

SUMMER FUN FOR THE KIDS

BACKYARD GAMES FOR KIDS

While children do enjoy the freedom that comes with the summer months, they still like to have a little structure to their fun. Reading is one way to keep kids minds active during the summer. Another great way to keep them occupied is to set up backyard games.

Host a mini-Olympics

Get the kids competing in running and wheelbarrow races, obstacle courses, water balloon tosses and jumping competitions. Finish off the fun with a mini-Olympic awards ceremony to honour all of the athletes. Buy medals at the local dollar store or make your own with construction paper, coloured pencils and string.

Chalk it up to fun

An inexpensive box of colored chalk can keep the kids busy for hours. Have younger kids draw pictures on the sidewalk or driveway. For the older children, try a game of Tic Tac Toe or hopscotch: draw a hopscotch pattern with eight squares. Players toss a marker (try a stone or button) into a square and then hop over it on one foot.



Children Playing with Silly String

Bean Bag Toss

Make an easy Bean Bag Toss using a double layer of poster board glued together and a large box. Use the large box as a base, and attach the poster board to one side of it. Before attaching the poster board, paint a design on it, allowing for one or more holes. We never kept score, but the kids had a lot of fun throwing those bean bags. They're easy to make from fabric scraps if you sew. Get the kids to help.

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HOMEMADE SIDEWALK CHALK



What you'll need:

1. Aluminum foil—a toilet paper tube OR petroleum jelly—an ice cube tray
2. Disposable plastic container
3. Plaster of Paris
4. Toilet tissue tube or ice cube tray to create smaller chunks for younger hands
5. Duct tape
6. Liquid tempera paint
7. Water
8. Spoon

How to make it:

Cover one end of toilet paper tube w/ duct tape. Loosely roll an 8" x 4 1/2" piece of aluminum foil & slip it into tube so it lines the inside snugly OR coat inside of ice cube tray w/ petroleum jelly. Set tube upright (duct tape side down) on protected surface. In a disposable plastic container, help your child mix 1 cup Plaster of Paris w/ 1/2 cup water. Stir slowly & until plaster is dissolved, about 1 minute. Immediately add 2 tbsp. paint (or more for brighter chalk color, but be careful it can stain). Mix thoroughly. Spoon into the tube OR ice cube tray. Tap gently so mixture settles to the bottom. Let dry overnight.



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Homemade Ice Cream

1 tablespoon sugar
 1/2 cup milk or half & half
 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
 6 tablespoons rock salt
 1 pint-size plastic food storage bag (ex: Ziploc)
 1 gallon-size plastic food storage bag
 Ice cubes

Fill the large bag half full of ice and add the rock salt. Seal the bag. Put milk, vanilla and sugar into the small bag and seal it. Place the small bag inside the large one and seal it again carefully. Shake until the mixture is ice cream, which takes about 5 minutes. Wipe off the top of the small bag, then open it carefully. Enjoy!



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