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### MOVE OVER, SUMMER

As we get ready to say goodbye to the lazy days of summer, a new school year quickens the tempo of family life! School bells ring-and so do the earlymorning alarm clocks. With the start of school, a hectic round of sports, activities and events, commitments and filled calendars are ready to put new mileage on our wheels! But, while our kiddos are filled with



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August is when summer begins to make its slow crawl towards autumn, but we know that in Texas we can still have a few more hot days and even thunderstorms. While the sun and oppressive humidity are at their peak, the month still brings exciting events and attractions and one thing for sure-the time won't be boring!

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Summer is free-spirited living, so it is time for it to move over. Now, is the moment to break out and get you excited for the season ahead. Let reviewit guide you with some ideas for how your family can enjoy this festive time. Read on!

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Family is the foundation upon which the practice was built, so it's natural that Parke & Rogers Dentistry has become the go-to dental office for families throughout Montgomery County. Dr. Parke's parents moved to The Woodlands in 1989 and she has called the community home since. She attended college at Texas A&M University and after finishing dental school, she had the opportunity to return home. Dr. Rogers grew up in The Woodlands and is a proud alumnus of The Woodlands High School. She attended the University of Texas at Austin and was excited to return home to start her dental career. For both Dr. Parke and Dr. Rogers, there is no better place to raise a family than The Woodlands.

After spending six years practicing in The Woodlands, Dr. Parke made the decision to open her own practice. She was committed to bringing the quickly evolving



dental technology and techniques to her patients. With advancement comes more comfort, less downtime, and a higher quality experience. In 2012, Dr. Rogers joined the practice and the two quickly found that their skills and shared patient-focused approach were the perfect match.

"We work together in all aspects of the practice," Dr. Parke said. "We're aligned on the way that we approach treating patients. When it comes to technology, our patients benefit the most. We have the equipment to make patients more comfortable with same day crowns. Instead of a multi-day process with several office visits, they just need to come in once. We also have the ability to take a scan with our computer for making veneers, crowns, night guards, Invisalign trays, and retainers. This helps avoid messy and uncomfortable impressions."

The practice has also recently expanded to offer Invisalign. Seeing the difference in a person's smile and helping them to correct issues that they've been struggling with for years makes their job that much more joyful. Oftentimes, patients don't realize that they could be doing more to keep their smiles healthy, so education is a huge part of what Dr. Parke and Dr. Rogers do. Giving their patients beautiful and healthy smiles is one of their greatest gifts.

"We are grateful to be here because we get to care for families of multiple generations. Keeping the whole family happy and healthy is our ultimate goal", Dr. Rogers said. "Each day, I see how people can control factors that contribute to their dental health. I believe in educating my patients so we are a team in their dental healthcare. It's fun to become friends with our patients and see the whole family improve their dental health!" Dr. Parke and Dr. Rogers know they are the front line of defense in keeping their patients' smiles bright. Their passion for dentistry and commitment to the community truly set them apart. The practice is proud to work with Interfaith of The Woodlands as a part of their community dental clinic, offering their services pro-bono to neighbors in need.

"It's a privilege to know that you're helping people each day," Dr. Parke said. "I'm so grateful for my job, and for the team that I work with. I really do love what I do. Most of our team members have been here for about ten years, and they love our patients as much as we do."

Putting patients first and treating each patient like a friend and neighbor (because they are!) have helped Dr. Parke and Dr. Rogers build a practice where going above and beyond is the rule, not the exception. Regardless of your reason for coming in, at Parke & Rogers Dentistry, you'll always leave smiling.

#### How The Woodlands Makes Dr. Parke Smile:

When I'm out and about you can usually find me jogging on one of the great trails in The Woodlands. I've got a favorite trail at my house, my sister's house, and my parents' house! My kids are also involved in athletics and we go to as many of The Woodlands High School football games as possible!

#### How The Woodlands Makes Dr. Rogers Smile:

As a parent, I love the many different parks and community organized events we have here! There's always something for my kids to do; the whole family comes home happy and worn out. I truly appreciate the unique hometown community we are provided in The Woodlands.





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YES to YOUTH Montgomery Youth Services has been tirelessly working to lift children, teenagers, and families out of the shadows and into the light. With the upcoming Ignite the Light Gala, Co-Chairs Michelle Maggert and Katrina Savage hope to raise much needed funds for the organization that brings services ranging from a 24/7 crisis hotline to an emergency youth shelter housing kids in crisis. They're sharing what this work means to them, and giving us a behind-the-scenes look at the gala!



#### Q: What does YES to YOUTH mean to you?

**MM:** YES TO YOUTH means taking the time to help families and youth in our areas that need us. They need counseling, love, and a safe place to live. They need guidance to get them on the right track so they can be successful in school, in relationships, and to ignite their passion to live again. When you help a child with the problems they are going through at home in essence you help the family and that can help a community. There is within all of us the need to believe that things will get better. These youth need us to show them we believe things will get better for them.

#### Katrina Savage

KS: YOUTH!! It means exactly that. It means that no child should go hungry, without shelter, feel unsafe ... sadly, the list goes on and on. The youth that this organization serves receive shelter, food, clothing, someone to provide care and compassion for them, that they are safe, they have a voice and a life free from abuse and neglect. By supporting YES TO YOUTH you are helping them continue to provide these essential services in our community. YES TO YOUTH provides counseling services, suicide prevention, street outreach for homeless teens, etc... These services are there and are available to the youth in our community. It means that for any child in need of help, that help is out there. Whether it is from bullying

or pressures from home, regardless of socio-economic conditions, there are people there to help. These youth are our children today, but they are our future!! They will grow up and be our doctors, community leaders, and teachers tomorrow. I say YES TO YOUTH, yes to the happy smiling faces of the youth in our community.

#### Q: Why did this cause move you to get involved?

**MM:** When my husband and I visited the shelter with our family many years ago and saw for our own eyes that there is a huge need in our area for homeless teenagers, we stepped in to help. Everyone wants to believe that bad things don't happen in their neighborhoods. But unfortunately, they do! Kids are being abused,

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neglected, bullied at school, suffering with suicidal thoughts, raised with parents that have been with struggling addictions, and mental illness. There is not enough funding from the state or the county to help. These teenagers and their families are our future and I want to help them as much as I can.

