

# CITY Winter Palooza-January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**NOTE: Snow Machines and Bubble Machines On**

**Pre-Show: Spotify Playlist "Winterpalooza"**

**CG: 3 Minute Countdown (START AT EXACTLY 3 minutes before Service Time)**

**Supplies Needed at Entrance: Bucket, Pens, and Note Cards**

**NOTE: Write down names of each child in attendance, and place them in a bucket for a Prize Drawing at the end of Winterpalooza!**

**Opening Game: Snowball Toss**

**Supplies Needed: Plush Snowballs (one per 2 kids)**

**What to Say:** "What's up Parkview Kids?!?! Welcome to Winter Palooza 2023! Are you guys as excited for Winter Palooza as I am? Great! Well, my name is (your name), and I can't wait to kick off the year 2023 with some fun and excitement; Winter Palooza style! Who wants to play a game? Awesome! Well, for this game, you actually get to throw snowballs inside. Yes, inside! Here's how to play..."

**How to Play:** Children will find a partner and stand about one foot away from one another, facing each other, in 2 separate lines. The object of the game is to catch the snowball when your partner throws it to you. Every time the snowball is caught, the teams take one step back. Play until one (or a few teams) remain.

**CG: Winter Palooza Slide w/ Game Music**

**After the Game...**

"Many of you know that it is a New Year. And when a new year rolls around, a lot of people have these things called "New Year's Resolutions". They're basically like goals that people hope to accomplish in the new year. Some people want to lose weight, eat healthier, stop doing something bad, get a new job, write a book, get married, watch less TV, etc. Most of the time though, these goals last for about...well...a week or less. While it's not a bad thing to set goals, sometimes it can be hard to accomplish them because of a lack of knowing what to do and how to do it. That's what we refer to as "knowledge". Here's what we're saying knowledge is all this month..."

**SLIDE: Knowledge ("Learning something new so you can be better at what you do")**

Learning something new to make ourselves better! I love that! That is what this video is all about. Let's watch!"

**CG: One Thing Video (Runtime: 3:00)**

No matter what your New Year's goals are, just remember that you have a friend in Jesus, who gives you the knowledge you need, and you can do all things by His power and strength. Now, before we dismiss to all the FUN of Winter Palooza, let's take a minute to pray and give our offering.

**PRAY:** "Jesus, thank You for new beginnings. Thank You for a New Year. I pray that we would all have the best 2023 possible, we're learn a lot of new things, and we would have the knowledge to know how much You love us. Thank You Jesus that we can do all things with You. Amen."

**OFFERING TIME:**

All this month, we will be bringing our money to support Vida Nueva Ministries in Piedras Negras, Mexico. Your offering helps people just like you have the resources they need to experience a new life with Jesus! Here is a picture of our friends Eli and Mandy Garcia and their family...

**SLIDE: Eli and Mandy**

They are our friends and Parkview Global heroes that tell people about Jesus down in Mexico. So, if you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now while this video plays!

**CG: Vida Nueva Ministries Video (Runtime: 2:00)**

**BEFORE DISMISSING FOR STATIONS, EACH CHILD GETS:**

Snowflake 3D glasses - Pop-Its Bracelet

Dismiss to activities by dividing children into 4 groups – send groups to a station to rotate.

**Stations: 10 MINUTES PER STATION**

*CG: 10 Minute Countdown Video (to be played as a timer for each rotation)*

## **STATION 1. Snowflake Pop-It Showdown**

**Supply:** Snowflake Pop-Its (2-3 per campus), Foam Dice (3 per Campus), Disk Cones (1 stack per Campus)

**Set Up:** Using the Cones, line up your group in 2-3 different Lines/Teams. Place one middle section of your Pop-It Snowflake at the other end of your playing area, and parallel to each team.

**Instructions:** Give each member of each team 1 colored section of the Pop-It Snowflake (Blue, Green, Orange, etc.). 6 Total Sections per Snowflake, per Team.

