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*White House Easter Egg Roll* 2006



# Welcome to the White House Easter Egg Roll

Welcome to the 2006 Easter Egg Roll!  
This delightful springtime celebration has  
been a tradition at the White House for  
more than 100 years, and we are happy that  
you have come to be part of it.

As you explore the lovely White House grounds, you'll find plenty to see  
and do. You might even meet characters from some of your favorite books!

In addition to the traditional egg roll, this year's festivities include lots of  
surprises and fun activities. Jack Hanna will be on hand to introduce you  
to some live animals, and magicians will entertain on one of the stages.  
You can listen to music, decorate an egg, have your face painted, create  
some art, or enjoy my favorite part of  
the day—the story readings.

President Bush and I hope you have a  
great time today and collect wonderful  
memories at the White House!

*Laura Bush*



# History of the White House Easter Egg Roll



Young Tad Lincoln, son of President Abraham Lincoln, hosted the first documented informal egg-rolling parties. But the honor of establishing the tradition we know today as the White House Easter Egg Roll falls to President Rutherford B. Hayes and his wife, Lucy.

In the post-Civil War era, the Capitol was the center of Washington. Press accounts in 1872 noted that egg-rolling activities were occurring on the grounds surrounding the renovated Capitol building. Neighborhood children found the Capitol's steep, grassy terraces a perfect place to play. Sitting on these terraces and eating their lunches, the children discovered that hard-boiled eggs would roll down the hillside. When Easter Mondays came, children flocked to the Capitol grounds to enjoy a day of play, bringing their dyed Easter eggs with them.

As crowds increased through the years, egg-rolling activities reportedly became more than a little rowdy and messy. In 1876 some Congressmen, tired of the torn-up grounds and slipping and sliding on the remains of boiled eggs, proposed and successfully passed an Act of Congress that said no part of the Capitol grounds could be used as a playground.

The announcement of the new rule was postponed in 1877, when a rainy Easter Monday kept egg rollers indoors. But in 1878, a public notice of the Congressional decision appeared in the press a few days before Easter Monday and informed the egg rollers the new law would be enforced. In response, according to a New York newspaper, a number of young boys approached a strolling President Hayes and asked for permission to use his back yard to roll eggs. Without promising, Hayes, experiencing his first presidential Easter, returned to the White House and made inquiries. Upon hearing the story, he directed that any children approaching the grounds on Easter Monday be allowed to enter.

On Easter Monday, the first children to venture onto the South Lawn found no one to turn them away and settled into their egg-rolling games. Word spread, and soon the grounds were bustling with children. So successful was the day that the following year the children did not ask but merely showed up and began to play. The White House Easter Egg Roll continued to grow. By 1889 there were more than 8,000 children on the lawn for the event, which included the playing of games such as "Egg Picking," "Egg Ball," "Toss and Catch," and "Egg Croquet."

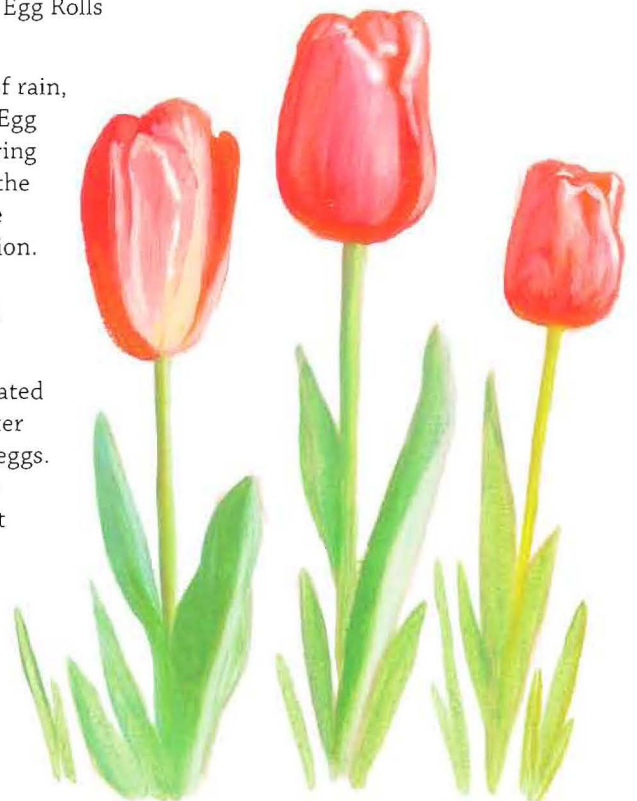
The famous and the future famous have joined in the fun, including the wife and children of Alexander Graham Bell and the children of President Theodore Roosevelt. Charles Lindbergh attended in 1913 as the son of a Congressman, and, in 1927, was welcomed back to the White House by President Coolidge after becoming the first person to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. Also attending in 1927 was a young egg roller destined to become First Lady Nancy Reagan, who would later host her own Easter Egg Rolls from 1981-1988.