**KS:** The epidemic of teen suicide. I know "epidemic" is a strong word to use, the very definition is "a widespread occurrence of an infectious disease in a community at a particular time" That is exactly what is happening with teen suicide. Suicide is a public health issue that affects people of all ages and ethnicities. The sad part is that no one talks about suicide. It is the ugly little secret that gets swept under the rug; the feeling that no one should know that there is a mental health issue. This has to stop now! Mental health is an important issue that should be discussed openly and honestly. We need to have dinner table discussions with our families

> and children, we as adults need to be present in our kids' lives. The more we as a community discuss suicide and mental health issues, the more awareness and prevention is shared. The thing is, help is out there!! YES TO YOUTH provides that help! We can put a stop to teen suicide. We as a community can help by supporting this organization that provides the resources to raise awareness and prevention about This suicide organization has counselors available 7 days a week 24 hours a day. They are there for kids and families. If a mother finds their child's suicide plan, if a child is feeling the pressures of school and society, help is there. Help is out there. You can call this number any day or time (888)-756-8682 and receive that help. Share that number - you never know, you might just help save someone's life!

#### Q: Co-Chairing a gala is a ton of work - how has the process been for you and what has been the most enjoyable part?

**MM:** This has been an amazing year for me! It is so rewarding to know that I am helping to ignite passion in the kids' lives again, inspiring them to attend school, believe in themselves and have hope for a better life. They have an amazing staff that works night and day to make a difference in the lives of so many. Co-chairing has made me realize the amount of hours it takes to bring an event of this caliber together. I have really enjoyed being a part of the process and working along side my co-chair Katrina Savage. She is simply dynamite and has a beautiful heart! That has been the most enjoyable part. Working with the staff, our amazing gala committee, and seeing our community come together with a passion for this organization and wanting to help the families they serve has blown me away! It takes a village and I am so thankful for all of their support.

KS: It is a lot of work, it is exhausting, stressful and at times brings me to tears. HOWEVER, it is the most rewarding and fulfilling experience to see the community and all the businesses and people here come together to support an organization that does so much good! It truly is an honor to work in this community on behalf of YES TO YOUTH! Working alongside my co-chair Michelle Maggert has been an enjoyable experience, she has a heart of gold and loves this organization. It has been so much fun to see all of our ideas merge together to create this amazing event. I have to say, though, the most enjoyable part is the joy of working alongside a group of selfless, dedicated volunteers that make up our gala committee. It is an absolute privilege to work with all of them! It truly takes a village, a great team to create an event like this. I could not do it without all of their support and hard work.

#### Q: What is something about YES to YOUTH that most people don't realize?

**MM:** YES TO YOUTH turns away 100 qualified youth

each month due to lack of capacity. The fact that so many in our area need a place to live at such a young age is mind blowing. The kids are not there for free handouts. They are coming to the shelter for help. While they are at Bridgeway, they are receiving counseling, health care, getting back into school and being surrounded by people that have their best interest at heart. I have been at the shelter a few times when a new child arrives and the process will bring you to tears. The staff will be checking them in as they arrive with just 1 bag of belongings, if that. They will have to ask questions like "Are you a runaway or homeless?" They are withdrawn, scared, and you can see hurt all over their precious faces. Within a short time of staying at Bridgeway getting the help they desperately need, I have returned to find that same child is smiling, interacting with the other teens, even talking with adults. This is because of the staff and the help they are able to provide for them. It is truly a blessing.

**KS:** ALL the services they provide, from running Bridgeway the emergency youth shelter, counseling services, suicide prevention and awareness, community outreach... the list goes on. What I think people don't realize is that those services are such a vital need in this community, that our community "our little bubble", has a homeless teen population, sex trafficked children and suicide rates on the rise. When I became aware of these issues happening in our backyard, I was shocked. What this organization does is truly serving ALL youth and families in our community. That this organization is not just a shelter but has resources that are available to all the people in our community. I am in admiration of the entire staff of this organization and what they do on a daily basis. The services and activities benefit both youth and families who struggle with a variety of issues and situations. This organization truly does save lives!!

#### Q: How do you ignite your own light each day?

**MM:** Well, let me think about this. I believe in my heart that all people were created in God's image. I believe we all have love inside of us to give to others. We're supposed to make the world a better place. Every day when I drop my kiddos off at school, I tell them to do something nice for somebody. Be a blessing to your teachers and your peers. This is how I ignite my light each day. When I see or experience the suffering of others, it compels me to do something. If we ignore it, and just walk away and decide the problem isn't ours, personally I find it hard to sleep at night. When we stop reaching out to help those in need, something has gone horribly wrong. I believe God never intended for us to live hopeless lives. Knowing that almost 40% of the HOMELESS people in the U.S. are under the

age of 18 breaks my heart. Thousands of children are forced into sex trafficking networks each year and this is a horrible statistic. I chose to help YES TO YOUTH because they are helping families and kiddos that need us right around the corner, in our own backyards.

KS: COFFEE!! just kidding!!! My daughter Emilee, she is my world and my greatest gift! I am so blessed to have such a wonderful and supportive husband and that we are able to provide a warm and loving home for our daughter. I am reminded of that every time I see her smile. It breaks my heart that there are so many kids right here in our community that do not have that feeling of warmth and love of a family let alone a home at all. The need of the kids in this community is a driving force that inspires me to work hard to raise the funds needed to support this organization! YES TO YOUTH provides such a positive impact to the community. No child should feel unloved, unwanted, unsafe. As a volunteer for this organization, I had the opportunity to visit the shelter and get to know all of the children there at the time. It truly is an honor to meet all of them and get to know them and learn of their hopes and dreams. It is heartwarming that they are so eager to get to know you and share their talents with you, and they have hopes and dreams and a bright future! I loved hearing them use words like happy to describe themselves and seeing them smile!!! SMILE, that is my spark to create my light each day. Those happy smiling faces on the kids that this organization serves!

## Q: What are you most excited about for this year's gala? Any surprises you can hint at?

**MM:** We do have some pretty special presentations this year during the gala dinner hour. I don't want to spoil any surprises, but let's just say if all goes well we are hoping to Ignite the Light in all our guests for this organization and for the families they serve! I have been excited about this gala since day one! The theme "Ignite their Light" gives me goose bumps! My family is probably tired of me talking about it, but I can't help myself. This is going to be a wonderful event!

I am most excited to announce and share photos from the YES TO YOUTH Ground Breaking Ceremony! This is a year of celebration for Yes to Youth as we expand on the existing campus so we can double the capacity of youth they serve.

