

Carnival Game Idea: Cola Ring Toss

Supplies for Carnival Games - Ring Toss:

2 liter bottles of cola and sodas - different flavors and colors (Donated from local grocery stores). Rings to toss - rope rings or soft plastic diving rings seem to work best. Consolation prizes for players who do not win a soda.

How To Play:

Set up large grouping of sodas - 2 dozen or so - in the middle of the carnival booth. Players are given three rings to try their hand "ringing" one of the sodas. If they ring a soda, they get to keep that two liter bottle soda as their carnival prize. If they loop more than one, they can choose which one they keep - but they can only keep ONE. If players do not "ring" a bottle, they receive a consolation prize.

Note: this carnival booth sounds just a little boring to adults - but kids at our school love it!! Be sure to test out this carnival game for difficulty - one year kids were winning sodas so easily that we had to go back to the store to purchase more! Also, don't forget to pick unusual flavors. Along with the standard "Cola" we choose Lemon/Lime, Root Beer, Strawberry, Ginger Ale etc. - the kids really get a kick out of winning a unique soda!

Carnival Game Idea - Lollipop Tree

Supplies for Carnival Games - Lollipop Tree:

Wooden 4x4 on a stand with predrilled holes to stick lollipop stick into or other lollipop tree designed to hold lollipops for children to pick. One lollipop for each carnival player 1 or 2 other top carnival prizes - typically a large colorful lollipop. Permanent colored marker(s) to mark the bottom of the lollipop sticks

How to Play:

Before the carnival, count the number of grand prizes. Mark the end of the stick of one lollipop for each grand prize. Make sure the marked lollipops are evenly mixed in with the unmarked pops. Place pops on the tree. (Top carnival prize winners should be about 10% - 20% of all players). Each player chooses a lollipop from the lollipop tree. Every player gets to keep the lollipop they choose. But, if the lollipop has a colored mark on the end of the stick, then the player gets to keep the lollipop they picked and a top prize!

Note: At our last carnival, we had 48 stuffed animals as a top prize for our lollipop tree. Our carnival lasted 4 hours so we put 12 winning lollipops in the lollipop tree per hour - just to make sure our top prizes did not disappear before the end of the carnival.

Safety Note: This booth is popular for small children - you may wish to have individual bags of animal crackers on hand. If a toddler wins, let the parents decide if the little one receives the top prize or a bag of animal crackers (in addition to the lollipop they choose from the tree).

Carnival Game Idea - Rocket Blast

Supplies for Carnival Games - Rocket Blast:

Large Hula Hoop or Several Hula Hoops with light weight netting attached to one side. A way to hang the hoop - so it does not spin around. Large Foam Finger Rockets (see below). Four carnival prizes - consolation and low, medium and high prize.

How to Play:

Players are given 3 Foam Rockets to try to shoot into the Hula Hoop.

0 rockets in the hoop = a consolation prize

1 rocket in the hoop = a medium priced prize

2 rockets in the hoop = a different medium priced prize

3 rockets in the hoop = a grand prize

Carnival Booth Idea: Cake Walk

Supplies Needed for Carnival Booth - Cake Walk:

Tables with tablecloths to display cake walk goodies

Boom Box with Music on CD or Tape

Space Enough to place numbers on the floor (8 - 12) in a circle shape for carnival game players

For Outside Carnival Booths- sidewalk chalk for numbers

For Inside Carnival Booths - pieces of paper (laminated) with large numbers - taped securely to the floor

Bowl or Container with corresponding numbers to be drawn

Homemade Cakes, Cookies & Treats* (Donated by stores, or baked by volunteers from the school)

Consolation Prizes - best to provide a small piece of candy for those who do not win a treat

How to Play Cake Walk Carnival Game:

Set a minimum number to play. For example, if you have 10 numbers on the ground, you may decide at least 7 players needed per game. Players stand on one of the floor numbers. When the music is played The participants walk around the circle on the floor numbers. When the music stops, so do the players. The carnival booth volunteer then draws out a number from the bowl. The carnival player whose number is drawn wins a packaged goodie! All other players receive a consolation prize. This is the most popular booth at our school – grown-ups and kids play this awesome carnival game for a chance to win a baked treat! We charge 75 cents to play the cake walk carnival game.

Suggestion: Request a baked good from each of the staff at the school. Kids would love to win a goodie from their favorite teacher!

* It is a good idea to request that every homemade treat donated to the cake walk carnival booth have the recipe included with the dessert. Not only is this a great way to share your favorite recipe with others, this greatly helps those with food allergies!!

Yummy Consolation Prize Ideas for Carnival Booth - Cake Walk!

Carnival Booth Idea - Duck Pond

Supplies for Carnival Games - Duck Pond:

Wading pool with a few inches of water

Floating Ducks (with numbers 1, 2, or 3 on the bottom) Hint: If you have 2 dozen ducks – ten are marked with “1”, eight are marked with “2” and six are marked with “3”

Small, Medium and Large Carnival Prizes – one for each number

How to Play:

Children pick a duck and look for the number on the bottom.

Children win the prize that corresponds to the number on the duck.

Hint – have the prizes displayed to show what prize is won with each number!

Safety Note: This is another favorite booth for preschoolers. Have some toys that are considered “safer” for young children such as mini beach balls, sand molds or even small packages of fish crackers that you can have on hand to pass to younger children.