

# Indian Calendar

The Indians measured time using nature. If five days had passed they would say "five suns", meaning that the sun had risen five times. A month would be measured by the time which had passed between full moons. A brave might say he planted his crops two moons ago meaning about two months ago. The Indians also had special names for the moons which appeared each month. The names of these moons would reflect important things in their world at that time. Indians from different parts of the state and country would have different names for the moons.



In Ohio, January or February were known as the "Snow Moon." March was known by some tribes as the "Wild Goose Moon" because that was the time the wild geese began to return north from their southern migration. The month of May was known as the "Flowering Moon." **"The Feast of the Flowering Moon"** is held every May in Chillicothe to celebrate the Indian culture. See you at the Feast!!

**Can you match the months with their "Moon"?**

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| 1. April _____     | a.) Moon of Long Nights   |
| 2. June _____      | b.) Moon of Falling Trees |
| 3. July _____      | c.) Moon of Green Grass   |
| 4. August _____    | d.) Harvest Moon          |
| 5. September _____ | e.) Frosty Moon           |
| 6. October _____   | f.) Summertime Moon       |
| 7. November _____  | g.) Strawberry Moon       |
| 8. December _____  | h.) Thunder Moon          |