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Fun Facts



“Dog days of summer” (July 3 — August 11) are named after the Dog Star (Sirius) in the Canis Major constellation. Ancient Greeks blamed Sirius for the heat, drought and general discomfort of summer.

The Eiffel Tower grows in the summer — its iron expands, making it about 6 inches taller than in the winter.



Popsicles were accidentally invented in 1905 by an 11-year-old boy. He left a cup of soda with a stirring stick outside overnight. He found the frozen treat the next morning, and used the stick as a handle to enjoy it.

(Source: Karin Lehnardt and FactRetriever July 11, 2024)



Party Pause

It’s graduation and summer party season. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is getting reports about unexpected “You’re invited” texts and emails that are actually scams. These fake invitations ask for your email login credentials or a special pass code to open them, but don’t do it.

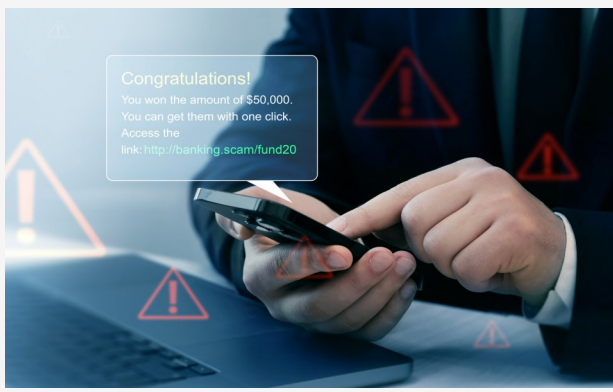
Scammers send unexpected messages that look like they’re from well-known invitation platforms like Evite or Paperless Post. Some messages list someone you know as the host and make you enter your email username and password to see event details. They may tell you to enter a phone number and share a special code to RSVP. But that’s not how real invitations work. This is just a bad guy trying to steal (or reset) your account information. If they get in, they might take over your email account and send the same scam to your contacts.

If you get an unexpected invitation like this, resist the urge to click. Instead, check with the host to make sure it’s real.

To help protect yourself from scammy texts and emails:

- * **Keep security software updated.** Set your computer software to update automatically, so it will deal with any new security threats. Also, update your phone’s software regularly, too. Ask a friend for help if needed.
- * **Use two-factor authentication.** Taking extra steps to verify who you are makes it harder for scammers to log into our accounts if they get your username and password.

(Source: FTC “Asked to enter your email address and password to open a party invite? That’s a scam.” by BCP Staff May 26, 2026)



Flyer Facts

Scammy Slopes



How are scammers trying to reach you? Scams often start with a text, call or an ad or message on social media. So, if you have a phone or you're on social media, chances are you've heard from a scamster recently.

Scammers love sending texts — so much so that last year's fraud reports to the FTC show more people reporting that a fraudster contacted them by text than any other way. Scammers often send texts pretending to be businesses or the government (think fake notices about package deliveries, loan applications or unpaid tolls). So, always report and delete unwanted texts. It's easy to use your phone's "report junk" option.

Telephone calls are another common way bad guys reach out to people. They call to say things like "you've won a prize" or "you need to move your money to protect it." Unfortunately, folks reported losing a lot of money through fraudulent phone calls last year.

But the highest reported losses overall last year came from fraudsters on social media, pushing things like scammy job offers and fake investment opportunities — which sometimes started with a romantic connection.

If you get an unexpected text, call or message on social media, know that it could be a scam designed to steal your money or personal information. Stay diligent and stay away from scammy pathways.

(Source: FTC "How are scammers trying to reach you?" by BCP Staff May 21, 2026)

Hummingbirds are impressive flyers. Their wings rapidly move in a figure-eight pattern as they fly or hover in place to sip nectar. When a hummer hovers, its wings flap between 10 to 80 times per second, depending on the species.

In flight, hummingbirds can reach speeds of 30 miles per hour (mph). Some males can reach closer to 60 mph during their courtship dives.

Hummers can even fly backwards, something no other bird species can do. A hummingbird might even fly upside down for short periods of time if needed.

(Source: MSN "12 Heroic Facts About Hummingbirds That'll Make You Want to See More in Your Backyard" by Deirdre Mundorf-Tuesday May 2, 2022)

