

Inflatables: Safety Activity Checkpoint

HIGH-ADVENTURE ACTIVITY: [Trip or High-Adventure Approval Form Required](#)



Includes:

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

Council Approval: 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. Check [GSNorCal's Approved Vendor List](#).

- * Aquatic inflatable bounce houses and slides are approved for Brownies and above.
- * Daisies cannot participate in aquatic bounce houses.
- * Aquatic climbing walls are not permitted for Daisies and Brownies

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.

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 Attraction](#)

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Check [GSNorCal's Approved Vendor List](#) for approved sites.

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

For water parks, follow the [Swimming Safety Activity Checkpoint](#). Pay particular attention to water park safety rules. Ensure there are certified lifeguards at each activity. Troop leaders or event planners should verify with Parents/Guardians about girls swim abilities, prior to event to ensure they can swim. The pool operator or lifeguard may have the final word in determining a girl's abilities based on the skills needed.

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 becomes 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.

Girl Scouts of Northern California's Approval Process for Inflatables

Inflatables are considered a high adventure activity and must be pre-approved by the council.

Trip or High-Adventure Approval Form: Submit the online [Trip or High-Adventure Approval Form](#) to council at least 4-6 weeks prior to your activity.

High-Adventure Approved Vendor List: GSNorCal troops/groups must select a [high-adventure vendor](#) from the High-Adventure Approved Vendor List, which consists of organizations that meet Girl Scouts safety and insurance requirements for the activity. For the safety of our members, before a troop uses a high-adventure site/vendor for a troop or service unit event, the council must approve the high-adventure site/vendor. This process is designed to ensure a safe experience and protect the council's and volunteer's legal interests.

Adding high-adventure facilities to the Approved Vendor List: If your preferred vendor is not listed on the High-Adventure Approved Vendor list, please follow the simple steps in the [Volunteer Essentials](#) for adding High Adventure Vendors.