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# Fathers

## Deserve a Day Too



When most people think of June they think of school letting out, the start of summer, and graduations. Somehow Father's Day always gets overshadowed and it's never as celebrated as Mother's Day is.

But why is that? Although my mom worked, made dinner, and led my Girl Scout troop, my dad has always been present in a different kind of way.

When I was young my dad was always working and going to school to get his PhD. I'd like to say that I was close to him then, but growing up we became closer, and even now he's someone I call first for advice with a job, finances and life in general. I believe that my dad being such a hard worker and ambitious person molded me into the person I am today. So with that being said, why would I overlook Father's Day? Dads deserve to have their special day too just as much as moms! So here's a few ideas on how you can put the "happy" in Happy Father's Day!

### For the Workaholic

This is for the dad that works 40+ hours during the week, is up at the crack of dawn on the weekends watching "Jimmy's" baseball games and still finds time to do things around the house.

Give him some alone time. I know it sounds simple, but the dads I know who work and who have young kids cherish the opportunity to sleep in without a small child waking them up at 6am on a Saturday, or long for the chance to watch a full length movie that isn't a cartoon without someone crying or changing the channel. Give him a day of peaceful nothing and he will appreciate you immensely.

### For the Non-Shopper

Most dads want to look good whether it's for work or play, but hate shopping and hate going shopping with their significant other. Arguing results in fights, which usually involves both parties leaving without purchasing anything. You could buy clothes for him and hope that it fits, it's his style, and that he actually ends up wearing it, but sometimes that great shirt that you saw in all the magazines ends up at the bottom of his closet with the tag still on. Why not give him the gift of a personal shopper/stylist for Father's Day? Both Macy's and Nordstrom have personal shoppers/stylists on hand to listen, make him comfortable and find him exactly what he wants. No shopping anxiety and the service is absolutely free! I recommend Shaun Werito at Macy's Fashion Island for a fun and stress-free experience! Contact Shaun at (949) 640-8333 xt.4440.

### For the Adventurer

This is not for the dad who likes to golf or go to the gym. This is for the dad who loves adventure shows on TV and would rather spend his Sunday rock climbing rather than watching football. At Encore Flight in Van Nuys, your dad can learn how to pilot a plane and get experience in the classroom, in a simulator and behind the controls of a real plane for less than \$250! If he's a Game of Thrones fan (and who isn't) then he'll love learning how to sword fight at Swordplay in Burbank. For less than \$100 your dad gets 5 lessons, which will keep him light on his toes and ready to fight dragons or anything that comes his way.

### Share Your Memories with Him

This is so simple and something I think we don't do enough of because dads are men and you can't be mushy with men. Not true! I think most dads appreciate hearing how they affected your life and how much they mean to you. For me, I appreciate my dad stressing the importance of education and always telling me the truth when it came to anything job related. Tell your dad in a card, a phone call or in person and that little gesture of "mushiness" will mean everything to him.

So this June, while the kids are getting out of school and summer plans are being made, don't forget your dad on June 19th. Happy Father's Day!

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