



## **Buda Bounce House Party Rentals Publishes School Carnival Planning Guide as Hays County Campuses Return to Session**

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Buda Bounce House Party Rentals has published a School Carnival Planning Guide for Hays County PTAs, releasing the resource as campuses across Hays CISD and neighboring districts return to session this month and parent organizations begin work on fall festivals, harvest carnivals, and campus fundraisers scheduled for September through November. The guide is available at no cost and requires no registration to read or print.

The guide was written by company owner Rodrigo Rodriguez and organized around a 10-week planning timeline calibrated to the Hays CISD academic calendar. It works backward from the event date through seven planning stages, beginning with locking the date, venue, and committee at week ten and ending with a day-of operations checklist. Each stage lists the specific tasks a PTA committee needs to complete before the next stage begins, including vendor booking, insurance documentation submission, campus layout planning, volunteer recruitment, ticket presales, and final weather contingency planning.

The timing of the release reflects a scheduling reality that Rodriguez says catches many parent organizations

by surprise. A carnival or fall festival held in early October sits inside the ten-week window as of the first week of August, meaning committees forming during back-to-school weeks are already at the point where vendor selection and district paperwork should be underway.

"Most PTA chairs are volunteers who inherited the job in May and are looking at a fall festival date for the first time in August," Rodriguez said. "The part that surprises people is not the equipment. It is the paperwork. Hays CISD requires a certificate of insurance naming the campus or the district as additionally insured before any inflatable company can set foot on school property, and the district approval process can take five to ten business days at peak season. If a committee starts that process the week before the event, they are gambling with their own carnival."

The vendor documentation section of the guide details what campuses require and what the company supplies, including a certificate of insurance provided within 48 business hours of request, written booking confirmation with equipment list and weather policy, and a W-9 for district vendor registration where required. The guide instructs PTA chairs to bring three items to the booking call: the exact legal entity name to be listed as additionally insured, the event date and campus address, and any minimum coverage amount specified by the district. The standard requirement in the region is \$1 million per occurrence.

A second section addresses equipment selection by school level and enrollment size, an area where the guide draws a distinction that runs against common assumptions. For elementary campuses of 400 to 700 students, the guide recommends two to three standard bounce houses separated by age group plus an obstacle course. For middle schools, it advises replacing standard bounce houses entirely with obstacle courses, interactive games such as bungee runs and wrecking balls, and water slides for warm-weather dates, on the basis that standard units do not hold the interest of that age group. Mixed K-8 events have separate inflatable zones by age, with no shared units between elementary and middle school students.

The guide also identifies volunteer staffing as the most frequent operational failure point at school carnivals and provides a station-by-station staffing model with recruitment targets. It calls for one dedicated supervisor per inflatable unit with no secondary duties, two volunteers per ticket booth, two per concession machine, and one unassigned event director who floats and troubleshoots. Because day-of cancellations typically run 30 to 40 percent, the model instructs committees to recruit to roughly 150 percent of their true need. A large carnival with more than 500 attendees is listed as requiring 45 to 55 recruited volunteers to reliably field a working crew of 30 to 35.

"Understaffing is what turns a good carnival into a long afternoon," Rodriguez said. "The bounce house supervisor position is the one people try to double up, and it is the one position that cannot be doubled up. That person controls who goes in, keeps the age groups separated, and manages the rotation. If they are also selling tickets, nobody is watching the unit."

The guide has budget frameworks based on enrollment size, with itemized cost ranges for inflatable rentals, concession machine rentals, concession supplies, signage, and change funds, as well as typical revenue estimates based on family attendance and average per-family spend. The guide notes that bounce houses and concession machines consistently outperform games, crafts, and silent auction items in ticket revenue at Hays County elementary carnivals.

The School Carnival Planning Guide joins a growing library of planning resources on the company website that includes a Hays CISD Vendor Approval Guide, a School Field Day Rentals Guide, Bounce House Safety 101, and a supervision protocol guide for volunteers and event staff.

Buda Bounce House Party Rentals serves campuses beyond Hays CISD, including schools in San Marcos, Driftwood, Wimberley, Lockhart, and South Austin, and provides district-appropriate insurance documentation for each.

Buda Bounce House Party Rentals is a veteran family-owned and operated party rental company based in Buda, Texas, serving Buda, Kyle, San Marcos, Driftwood, Wimberley, Lockhart, South Austin, and surrounding Central Texas communities. The company rents bounce houses, water slides, obstacle courses, interactive inflatables, concession machines, tents, and backyard games for birthday parties, school carnivals, field days, church events, and community festivals. Every rental is hand-sanitized after use, inspected before delivery, and covered by general liability insurance with certificates available on request for schools, churches, and municipalities.

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