

Council Approval: May Be Required. This is a vendor provided rental service or activity. Visit or COI list for current venues.

Certificate of Insurance (COI): Required from vendor providing this activity for Council Approval, especially if renting inflatables for your own events. Visit [GSNI's webpage](#) for information on requesting a COI from the venue.

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



Includes:

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

A certified lifeguard must be on duty for all aquatic inflatable activities.

*Daisies may not participate in aquatic bounce houses.

*Daisies and Brownies may not participate in aquatic climbing walls.

*Daisies may only participate in bounce houses that are specific for their age, height, and/or weight.

*Daisies and Brownies may not participate in bubble soccer.

About Inflatables

Most inflatables can be found at events and in public facilities and parks, and some commercial ones may be available to rent. 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, and obstacle courses are made from a variety of materials and placed in the deep end of a pool or lake.

Bounce houses, closed inflatable trampolines, bouncy houses, bouncy castles, moon bounces, moonwalks, jumpers, and other land inflatables are temporary inflatable structures and buildings used for recreational purposes, particularly for children.

Bubble soccer is an exciting twist on the traditional game of soccer. Players are wrapped in a giant, soft inflatable bubble ball with shoulder harnesses and handles inside.

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

Learn More

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

Include Girl Scout Members with Disabilities. Talk to Girl Scout members with disabilities and their caregivers. Ask about needs and accommodations. Always be sure to contact the location and/or the instructor in advance to ensure they are able to accommodate those with disabilities. Information on accommodations for inflatable parks are similar to amusement parks. Learn about water safety for children with special needs.

Equity. Consider the history, culture, and past experiences of the Girl Scout members in your troop that could affect their ability to equally participate in an activity. Work with members and families to understand how an activity is perceived. Ensure that all Girl Scout members and their families feel comfortable and have access to

whatever is needed to fully participate, such as proper equipment, prior experiences, and the skills needed to enjoy the activity. See the Equity section of the [Introduction to Safety Activity Checkpoints](#) for general advice about expense,

Emergency Action Plan (EAP). Review and document your Emergency Action Plan (EAP) before starting any activity and review it so all are prepared. Think through scenarios of what can go wrong such as an accident, physical injury, missing person, sudden illness, or sudden weather or water emergencies.

Inflatables 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 applicable safety precautions:

- **Aquatic climbing walls, slides, bounce platforms, and obstacle courses** are placed in the deep end of the pool, or a 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. Sufficient lifeguards, with clear view of all areas, are on duty.
- **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., take turns and wait for the person ahead to exit before going in.
- **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 the head to allow for rollovers 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, not the top, for impact with other players. 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, e.g., 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 a certificate of insurance as evidence of one million dollars general 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. Visit [GSNI's webpage](#) for information on requesting a COI from the venue.

For water parks, follow [Swimming Safety Activity Checkpoints](#). Pay particular attention to water park safety rules. Ensure there are certified lifeguards at each activity. A swim assessment is highly recommended prior to the trip—or before starting inflatable use—to evaluate ability. Swimmers who are not proficient should wear a life vest.

A certified lifeguard must be on duty during all aquatic activities.

Know where participants are at all times. Keep track of whereabouts. Conduct a head count before and after activities. Ensure participants 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 youth and set a place to meet in case the group gets separated.

Know where the first aid station is located. All troops must provide an adult volunteer certified in Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED, who is prepared to handle cases of abrasions, sprains, and fractures, and have their own first aid kit.