

# Training for Block Party Trailer Inflatables

\*The Block Party Trailers require a 2" ball for towing.



\*Both trailers have combination locks and you will receive the combination when you come to pick the trailer up.



\*Once you put in the combination and open the locks and open up the back door, you will find the tongue lock key located on the left side hanging on a hook/screw. (Please be careful when lowering door on trailer #2---there are no cables and the door is a little heavy. Make sure area is clear before lowering.)



\*Please note that there is a spare tire located inside the trailer if needed.



\*There is also a three ring binder notebook which contains the required information: Church Use Log, Checklist, Insurance Information, and Individual Inflatable Manuals located inside the trailer on the shelf. **(THESE MATERIALS MUST BE READ ENTIRELY AND SIGNED BEFORE USE OF EQUIPMENT.)**

**NOTE: THIS EQUIPMENT IS SUBJECT TO INSPECTION ANYTIME WHEN IN PUBLIC USE BY THE NC DEPT. OF LABOR**

### **\*\*\*Site Set-Up\*\*\***

\*The site must be clear of overhead power lines or any debris/sharp rocks or other objects that might cause personal injury or damage the inflatable/s.

\*If used, the **generator must be positioned at least 50 feet from the inflatable/s along with a fire extinguisher. To prevent circuit breaker overload, please start blower #1 then wait a few minutes and start blower #2 then wait a few minutes, then start blower #3. This should prevent breaker overload.**

**New\*\*\*\*\*A Copper Ground Rod must be driven 3' into the ground and attached to the appropriate ground connection on the generator with a copper wire. (Picture coming soon.)**



\*Extension cords powering the blower fans must first be plugged into the “Ground Fault” pigtail receptacles provided...then into the generator or outlet. **\*\*\*Only use one drop cord per blower fan to prevent overload or melting the cord.\*\*\*** It is also a good idea to tie the drop cord to the generator before you plug it in so that it can't accidentally be unplugged while in operation.

\*If an unprotected AC outlet is being used instead of generator...GFI pigtail must still be used.

\*The GFI pigtail must be blocked up 4-6 inches off the ground (cement block)

\*The inflatable/s must be staked or sandbagged and never put up or used during high winds.

\*The inflatable/s use must be supervised by at least one operator who is at least 18 years old.

\*Please pay close attention to how and where things are placed in the trailer before you remove anything...and reload the same way.



\*The Bouncy Castle (smaller inflatable) is to be kept in the front of the trailer (as pictured through the slide door on the inside right-toward the front of the trailer) and can be rolled in and out of this side door if it is the only one to be used.



\*Inflatable/s are too large to be hand carried and must be carefully rolled “end over end” on and off the trailer. *When rolling inflatables off the back of the trailer down the ramp, please be aware of the steel cables which let down the ramp door. These cables can tear clothing, bruise, scratch or cut skin. Please be careful.*

\*Once unloaded and in place unfasten and store the straps securing the inflatable.





\*Unroll the inflatable (please examine closely for any tears/holes). Use the colored duct tape supplied in the trailer to provide temporary patch repairs. (Please make sure to report any and all damage noted upon return of the trailer.)



\*Unfold as pictured below and then locate the loops along the bottom edge through which the stakes should be driven (into the ground) at a slight angle with the top of the stake leaning away from the inflatable to prevent the slide or bouncy castle from moving. Note: The large stakes in the orange net bag are for the Slide and the smaller stakes in the blue bag are for the Bouncy Castle. (A 3 lb. hammer is provided in the trailer to use in driving down the stakes.)



\*Once the large stakes are driven down, use the orange plastic caps provided to cover their tops to avoid a tripping hazard.

\*Connect the long yellow nylon straps (Marked "SLIDE") to the loops near the top of the slide. These will be used to hold up the back portion while it fills with air...and then to tie-off the top to a stake for added stability.

\*Connect one of the blue blowers to one of the air intake tubes located near the back of the slide by sliding the intake tube over the blower's nozzle...then apply duct tape to secure it. Tie-off the remaining intake tube/s so air will not escape.

\*Close all air release vents located on the sides of the slide by pressing down the velcro tabs. (These must be opened later when the slide is being deflated to speed up the take down time.) Start the generator...allow to run a few minutes then plug in the blower fan/s and the inflatable should fill with air. (Note: the slide takes approximately 15-20 minutes to fully inflate.) (Option: For faster inflation of the Slide you may use both of the blower fans (one on each tube) then remove one blower fan and roll up the inflation tube and duct tape shut. Then you can move that blower fan to the Bouncy Castle.)

