



Break the cabin fever at Pinstack Bowl in Plano

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Like most people, you're probably ready to break out of the house after being stuck inside by all the recent blasts of winter. So when you do finally venture out, make your expedition a great one by heading to Pinstack Bowl in Plano.

Pinstack Bowl recently opened its new Plano location, adding another great "multi-tainment" venue in the DFW. Much like other popular bowling and activity centers, Pinstack offers a multitude of activities for children and adults alike. From the huge nostalgic games (giant Connect Four, Pac-Man and a giant claw crane game) to the challenging suspended ropes course to the many lanes for bowling, Pinstack Bowl can definitely help you break your cabin fever.



Games are for grown ups, too.

And more importantly (at least in the eyes and stomach of this food-lover), Pinstack Bowl has your dinner plans covered, too. I recently had the pleasure of sampling some of their menu.

Shared

plates:

Growing up in a small town, food options were very limited. One local fast-food joint did nearly everything wrong, except for their fried macaroni and cheese. Pinstack took this brilliant idea and classed it up a bit with their fried Macaroni and Cheese Pops served with a homemade tomato basil sauce.



It's what's on the inside that counts.

If happiness on a stick is not quite what you're looking for, you can also try the healthier shareable options including a trio of hummus — avocado, roasted garlic, and roasted red pepper — served with fresh veggie sticks and pita bread.



Take your pick.

On the lighter side:

The salads are another option if you're still sticking to the healthy route. We sampled the Autumn Harvest Salad with apples, feta, dried cranberries and a nice Dijon vinaigrette dressing.



Fruits and vegetables? Check and check.

Entrées:

If you want to really fuel up before or after an intense game of laser tag or a jewelry-heist-style laser course, Pinstack will supply you with pizzas, steaks, burgers and much more. My guest and I ordered two different entrées and split them. The West Plano Burger was topped with a generous amount of caramelized onions, Gorgonzola, and a roasted garlic aioli. It was delicious, just remember to pack some gum for later.



Eat your blues away.

We also ordered the Grilled Salmon Filet served with roasted garlic mashed potatoes and a lemon caper butter. Moist and buttery on the inside with just the right amount of crisp from finishing it under the broiler on the outside. Coming from a seafood lover, this “bowling alley” definitely gets it right.



Am I really at a bowling alley?

Sweets:

If after all your playing you crave something sweet, don't miss out on the great dessert options like the red velvet cake and other varieties at the dessert bar.

And speaking of a bar, Pinstack has a great one with friendly bartenders and a vast selection of local craft beers, specialty cocktails and wines from the casks.

So when you're thinking about what to do when you can't binge another Netflix show or watch Frozen for the 20th time, head up the [Dallas North Tollway to Pinstack Bowl](http://www.dallasfoodnerd.com/break-the-cabin-fever-at-pinstack-bowl-in-plano/).