Occasionally cancelled because of rain, the annual White House Easter Egg Roll was temporarily stopped during World War I, World War II, and the refurbishing of the White House during the Truman Administration. In those times the egg-rolling tradition shifted to the National Mall and back to the Capitol.

First Lady Pat Nixon's staff initiated the first—and last—formal Easter egg hunt using real hard-boiled eggs. Only days later were all the eggs found, having emitted a pungent odor that could be detected by anyone near or far. By 1974 the most famous of Easter Monday activities—the organized egg-rolling race—was introduced. Wielding

stainless steel serving spoons from the White House kitchen, youngsters lined up eight across and, at the whistle, raced down the marked lanes rolling, pushing, and occasionally launching colored hard-boiled eggs (prepared by the White House chefs) into the air on their way to the finish line.

Now each year, thousands of children eagerly await the chance to participate in the White House Easter Egg Roll, the largest public event held at the White House. They enjoy music played by nationally known children's entertainers, hear stories read by the authors of favorite children's books and other celebrities, have photos taken with popular costumed characters, and use their imagination to decorate their own Easter eggs. While the turn-of-the-century games have been replaced by newer activities, rolling a hard-boiled egg across the White House grass is still an annual highlight.





# Activities

## The Easter Egg Roll

For children ages eight and under. Use a big spoon to roll a colored real egg across the White House lawn. A Washington tradition for more than 125 years.

## Be An Easter Artist

For children of all ages. Color your own wearable bunny ears and your favorite Easter animals.

## Great Eggspressions

For children of all ages. Color and decorate your own egg. Decorating kits and eggs

are supplied for you to create your own "Eggspression."

## Breakfast on the Ellipse

Complimentary egg wraps, juice, fruit, fruit cups, and many other treats along with entertainment, including: All for KIDZ, Buck Howdy, Ernie & Neal, magic acts, and TWO: High Energy Juggling.

## Photo with a Character

Use your camera to capture White House Easter Egg Roll memories by posing with family members or a favorite character at several Photo Opportunity sites on the South Lawn. (Cameras and film are not provided).

## Bunny Trail

For children ten and under. Enjoy participating in this fun obstacle course.

## Egg Hunt

For children five and under. A Springtime tradition! Join in a traditional Easter egg hunt.

## Face Painting

For children of all ages. Have your face decorated by local artists.

# Entertainment

## Stage Performers

### All for KIDZ

Arne Dixon and his team of world-class yo-yo professionals perform an interactive show featuring more than thirty outstanding yo-yo tricks. Their NED Show teaches three essential characteristics for becoming a champion in school and in life: **N**ever Give Up, **E**ncourage Others and **D**o Your Best.

### Barbara Bailey Hutchison

This Grammy Award winner for "Best Musical Recording For Children" is high energy FUN with every song inviting willing participation. Barbara captivates all ages with her powerful voice, skillful guitar work, and animated stage presence. She was voted "Best Acoustic Act" and "Best Music Act" by colleges nationwide and recently returned from performing in Thailand. She's educational, fun, funny, and highly entertaining.

### American Girl Theater: Bitty Bear's Matinee

The Family Tree is a new audience participation family theater production. Performed at American Girl Place in Chicago and New York, Bitty Bear's Matinee celebrates the virtues of family and friendship while teaching age-appropriate skills such as sharing and working together. Based on the Bitty Bear books in American Girl's popular Bitty Baby doll line, the live musical performance is done in story-theater style, featuring three of the lovable Bitty Bunch characters: Bitty Bear, Bitty Puppy, and Bitty Kitty.



### Aly & AJ

Aly & AJ have been performing together for almost a decade. The sisters are singers and are also proficient on keyboards and guitar. They have distilled the musical influences of Sting, Seal, Heart, John Mayer and others into their original songs that dwell on life lessons and emotions. **Alyson** co-stars in the hit Disney Channel series, *Phil of the Future*, portraying Keely Teslow. Aly has recorded the song "Protecting Me," written by **AJ**, who has been seen regularly over the past two seasons on the CBS drama *The Guardian*, playing Dabney Coleman's foster daughter.

