



## Inflatables

### Includes:

- Aquatic inflatables
- Bounce houses and land inflatables
- Bubble soccer
- Log-rolling with synthetic logs
- Amusement/theme parks with inflatables

**Council Approval:** May be required

**Activity Permitted For:** \*D \*B J C S A

### About Inflatables

Most inflatables can be found in public facilities, parks, events, etc. but some commercial ones may be able to be rented. Verify with your council on specific information needed for renting commercial inflatables. Verify with your council if any additional approvals need to be made in addition to checking with local governing agencies to ensure all safety guidelines are being followed.

Aquatic climbing walls, slides, bounce platforms, obstacle courses are made from a variety of materials and placed in the deep end of the pool, or lake. \*Daisies cannot participate in aquatic bounce houses. \*Aquatic climbing walls are not permitted for Daisies and Brownies.

Bounce houses (closed inflatable trampolines, bouncy houses, bouncy castles, moon bounces, moonwalks, jumpers, etc.) and other land inflatables are temporary inflatable structures and buildings used for recreational purposes, particularly for children. \*Daisies may only participate in bounce houses that are specific for their age, height, and/or weight.

Bubble soccer is an exciting twist on the traditional game of soccer. Girls are wrapped in a giant, soft inflatable bubble ball with shoulder harnesses and handles inside. \*Bubble soccer is not permitted for Daisies and Brownies.

Log rolling with synthetic logs can be done in a pool or lake and for girls of all ages.

### Include Girls with Disabilities

Talk to girls with disabilities and their caregivers and ask about needs and accommodations. Contact the location in advance to ensure they are able to accommodate those with disabilities.

Information on accommodations for inflatable parks is similar to that for amusement parks.

### Learn More:

- [International Association of Amusement Parks and Attraction](#)

## Safety Activity Checkpoints

**Connect with your Girl Scout council for approved sites or site suggestions** to confirm the location is vetted. Allow enough time to have the location approved.

**Select a safe site.** Ensure that sites or rented inflatables follow safety precautions:

- Aquatic climbing walls, slides, bounce platforms, obstacle courses are placed in the deep end of the pool, or lake. Participants need to be strong swimmers who can swim in water deeper than 5 feet. Non-strong swimmers need to wear a life vest, properly fitted and appropriate to their weight.
- Bounce houses and other land inflatables are properly secured to the ground, especially in windy weather. Ensure the number of participants in a bounce house at a time does not exceed manufacturer recommendations for safety. On inflatable slides, obstacle courses, etc. girls take turns and wait for the person before them to exit before going.
- Bubble soccer should be played on a flat area that is free of obstacles, pillars, trees, stumps, rocks, and roots. Only one person in a ball at a time. No rolling down hills while wearing a ball. Bubble should be fully covering at least 8 inches above their head, to allow for roll overs and head protection. Players should not run full speed and should only bump into players with light to moderate speed. Players should not bend down when bumping another player, instead using the sides of the bubble for impact with other players, not the top. Players should not lift the bubbleball via the handles except to get up.
- Log rolling with synthetic logs needs to be done in water that is at least 2 feet deep. Log needs to be at least 10 feet from any obstructions- walls, rocks, trees, beach, etc. Log should be aligned perpendicular (as a T) to dock, pool edge, hard objects, etc. Beginners should have someone holding log as they get on. Non-strong swimmers should wear a life vest, properly fitted and appropriate to their weight if the water is above their knees. Beginners should use “trainers” to slow the log down.

**Inquire about adequate insurance.** The park you attend may or may not be able or willing to provide evidence of \$1 million liability insurance and instructor certifications upon request, depending on the size of the group. It's best to inquire and have the conversation in order to verify credibility of the park's management.

**Ensure safety of theme park rides.** Obtain full information about the rides and other activities and evaluate them for safety, especially concerning the age, height, and weight levels of girls.

**For water parks, follow the “Swimming” safety activity checkpoints.** Pay particular attention to water park safety rules. Ensure there are certified lifeguards at each activity. Girls will need to take a swim test prior to the trip to ensure they can swim. It is recommended that swimmers that are not proficient wear a life vest.

**Know where girls are at all times.** Keep track of girls' whereabouts. Conduct a head count before and after activities. Ensure that girls know where to go and how to act when confronted by strangers or intruders.

**Review plans upon arrival.** Adults should obtain a copy of the park guide to facilitate the visit and gain important information on park policies and the location of restrooms and the first-aid station.

**Have a predetermined meeting spot.** Adults should discuss plans for the visit with girls and set a place to meet in case the group gets separated.

**Know where the first-aid station is located.** Ensure the presence of a first-aid kit and a first-aider with a current certificate in first aid, including adult and child CPR or CPR/AED, who is prepared to handle cases of abrasions, sprains, and fractures.