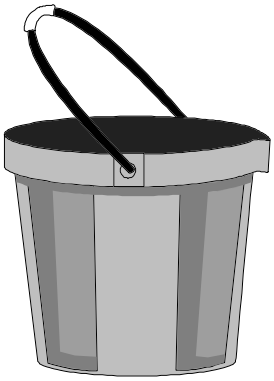
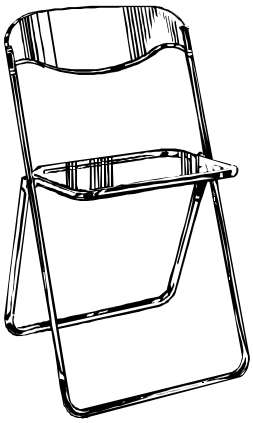
DECEMBER GAMES #2

SORTING GAME



Materials: Two bowls or buckets on chairs
Ten mixed items

Teams or patrols stand in single file facing the front of the hall. Facing each team is a bucket or bowl on a chair. In each bowl there are ten items (the same items for each team). At the back of the hall opposite each team is an empty bucket or bowl. The scout leader calls out an item and the first man in each team has to run to the front, get that item, place it into the other bucket at the back of the hall, and then run back to the back of his team. The first team with their man back gets a point. As you continue playing this the objects will be distributed between the front and the back buckets. If the scouts have good memories they will remember what items are in what buckets. This will save them time. If an object is called by the leader and it is in the back bucket, then it has to be placed in the front bucket and vice-a-versa. The reason for the bucket being on the chair is so the scouts can't look in to see what is in the bucket.



CATCH SOME SNOWFLAKES

Materials: Black velvet or black construction paper
Magnifying Glass
Snow

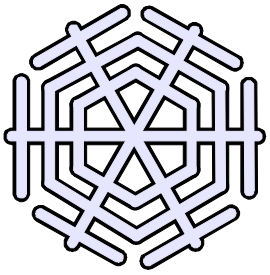
Since snowflakes melt so quickly, you need to freeze your clothes or paper. Have it already frozen and ready to go for the next snowfall, and go outside and let some snowflakes land on the dark surface. Quickly, before they melt, examine the flakes with a magnifying glass. Many snowflakes are "broken" and so you don't see the whole six-sided crystal, but with persistence you'll see some beautiful examples.

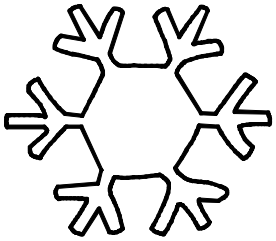
DECEMBER GAMES #3

SNOW SCAVENGER HUNT

The Inuit people have so many different words for snow. See how many of the different kinds of snow you can find. Here is a list of Inuit words for snow along with their meaning.

	anniu	falling snow
	api	ground snow
	qali	snow on the boughs of trees
	qamaniq	bowl like depression under tree
	siaoqtoaq	sun crust
	siqoq	smoky (drifting snow)
	anamana	space between drifts and obstruction
	upsik	wind beaten snow
	mapsuk	overhanging drift
	kaioglaq	sharply etched wind eroded surface
	tumarinyiq	ripple type drift
	kalutoganiq	arrow shaped snow drift
	kimoaqtruk	snow drift
	pukak	bottom snow layer (depth hoar)
	salumaroaq	smooth surface of fine particles
	natatgonaq	rough surface of large particles
	quinzhee	snow shelter





DECEMBER GAMES #4

ANIMAL TRACKS

Needed: a large snow covered field.

See how many animal tracks you can find in the snow in the field. See if you can identify the different tracks

OTHER SUGGESTIONS:

Build snow forts

Snow angels

Fox and Geese

Hay rides

Ice Skating

Build unique snow men

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Materials used in this Example:

Fumble Fingers Relay
Snow Clothes Relay
Sorting Game

Cub Scout Troop 498
Ambridge, Pennsylvania

Ice Cube Race

One I have played before

Catch Some Snowflakes
Scavenger Hunt
Animal Tracks

Snow Activities www.teelfamily.com

SKITS AND STORYTELLING
DECEMBER #2

SANTA'S BIG SECRET SKIT

Cast: Santa, Reporter, Elves (any number).
Costumes: Santa outfit, Scout uniforms under jackets - elves wear jackets and knit hat or hooded sweatshirts.
Props: Toy making equipment and bags, microphone.
Setting: Elves are in background working, making toys or putting toys in sacks. Santa is directing them when reporter comes out with the microphone.

Reporter: This is Scoop Smith, the roving reporter for radio station KCUB on the scene here at Santa's workshop. Santa, may we have a word with you please?
Santa: Oh, sure, we're really busy getting ready for our deliveries. What can I do for you?
Reporter: All of our listeners want to know how you got into the gift business. Did your father give gifts or what?
Santa: Well, it all began when I was 7 or 8 years old… I just started doing good deeds, you know, helping people and such…and it became a habit.
Reporter: Good deeds, huh. That sounds familiar. Say, what is under that jacket?
Santa: That's my best-kept secret. (Opens jacket)
Reporter: A CUB SCOUT UNIFORM!!! You're a Cub Scout?
Santa: Yes, well, no. I WAS a Cub Scout, then a Boy Scout, and then a Venture. I wear this uniform to remind me of where it all started…way back years and years ago. I just love helping other people and doing good things.
Reporter: Well, that explains your involvement. But how do you get all these elves to help you?
Santa: Show the man. (Elves open their jackets to show Cub Scout uniforms.)

SKITS AND STORYTELLING
DECEMBER #3

THE MEANING OF OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS
TOYS
GIFTS

"Peace on Earth"
"Buzz, Bang, Whiz"
"From the Heart"

What is an OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS a boy asked his parents one day?
They thought for a while before they would venture to say.
After thinking it through and pondering a while,
They tried to portray to him the OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS style.
You see the holiday season we all know of today,
Often seems a far cry from what this season should portray.
People crowd in the stores buying many
GIFTS and TOYS
In far too large a quantity for all the girls and boys.
In the OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS things were different you see,
Far fewer GIFTS then there seemed to be.
So they were all given with love beyond measure.
Making the giving a wonderful treasure.
In the OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS the best GIFTS of all,
Were those of goodwill or perhaps a token so small.
TOYS were not given in excess by the score,
And many GIFTS were homemade and not bought from a store.
So if an OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS you now wish to see,
Remember the quantity of GIFTS is immaterial as can be.
For an OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS let's all now start,
By remembering, my friend, it begins in the heart,
Through the giving of kindness and goodwill to all mankind.
An OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS we certainly can find.
The GIFTS with a meaning in this season can play a part,
With an OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS begun in your heart.