

Friendship Bracelets - History

There are many stories about the origin of Friendship Bracelets, but it is likely that their origin can be traced back to Native Americans

Stories of the Native Americans (the first inhabitants of Oregon) and the children who travelled to Oregon along the Oregon Trail, often refer to the making of friendship gifts of all sorts. They chose different colours of fabric or thread to represent things or people they wanted to remember.

After meeting a boy from Ireland when her wagon train stopped at a watering hole, a young girl wrote in her journal about the boy's bright red shirt. The next day she began weaving a red string into her multi-coloured bracelet as a reminder of her Irish friend.

Did you know?

Winnie-the-Pooh Friendship Day began in 1997 as an outgrowth of National Friendship Day, established by the United States Congress in 1935. To commemorate the 1997 event at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City, Mrs. Nane Annan, wife of Secretary-General Kofi Annan, presented Winnie-the-Pooh with the honorary title, "Ambassador of Friendship."