



Did You Know?

Kites were invented in China more than 2,000 years ago. During the Warring States Period (475 - 221 B.C.), Chinese people made the first wooden kites. These early kites were not used as toys, rather they were used for military purposes. Historical records show that these kites were very large in size. Some were even strong enough to carry men up into the sky to observe enemy movements. Other kites were used to send messages.

Today in China, flying a kite is not just a game for children. Many adults fly kites as a form of exercise. People fly kites in the city and in the countryside. A popular time for flying kites is just before the Qing Ming festival in April as the weather is so favorable.

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