### Buck Howdy

The king of kids' cowboy music with rootin' tootin' tunes for children of all ages. He also hosts his own nationally syndicated radio show, *Cow Pie Radio*, and stars in a new kids' TV series, the *Buck Howdy Show*, from Sony Pictures Television.

### Ernie & Neal

Ernie & Neal are a dynamic musical duo from the Philadelphia area, specializing in what they call "Music for the Young Mind." With four CD releases of completely original material, regular radio and satellite radio appearances, and more than a decade of experience and passion for theatrical performance, Ernie & Neal deliver a non-stop, energizing celebration. Their lively act encourages children to participate by dancing, singing and acting out various songs as they explore many different genres of music such as folk, bluegrass, reggae, jazz, and rock.

### Flumpa and Friends LIVE!

Science rocks with Flumpa the tree frog and Wendy Whitten—"The Singing Scientist." Charged with energy and fun, this fast-paced interactive musical science show will blast off at the speed of sound delivering a unique blend of music with a twist of science for a captivating exploration of our world. This engaging group has performed at more than 3,000 events and schools nationwide to more than 2,000,000 people since 1995 and has won 17 national awards including several Dr. Toy and iParenting awards.

### Footnotes Jump Rope Team

The Footnotes Jump Rope Team, from San Antonio, TX, is a precision rope skipping team of boys and girls in grades one through twelve. These athletes perform a variety of complicated jump rope skills choreographed to music, utilizing individual ropes, double dutch and long ropes. The team travels near and far to promote the sport of jump rope as a superb tool for physical fitness. The Footnotes have performed in thirty-six states and fourteen countries.

### Jim Cosgrove & The Hiccups featuring Bop Bop Dinosaur

As a two-time Parents' Choice Award Winner, Jim Cosgrove has been described as "The most intriguing kids entertainer out there right now." With his soothing voice, an acoustic guitar and a box full of instruments, he has entertained tens of thousands of kids throughout the United States and Europe. The high-energy performances are interactive with an opportunity for kids to play along in an impromptu "jam" session.

## PBS Children's Programs

**Arthur** is an animated series that airs daily on PBS Kids. Aimed at viewers between the ages of four and eight, Arthur's goal is to help foster an interest in reading and writing, and to encourage a positive outlook through engaging stories that explore issues faced by kids. Speed along and zoom into action as **Mr. McFeely** the Speedy Delivery Man meets children.

## RAGGS Kids Club Band

The RAGGS Kids Club Band, a troupe of five high-energy canine characters, is taking their award-winning brand of original rockin' music around the world! Over the past three years, the band has played 1,500 concerts in the US and recently traveled to Asia and Europe to perform for US military families. In January, the band's new TV series, "Raggs," debuted on Seven Network in Australia, and is expected to air in a minimum of 10 other countries, including the US, in 2006 and 2007.

## TWO: High Energy Juggling

Born to be rock stars but destined for juggling, Jason and Matthew Tardy have created a captivating, high energy performance. This fresh, funny and innovative show features everything from high-tech juggling and physical comedy to full body contortion, all choreographed to up-beat original music. They have delighted audiences at theatres, festivals and colleges and have been featured on *CBS Sunday Morning*.

## Silly Socks Puppet Theatre

Silly Socks Puppet Theatre delivers humor, suspense, good messages and lots of silliness through the use of expressive, custom-made puppets. They have appeared across America and nearby at the National Theater and Wolf

Trap Center. Brian Foster, lead puppeteer for Silly Socks, has been writing and performing original puppet theater for over a decade.

## Magicians and the Magic Stage

The Magic Stage features some of the best kids' magicians from around the country. Using magic and audience participation, these magicians teach children important life lessons. They will be appearing on stage as well as strolling the grounds performing their mystifying feats of magic for small groups of children.

