

3 Chocolate-y Ideas to Enjoy the Fall Season

Just because summer is over doesn't mean that fun went away with it. Seriously, even when the nights are longer and days are shorter in the fall, there are still a lot of fun things you can do and countless reasons to enjoy the season. Here are some ideas to keep yourself cheerful as summer comes to a close- hot chocolate in hand:

Join a pick-up game - or watch one:

Fall is perfect to play less formal games (Yay!). Studies show that these types of games are a great way for young players to grow and develop skills while enjoying the game with less pressure compared to a formal setting. Start a game with a few rules (don't get too serious, it's a pick up game, remember?). Post game, or if you're hanging on the sidelines, relax over a cup of hot chocolate. It gives you energy and boosts your mood so it'll lessen the blow if you're team is getting roughed up. Here in Hudson, WI we have some serious Vikings vs. Packers rivalry, so we know how it goes...

Take a stroll (or scenic drive)

Who doesn't love the idea of watching the leaves change color? We're sure you'll have fun gazing on red, orange and yellow tones of the fall.

With cooler air coming in, saying goodbye to summer shouldn't be a hard thing to do. This is the perfect time to let loose those jackets, coats, boots, and hats to prep yourself for a short walk in the park (or drive through the country). Swap your summer lemonade with hot cocoa to keep warm.

Go out and camp.

If you look for it, it's not tough to find a fall campsite in each state, so why not check it out? You sure want some Instagram-worthy photos, don't you? Those beautiful landscapes in the fall are perfect for a photo op (hot chocolate in hand: put those "pumpkin latte" lovers to shame).

And don't forget, the evenings this time of year are the best time to cook hotdogs and s'mores over the campfire (sans the mosquitos). Keep in the Halloween spirit and prep some spooky stories before hand. Don't forget to camp safely and responsibly, however! Recycle, compost, and keep your chocolate hanging in a tree- mama bear will be looking for it too.

There are countless ways to enjoy the fall — and these are just three of them. Do what you can to enjoy it! Before long, we'll be rolling in snow.