## **UFO - JULY 2025**

Every year on **July 2**, people all over the world celebrate **World UFO Day**. It's a day where anyone, not just science fiction fans, can look up at the sky and wonder if something or *someone* is out there.

UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) have been part of stories for hundreds of years. But they really became popular in the 1950s, when people started saying they saw strange flying saucers in the sky. Since then, many people, young and old, have shared stories of seeing UFOs.

But why is World UFO Day on **July 2**? That date is important because many people believe a UFO crashed near **Roswell, New Mexico**, in **1947**. Roswell, NM is part of our council and this summer we had a weekend trip visiting Roswell and doing all things alien as a cookie recognition.

"**I want to believe.**" That's what a famous TV character named Fox Mulder once said on a show called *The X-Files*. He made lots of people think that maybe aliens and UFOs could be real - and that the truth is out there, just waiting to be found!

Besides TV shows, there have been hundreds of movies made about UFO's since 1902!!! That is more than 120 years of UFO movies! Some are cute, some are realistic, some are scary, and some are campy. Whether you believe in "something out there" or not, UFOs are part of our culture here on Earth.

July's monthly challenge is to watch a UFO movie you haven't seen before. Don't think you have ever seen a UFO movie? How about Lilo & Stitch? Or Transformers? Yep, they have aliens in them.

Here is a list of movies you may not have seen but are considered to be classics. Check them out, you may find a new favorite movie.

- 'E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial' (1982)
- They Live (1988)
- Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977)
- Men in Black (1997)
- Flight of the Navigator (1986)
- Muppets from Space (1999)
- Spaceballs (1987)

Note: you do not need to chose from this list - there are hundreds to choose from.

Deadline to submit your UFO Monthly Challenge: Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 5:00 PM MST. Submit report at: <u>https://bit.ly/UFOJun\_25</u> You will receive your patch in 3 - 4 weeks after the end of challenge. If you have any questions, please email info@gsdsw.org.

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