

## Snow Snake Game

This game is a variation of a Native American game that is played during the winter. It is usually played on ice, but it can be played in soft snow, as it is here. Game is designed for two or more kids.

### Materials Needed

- Smooth sticks or dowel rods about 2-feet long (3 to 5 for each player)
- Paint or markers

### What you do

1. Each player takes three to five smooth sticks. With a marker or paint, decorate one end of the stick with the features of a snake. The sticks are then marked at the other end with paint or markers, the first with one line, the second with two lines, the third with three, and so on.
2. Ask a grown-up to shovel a space in your yard or alley that is at least 12-feet long.
3. All the players stand in a line at one end of the cleared space. Each player throws a stick head first down the alley. The player whose stick goes the farthest adds up the marks on all the other sticks to obtain his score. Those sticks are then put aside and each player throws a new stick down the alley.
4. After all the sticks have been thrown, the player with the highest score wins the game.

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