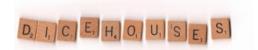


Side view with walls down (visitors are inside playing games)

Side view with 4 walls up (this is how visitors will enter the dice house.)

Top view



Mission

One of the great pleasures in ice fishing is spending time in close quarters with your closest friends playing cards with a beat up deck of cards that smell like an eelpout and talking and laughing.

Nowadays, we hardly sit at the same table and interact face to face with each other. As families, we eat in shifts or on the fly. We communicate more through our phones and email than we do with our own smiles, eyes and touch.. With the increasing popularity of video game systems, gameplay has become less intimate as people sit on a sofa facing the television instead of each other.

By creating tiny little dicehouses designed around 2-4 people sitting close together playing games together, we hope to rekindle the warmth and art of face to face interaction and gameplay for our visitors.

Each dicehouse will be heated exclusively by the warmth of conversation and the closeness of the people within it.

Overview

Construction: We propose to build five ice houses designed to look like dice. Houses will be under 6' x 6' in size. We will use surplus materials where possible. The pips of each die will be made of transparent Plexiglas to allow for natural lighting. These houses will be clustered tightly together to save space and to replicate a Yahtzee dice roll.

Four of the dicehouses will act as enclosed gaming tables, each will contain a deck of cards, dice cup, dice, and book of Hoyle. The fifth dicehouse will act as a games closet containing the vast Mt. Holly games collection (100+).

Responsibility: We've built ice houses before and are familiar with the regulations regarding registration, identification and safety. We will meet or surpass all of these requirements.

Additional Engagement

- We will be hiding a geocache within one of the dicehouses. Geocaching is an outdoor treasure-hunting game in which the participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver or other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers (called "geocaches" or "caches") anywhere in the world. A typical cache is a small waterproof container containing a logbook and "treasure," usually toys or trinkets of little value. Today, well over 800,000 geocaches are registered on various websites devoted to the pastime. Geocaches are currently placed in over 100 countries around the world and on all seven continents, including Antarctica.[1]
- We would like to try to set the world's record for the largest cribbage board during this year's art shanty project. The cribbage board will be created by using ice augers to drill 8" deep holes in the ice of Medicine Lake in the pattern befitting a cribbage board. Players will need to keep track of their points by pegging with 5 foot pegs.

[1] Wikipedia



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