**"Dr. Eldoonie,"** (Eldon D. Wigton), Sunbury, OH

**Ralph the Great** (Ralph Metzler), Sterling, VA

**Jozo Bozo** (Josip Alajbeg), Zagreb, Croatia

**Silly Billy** (David Kaye), New York City

**Mike Bent**, Boston, MA

**Ken Scott**, Atlanta, GA

**Trixie Bond**, Houston, TX

**Terry Hedges**, Nashville, TN

**John Cassidy**, Philadelphia, PA

**Dan Delafield**, Warrenton, VA

**Mark Daniel**, Mocksville, NC

**Bill Anderson**, Denver, CO

**Bruce Bray**, Toms River, NJ

**Chad Juros**, Egg Harbor Township, NJ

**Wayne Alan**, Riva, MD

## Animal Stage

### Jack Hanna

Jack Hanna is an educator and animal enthusiast who makes his home in Ohio, where he was Executive Director of the Columbus Zoo

from 1978 until 1992. While there, his top priority was to increase attendance by offering educational and entertaining events. As a result of these programs, more and more people started visiting the zoo. Over the years, Jack was able to convince community leaders to help him raise money to transform the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium into the state-of-the-art park that it is today.

In 1983, Jack was invited to appear on *Good Morning America* in New York. He eagerly agreed to appear knowing that this was a great opportunity to educate people across the nation

about animals. This appearance was the first of many. He has been a regular guest and wildlife correspondent on *GMA* ever since, and appears several times a year on *The Late Show with David Letterman*. Jack has also appeared with his animal friends on *Larry King Live*, *Hollywood Squares*, the *Maury Povich Show*, *Entertainment Tonight*, *Hannity & Colmes* as well as on various news programs as a wildlife correspondent.

Jack's media appearances were taking up so much time that he could no longer manage the day-to-day matters at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. In 1992, he became the Director Emeritus at the Zoo.

In 1993 Jack became the host of *Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures*, a nationally syndicated television series, where each week he invites viewers to share in adventures all over the world in the quest to learn about wildlife.



# Reading Nooks

Gather around and hear stories read by some of America's most well-known children's authors and special guest readers at two Reading Nooks on the South Lawn.

## Authors

**Buzz Aldrin**

*Reaching for the Moon*

**Susan Stevens Crummel**

*The Great Fuzz Frenzy*

*And the Dish Ran Away With the Spoon*

**Gloria Jean Pinkney**

*The Little Red Hen*

*Color of Hope*

**Eric Rohmann**

*My Friend Rabbit*

*Clara and Asha*

**Pam Muñoz Ryan**

*Nacho and Lolita*

*Mice and Beans*

## Special Guest Readers

**Mrs. Laura Bush**

**The Honorable Elaine Chao**

*Secretary of Labor*

**The Honorable Alberto Gonzales**

*Attorney General of the United States*

**The Honorable Carlos Gutierrez**

*Secretary of Commerce*

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**The Honorable Joshua Bolten**

*Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff*

**The Honorable Anita McBride**

*Deputy Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady*

**Amanda Beard**

*Seven-time Olympic Medalist, Swimming*

**Sasha Cohen**

*2006 Olympic Silver Medalist, Figure Skating*

**Kimmie Meissner**

*2006 World Figure Skating Champion*

**Santana Moss**

*Wide Receiver, Washington Redskins*

**Clinton Portis**

*Running Back, Washington Redskins*



## 2006 Cover Artist: Frank Ordaz

Born in East Los Angeles, California, in 1956, Francisco "Frank" Ordaz can't remember a time when he wasn't drawing something or someone. When Frank was ten, his father started entering the boy's drawings in juried art shows. He came to the attention of Alhambra mayor Norma Yocum, who introduced him to Sam Hyde Harris, a noted California *plein aire* artist. On Mr. Harris's wall hung an original oil painting by Norman Rockwell, one of his covers for *The Saturday Evening Post*, and it immediately captured young Frank's imagination. He was enthralled by Mr. Harris's stories of Rockwell and of Frank Tenney Johnson, a western painter. Frank Ordaz knew he would one day become an illustrator.

After graduating from Art Center College of Design in 1980 with a major in illustration, Mr. Ordaz began his career by designing movie posters. Shortly thereafter he relocated to northern California and began painting for George Lucas's Industrial Light and Magic where he worked on such Academy Award-winning films as *E.T.*, *Return of the Jedi*, and *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*.

Mr. Ordaz's style of illustration is a synthesis of many influences. He has absorbed the color sensibilities of the California *plein aire* artists who were moved by the vivid Pacific light, most notably Edgar Payne and Granville Redmond. He integrates the classical narrative qualities and figurative disciplines of such artists as J. W. Waterhouse, A. W. Bouguereau, N. C. Wyeth, and Winslow Homer.

