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IT'S PRIDE MONTH—HERE'S WHAT TO KNOW AND HOW TO PARTAKE

Happy Pride!



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Beyond the long-awaited arrival of summer, June means that Pride Month is here again! Pride Month is a month-long celebration of queer community and culture. No matter where you are, there are tons of ways to take part in the fun. Whether it's attending a vibrant and energetic Pride Parade or supporting a **queer-owned brand**, we're here to tell you how to make the most of Pride Month. Here's everything you need to know about the occasion and how you can celebrate. Happy Pride!

What is Pride Month?

Pride Month is a month-long, worldwide celebration of the queer community, from the culture to individual members. It's a time to be proud of one's identity and support those that are a part of the community. Pride parades especially are a fixture of Pride Month across the country.

When is Pride Month?

Pride Month is celebrated annually during the month of June.

Who celebrates Pride Month?

Pride Month is celebrated worldwide by members of the queer community as well as the straight allies that support them.

Pride Month History

Pride Month as we know it owes its existence to the Stonewall Uprising, a watershed moment in the LGBTQ+ liberation movement. Until 1966, it was illegal to serve alcohol to a gay person throughout the state of New York and homosexuality in general was outlawed until 1980. These factors led gay-friendly bars to operate without a license. **Stonewall Inn** was one of the most popular gay bars in New York, making it a target for

police raids. On the night of June 28, 1969, as police officers roughly arrested patrons, resistance to the raid grew. Protests against the police treatment of the queer community erupted in front of Stonewall throughout the week, leading to intense fighting.

On June 28, 1970, the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, **marches for LGBTQ rights** were held in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles. These marches continued year after year, eventually becoming the Pride Month and parades we know today. The United States Government has recognized June as Pride Month since 1999 via presidential proclamations.

Ways to celebrate Pride Month

Attend a Pride Parade

Pride Parades are a fixture of Pride Month — they're ingrained in the celebration's DNA as evolutions of the marches it originates from. Pride Parades are held all across the country in cities both big and small. If there's one near you that you'd like to attend, there are a few things you'll need to prepare.

For one, you'll want a pair of quality **walking shoes** like the New Balance 1540v3 which come with two thick layers of padding to ensure you'll still be comfortable after a long day on your feet.



Women's 1540v3

\$180.00

Stay comfortable no matter how long the parade lasts with these New Balance shoes.

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You'll also want to make sure you're hydrated throughout the parade. As the days grow hotter and hotter you'll need to drink water more often. Fortunately, **our favorite water bottle**, the Owala FreeSip, makes this convenient thanks to its spill-proof lid, its multiple ways to drink, and its great insulation.



Owala FreeSip Insulated Stainless Steel Water Bottle

\$28.00

Stay hydrated during parades with this water bottle.

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Make dishes from a queer cookbook

You'll work up an appetite spending hours walking at a Pride parade. Luckily, you can support Pride while getting your grub on by cooking from a **cookbook written by a queer author**. One book we'd like to highlight is *Tasty Pride: 75 Recipes from the Queer Food Community*, which features personal anecdotes from members of the queer community.



Tasty Pride: 75 Recipes and Stories from the Queer Food Community

\$13.00

Cook up recipes created by members of the queer community.

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Read queer stories

The history we gave of Pride Month was only a crash course. If you're looking for a deeper dive into the history of Pride, there are a ton of great books you can read. Check out our roundup of **the best LGBTQ+ books** to read here. There are also many great **children's books** for young readers who want to learn about Pride.

Our favorite way to read is via an **e-reader** like the **Amazon Kindle**, which we love thanks to its bright display, responsive operating system, and compact form factor.



Amazon Kindle

\$120.00

Read a variety of queer stories and queer authors with the Amazon Kindle.

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If you prefer reading your books physically, then check out **All She Wrote Books**, a small bookstore that prides itself in being an inclusive, queer-friendly space with a focus on intersectionality. All She Wrote Books features countless books from queer authors.



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Watch a queer movie

From *Moonlight* to *Call Me By Your Name* to the *L Word* there are tons of amazing movies and shows that star queer characters. The best way to watch them is to use **our favorite streaming device**, the **Roku Ultra**, which is fast and supports premium audio and video options.



Roku Ultra

\$89.00

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Deck yourself out in queer apparel

What better way to show your pride than by showing off your identity **via cute accessories and clothes**?

One simple way to show support is to wear an enamel pin. Enamel pins can be worn in many ways — from pinning it to your denim jacket to a beanie to your tote bag. Bianca Designs is an enby Latine-owned shop that sells pins and buttons of various identities

and communities, including this pin featuring the colors of the latest Progress flag. If you're thinking of getting a pin, do so sooner rather than later, as they're selling out fast!

Inclusive Rainbow Pride Pin



\$12.00

Add this cute rainbow pin to your collection.

BUY NOW
at Bianca Design

Another accessory to show your pride is a Black bead pride bracelet. This particular bracelet is sold by Haute Butch, which is a queer and Black-owned business.

Black Bead Pride Bracelet



\$17.00

Go for a bead bracelet for a subtle accessory.

BUY NOW
at Haute Butch

There are tons of other ways to show off Pride swag from shirts to flags to bags. The aptly named Gay Pride Apparel has you covered. This first-generation Mexican-American, queer-owned brand sells apparel representing various identities across the LGBTQ+ spectrum.

Gay Pride Apparel



This queer-own shop will meet all your Pride apparel needs.

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at Gay Pride Apparel

Support queer businesses

One of the best ways to celebrate pride is to show love **to queer businesses**.

One such business is Peau De Loup, which specializes in androgynous and nonbinary-friendly clothing. Peau De Loup was created by Adelle Renaud and Erin McLeod, who know the pain of nonbinary individuals wanting to wear "men's" clothes but having to contend with the fact that these clothes aren't made with curves in mind. Peau De Loup's clothing addresses this issue while giving all of its shirts a convenient inner pocket. If this wasn't cool enough, Peau De Loup's clothing is made from recycled clothing.

Peau De Loup

PEAU DE LOUP

Peau De Loup specializes in nonbinary-friendly clothing.

BUY NOW
at Peau De Loup

gc2b is a trans-owned community that specializes in gender-affirming chest binders. Marli Washington is a trailblazer, designing the first chest binders specifically designed for gender-affirmation. The binders come in two different styles and 11 different colors.



gc2b

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BUY NOW
at gc2b

Diaspora Co. is a queer-owned direct-to-consumer spice company that aims to make the spice trade more equitable and ethical. It sources 30 spices across 150 farms in India and Sri Lanka.

Diaspora Co.



Shop spice from a queer-owned company.

BUY NOW
at Diaspora Co.

For some of us, summer is strictly iced tea season, but if you're still sipping coffee, we recommend supporting Euphoria Coffee. Euphoria Coffee is a small, queer-owned business run by Julien, who roasts all of the orders themselves. Each bag contains info on the beans' taste and place of origin down to the altitude.



Euphoria Coffee

Sip on delicious coffee from this queer-owned business.

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