\*Two orange extension cords are provided in the trailer to power the blower fans wherever electricity is available. They may also be used with the generator to connect to the blower fans in order to move the inflatables further apart.

\*Two generators are provided where there is no electricity available to power the blower fans. The larger generator (pictured below) has more than enough power to supply the blower fans for both inflatables at the same time. ONLY use the smaller generator as a back-up.



### **How to Take Down Inflatables**

- 1) Check for any loose items left on the Inflatable. (Sweep or vacuum where appropriate.)
- 2) All Guests should be clear of Inflatable- Including: stakes, flagging, weight bags, etc.
- 3) Turn Off or Unplug Blower. Disconnect the Blower from the Inflatable.
- 4) Open All Velcro / Zipper Flaps, Vents, and Ports to allow air to escape and the Inflatable to deflate. Deflation time varies on the Inflatable (10 – 20 minutes).

## **How to Roll an Inflatable**

The Key to a Good Roll is to fold the material neatly in to the middle of the Inflatable.

- 1) Fold all material toward the middle of the Inflatable and find the bottom seams of the Inflatable.
- 2) Fold the Inflatable like a large bed sheet. Be sure to tuck all colorful designs inside your folds to avoid contact with the ground.
- 3) Fold sides in 2-3 feet lengthwise.
- 4) Continue to fold Inflatable from the outside-in until folded layers overlap leaving a fold of 2-3 feet.
- 5) Tuck in any extra material. (Leave Ports out to allow air to escape as you roll.)
- 6) Walk air out of the Inflatable by walking on the Inflatable towards the Port (Blower tube). (Doing so pushes air and allows air to escape.)
- 7) Where the Inflatable roll is to end- tuck in rope or strap 2-3 feet underneath Inflatable that is to be used for tying. (Doing so will allow you to not lift the entire roll to tie off.)
- 8) Begin rolling from the furthest point away from the Port (Blower tube). (Doing so pushes air to escape as you roll.) Roll as tightly as possible. Keep the roll lined up, tuck any in extra material, and do not allow any part of the roll to sag. Slack rolls are difficult to move. Take your time and roll it tight.
- 9) Tuck in Ports (Blower tubes).
- 10) Tie off roll with rope or strap. Tuck in hoses and any extra material. Place in bag when applicable. (Placing in a Bag: Turn Inflatable to a “standing position”, pull bag from the top down to ground level. Rotate Inflatable in bag for transportation.)

\*Please make sure the generator has had time to cool before loading it on the trailer.

\*Please complete checklist provided to make sure all equipment is loaded back into the trailer.

**\*\*\*The inflatables should never be loaded wet!** (They should never be used when rain is imminent—but if they should become wet from unexpected rain—they need to be completely dried before stowing away again.) In the event this happens you MUST notify our office A.S.A.P. (If another church is not planning to use it the next day-it will require an immediate cleaning and drying on the next sunny day to prevent mold/mildew.) \*\*\*If your church personnel provide the labor and complete the set-up/air-out...there will be no additional charge---however; if SFBA must contract this set-up/air-out...your deposit will be kept and the balance of any labor charges will be passed on to your church.



## Photos for How to Roll an Inflatable:



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## **Block Party Trailer #2**



### **18' WACKY DUAL SLIDE**

(Requires 1 (1.5 HP) Blower)

(Two Ride Operators Needed)  
(one on each slide)

### **Maximum Number of Participants:**

(Two-one on each slide)

**Remember:**

**OPERATORS MUST BE ON DUTY AT ALL TIMES!!!**

### **IMPORTANT!!!**

**Improper Set-up of This Equipment Could Result in  
Your Church Being Fined Up to \$3,500.00 by NC Dept. of Labor.**

It is your responsibility (along with your church) to follow all instructions given by the Associational Staff at the time this equipment is checked out... Along with following the set-up guidelines outlined and illustrated in the manual/s included in this notebook.

*The SFBA staff has provided the verbal instruction, specific documents, and device manuals for the proper set-up and use of all devices...*

*Therefore...*

***The South Fork Baptist Association, Inc. (nor its staff) shall be held responsible for improper set-up or acts of negligence that may lead to personal injury while this equipment is in your possession.***