



Recipe for Success

Children's Carnival

What you will need:

- Kids games: Ring Toss, Duck Game, Bean Bag Toss, Fish Bowl Game, Cake Walk or other games
- Raffles, Chinese Auction, 50/50 or do a big raffle on one big item and sell raffle tickets at event and beforehand
- Advertise on radio stations, newspapers, hang up fliers, ask school if you can send fliers home with students
- Donations are the key (see card #4)
- Rules for each game on signs
- Clown, Face Painter
- Cheap prizes and candy
- Tables & Chairs
- Sponsors can also offset costs (see card #3)
- Food & Refreshments
- Raffle Tickets
- Place big enough to hold your carnival

Begin by contacting a venue to hold your carnival. Then decide on a date and time. Vendors, clowns, face painters and volunteers should be next on the list. Volunteers can also assist with marketing and obtaining donations. Some volunteers will be able to make food or cakes for the cake walk but not assist at the event. Have one table where people will buy tickets for food, raffles etc. This should be close to where they walk in to the event. A separate table should be set up by the games so they can purchase tickets. Ensure that you have enough money on hand for change. Certain games will require tape applied to floor so they know where to stand. Tubs work well for holding prizes and can be placed next to each game. One idea is to have a "winners" tub with nicer prizes and a "loser" tub with candy and smaller items. Face painters & clowns (if they make balloons) would be the same price as games \$1 for a ticket. The Cake Walk can be the same a ticket or they can put down a quarter on a picture and when you win you get to pick a baked good.

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