



**Ohhh, yeahhh!!!**

In honor of one of the most popular drinks of all time, last weekend I cooked up some KOOL treats that put an excellent exclamation point on the end of summer.

Just in case you don't know, Kool-Aid was invented in Hastings, Neb. (my home away from home during college), and Saturday was their annual Kool-Aid Days celebration. For just two bucks you can buy a cup that gives you unlimited access to the world's largest Kool-Aid stand.

If that wasn't enough Kool-Aid for you, there's also appearances by Kool-Aid Man, Kardboard boat races and the Kwickest Kool-Aid drinking contest.

This year is Kool-Aid's 85th birthday. The sweet, colorful drink was invented by Edwin E. Perkins in 1927 in his factory on First Street in Hastings. [Kool-aiddays.com](http://Kool-aiddays.com) boasts Perkins created the first powdered soft drink mix to be sold nationally in stores through wholesalers, packaged in envelopes printed by Perkins himself.

