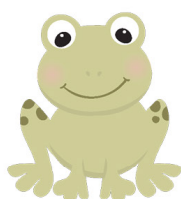


monthly mini dates

JUNE

Park & Summertime



- park scavenger hunt
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PARK SCAVENGER HUNT



SQUIRREL

DOG

BICYCLE

FOOTPRINT

PARK BENCH

BOTTLE CAP

LADYBUG

ANTS

ANT HILL

ROCK WALL

TRASH CAN

SLIDE

BIRD

ACORN

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Homemade Snow Cone Syrup

This snow cone syrup recipe is so easy to make that you will never buy snow cone syrup again.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1 (.13 oz) package unsweetened, fruit-flavored soft drink mix such as Kool-Aid

Directions:

1. In a saucepan, stir together sugar and water. Bring to a boil, and boil for about 1 minute.
2. Remove from heat, and stir in the drink mix.
3. Allow to cool, and store in a container for pouring such as a sports water bottle or condiment bottle.

To Use:

1. Pour snow cone syrup over shaved ice to flavor.



FUN TIP:

Mix several different flavors to make your own unique snow cone!



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Ice Cream In a Bag

Ice cream in a bag is fun and easy to make!

Ingredients:

- 1 cup half and half
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 cups ice
- 1/3 cup salt
- quart size resealable bag
- gallon size resealable bag
- towel



Directions:

1. Place ice into large resealable bag and add salt. Seal shut and mix well.
2. In quart size bag, add half and half, sugar, and vanilla. Seal shut, making sure you remove most of the air, and shake gently.
3. Place the small bag inside the large bag and knead the two bags together for about 5 minutes. Wrap a towel around the bag of ice if the bag is too hold to hang onto.
4. When finished, open the large bag and remove the smaller bag. Your ice cream should be thick and cool and ready to eat. Serve with your favorite rainbow sprinkles or toppings.

Serves 1



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POOL NOODLE RING TOSS

These pool noodle activities are perfect for little boys! Not only can they use up some of their endless energy but you don't have to worry about them getting hurt because they are using pool noodles.

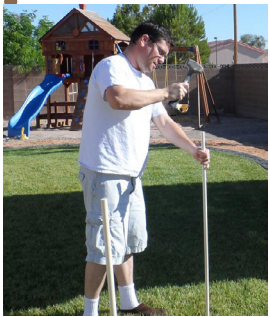
MATERIALS:

- 6 or more 3/4" wooden dowels. We used 4 ft long but you could use shorter depending on how tall you want your game to be
- 6 or more pool noodles
- duct tape
- hammer
- saw to cut dowels (hand saw, circular saw, etc)



TO PLAY: Assign different points to different targets and start play.

Tip: Make sure the diameter of the noodle hole is the same diameter of the dowels that you buy. Some of our noodles had a 1" diameter and those won't work for making the rings unless you buy 1" dowels



STEP 1: Use a hammer to pound the dowels into the ground.



STEP 2: Position one noodle onto each dowel until completely covered.



STEP 3: Cut a dowel into 6" segments. One for each ring you are making.



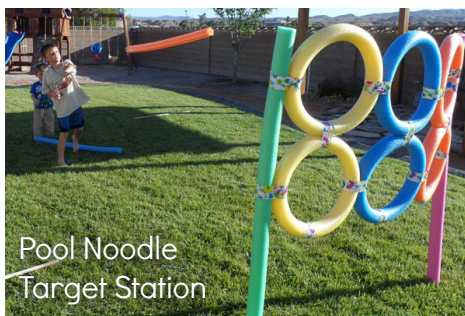
STEP 4: Insert one of the cut dowels into a noodle to make a ring.



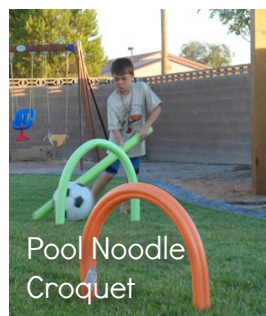
STEP 5: Secure ring with duct tape.



