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## THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN NEEDING RENTAL GAMES

We'll take a look at several high points to consider when planning an event with party rental games of both carnival and inflatable types.

### BUDGET

Naturally budgets are instrumental in deciding what "want" and can "afford".

- **Individual budgets or budget by rental** – Carnival games typically cost less which makes this type more attractive to the renter, but tend to generate less interest and income. Some people are making their own versions of these games today but you'll find rental companies normally have a better and/or more attractive version. Plus, you don't have to store it!
- **Pooled budgets** – If budgets are pooled then try to rent an inflatable like bounce houses or smaller toddler units, to stretch your dollars. In some cases if you rent multiple inflatable units some companies will offer a discount, or toss in the carnival game(s) to help offset costs.
- **Healthy budgets** – Well, there is nothing better than this one! It's best to rent a combination of both inflatable and carnival units to attract good guests.

### INDOOR/OUTDOOR

Consider whether what you want "fits" your location and time of year.

- **Space – Height/Width**
  - Indoor – ensure you have space in width, and more importantly, height. This is especially if renting inflatables.
  - Outdoor – typical inflatable rental requirements are needed. Carnival games, though much smaller could require more accessories like tables, chairs, or backdrops etc. pending the game. Weather is key factor for both game types but especially for inflatables.
- **Power**
  - Indoor/Outdoor – ensure you have enough power if renting inflatables. Most units require at least one dedicated 110v plug per unit.
- **Noise Factor**
  - Inflatables – are powered by electric blowers which generate some noise. Outside it typically isn't an issue, but indoors could be if in confined areas.
- **Accessories**
  - Carnival – most carnival games are mechanical and table top in design. Pending the game tables, or stands would be required to set up on. If none are available this adds to the cost of the rental if having to rent directly from the rental provider.



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## FUNDRAISER or AWARENESS

It depends on what you want to accomplish with your event.

- **Fundraiser** – consider games that will move people through your stations quickly turning income. Both game types can do this pending the game itself. Multi-plier games are better as you can have several paying customers playing at one time. This is important if doing a “pay per play” type station.
- **Awareness** – try to pick a combination of both game types to appeal to all age groups attending. Inflatable games tend to create a lot of excitement, and hold a better “wow factor” than carnival games.

## TARGET AGE GROUPS

There are three age groups to take into consideration:

- **Children** – children love both game types. Inflatable provide more “wow factor”, but carnival games can attract the younger ages for game play. And, if renting inflatables *never* mix age groups together.
- **Youth** – harder to please, and inflatables are generally better for youth due to size, challenges, or even excitement levels.
- **Adults** – Inflatables are still the best!

## CARNIVAL vs. INFLATABLE GAMES

Now that you’ve put some thought into your event, think more on the work load. What is more important to you and your staff?

- **Carnival Game Set Up** – typically easy to set up, takes less space, and it’s not rocket science to operate them! But they lose overall on the “FUN FACTOR”.
- **Inflatable Game Set Up** – For Mr. P’s Party Rentals, LLC, we will always set up inflatable rentals. We do not allow customer pick ups to ensure the game is securely set up safely to show you the operation of the game. No set up or dismantling for you or your staff allowing you to concentrate on other critical aspects of your event.