



# Hot Fudge Volcano

## Purpose:

The purpose of this baking craft is to learn cool facts about volcanoes and then make the most delicious edible volcano ever.

## Skills and knowledge:

By completing this activity you will learn the following:

- Volcanic eruptions actually begin way down in the earth's core.
- There are different kinds of volcanoes and they explode in different ways.
- Some parts of the world have more volcanoes than others.
- Volcanoes can be deadly, but they also create land masses and soil that make life possible.

## Get to it!

Watch this cool [5 minute video from National Geographic](https://youtu.be/VNGUdObDoLk) so you can learn a little more about volcanoes. (<https://youtu.be/VNGUdObDoLk>)

## Gather these supplies:

- A plate or bowl
- A cake frosting (or dinner) knife
- An ice cream scoop
- Chopsticks or wooden spoon
- Sort of cone-shaped glass or cup
- Ice cream
- Crushed chocolate sandwich cookies (such as Oreos)
- Hot fudge



## Make your volcano

- Scoop as much ice cream as your adults will let you into your cup.



- Put cup back in the freezer until ice cream is nice and hard.
- When you're ready, remove cup from freezer. Use knife and/or some hot water to loosen ice cream from sides. Put cup upside down on plate and let gravity work its magic and ice cream drops onto plate.
- Cover sides of your ice cream volcano with crushed Oreos. Put back in the freezer again.
- When you're ready, remove your volcano from freezer and bore through the top of it using a chopstick.



- Fill the hole you've made with hot fudge, pouring enough so that it runs down the side.
- Nod your head wisely as you notice that—just like in a real volcano—the hot fudge is changing the landscape of your ice cream.



- Eat, knowing that learning has never tasted so good.

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