

2021 February Staycation Funtivities: Outdoor Snow Fun

The phrase, "There's no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes" is a common mantra repeated by Scandinavian parents who insist that their children spend time outdoors every day. Outdoor play—even in snowy and inclement weather—is beneficial for developing children's skills (physical/cognitive/social), encouraging creativity, and fostering a love of nature. ["It's good for the body and soul,"](#) explains Linda Åkeson McGurk, author of [There's No Such Thing as Bad Weather: A Scandinavian Mom's Secrets for Raising Healthy, Resilient, and Confident Kids](#). So bundle up, change your mindset, and make the most of this winter season! We hope the ideas below will help you and your child(ren) enjoy February vacation week, rather than just *survive* break.

Outdoor Snow Activities

- [Winter Road](#)
- [Snow Painting](#)
- [Magic Snow Paint](#)
- [Winter Bowling](#)
- [Snow Volcano](#)
- [Tie Dyed Snow](#)
- [Snow Rockets](#)
- [Frozen Bubbles](#)
- [Colorful Icicles](#)
- [Glow Sticks in the Snow](#)



Other Snow Play Ideas

- **Outdoor Kitchen:** Bring the toy kitchen outdoors and let your child(ren) pretend to bake and cook.
- **Build Snow Castles:** Find your beach toys and work with your child(ren) to build snow castles with buckets and shovels.
- **Arctic Adventure:** Choose indoor plastic toys that can handle the cold and wet snow (ie. plastic dinosaurs, plastic animals, trucks, Octonauts, Paw Patrol figurines, etc.) and have your child(ren) take them on an Arctic Adventure in your yard.
- **Buried Treasure:** Select a medium sized object to burry within a defined perimeter and pretend to be pirates hiding and digging up treasure; be prepared in case the object gets buried and then lost until the snow melts!
- **Make Snowballs & Play Games:** Use a [snowball maker](#) to form and stockpile snowballs; then create games with the snowballs, such as a [snow baseball](#), [snow relay](#), [snow hole](#) (corn hole but with snowballs and bowls/buckets/hula hoops), or a [target practice](#) (like darts or knocking down stacked solo cups).
- **Take a Winter Walk:** Even a walk around the block will invite snow play along the way, or other fun opportunities, such as collecting nature items to build a snowman, or observing aspects of the environment.

For further exploration about outdoor play for children and instilling a love for nature, visit the blog [Rain or Shine Mama](#), created by Swedish-born writer and photographer Linda Åkeson McGurk. She is also known for her book, [There's No Such Thing as Bad Weather: A Scandinavian Mom's Secrets for Raising Healthy, Resilient, and Confident Kids](#).