**KS:** EVERYTHING!! I am so excited about every little detail this year. To really answer your question, what I am most excited about is the THEME!! Ignite their LIGHT!!! The theme is a true meaning of what this organization does for all the kids they help. The kids that YES TO YOUTH serves;

some are in a very dark place, but after they receive the help, they need they end up in a light space. Their outlook turns from darkness to one of light. These kids will know that the light within them is greater than any darkness they walk through. All the guests attending this year's gala will see that symbolism throughout the event. By attending this year and supporting YES TO YOUTH, the guests are the spark to help ignite the light in these kids' lives!

As for surprises that I can hint at.... YES TO YOUTH is after all a youth organization; we are all coming together to support the YOUTH in our community. The gala is all about helping YOUTH! I will leave you with that! You will just have to attend and see all of the beautiful and fun details we have planned for the night!

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## Mexican Hot Dogs

- ½ medium ripe avocado, peeled
  1 tablespoon lime juice
  ¼ teaspoon salt
  1/8 teaspoon pepper
  6 hot dogs
  6 hot dog buns, split
  1 small tomato, chopped
  3 tablespoons red onion, finely chopped
  3 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- In a small bowl, mash avocado with a fork, stirring in lime juice, salt, and pepper. Grill hot dogs, covered, over medium heat until heated through (about 7-9 minutes), turning occasionally.
- 2. Serve in buns. Top with avocado mixture, tomato, onion, and bacon.

Photo and recipe from tasteofhome.com

## *Double Bacon Hamburger Patty Melt*

For Each Sandwitch:

1/2 pound fresh ground beef chuck 1 tablespoon vegetable or canola oil Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper 3 very thin grilled cheese sandwiches, with 2 crisp bacon slices sandwiched in them 4 crisp slices bacon, cut in half

- 1. Divide beef into 2 equal parts. Shape into square patties slightly larger than the grilled cheese sandwiches that will serve as buns. Create a slight indentation in the center of the patties.
- 2. Season patties on all sides with salt and pepper. Heat oil in a large cast iron or stainless steel skillet over high heat until lightly smoking. Add hamburger patties and cook, turning occasionally, until well-browned and an instant-read thermometer inserted into the center registers 125°F for medium-rare or 135°F for medium, 5 to 6 minutes total. Add 2 slices of bacon and 1 slice of cheese to the top of each patty. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate.
- Stack burger patty on top of grilled cheese sandwich, top with second grilled cheese sandwich, add second burger patty, close with remaining grilled cheese sandwich, and serve.



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## Rainbow Macaroni Salad

12 ounces elbow macaroni <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup red onion 1 cup diced red, yellow, and orange peppers 6 ounce canned black olives, chopped <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup grape tomatoes, halved <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup broccoli, cut into bite-sized pieces 1 cup cubed Colby Jack cheese Sauce: ⅔ cup mayo ⅓ cup white sugar 2 tablespoons white vinegar 1 teaspoon lemon juice 1 teaspoon onion powder

 Cook noodles according to package directions, and strain. Chop up all the veggies and additions and toss with noodles. Mix sauce ingredients together in a separate bowl. Pour sauce over the top and toss to combine. Refrigerate up to 2 days. Enjoy!

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## Herbed Potato Salad

2 pounds small red potatoes, scrubbed and sliced into ¼-inch thick rounds

1 tablespoon fine sea salt

¼ cup olive oil

⅓ cup lightly packed fresh flat-leaf parsley, roughly chopped, plus about 2 tablespoons more for garnish

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

2 cloves garlic, roughly chopped

Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

3 stalks celery, chopped

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- 1. In a large saucepan or Dutch oven, combine sliced potatoes and salt. Cover with water by 1 inch. Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce heat to medium-low and cook until potatoes are easily pierced by a paring knife and pulled out with little resistance, about 5 to 6 minutes.
- 2. Reserve ¼ cup cooking water, then drain. Transfer the potatoes to a large mixing bowl. In a small food processor or blender, combine the olive oil, ¼ cup parsley, ¼ cup green onions, lemon juice, Dijon mustard, garlic, and freshly ground black pepper. Process until the herbs and garlic have been chopped into little pieces. Then, while running the food processor, pour in the reserved cooking water, and process just until blended. (If you don't have a food processor or blender, just finely chop the parsley and onions, and whisk the dressing together until the oil is fully incorporated.)
- 3. Drizzle the potatoes with the herbed olive oil mixture and gently mix to combine. (It will look like you've poured in too much dressing, but don't worry, the potatoes will soak it up!) Let the potatoes rest for ten minutes, gently tossing every few minutes. Add the celery to the bowl, along with a couple tablespoons each of additional chopped parsley and green onions. Toss again. Season generously to taste with salt and pepper.
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## Crispy Buffalo Chicken Wings

#### CHICKEN WINGS

4 pounds chicken wings cut into drumettes and flats 1 tablespoon aluminum free baking powder (NOT baking soda)

½ teaspoon salt 2 teaspoons garlic powder Pinch of cracked pepper

#### BUFFALO SAUCE:

suit your tastes)

1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted 1/2 cup red hot sauce 1-2 tablespoons honey, white sugar, or brown sugar (adjust to

#### BLUE CHEESE DIP:

1 2 cup crumbled blue cheese softened 1 3 cup sour cream 1 4 cup mayonnaise 2 cloves garlic minced 1 tablespoon lemon juice Pinch of salt Pinch of cracked black pepper

TO SERVE: Ranch dressing Blue cheese dip Celery sticks

- Adjust oven rack to upper-middle position and preheat oven to 450°F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil and set a heatproof wire rack inside. Pat dry chicken wings well with paper towels, squeezing out as much moisture as you can and transfer them to a large bowl.
- 2. In a small bowl, combine the baking powder, garlic powder, salt and pepper together, whisking well to combine, and sprinkle the mixture over the wings. Toss wings through the baking powder mixture until evenly coated.
- 3. Arrange on rack, leaving about 1-inch of space between each wing.
- 4. Bake for 30 minutes; flip and continue to cook until crisp and golden brown, (about 20-30 minutes longer), until golden browned and crispy.
- 5. While wings are cooking, whisk together hot sauce, butter, and sugar. Toss wings through the sauce to evenly coat.
- 6. Serve wings immediately with blue cheese dressing or ranch dressing, and celery sticks.

