

American Ohana

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On the 4th of July we spend the day with grandma and our family at the beach. We splash in the water, pretend to be dolphins jumping the waves, search for sea glass, build sand castles and have fun. Before bed people from everywhere come to see the fireworks boom in the night and light up the sky. With each crackle the fireworks explode and show the colors of our flag. We sit on the tall wall and look left and right and see everyone smiling. This day always makes me think of freedom because everyone comes out and celebrates together and our differences don't matter on this day. Some people still have to fight for their freedom and we could lose our freedoms if we don't try to keep them. The 4th of July reminds us how important our freedom is and that we can all be different and make our own choices but also celebrate together as a community, as an American Ohana.