

Playing in the Snow

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With the cold winter days finally here, it becomes harder to find fun, exciting, and inexpensive activities that can be done around campus. I grew up in Alaska, so I know how the combination of freezing temperatures and a small town can be a damper to having fun. However, there is always something to do if you are willing to be inventive, spontaneous, and a bit childish. After all, children have the ability to have fun by loving life and not caring about what others think. So the next time you find yourself being "bored," think back on your childhood and re-live some of the random things you used to do. Here are a few ideas to get your imagination going.

[D]ance around in the snow with your head back and your tongue sticking out.

- With the cold of winter comes lots of snow. There are many things that can be done in the snow, such as sledding and building snowmen, but when was the last time you ate snowflakes? Take a moment the next time it is snowing to get all bundled up in your snow gear (the more you look like a marshmallow, the better) and dance around in the snow with your head back and your tongue sticking out. And don't forget and to sing:

"If all the snow drops were candy bars and milkshakes
Oh what a snow that would be.
Standing outside with my mouth open wide.
A h h - a h h - a h h - a h h -
a h h - a h h - a h h - a h h -
If all the snowflakes were candy bars and milkshakes
Oh what a snow that would be."

- You have probably heard of Stadium Singing. Each Sunday, students gather

under the stadium to sing hymns together. It is always an enjoyable event. Using this as an example, host your own singing party. All it takes is a little organization of time and place (the more public a place, the more people that will join in). There are many themes that you could have: popular songs, nursery rhymes, camp songs, or made-up nonsensical nonsense. Use your imagination! The sillier the songs, the better.

- As a child, I would always host my own tea-less tea parties. Even now, when I want to have a bit of fun, I can always rely on my

little sisters to join me in having a party. All it takes is a cake, some lemonade, and an assortment of outlandish costumes to have a great time. Remember to bring your overly polite manners and to always have small talk.

