

Snow Games

Welcome December! Welcome Winter!

Are you ready for the first snow of the season? It's the perfect time to gather up the family and your friends and play in the yard. Bundle up, find a pile of fresh snow, and try one of these fun filled camp activity adaptations for winter. Don't forget to have the hot cocoa waiting for when you are done playing outside.

JUMP SNOW HURDLES

Lightly pack a bunch of basketball-size snowballs and then use them to build a course of hurdles to jump over in a round of follow the leader.

TUG-O-WAR

Team up for a slip-sliding variation of tug-of-war. Compress down a wide, shallow trench in the snow to serve as the midline. Then, take up positions at the ends of a long, thick rope and let the tugging and towing begin. Whichever team pulls the entire opposing group over to its side of the trench wins.

FLAG HUNT IN A SNOW STACK

Tie a white cloth to the end of a short stick. Then, give each child a chance to hide it by staking it anywhere within a predetermined set of boundaries. Keep track of how long it takes for the rest of the group to find it. Whoever hid the flag that takes the longest time to spot wins the game.

STRIKE OUT

For this pitching contest, first mound up snow to create three bases and a pitcher's mound. They should each be about 2 feet high and 20 feet apart. Next, build a tin can pyramid on each base. The challenge is to knock down the stacks in order from first to third base by throwing snowballs from the pitcher's mound. The child who succeeds with the fewest pitches wins.