

HOLIDAY CRAFTS MEETING PLAN AGES: 7-14

Goal: The chance to be creative and artistic.

Preparation Time:
Approximately 45 minutes

GATHERING ACTIVITY

NAME: Snow off the Wall

GOAL: To be the last person left on the wall.

The kids run from one end of the gym to the other and try not to get tagged by the person in the middle. The middle person says, "Snow off the Wall" which is the cue for them to run from one wall to the other. If a person gets tagged they are a middle person too and can tag people of their own.

OPENING

- Enjoy your usual opening then go around the circle asking each person what their favourite holiday activity is. After everyone has taken a turn split the kids into three groups. Each group will start with a different activity then rotate to the next station throughout the evening so everyone ends up with a centerpiece, a giant pinecone, and an ornament ball.

TIPS

- The most time consuming part of the centerpiece craft is the time it takes to find some birch logs, split them in half, and drill a hole for the candle.
- The glitter-glue can be replaced with just some glitter and white wood glue.
- Cue-tips hold glue better than popsicle sticks and allow more control.
- Some kids are visual learners so it could help to have a sample of each craft completed to show them.
- Ensure that the tapered candle fits into the hole.
- Before the meeting gather a number of undecorated ornament balls (keep in mind that some might break during the decorating process so bring extra).

CRAFTS

GIANT PINECONE

Materials:

- Giant Pinecone
- Different colours of glitter-glue
- Cue-tips to spread the glue on the pinecone petals
- Ribbon, yarn, or string
- A name tag
- Markers

1 Lay out the glitter-glue, cue-tips, and ribbon in the “Decorating Section. Have the paper tags, some ribbon, and markers in another section.

2 Give each kid a giant pinecone, label it with their name, and have them start in the “Decorating Section.”

3 After the kids are finished decorating put their pinecones in a safe place to dry.

4 Have the kids select a tag and fill out who they are giving their pinecone to and who it is from. Then attach the tag to the pinecone with some ribbon.



ORNAMENT BALLS

Materials:

- Undecorated ornament balls
- Different colours of glitter-glue
- Markers
- Ribbon, yarn, string or hook

1 Give each kid an undecorated ornament ball and have them write their name on it.

2 Let them decorate it then thread a piece of string or a hook through the loop at the top of the ball to form a hanger.

3 Set the ornament aside to dry.

CENTERPIECE

Materials:

- Half a birch log with a 2cm diameter hole drilled in the center of it
- Tapered Candle
- Natural decorations such as pine/spruce boughs, pinecones, and holly
- Holiday themed decorations like plastic bells, stars, or present boxes.
- Different colours of glitter-glue
- Hot glue gun or white wood glue
- Markers

1 Have a split birch log with a 2cm diameter hole drilled in the center ready before the meeting. The hole should be the size of a tapered candle.

2 Set up an area with white wood glue, markers, decorations, and glitter-glue. If you are using a hot glue gun then set up a supervised area.

3 Give each kid a birch log, have them write their name on the bottom of the log with markers, and let them decorate it.

4 After their log is all decorated set it aside to dry and place a candle in the hole in the log.



CLOSING

- End with your usual closing.