

ONE DAY AT A TIME

ACCOLADES TO JULY

THE VARIETY OF TOPICS A PERSON COULD WRITE ABOUT ARE ENDLESS. THERE IT IS, **JULY**. WHEN YOU HAVE YOUR TOPIC, START AT THE BEGINNING AND MAKE A LIST OF WORDS BEGINNING WITH EVERY LETTER OF THE ALPHABET!

A-AIR CONDITIONING, CAN WE LIVE WITHOUT IT? **B**-IS FOR BLUE BIRDS, SINGING IN THE RAIN, **C**-IS FOR CAMPFIRE, EVEN THOUGH IT'S HOT DOGS OVER THE FIRE, **D-DUSTY AND DRY**, THAT CAN HAPPEN IN JULY, **E**-IS FOR EDIBLE, MOST THINGS FROM THE GARDEN ARE, BUT DON'T BOTHER PLANTING THE SPINACH, **F**-IS FOR FISHING, SOMEPLACE WHERE THE STREAM IS AS LAZY AS YOU ARE AND HOPEFULLY THE FISH AREN'T, **G**-IS FOR GRILLING THE STEAKS OF COURSE, **H**-IS FOR HOT, VERY HOT AND HUMID TOO, **I**-IS FOR ICE CREAM, HOME MADE THAT IS, **J**-IS FOR JUGGLE, YOUR SCHEDULE SO YOU GET TO SEE AND DO, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, **K**-IS FOR "KICK-THE-TIN-CAN", THAT WAS BEFORE COMPUTERS AND EXPENSIVE TOYS, HOW MANY OF YOU REMEMBER THE GAME? **L**-IS FOR LIGHTNING BUGS, THOSE LITTLE CREATURES YOU CATCH AND PUT IN A JAR WHEN THEY LIGHT UP AT NIGHT, **M**-IS FOR MACARONI SALAD, A PICNIC ISN'T COMPLETE WITHOUT IT, **N**-IS FOR NIGHTTIME SLEEPING OUTSIDE UNDER THE STARS, **O**-IS FOR OH! SURPRISING ISN'T IT? **P**-IS FOR PICNICS, THERE ARE NEVER TOO MANY, **Q**-IS FOR QUEST. MY QUEST FOR A WORD BEGINNING WITH Q FOUND THAT WITHOUT A U, Q DOESN'T GET MUCH REPRESENTATION AND NEITHER DOES **JULY**, **R**-IS FOR REST AND RELAXATION ACCORDING TO PERSONAL PREFERENCE, **S**-EQUALS SWIMMING, TO COOL OFF AT THE END OF A HOT DAY, **T-IS FOR THUNDER-STORMS ALONG WITH DRENCHING DOWNPOURS**, **U**-IS FOR THE PREFIX "UN" BECAUSE SOME THINGS YOU CAN UNDO, OTHERS YOU CAN'T UNDO, AND WITH OTHERS YOU MIGHT AS WELL START OVER, **V**-VOLLEY-BALL, BADMINTON OR CROQUET, GET A GROUP TOGETHER AND PLAY IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD, **W**-WHISTLE AS YOU WADE THROUGH A MUD PUDDLE OR GET CAUGHT UP IN A FULL SCALE WATER BATTLE, **X**-XTRA LONG DAYS AND 31 OF THEM TOO, **Y**-AGAIN? YES! OKAY, HOW ABOUT YIELD, THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE HOPING FOR FROM YOUR GARDEN, I SUPPOSE, **Z**-ZESTY DISHES, SPICED TO TEASE YOUR PALATE, BUT THEN REMEMBER, ZUCCHINI IS JUST ABOUT TO TAKE OVER. IS THAT THE END OF THE ALPHABET? NOW IT'S YOUR TURN! CREATE A LIST ALTOGETHER DIFFERENT FROM MINE THAT TELLS A STORY. ABOUT WHAT YOU ENJOY ABOUT THE MONTH OF **JULY**. **BE CREATIVE!**