



On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln's [Emancipation Proclamation](#) declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states "are, and henceforward shall be free." On the ground, enslaved people and the Union army turned the promise of the Proclamation into a reality. Enslaved people sought freedom and safety by escaping to Union lines in Confederate-held territories. In the Western Theater, however, slaveowners in states like Mississippi and Louisiana could forcibly relocate thousands of enslaved individuals west to Texas to try to keep them from seeking freedom behind Union lines.

Far from the bloodshed of the battlefield, tens of thousands of enslaved "refugees" remained in bondage even as many Confederate armies surrendered in the spring of 1865. Only after the Union army forced the surrender of Confederate General [Edmund Kirby Smith](#) at Galveston on June 2, 1865, would the emancipation of enslaved people in Texas be addressed and freedom granted. On June 19, 250,000 enslaved people were freed.



#### Juneteenth Freedom Day



#### Father's Day June 21st



#### Summer Solstice June 21st



#### Summer Begins



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#### RECIPE OF THE MONTH



#### Pasta Primavera

##### INGREDIENTS:

- ✓ 1 pound whole wheat spaghetti (or angel hair pasta)
- ✓ 2 tablespoons olive oil (plus more as needed)
- ✓ 3 garlic cloves (thinly sliced or minced)
- ✓ 1/2 pound baby squash and/or zucchini (diced in 1/4-inch chunks)

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