiguous United States.
- 8. NASA's first communication satellite Echo 1 was launched from Cape Canaveral on Aug. 12, 1960.
- 9. Can I help you with your financing in the Sunshine state?





### This happened in October



On October 1, 1890, an act of Congress creates Yosemite National Park, home of such natural wonders as Half Dome and the giant sequoia trees. Environmental trailblazer John Muir (1838-1914) and his colleagues campaigned for the congressional action, which was signed into law by President Benjamin Harrison and paved the way for

generations of hikers, campers and nature lovers, along with countless "Don't Feed the Bears" signs. Native Americans were the main residents of the Yosemite Valley, located in California's Sierra Nevada mountain range, until the 1849 gold rush brought thousands of non-Indigenous miners and settlers to the region. Tourists and damage to Yosemite

"If you truly love nature, you will find beauty everywhere"

— Vincent Van Gogh

Valley's ecosystem followed. In 1864, to ward off further commercial exploitation, conservationists convinced President Abraham Lincoln to declare Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of giant sequoias a public trust of California. This marked the first time the U.S. government protected land for public enjoyment, and it laid the foundation for the establishment of the national and state park systems.

www.history.com To read more about this or other exciting history!





### Enjoy the Season



# 30 things to do this Fall

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- 1. take a walk
- visit a fair or festival
- make fall crafts
- 4. decorate the yard
- 5 visit a farm
- 6. carve pumpkins
- 7. take a hayride
- 8. cookout with friends
- 9. make s'mores
- 10. camp out
- 11. walk a corn maze
- 12. go to a football game
- 13. help a neighbor rake leaves
- 14. jump in the leaves
- 15. collect leaves & ninecones

- enjoy hot cocoa & apple cider
- 17. make an apple pie
- 18. roast pumpkin seeds
- 19. buy a new sweater or hoodie
- 20. take fun family photos outside
- 21. light up the fall scented candles & tarts
- 22. plant a fall/winter garden
- 23. make a peanut butter squirrel/bird feeder
- 24. watch a seasonal movie
- 25. start making homemade Christmas gifts
- 26. go on a scavenger hunt
- 27. take a drive to look at the changing leaves
- 28 roast marshmallows outside
- 29. read books outside
- 30. tell scarv stories





### Relax and Enjoy this life







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