Sun-tastic Facts!



* + - * Our sun has an expected lifetime of about 11 billion years.
      * Only 55% of all Americans know that the sun is a star.
      * The sun is 330,330 times larger than the earth!
      * More than 1 million earths would fit inside the sun.
      * If the earth were the size of a quarter, the sun would be as large as a 9 footballs and would be located a football field distance from the earth.
      * 99% of our solar systems mass is concentrated in the sun.
      * The Sun provides our planet with 126,000,000,000,000 horsepower of energy every day. That’s more than the entire world uses in a year.
      * An area of the Sun's surface the size of a postage stamp shines with the power of 1,500,000 candles.
      * All the coal, oil, gas, and wood on Earth would only keep the Sun burning for a few days.
      * It takes only 8 minutes for sunlight to travel from the sun to the earth, which also means, if you see the sun go out, it actually went out 8 minutes ago.
      * On its trip around the sun, the earth travels over a million and a half miles per day.
      * Lightning bolts can sometimes be hotter than the sun. (about 50,000º F)
      * In Spit Bergen, Norway at one time of the year the sun shines continuously for three and a half months.
      * For 186 days you cannot see the sun at the North Pole.