



Scouting @ Home Program

24 September 2021

Overview

As it's getting hotter and school holidays, we thought you might like some activities involving Paddle Pop Sticks- eat the ice creams first please! Here are some ideas for you and your unit to explore and have fun with Paddle Pop Sticks and Skewers. Some of these activities may give you some ideas to explore further for your [Special Interest Awards](#) or [Milestone activities](#). Remember, before you start each activity to [Plan>Do>Review>](#) and check out the [Challenge areas](#).



The Humble Popsicle



The Story of the Popsicle, believe it or not, the mind behind this summer indulgence wasn't a marketing honcho, or even a chef, it was an 11 year old boy, Frank Epperson. Frank one night accidentally left a glass filled with water, powdered soda mix and a wooden stick for stirring outside overnight. The next is the birth of the popsicle find out more about [Frank Epperson](#)

Marble Race



What do Paddle (popsicle) Stick and marbles have in common? Nothing until you put them together to make a Marble Race. These can be simple or very complex, see [Marble Race](#) activity sheet for more info.



Chain Reaction

Paddle Pop sticks are great for holding frozen treats and reading the occasional joke off of, but did you know they're excellent for demonstrating potential and kinetic energy? It's true! If you weave paddle sticks together just right, you can create a chain reaction that will create a dazzling display. [Chain Reaction](#)



Dream Den

Get busy, get creative, design and build your 'KIT' Dream Den. Challenge Yourself and Your unit. Check out the activity sheet [Dream Den](#) for further instructions.



Flower Pots

A recycled can or other small container and a handful of paddle pop sticks, create a pretty pot, fill with your favourite flower or plant for a long-lasting smile. For some simple and more creative designs to go [Flower Pots](#)



Sculpture

[David Hrobowski](#) creates exquisite furniture and select collective pieces from Paddle Pop Sticks believe it or not, check it out, Research, Be Creative, Have FUN, your imagination is the only limit to what you can achieve. [Paddle Pop Stick Sculptures](#)





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Wind Spinner

Spin some magic and bring excitement to your yard or patio with a [Wind Spinner](#) from paddle pop sticks.



Games

40 games – great for any meeting perfect for Youth & Adults. Challenge Spot the Paddle Pop Sticks? [Games](#)



Catapult

[Paddle Pop Stick Catapult](#)

A quick fun way to make a simple working catapult from paddle pop sticks and rubber bands.



Launch Away

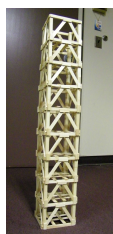
This is such a fun project and the best part is that it doesn't take long to make and the supplies are very inexpensive.



Once the youth members have completed their [Launchers](#) they will have so much fun launching Q-Tips all over the place!



Towering Above



Put your engineering skills to the test and build the tallest and strongest paddle pop stick tower. Research your design.

1. [Design hint 1](#)
2. [Design hint 2](#)



Harmonicas

Can you name the bestselling musical instrument in the world? If you said harmonica, you are right!

Do want to make your own simple paddle pop stick harmonica – click on [Harmonica](#)



Bridge Across Troubled Water



Put your engineering skills to the test again this time build the longest and strongest paddle pop stick bridge. Research your design. This is a great STEM you could lead.

1. [Design Hint 1](#)
2. [Design Hint 2](#)



Review >

Afterwards take the time to think about what you did and learnt about ---Paddle Pop Sticks.

- What went well?
- What did you enjoy?
- How could you do it better?



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