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## Insanity Burger

1 ¾ pounds ground chuck steak
Olive oil
1 large red onion
Splash of white wine vinegar
2 large gherkins
4 sesame-topped brioche burger buns
4-8 slices of smoked bacon
4 teaspoons yellow mustard
Tabasco Chipotle sauce
4 thin slices of Red Leicester cheese
4 teaspoons tomato ketchup

BURGER SAUCE:
¼ of an iceberg lettuce
2 heaping tablespoons mayo
1 heaping tablespoon tomato ketchup
1 teaspoon Tabasco Chipotle sauce
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Optional: 1 teaspoon brandy or bourbon



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- 1. Divide ground meat into 4 and, with wet hands, roll each piece into a ball, then press into flat patties roughly 5 inches wide and about ¾ inch wider than your buns. Place on an oiled plate and chill in the fridge. Next, finely slice the red onion, then dress in a bowl with the vinegar and a pinch of sea salt. Slice the gherkins and halve the buns. Finely chop the lettuce and mix with the rest of the burger sauce ingredients in a bowl, then season to taste.
- 2. Pat your burgers with oil and season them with salt and pepper. Put two burgers into the first pan, pressing down on them with a spatula, then put ½ the bacon into the other pan. After 1 minute, flip the burgers and brush each cooked side with a ½ teaspoon of mustard and a dash of Tabasco. After another minute, flip onto the mustard side and brush again with another ½ teaspoon of mustard and a second dash of Tabasco on the other side. Cook for 1 more minute, at which point you can place some crispy bacon on top of each burger with a slice of cheese. Add a tiny splash of water to the pan and place a heatproof bowl over the burgers to melt the cheese—30 seconds should do it. At the same time, toast split buns in the bacon fat in the other pan until lightly golden.
- 3. To build each burger, add a quarter of the burger sauce to the bun base, then top with a cheesy bacon burger, a quarter of the onions, and gherkins. Rub the bun top with a teaspoon of ketchup, then gently press together. As the burger rests, juices will soak into the bun, so serve right away.

## Baked Parmesan Creamed Corn

2 cans cream-style corn 1 can whole kernel sweet corn ¼ cup flour 3 large eggs 1 teaspoon salt, or to taste ¼ teaspoon pepper, or to taste ½ teaspoon garlic powder 2 teaspoons sugar ½ cup finely grated Parmesan cheese ⅓ sup crushed buttery crackers 4 tablespoons melted butter Grated Parmesan for garnish (optional)

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F and grease a baking/casserole dish.
- 2. In a large bowl, stir together cream style corn, whole kernel corn, flour, eggs, salt, pepper, garlic powder, and sugar. Pour mixture into prepared baking dish. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese over the top. Bake in preheated oven for 35-40 minutes. Remove from oven, sprinkle crushed crackers over the top, then drizzle with melted butter. Bake for another 5 minutes until crackers are browned. Allow to cool slightly before serving. Top with grated Parmesan cheese if desired.



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## Hot Dogs With Apple-Cabbage Slaw, Caraway-Dill Aioli & Fried Shallots

#### CARAWAY-DILL AIOLI:

¼ teaspoon caraway seeds
1 tablespoon minced fresh baby dill
¼ teaspoon spicy Dijon mustard
¼ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons lemon juice
1 egg yolk
¾ cup canola oil
Optional: 1 teaspoon water (if needed to thin mayo)
APPLE & CABBAGE SLAW:

¼ cup seasoned rice wine vinegar

- 1⁄2 Honeycrisp apple
- 1/2 Granny Smith apple

½ Fuji apple1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar2 cups shredded red cabbage2 teaspoons salt

#### CRISPY SHALLOTS:

2 shallots, sliced into thin rings Canola oil Salt 8 hot dog buns Melted butter 1 tablespoon canola oil 8 hot dogs

- 1. Make the Dill & Caraway Mayonnaise: Toast the caraway seeds in a dry pan until aromatic.
- Combine them in a large bowl with the minced dill, lemon juice, mustard, and salt. Whisk in the egg yolk, then continue to whisk while slowly drizzling in the canola oil until a smooth mayo forms.
- 3. Core & julienne the apples, tossing all the pieces in the rice wine and cider vinegar as you cut them, so they don't start to brown.
- 4. Massage the cabbage with the salt for a minute. Put the cabbage in a small strainer & weigh it down with something heavy (another bowl filled with water, etc). Let any juices drain out for 20 minutes, or until a quarter cup of water has collected under the strainer. Taste the cabbage, if it is too salty, briefly rinse it.
- 5. Fry the crispy shallots: Preheat the canola oil in a deep, narrow pot to 350°F. Add the shallot rings & fry them just until they brown. Scoop the shallot pieces out of the oil & spread them out on paper towels to drain. Sprinkle them with salt while they're still hot.
- 6. Brush the cut side of the hot dog buns with melted butter. Toast them in a hot pan.
- Remove the buns from the pan and add the tablespoon of canola oil. Add the hot dogs to the pan and sear them.
- 8. Toss the cabbage together with the apple sticks & vinegar.
- 9. Serve the hot dogs on toasted buns with the mayonnaise, shallots, slaw, and mustard.

## Mac And Cheese Stuffed Cheeseburger

#### MAC AND CHEESE:

1/2 pounds macaroni, cooked 1/2-1 shallot 2 tablespoons butter 1 1/2 tablespoons all-purpose flour 1/2 tablespoon corn starch 1 cup half n half 6 ounces shredded cheese blend – (sharp cheddar, clothbound cheddar, and Gruyere is a good mix) Salt and white pepper to taste 3 ounces extra shredded cheese

CARAMELIZED ONIONS AND PEPPER: 1 large onion 1 large poblano pepper

#### BURGER:

3 pounds ground chuck Seasoned salt Pepper Onion powder 6 slices pepper jack cheese or another cheese you like for melting on top Brioche buns



1. Mac and Cheese:

In a saucepan on medium/low heat, melt the butter and add the shallots - cook until fragrant. Add the flour and stir, cooking until the roux is a light tan. Then, add the half n half and stir until thick. Remove from heat and add the cheese, stir until melted. Then take out some of the sauce (about  $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{3}$  cup) to top your burgers with later. Add the noodles and stir. Add the extra cheese (optional, for cheese chunks) and spread out in the bottom of a pan (9x13 pan). Refrigerate until firm (about 2 hours).

2. Caramelized onion and pepper:

Over medium heat, add some oil to a non-stick pan. Slice the onion and pepper and add them to the oil. Stir occasionally; cook until the onions are a dark golden color - about 15 minutes.

