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Connecticut Quarter



The Connecticut quarter, one of the coins in the 50 State Quarters® Program issued in 1999, features "The Charter Oak": an important part of Connecticut's history. If not for the "Charter Oak", Connecticut - and this country - might be a very different place than it is today.

On the night of October 31, 1687, Connecticut's Charter was put to a test. A British representative for King James II, challenged Connecticut's government and demanded its surrender. In the middle of a heated discussion, with the Charter on the table between the opposing parties, the candles mysteriously went out, darkening the room. When the candles were relit, the Connecticut Charter had vanished. Captain Joseph Wadsworth saved the Charter from the hands of the British and concealed it in the safest place he could find - in a majestic white oak. The famous tree fell during a great storm in 1856.

About the Coin:

Release Date: October 12, 1999 Composition: 8.33% Nickel / 91.67% Copper

What is a Charter? A written document by the state's law making power, where its rights and privileges are defined.

Source: theUS50.com



Ice 'Sun Catcher' Craft

To do this craft, you'll need your parent's permission and: Round foil cake tins, Bits of Nature, Water, Food Coloring (optional), String.

Source: twigandtoadstool.blogspot.com

Winter Funnies

What falls in the winter but never gets hurt? Snow

Where does a polar bear keep its money? In a Snow Bank

What does a snowman call its kids? Chill-dren

Why don't mountains get cold in the winter? They wear snow caps

What does a snowman reply when you say hello? Have an ice day!



- 1. Place the natural objects into the tins
- 2. Add water mixed with food coloring
- 3. Bring tin outside and allow it to fully freeze on a flat surface
- Once frozen, tuck the ends of the string inside the tin, pour in more cold water and wait for it to all freeze again (so you can hang it outside)

For Parents: 24 Free (or Inexpensive) Snow Day Activities for Kids

- 1. Build a snowman or snow fort
- 2. Make & decorate snowman pancakes
- 3. Indoor Beach Party!
- 4. Build an indoor fort or tent
- 5. Scavenger hunt or treasure hunt
- 6. Make a DIY snow globe using a jar
- 7. Learn fun facts about snow
- 8. Make paper snowflakes
- 9. Teach your kids to knit or crochet
- 10. Make a snow day movie
- 11. Make a winter picture using torn paper
- 12. Hand-write a letter or card to mail

- 13. Bake with leftover holiday candy
- 14. Create a "time capsule"
- 15. Make a family of snow angels
- 16. Indoor obstacle course or exercise circuit
- 17. Winter-themed movie marathon
- 18. Make a DIY bird feeder
- 19. Create a 2017 "vision board"
- 20. Have an Indoor picnic
- 21. Create ice "sun catchers" (see front)
- 22. Paint snow with food coloring
- 23. Create ice balls by freezing water balloons
- 24. Make hot chocolate from scratch

Can you spot 5 differences?





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