

# SNOW GAMES

**SNOW ANGELS** - Most children like to make patterns in the snow. One of the most popular is "snow angels". Lie down in the snow, preferably on a slope, with arms straight out. Now move arms toward the head to make "angel wings." Get up carefully and you will have an "angel in the snow."

**FOX AND GEESE** - An old-time favorite. Tramp off in the snow a large circle in sort of "follow the leader" fashion, then make two paths across the center dividing the circle into four parts. If many play, the circle should be extra large and two concentric circles can be used with six cross paths. Tramp a "home" in the center about three feet in diameter. Players must remain in the paths to avoid tramping down all the snow. One person is "it" - the fox. He chases the others who are "geese." When the fox tags a goose, the goose becomes the fox and chases someone else. Players cannot be tagged when standing at "home." To speed up the game when larger numbers are playing, more foxes may be used.

**SNOW SNAKE** - This is an old Indian game called for highly skilled players and special "snakes" (sticks). Today Pathfinders play a variation. They can make their own "snakes" by taking a branch 3 - 4' long, 1 ½ - 2" thick, peeling it, and then whittling it down to about 1" thick with an egg-shaped ball on one end for the snake's tail and some type of snake's head at the other end. An even stretch of snow is packed down well with a slight groove in which the "snakes" will travel. Hold the snake at the head end, with the ball end resting in the groove in the snow. With the forefinger on the end and the thumb and other fingers on either side of the stick, the player propels the snake down the groove on either side of the stick in somewhat of a bowling motion. The snake that goes the farthest wins.

Most outdoor games can be modified for snow play - hide and seek, dodge ball, snow football, bombardment, capture the flag, or snowman target.

