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Setsubun-Sai (Japan)

Feb 3- Setsubun-Sai is known as Bean Throwing Night. Beans are thrown to protect against demons with shouts of 'Devil out, Good Fortune in'.

Thaipooosam Cavadee (India & Mauritius)

Feb 5- It is celebrated by Hindus of Tamil origin in honour of Kartikeya, Granter of Wishes, and the second son of Shiva. Devotees with their tongues, cheeks and body pierced with needles, hooks and skewers, dance their way trance-like to the temple carrying the 'Cavadee' - a wooden arch covered with flowers with a pot of milk at each end of its base.



Tu B'Shevat Arbor Day-Jewish)

Feb 6- This day celebrates Judaism's roots in the natural world. It is a holiday and known as the New Year for Trees. Special meals include eating the seven fruits of the land - wheat, barley, figs, grapes, pomegranates, olives and dates. Trees are also planted.

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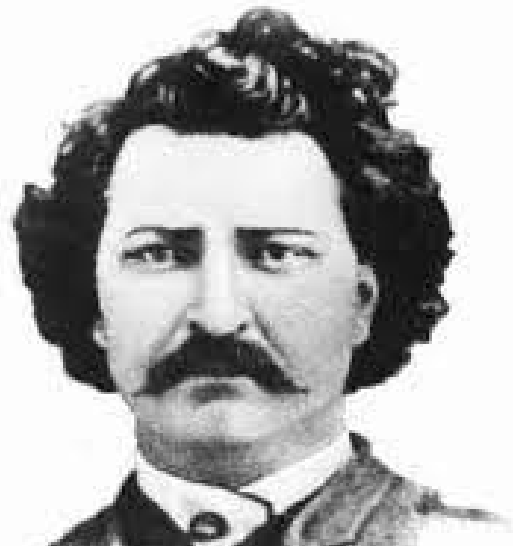


Boy Scout Day

Feb 8- William Boyce, a Chicago publisher, founded the Boy Scouts of American on Feb 10, 1910. The purpose was to promote, through organization, and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance and kindred virtues, using the methods which are in common use by Boy Scouts.

Shivratri (Hindu)

Feb 18- On Shiva's night, the Hindu deity Lord Shiva performed the Tandav, the cosmic dance of creation and destruction. A 24-hour fast is kept and devotees make pilgrimages to major shrines for worship.



Louis Riel Day (Aboriginal/Native Canadian)

Feb 20- He was the famous Métis leader who in 1885 led a rebellion and lost against the Canadian authorities because he feared more Métis land would be taken away by the settlers. Today his name is a symbol for Native independence.

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Losar (New Year Tibet)

Feb 21- The Tibetan New Year is called Losar and is celebrated for three days by visiting, feasting and the relaxation the monastic discipline.



Intercalary Days (thru Mar 1)

Feb 25- There are four or five days inserted into the calendar called Ayyam-i-ha adjusting the Bahá'í year to the solar cycle. This precedes a month of fasting from March 2-20. Gifts are exchanged, parties and public meetings are held to share the faith.



Anti-Bullying Day (Canada)

Feb 26- Encourage everyone to practice kindness and wear pink to symbolize that you do not tolerate bullying.



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