**NOTE:** *If you have more sections than kids, feel free to give multiple sections out.*

On your “GO!” Kids will race down to the other end of your area, place their snowflake section on the middle piece, “pop” each bubble on their section, and race back to tag the next person in line on their team. First team to complete their snowflakes wins! Play as many rounds as time allows!

*Variation: Add some extra competition by having each competitor roll a foam dice, whatever number they roll is how many bubbles they can push down on their snowflake. They can continuously roll the dice until they roll enough to complete their section, or you can have them roll once then return to tag the next person in line (relay style one at a time).*

## **STATION 2. Starburst Curling and Cup Stacking**

**Supply:** 2 Long Tables, 2 containers of Starbursts, 2 “Starburst Curling Targets”, 50 Plastic Cups (per Campus), Dry Erase Board and Marker (to keep score)

**Set Up:** Using the tape, attach a target at one end of the table like the ones used in curling. Set several Starburst candies at the other end of the table.

**Instructions:** Split your group up into 2 teams, and have each team line up at one end of their tables. In this activity the children will work together relay race style. One at a time, children will navigate Starburst candies from one end of the table to the target area on the other end, by gliding their candies across the surface of the table. Do not hand out the Starburst ahead of time. Hand the Starburst to the child whose turn it is in line. Award each child’s team with any number of points that are indicated on the target. **Play to 10, 25, 50, etc.**

***Extra Time?: Split your group into 2-4 teams and challenge them to compete against one another in a Cup Stacking Competition. Play as many rounds as time allows...***

## **STATION 3. Relay Races**

### **Snowball Roll Relay**

**Supply:** An inflated Exercise Ball (2 per Campus) and Stack of Cones (12 per Campus)

**Set Up:** Set up the cones in 2 lines of 6 across your area, staggering them a bit. Have children choose a line to stand in, in teams of equal number. Give each team an exercise ball.

**Instructions:** For this activity, each team must navigate their exercise ball by rolling it through the cone obstacles. The ball must pass through the 6 cones in order to complete this task successfully. Children will race down and back through the cones, first team to complete the course wins. Play a few rounds as necessary.

### **Snowball Obstacle Relay**

**Supply:** Plastic Spoons (1 per child), Ping-Pong Balls (1 per child), Stack of Cones (use the cones already set up for 1st relay), Buckets (2 per Campus)

**What to Do:** Line children up into 2 even teams. Give each child a spoon and a ping-pong ball. The children will place the ball on their spoon and try to steady it (without falling) through the obstacle course of Cones. Children cannot hold the ping-pong ball. If it falls, they can pick it up and continue. Once the child goes up and down the cones, they drop their ping-pong ball into the bucket. First team to fill their bucket, with all of their ping-pong balls, wins. Play a few rounds as time allows.

## **STATION 4. Winter Bingo**

**Supply:** Winter Bingo Cards (1 per Child), Bingo chips (1 container per Campus), Call Cards (1 set per Campus), Bin with Bulk Prizes (1 per Campus)

**What to Do:** Hand each child a Bingo Card and place Bingo chips in the center of your group. Shuffle your call cards and call them out one at a time. If any child gets a “Bingo!”, allow them to pick one prize from your Prize Bin

## **CLOSING: Grand Prize Drawing (At “Communion Call”)**

**Supply:** Container with Names in It, Prize Bag (1 per campus, per service)

**What to Do:** Draw an entry and give the prize to the winner!

## **Dance Party**

**What to Say:** “Did you all have a blast at Winter Palooza? Me too! Well, the fun isn’t over just yet. We have one more fun thing planned for you...a short dance party to finish off Winter Palooza! Ready? Everyone stand up! Ok. Our first song is the freeze dance. In honor of Winter Palooza, to start the song, we all start out ‘frozen’. Everyone choose a pose to do, and...freeze! You all look amazing. Let’s do this!”

**CG: Freeze Dance Video (Runtime: 2:00)**

**Extra Time?: Winter Palooza Dance Party Playlist on Spotify**