3. Burger:

While the onion is cooking, season your ground chuck with pepper and onion powder (or whatever you like to use) and mix it. Go as heavy or light as you prefer. Cut the mac and cheese into circles, about 3 ½ inches thick. Press out the meat into a flat circle, around 4 ½ inches around and about ½ inch thick. Place a mac and cheese round on top and cover with another round of meat, then seal the edges (you can pull away any excess). Sprinkle salt on both sides of patties. Place in a hot skillet with some oil in it and cook for about 5 minutes on the first side, flip, and cook about 5 minutes on the second side (you can use a lid simply to make sure the mac and cheese is getting heated inside). At about the last minute, add slices of cheese to the burger. Add an ice cube to the pan for moisture and put a lid on it. Add to a toasted brioche bun, top with the onions, extra cheese sauce, and the top bun! ENJOY!

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### Cheesy BBQ Sausage Bites

pound ground breakfast sausage
 mozzarella string cheese sticks
 slices bacon
 cup BBQ Sauce, plus additional sauce for serving

- Build a charcoal fire for indirect cooking using charcoal briquettes with hickory or mesquite by situating the coals on only one side of the grill, leaving the other side void, and preheat the grill to 350°F.
- 2. While the grill preheats, divide breakfast sausage into 12 even portions then flatten into disks. Cut each string cheese stick into four even portions and place each cheese section onto a ground beef disk. Gently form the ground sausage around the cheese so that the cheese is entirely encased. Wrap each cheese stuffed meatball in a slice of bacon and use a toothpick to secure the end of the bacon.
- 3. Place the bacon wrapped meatballs onto the cool side of the grill, cover the grill and allow them to smoke for approximately 20 minutes. When they are cooked through and the bacon is nicely browned and crisp, brush meatballs with a smoked hickory BBQ sauce, cover the grill, and allow the sauce to set for 2 minutes.
- 4. Remove meatballs from the grill and serve immediately with additional BBQ sauce

### Chili-Cheese Nachos

1 pound lean ground beef

¾ cup finely chopped white onion
½ cup finely chopped red bell pepper
4 cloves garlic, chopped
2 tablespoons chili powder
1 tablespoon ground cumin
2 teaspoons dried oregano
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1 (14 ounce) can diced tomatoes
¼ cup water
8 ounces tortilla chips
2 cups shredded cheese, such as cheddar or pepper Jack

 Preheat oven to 350°F. Cook beef, onion, bell pepper, and garlic in a large skillet over medium-high heat, crumbling the beef with a spatula, until the meat is browned, 8 to 10 minutes. Stir in chili powder, cumin, oregano, and coriander; cook, stirring, for 30 seconds. Add tomatoes (with their juice) and water and simmer for 5 minutes. Top chips with the chili and cheese. Bake until the cheese is melted, about 7 minutes. Photo and recipe from eatingwell.com





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### Homemade Bomb Pops

SUGAR WATER	WHITE LAYER
3 cups water	¾ cup sugar water
1 cup sugar	¾ cup coconut milk
RED LAYER	¼ tsp lime extract
1 cup sugar water	BLUE LAYER
¼ cup cherry syrup	1 ¼ cup sugar water
	1 teaspoon raspberry extract
	3–4 drops of blue food coloring

- Sugar Water: Place water and sugar in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Stir until sugar has completely dissolved. Set aside and let cool.
- Red Layer: Combine sugar water and cherry syrup. Fill each popsicle mold 1/3 of the way. Freeze for at least 2 hours.
- 3. White Layer: Mix together sugar water, coconut milk, and lime extract. Fill each popsicle mold ½ of the way. Now you want to place on the aluminum cover and add the popsicle sticks. Freeze for at least 2 hours.
- Blue Layer: Mix together the sugar water, raspberry extract, and blue food coloring. Remove the aluminum cover and fill each popsicle mold the last 1/3 of the way (careful not to overfill!). Freeze for at least 2 hours.
- 5. To remove the popsicles from the mold, run the mold under warm water for about 10 seconds.
- 6. Serve immediately or wrap extras in parchment paper and store in an airtight container in the freezer.

### Candy Apple Pie

6 cups sliced, peeled, tart apples 2 tablespoons lime juice 34 cup sugar 14 cup all-purpose flour 1⁄2 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1⁄4 teaspoon salt Pastry for double-crust pie (9 inches) 2 tablespoons butter TOPPING: 2 tablespoons butter ¼ cup packed brown sugar 1 tablespoon heavy whipping cream ¼ cup chopped pecans

- 1. In a large bowl, toss apples with lime juice. Combine the sugar, flour, cinnamon and salt; add to apples and toss lightly.
- Line a 9-in. pie plate with bottom crust and trim even with edge; fill with apple mixture. Dot with butter. Roll out remaining pastry to fit top of pie. Place over filling. Trim, seal and flute edges; cut slits in pastry.
- 3. Bake at 400° for 40-45 minutes or until golden brown and apples are tender.
- For topping, melt butter in a small saucepan. Stir in brown sugar and cream; bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat and stir in pecans.
- 5. Pour over top crust. Bake 3-4 minutes longer or until bubbly. Place on a wire rack. Serve warm.



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### Homemade Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

- 2 cups whole milk 2 cups heavy cream 1 cup sugar Pinch salt 2 vanilla beans 5 large egg yolks
- 1. Get out a large bowl and a mesh strainer and set aside.
- In a medium sauce pan, bring the milk, cream, ½ of the sugar (½ cup), and salt to a boil (keep a close eye on it so it doesn't boil over).
- 3. In a medium bowl, whisk the egg yolks with the remaining ½ cup of sugar. Once the milk is boiling, lower the heat to medium low and add in the vanilla bean seeds or extract. Use a measuring cup to transfer ¼ cup of the hot milk to the egg yolks and whisk to combine. Do this one more time (tempering the eggs and bringing them to a warm temperature), then add in all of the egg yolk mixture into the sauce pan. Stir constantly for about 5 minutes, scraping the sides and bottom of the pan to prevent sticking. The custard should be thick enough to coat the back of a spoon when it's ready. Do not allow the custard to boil.
- 4. Pour the custard into the prepared strainer set over a large bowl. Cover the top of the custard with plastic wrap (literally on top of the liquid to prevent a skin from forming). Set the custard in the fridge to cool for 1 hour.
- Once custard is cool, pour into an ice cream maker and churn according to the manufacture directions (usually about 25 minutes). Transfer the ice cream to an air tight, freezer safe container and place in the freezer. Freeze for 2-4 hours before serving.

