## How to Embrace Being a Leapling, Part 1

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So, you were born on February 29 and you have your birthday every 4 years. Not bad, right? Except for, you're 4 times younger than your true age $(4=$ $\qquad$ , $8=$ $\qquad$ , $12=$ $\qquad$ , etc). You start having questions:

- Why isn't my birthday on the calendar?
- When am I supposed to celebrate my birthday?
- How old am I, really?
- Will I get $\qquad$ in $\qquad$ ?

It's really not as $\qquad$ as you think it is. Being a leapling is a $\qquad$ , which you should
$\qquad$ . $\qquad$ these steps.

1. First of all, you should learn about the $\qquad$ explanation on WHY we have leap years. Although most modern calendar years have $\qquad$ days, a complete $\qquad$ around the $\qquad$ ( one Solar year) takes approximately $\qquad$ days and $\qquad$ hours. An extra $\qquad$ hours thus $\qquad$ every $\qquad$ years, requiring that an extra calendar day be added to $\qquad$ the calendar with the sun's $\qquad$ position. Without the added day, the
seasons would move back in the calendar, leading to confusion about when to undertake activities dependent on weather,
, or hours of daylight.

In other words, we have leap days in order to be $\qquad$ with the Earth's rotation around the sun. So don't $\qquad$ were born on a very $\qquad$ day of the year!
2. Another thing you should learn is that although leap years are EVERY 4 years, it isn't always exactly EVERY 4 years. A year divisible by $\qquad$ would not be considered a leap year unless that year was also exactly divisible by $\qquad$ . In other words, years 1600 and 2000, were century leap years, and so will be 2400 and 2800 . However, years $1700,1800,1900,2100,2200,2300$ and 2500 were/will be common years since they are not evenly divisible by 400.
3. You're obviously the same age as anybody else born in the same year as you. You may be $\qquad$
$\square$ for being only 4 years old on your $\qquad$ birthday, but it's not really that much a big deal. Do the math---4 leap years = $\qquad$ common years, so you ARE 16 at age 16. Basically, you're 4 times younger than your actual age, which doesn't $\qquad$ mean anything in common years. But if nobody can that, you have to realize that people are $\qquad$ sometimes.
4. You can $\qquad$ your birthday whenever you feel, simply because you're special! Whether it be February 28 or $\qquad$ _, or even both, you're still reminded that you're a very
$\qquad$ . Your birthday makes you $\qquad$ . Or if you want, you can even have a half birthday, ! But only in a non-leap year, that is.
5. You're legally an adult at age $\qquad$ (or 5, if you wish). In fact, you're legally an adult at the age that is considered legal, depending on where you live. By the time you're "actually" $\qquad$ , you would be in your $\qquad$ (and probably dead too). So you're legally an adult at between ages 4-6 (16-24).