MORE POOL NOODLE ACTIVITIES



Pool Noodle Target Station



Pool Noodle Croquet



Water Balloon Baseball



Giant Tic-Tac-Toe

FOIL RIVER ACTIVITY

Anything that involves water and being outside is a luxury, and this inexpensive foil river will keep the kids busy this summer!

RIVER MATERIALS:

- aluminum foil
- large outdoor space with a hose & water

BOAT MATERIALS:

- bottle caps
- toothpicks, craft sticks or small straws
- scrap paper
- hot glue
- clear tape
- scissors



HOW TO MAKE BOATS

STEP 1: Cut a craft stick, straw or toothpick 3" in length. Hot glue to the bottle cap.

STEP 2: Cut a triangle out of paper for the paper sail. Attach the sail to the stick with clear tape.

Make sure your sails on your boats aren't too big or they will tip over.

STEP 1: Unroll a large piece of foil outside.

STEP 2: Fold the foil in half and then fold up the sides about 1-2" to create a trough.

STEP 3: Place a garden hose at one end of the foil river and watch the water flow through the foil. If necessary make adjustments to the foil to adjust the shape of the river.

TIPS: Don't use full force water pressure if you have a lot of pressure. Start with a small amount of water and increase the flow as necessary. Too much water and the sides of the river won't hold up.



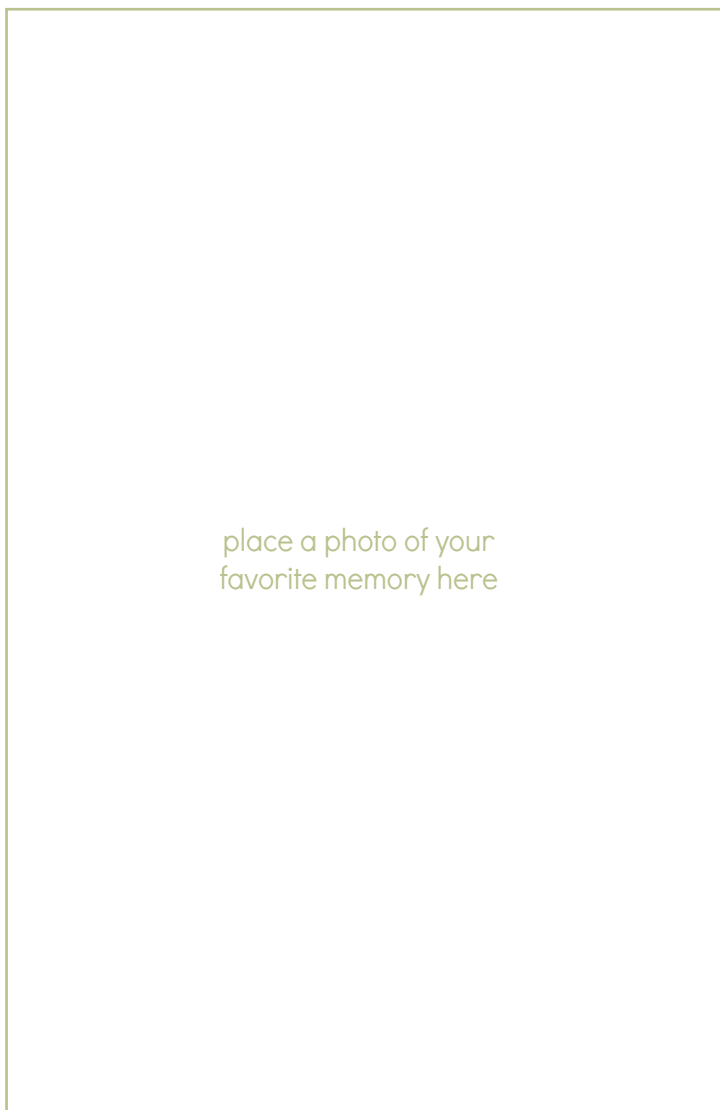
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Fun things we did together:

Our favorite activity was:





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