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### Summer Berry and Coconut Pudding Tart

½ cups graham cracker crumbs
 5 tablespoons coconut oil, melted
 ¼ cup plus 1 tablespoon baker's sugar
 2 tablespoons cornstarch
 ¼ teaspoon kosher salt

(13.9 ounce) can coconut milk (not fat free)
 teaspoon vanilla
 ounces fresh raspberries
 ounces fresh blackberries
 ounces fresh blueberries

- 1. Preheat oven to 3500F.
- 2. Combine cracker crumbs, melted coconut oil and 1 tablespoon baker's sugar together in a bowl. Mix well. Press into the bottom of a tart pan. Bake for 10 minutes or until slightly browned. Remove from oven and allow to cool while you prepare the pudding.
- 3. Combine ¼ cup sugar, cornstarch and kosher salt in a bowl.
- 4. Heat coconut milk in a pan over medium heat just until the edges begin to bubble. Slowly whisk in ¼ of the cornstarch mixture. Mix until dissolved, being careful of clumps. Repeat until all of the cornstarch mixture is mixed in. Continue cooking, over medium low heat until thickened, 5 7 minutes. Do not boil. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla.
- 5. Pour pudding mixture into cooled crust. Cover, pressing plastic wrap against the top of the pudding and refrigerate for 4 5 hours until set.
- 6. When ready to eat, mix berries together in a bowl. Scatter over the top of the pudding. Serve chilled.









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#### NOLAN RYAN

The Baseball Hall of Famer, former Astro and Ranger, and adviser to the current Astros owner, Nolan Ryan isn't just a part of Texas sports history, he's a part of American history.

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#### JAMES HARDEN

A current Houston Rockets favorite, Harden isn't from Houston, but he's quickly made the city his home. In addition to leading the team to winning seasons, he's become a top scorer in the league.

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#### SIMONE BILES

The gymnast is from right here in our backyard, and holds 30 Olympic medals (22 of which are Gold)! She's become a national icon and a role model for the next generation of Olympians.

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#### BRIAN CHING

A member of the United States Championship team, the former Houston Dynamo originally hails from Hawaii, but has made Houston his home. After he retired from the MLS he stayed in Houston and has become a part of the local community.

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GOODBYE OILERS, HELLO TEXANS

The Houston Oilers franchise moved to Nashville, Tennessee for the 1998 season, leaving the city without an NFL team. It wasn't until 2002 that Houston debuted our new herces, the Houston Texans. The Oilers later became the Tennessee Titans and have since become one of the Houston Texan's biggest rivals.

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VINCE YOUNG

The former Tennessee Titans Quarterback hails from Houston and spent his college years at the University of Texas. He led the Longhorns to one of their most iconic Rose Bowl victories.

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#### THE DALLAS COWBOYS' WINNING STREAK

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### **GIANT JENGA**

### MATERIALS:

Scrap piece of 4"x 4" post – optional dice (actually measure 3 1/2" x 3 1/2") Sandpaper 26 – 1 1/4" wood screws – optional for carrying crate Wood Glue – optional for carrying crate 2 – Drawer Handles – optional for carrying crate Paint/Stain – optional Paint brush – optional

### CUT LIST:

 $54-1\ 1/2^{\prime\prime}\ x\ 2\ 1/2^{\prime\prime}\ x\ 7\ 1/2^{\prime\prime}$  Jenga block pieces cut from the 2×3 boards

Optional carrying crate: 4 - 3/4" x 7 1/4" x 19 3/4" 2 - 3/4" x 7 1/4" x 13"

Optional dice: 1 – 3 1/2'' x 3 1/2'' from a 4'×4' post

### DIRECTIONS:

Cut the 2'×3' boards into 7 1/2" long pieces, you should be able to get 12 - 7 1/2" pieces from each 2'×3' board.

Cut 54 jumbo Jenga pieces.

Sand each block smooth.

Paint or stain the jumbo Jenga blocks if desired. If you use latex paint, note that latex dries in a day, but doesn't cure for a few weeks. If the blocks want to stick to each other, you can coat them with a clear coat or wait until the paint has fully cured.

(If you leave them natural wood you won't have this issue.)

### MAKING THE CRATE:

Cut the 4 pieces of  $1' \times 8'$  to be 19 3/4'' long. Use a countersink bit (or a regular drill bit about the size of the screw shank) and drill holes for the screws. The holes should be about 3/8'' away from the side and evenly spaced.

Add a bead of wood glue along one of the sides of a 'long side' board. Use 1 1/4'' minimum to secure a 'top/bottom' board to the 'long side' board as shown. Add a bead of wood glue to 2 sides of the 'short side' boards and attach it to the 'long side' and 'top/bottom' boards with 1 1/4'' screws. Attach another 'top/bottom' board right by the other 'top/bottom' board and secure it to the 'short side' board with 1 1/4'' screws.

Attach the last 'long side' board with wood glue and 1 1/4" screws to the 'short side' and 'top/bottom' boards. If you want to add handles, add one to each side.

Remove any excess glue. After the glue has dried, sand the carrying crate smooth, especially the top/bottom where the jumbo Jenga will be stacked to play the game.

### MAKING THE DICE:

Cut a piece of  $4'' \times 4''$  to a cube,  $3 \ 1/2'' \times 3 \ 1/2'' \times 3 \ 1/2''$ . Paint each of the 6 sides a different color (one side will stay natural wood.)

After the paint has dried, lightly sand the edges to distress as desired.





### SUNKEN TRAMPOLINE



### MATERIALS:

8 Pieces of 2''x4''x12' of pressure treated wood

4 Sheets of  $4' \times 12'$  sheets of roofing sheet metal

Self Tapping Screws

16 cinder blocks with u-shaped groove

### TOOLS:

Shovel Spirit Level Tin Snips Hammer Drill Tamper Optional: Mechanical Digger

### DIRECTIONS:

Construct the frame for your trampoline, place it and trace the outline onto the ground using spray paint. For the trampoline you need to allow an extra foot around the edge, i.e. for a trampoline of 14 feet circumference, allow 15 feet circumference. When selecting where to place your trampoline, try to find an area that is level and away from any drainage or low-hanging trees. It is also wise to check that there aren't any important pipes buried in the garden before you start digging!

Move your trampoline frame and start digging your hole! This can be very time consuming, alternatively you can hire a digger or pay a landscaper to excavate it for you. Once it's dug out, get in the hole and start leveling it. On a side note, you will need some of the soil from your hole later on, so don't get rid of it all immediately. Tamp the ground down to level it and use 4 cinder blocks per leg to keep your trampoline completely level. Dig your cinder blocks into the ground slightly to keep them stable and secure.

