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The Legend and History of the Easter Bunny!

According to the legend, every year on Easter a long-eared, cotton-tailed creature hops from house to house to deliver festive baskets full of treats, toys and delicious candy to children and even leaves colorful eggs hidden for them to find! Among other popular Easter traditions are hot cross buns and exciting egg hunts. The Easter Bunny has long been a well-known popular symbol associated with the religious holiday. Have you ever wondered where the idea of the Easter Bunny came from and how exactly this cute, fluffy woodland creature became such a prevalent symbol of Easter?!

Actually, there is a lot of history behind the idea of an egg-bearing rabbit on Easter. The Easter Bunny has a long and deeply rooted history in the Christian holiday that goes back to pagan traditions.



So, where does the Easter Bunny come from?

Christians already know that the Bible makes no mention of a mythical hare who delivers eggs to children on the resurrection day of Jesus Christ. Therefore, exactly why did a rabbit become a prominent part of one of Christianity's most important celebrations of rebirth and renewal? According to the theory of the *Time*, the symbol of the rabbit stems from the ancient pagan tradition, the festival of *Eostre*, on which many of our Easter traditions are based. The animal symbol of the goddess of fertility and spring was the rabbit, which has long stood for fertility due to its high reproduction rate.

The Easter Bunny made its way to America in the 1700s by German immigrants to Pennsylvania, who reportedly brought over their tradition of an egg-laying hare named ***Osterhase***. According to the legend, the rabbit would lay colorful eggs as gifts to children who were good. Therefore, they would make nests in which the bunny could leave his eggs and even set out carrots in case the hare got hungry. Over time, the bunny's delivery expanded from just eggs to include other treats such as chocolate.

The tradition of decorating eggs for Easter dates back to the 13th century, when eggs were traditionally considered a forbidden food during the Lent season. People decorated them as the fasting period came to an end, creating a feast to eat them on Easter Sunday.

In countries outside of the U.S., it is not always a rabbit that brings the Easter eggs. As an example, in Australia the spring holiday is greeted with the *Easter Bilby*, an endangered rabbit-like marsupial native to that country. Other gift-bearing animals include the *Easter Cuckoo* in Switzerland and, in some parts of Germany, the *Easter Fox* or the *Easter Rooster*!

FIVE RULES TO REMEMBER IN LIFE:

1. Money can't buy happiness - but it's far more comfortable to cry in a Porsche than on a bicycle.
2. Forgive your enemy - but remember the asshole's name.
3. If you help someone when they're in trouble - they will remember you when they're in trouble again
4. Alcohol does not solve any problems - but then, neither does milk.
5. Many people are alive only because it's illegal to shoot them.

UGASF CLUB MAY EVENTS IN FLORIDA

CAPE CORAL...No information

CENTRAL FLORIDA...May 7 - Kentucky Derby – Good Times Band

HOLLYWOOD...May 7..Mother's Day Maipole Dance 6-11 p.m. Music by Silver Wings; Entertainment Auerhahn Schuhplattler & Pure Dynamics Cloggers

MARION COUNTY – May 22 1-5 p.m. 51st Anniversary @ Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club – Music by Key Tunes



ALPENROSE SCHUHPL. – No Event

PALM BEACH...May 7 –_Beer Olympics Qualifying Rd 1 – final in July

May 15 – Beerfest - \$35 all inclusive – Alpine Express

May 22 - Frùhschoppen – all items a la carte 10:30 – 2:30 – reserve free admission website

SARASOTA...No event

SUN CITY CENTER...May 5 – Spring Dance Enjoy music by Heinz & Sepp

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PINELLAS PARK...May 1 – Maifest in Biergarten with Matthias Wagner – 10 am – 6 p.m. **ALL MEMBER UGASF CLUBS INVITED**

This Event is In conjunction with UGASF;\$10 entry – enjoy German music, food, culture, and German Bier!



May 7 – Mother's Day Dance – Sepp & Heinz

May 14 – Heimat Abend with Eva

May 21 – Armed Forces Day with Sepp & Heinz

May 28 – Memorial Day - Matthias

TAMPA CULTURAL CENTER...

May 17/18, Dinner German Restaurant –

THE VILLAGES...May 19 – 6-9 p.m.

Alpine DOC Band – Dinner/Dance

TREASURE COAST...May 11 – Pot Luck 5 p.m.

VENICE - No events until Fall

WEST CENTRAL FL...no event

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