



Inflatables

Includes:

- Bounce houses
- Bubble soccer
- Aquatic inflatables
- Amusement/theme parks with inflatables

Council Approval: Not required

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

About Inflatables

Aquatic inflatables/climbing walls are perfect for hot summer months, providing a fun way to cool down. Most inflatables can be found in public facilities, parks, events, etc. 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 inflatable bounce houses and slides are approved for Brownies and above. ***Daisies cannot participate in aquatic bounce houses.**

Aquatic climbing walls are made from a variety of materials and placed on the deep end of the pool. Participants need to be strong swimmers who can swim in water deeper than 5 feet. ***Aquatic climbing walls are not permitted for Daisies and Brownies.**

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

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 Attractions](#)

Safety Activity Checkpoints

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

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.

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.

These checkpoints should be reviewed with the vendor, facility, or your council as appropriate.