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How to Celebrate:

 HAVE A BONFIRE AND TOSS SOME MAGICAL HERBS INTO IT WITH YOUR INTENTION.
BAKE OR MAKE SOMETHING WITH STRAWBERRIES FOR LOVE OR TO HONOR THE SUN GOD, LIKE EGGS, PANCAKES, BACON, SAUSAGE AND HONEY.

3.) SPRING CLEANING, GARDEN PLANTING, FORAGING, NATURE WALKS, PICNICS, MAKE A BIRD HOUSE OR FEEDER, MAKE SUN WATER OR DO SUN MAGIC

4.) PLAY HIGH VIBRATION MUSIC THAT MAKES YOU WANT TO DANCE! THIS SABBAT IS ALL ABOUT BEING LIGHT HEARTED AND ABUNDANCE VIBES!

5.) LEAVE OFFERINGS FOR FAERIES OUTSIDE, LEARN ABOUT THEM AND READ ABOUT THEM. 6.) MAKE A FLOWER CROWN OR USE YOUR CREATIVE SIDE TO MAKE ANY TYPE OF ARTWORK.

7.) TAKE A MAGICAL RITUAL BATH FILLED WITH FLOWERS

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