Leave 2-4 inches of space between the edge of your trampoline and the ground. This space will allow the air to keep flowing and prevent your trampoline from losing bounce in the future. Depending on your soil type, you might want to consider digging a little deeper and filling the bottom of the hole with gravel or sand to ensure proper drainage.

The next stage is creating the surround structure; this will act as a barrier between the soil and the trampoline. To build the structure remove your trampoline from the hole. Start by cutting your 2x4s at 22.5 degree angles, attach each length to the trampoline section using self-tapping screws. Add a second layer of 2x4s that are 12-16 inches below the first layer. To save yourself time at this stage you can pre-drill holes into the wood before attaching.

Next, attach your sheet metal to the wooden frame. Each sheet should extend over the next sheet by about 2 feet, this means that it can be folded instead of cut. Allow about 4 inches of excess metal above the top 2×4, so that you can fold it over and screw it on the inside. Simply snip a slit into the sheet, fold in down and screw it. This will prevent any sharp edges.

Place your trampoline back into the ground, and pack soil both inside and outside the frame. Pack the dirt on the outside all the way up to the level of the ground. On the inside, the soil should cover 2/3 of the frame and then slope down towards the middle.

Once your dirt is all packed in, just connect the final pieces and enjoy!

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### RED, WHITE & BLUE CORNHOLE



### DIRECTIONS:

Some stores will cut lumber for you. Take advantage of this service if you are at a store that offers it and get the 2" x 3"s cut to length. If your store doesn't cut wood, that'll be the first order of business. Cut boards to length, and use the jig along with a clamp to make two pocket holes in each end of the four 21" 2×3 ends. These holes will serve to connect the 48" 2×3 sides to make the two frames in just a bit.

Now make pocket holes along the side and end boards that you'll use to attach the top. On the  $2\times3$  ends, put one pocket hole in the center, and another two holes after measuring 4" in from the end. Along the side boards space out nine pocket holes making the end holes by measuring in  $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " from the end of the board and aligning the jig just inside that mark thereby leaving room for the  $2\times3$  ends. The remaining holes should be evenly spaced along the length of the side.

# With all of the holes drilled, you are ready for construction. The 21" ends will be sandwiched between the 48" sides. Be sure to keep all screw holes on the inside of the frame and pointing in the same direction. It would be no fun to have to redrill pocket holes. You will first apply some wood glue to the end of a $2\times3$ end board and then attach it to the side $2\times3$ with 1 ½" pocket screws. Attach the other end to the same side piece in the same manner. Now attach the other side with glue and screws to complete the $2\times3$ frame.

Decide which plywood surface you want to be the top and then lay that side down on your work surface. Apply glue to the top of the 2×3 frame and turn it over and align it on top of the plywood. Once aligned, clamp the plywood and 2×3 frame together on one of the corners. Attach the frame to the plywood using a pocket hole screw in the one corner. Next do the same on the opposite corner being sure that everything is square. Continue on with each corner and then along the length of the 2x3s clamping each time to insure no movement. Do the same for the other frame and plywood panel.

Now it's time to cut the hole. Measure down 9" from the top end of the board and 12" in from each side (center of the board left to right). From that point use a compass to draw a 6" diameter circle. Drill a hole big enough to get your jigsaw blade through, and saw the circumference of your circle to remove the wood to create the hole that will hopefully 'bag' you many points. Do the same on the other board.

Now turning to the 12" 2x3s. At one end on the wide (2  $\frac{1}{2}$ ") surface, mark a center point that is 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the end and each side. Use your compass and make an arc that you can follow with the jigsaw to round off one end of each of the four legs. Drill a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " hole on the center mark used for the arc.

With your cornhole boards face down, place a leg on the inside, top edge of the frame with the round end at the top. Clamp the leg to the side and use the 3%" hole as a guide and drill from inside through the side of the frame. Insert a carriage bolt from the outside through the frame and leg. Hammer the carriage bolt in to seat the bolt.

Cut legs to desired height. Once cut, slide the leg back onto the bolt. Now place a washer on the inside of the bolt and then thread a nut onto the bolt. Tighten the bolt to the point that you can still move the leg with a little bit of resistance. This will help keep the legs from flopping around later. Put a second nut on the bolt and snug it up to the first one. This will keep the first nut in place so it doesn't loosen over time. These may need to be snugged up after some use. Do the same to the remaining leg. Sit back and relax as you have now completed building your cornhole boards.

### MATERIALS:

- $2-2' \times 4' \times \frac{1}{2''}$ Thick Plywood Panels  $4-2'' \times 3'' \times 8' \text{ studs.}$ These will be cut to: 4-48'' long (sides)4-21'' long (ends)4-12'' long (legs)
- 4 ¾" x 4" Carriage Bolts with 4 – Washers 8 – Nuts Pocket Hole Screws Washer Head – coarse thread 1" – 48
- 1 1/2" 16 Wood Glue Bean Bags Power Drill 3/8" Drill Bit Orbitalander
- Something to cut the hole with Jig Saw or 6" Hole Saw Bar Clamp Pocket Hole Jig 10-12" Miter Saw or Hand Saw Compass

### KERPLUNK



### MATERIALS:

Metal Side Table Wire Fencing Gloves Tape Measure Wire Cutters Solid Wire Wooden Dowels Spray Paint Plastic Play Balls

### DIRECTIONS:

To begin, find a sturdy metal side table that will create a solid base for the game. If you don't have a suitable table, a tomato cage is a good substitute. Next, turn the table upside-down, and measure the circumference of the table base.

### Cut Wire Fencing

While wearing safety gloves, cut wire fencing to the necessary length so that it will wrap entirely around the base, creating a basket-like shape.

### Attach Wire to Base

Once the wire fencing piece has been cut, roll the piece around the table base, and attach to the base with solid wire. To do this, loop a piece around both the fencing wire basket and the base, and twist until it is secured tightly against the two separate pieces. Cut any excess wire away. Repeat this step along the side of the wire basket until the fencing is secured to itself and the base.

### Paint Dowels

Create the game pieces by painting wooden dowels in three bright colors. We suggest painting fifteen dowels of each color to ensure that there are enough play pieces.

Now it's time to set up the game. Insert the wooden dowels randomly into the fencing wire. The more intricately the dowels are woven together, the more interesting the game will be. Once all the dowels have been inserted into the basket, pour plastic play balls over the top. Players will take turn removing pieces until all the balls fall down. Game on!