The illustrator of over 100 book covers, Mr. Ordaz recently won the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association's Gold Medallion Award for his illustrations for *The Very First Christmas*. He also has illustrated *The Very First Easter*, *The Very First Christians*, *Kangaroo Island*, *Passion Hymns for a Kid's Heart* and most recently *Josie's Gift*.

He lives in Auburn, California, with his wife Jana and two sons and is grateful to countless people who encouraged a young boy from humble beginnings.

# People

## 2006 Easter Egg Collection Artists

The 2006 Easter Egg Collection continues a tradition that began in 1994, where each state sends a decorated egg to the White House for display during the annual White House Easter Egg Roll. The collection, coordinated by the American Egg Board, is comprised of impressive miniature works of art created through the use of paint, carving, decorative additions, and other art media. Thank you to each artist for a masterful presentation.



## 2006 White House Egg Artists

Alabama Mr. Michael Chemsak	Louisiana Mrs. Penny Smith	Ohio Ms. Dawn Smith
Alaska Ms. Janaan Kitchen	Maine Ms. Julie Dubay	Oklahoma Ms. Sheri Helt
Arizona Ms. Fran Hunold	Maryland Ms. Alice F. Shearer	Oregon Ms. Diane M. Angle
Arkansas Ms. Lynda Young	Massachusetts Ms. Maria Ng	Pennsylvania Ms. Stacey Robenseifner
California Ms. Katina Koulakis	Michigan Ms. Deborah Malewski	Rhode Island Curtis Perry, MD
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Florida Mr. William Johnson	Montana Ms. Joanna Newell	Texas Mr. Dennis M. Abbott, D.D.S.
Georgia Ms. Roberta Clare	Nebraska Ms. Grace Adam	Utah Ms. Carolyn Kemp
Hawaii Ms. Shirley Yamamura	Nevada Ms. Bobbie Ann Howell	Vermont Ms. Theresa Somerset
Idaho Mr. Russ Hagen	New Hampshire Ms. Dale Clement	Virginia Ms. Elizabeth Carlson
Illinois Ms. Jennifer Bickham	New Jersey Mr. Michael Budden	District of Columbia Mr. Gerald King
Indiana Ms. Ann Welborne	New Mexico Mr. Ruben Gallegos	Washington Ms. Terry Ritchie
Iowa Ms. Shannon Rodgers	New York Ms. Christine Gordon	West Virginia Ms. Janet Harlow
Kansas Ms. Heidi Hendrickson	North Carolina Ms. Wendy Payseur	Wisconsin Ms. Judy Mueller
Kentucky Mrs. Toni McGuire	North Dakota Ms. Betty Sprynczynatyk	Wyoming Ms. Shirley Barhaug

## Strolling Characters

B.B. Rabbit  
 Louie – Bowie Baysox Mascot  
 Peter Cottontail  
 Disney's Little Einsteins  
 Keyote – Frederick Keys Mascot  
 Babar  
 Miss Spider  
 Max & Ruby  
 Terrence the Turtle  
 Cotton the Bunny  
 Feathers the Duck  
 Patchy Panda  
 Power Panther  
 Peter Rabbit

Corduroy  
 Spot  
 Charlie Brown  
 Snoopy  
 Raggedy Ann  
 Raggedy Andy  
*Ice Age: The Meltdown* – Scrat,  
 Diego and Manny  
 Woodrow the White House  
 Mouse  
 Maestro Mouse  
 Official White House Bunnies  
 The Berenstain Bears  
 Caillou  
 Clifford the Big Red Dog  
 Digit from *Cyberchase*



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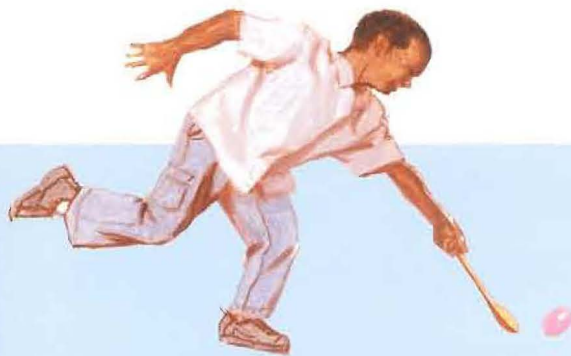
Cookie Monster from  
 Sesame Street

Fetch

Curious George

Maya & Miguel

Piggley Winks from *Jakers! The  
 Adventures of Piggley Winks*



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