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### LADDER GOLF



### HOW TO PLAY:

You need at least two players to start a game of Ladder Golf, or you can include more players by assigning teams. Each team or player gets three bolas that are differentiated by color. Traditionally, bolas are made of golf balls connected by a nylon rope.

The object of the game is to throw your bola and wrap it around one of the rungs of your opponent's ladder to get the highest score. You can play by aiming to get the highest score, or you can play by trying to knock opposing players' bolas down. Bolas should be thrown from the toss line, which lies fifteen feet (or about five paces) from the ladder.

During each round of Ladder Golf, both teams get a chance to throw their three bolas and score. The winner of a coin toss gets the first turn, and the winner of a round gets the first toss in the next round.

The number of points you score with each toss depends on which ladder rung your bola wraps around. The top step is worth three points, the middle is worth two, and the bottom is worth one. Players can also earn a bonus point for getting a bola on each step, or for getting all three on a single rung. If the opposing team knocks one of your bolas down, you don't get any points for that throw. A team or player wins once they reach exactly 21 points.

Make your own!

### DIRECTIONS:

### Bola:

To make each bola, first, you need to drill a hole in your golf balls. Place the balls in a vice to hold them steady, and using a drill bit just slightly larger than the twine or nylon that you're using, drill a hole through the center of each ball.

Cut your twine or nylon into six pieces, each measuring 24" long. Feed the string through the hole that you drilled in one of your golf balls and knot it securely on both sides. Do the same on the other end of the string with another ball of the same color.

With the remaining twine and golf balls, make five more bolas for a grand total of six. If you aren't able to find colored golf balls, you can make all of your bolas using white balls and spray paint three. You can also skip the white golf balls altogether and make your bolas in your team's colors instead.

### Ladder:

First, use a chop, table, or hand saw to cut your PVC piping into eighteen 2' sections and twelve 1' sections.

Make the base of your ladder using 2' pipe sections. It should be rectangular, 4' in length and 2' in width. Connect the corners using elbow joints and cement together with glue. Connect the middle sections using a tee, but don't glue the pieces together. This makes storage a little bit easier.

Next, make the ladder. Each side should be made of three 1' PVC sections connected by tee joints. The rungs should be 2' sections that slot neatly into the joints. For the top rung, use elbows instead of tees.

Once you've built your assembly, you can leave it plain or paint it in your team's colors. Using white PVC makes it easier to customize your ladder setup.

Ladder:

### MATERIALS:

#### Bola:

12 feet of twine or nylon rope 6 White Golf Balls 6 Colored Golf Balls Drill 48 feet of ¾" PVC piping 12 ¾" PVC Elbows 12 ¾" PVC Tees PVC Glue

Measuring tape

### YARD SCRABBLE



### MATERIALS:

Sanded Plywood Cut to 12"x12" Paint in your choice of color Paint Brush Sealant

### DIRECTIONS:

Paint letters based on Scrabble breakdown, seal, and play!

You'll need to paint: 2- J, K, Q, X, Z 3- B, C, F, H, M, P, V, W, Y 4- G 5- L 6- D, S, U 8- N 9- T, R 11- O 12- I 13- A 18- E

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### Pick a Hand, Any Hand

Before the opening kickoff, decide whether you are playing a game of one-hand or two-hand touch football. The ball carrier is down when he is touched with one or two hands above the waist and below the shoulders. This keeps players on their feet, and any contact with the ball carrier's head is avoided. In any case of contact to the head, the ball carrier should be ruled down, but a penalty assessed to the defense.

#### The Countdown

Develop a system of counting that the defense must audibly recite after the snap before they rush the quarterback. "Apples," "one-thousands" and "Mississippis" are popular counting devices. As long as the unit of counting contains more than one syllable and it is consistent for both teams, it's fair game. One kid from the defense may rush the quarterback after the countdown is completed. Some kids might eliminate the rush all together from their games.

### Moving the Chains

The rules for first downs are about as technical as touch football gets. Organized leagues designate a specific landmark for downs. Some games involve zones, where teams get a first down when they move to the next zone. You could also use some sort of marker, like a small cone, to mark the line of scrimmage and the line to cross for a first down. If the field and the players are very small, agree on a set amount of plays to reach the end zone. When the first team doesn't make it, or does, the other team gets its turn.

#### No Need for Kickers

Most touch football games are played on grounds without field goal posts. For that reason, extra points are essentially an extra down from a specified distance, like two-point conversions in traditional football. Teams are rewarded one point for scoring from a close distance, and two points for scoring from farther out. You could also forgo the point-after situation entirely and just keep score by keeping track of how many touchdowns each team has scored, or award seven points for every touchdown.

### BACKYARD SOCCER, THREE WAYS!

Soccer golf can be considered as a perfect backyard soccer game, which you can play to develop your aim and control. Now you might assume that you are wrecking the soccer ball with the iron driver. Yes, you are doing that, but you will be using some unique layouts. To begin with, you should lay some used towels in the yard. The primary objective of the game is to hit the ball and make sure that the soccer ball stops right on top of the sheets that you have laid. You can use multiple turns to end up the ball on the towels. Then you can count the number of hits that you go ahead with. The person who has the lowest quantity of hits will be able to end up as the winner.

### WALL BALL

Wall ball is a great drill, which you can practice in your backyard with the assistance of a soccer ball. Even the professional soccer players tend to engage with wall ball to improve their soccer playing capabilities. In here, you will be kicking the soccer ball against the wall. It may sound simple. However, you will notice that the soccer ball is coming to you in many different angles. Therefore, you need to ensure that you have quick reactions. This can provide you with a great workout session as well. You can even try to hit the soccer ball with your foot so that you will be taking wall ball to the next level. The person who can play wall ball for the longest time duration will be able to end up as the winner.

### SOCCER TENNIS

Soccer tennis is another outstanding game that you can play in your backyard. It can also provide you with perfect playing experience at the end of the day. Similar to tennis, you can also play soccer tennis as singles and doubles. You will be following the same rules of a tennis game as well. You will be serving the soccer ball over the net. The other team should volley it back and make sure that it reaches the player with no more than two touches on the ground. Besides, you need to make sure that the ball doesn't hit the net or goes out of the field of an area that you have defined at the beginning of the gameplay. Up to four players can engage with soccer tennis at a time.

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# LEE MATHEWS ELSIE PUFF-SLEEVE COTTON-BLEND DRESS

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