

PLAY MOBILE



THE PLAYMOBILE PROCESS

- Step 1: Request form
- Step 2: Paperwork
- Step 3: Training and Preparation
- Step 4: The Event
- Step 5: Follow-up



Playful Pedagogy Training (2012). NC Zoo, Asheboro, NC

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STEP 3: TRAINING AND PREPARING FOR THE EVENT

- Complete training webinar and follow-up
- **The PlayMobile Introduction** will help you better use the PlayMobile and know what to expect before, during, and after your play event.
- **The PlayMobile Training** will help you better prepare for your event, prepare your volunteers, manage the unit the day of the event, and know what to do following the event.
- Additional, the **PlayBasics webinar** will provide you a better understanding of play, why it is important for our young children, and how as adults we can provide the best play experience. **(This webinar is not mandatory to use the PlayMobile)**

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BEFORE YOUR PLAY EVENT

- Coordinate delivery with Evie from Be Active Kids
- Determine the location of your event and where you want the PlayMobile placed at delivery.
- Recruit and train volunteers and staff.
- Get familiar with the PlayMobile inventory and play areas available at your play space.
 - Collect consumables and any additional materials not included in the PlayMobile.
 - Make any materials you will need for the event, such as signs, bubbles, paint or chalk.
 - Create a map of your play space and label all unique play areas

A **consumable** is something that may be used during the play experience but may not be around at the end.

Examples: bubbles, clay, paint, face paint, boxes, dirt

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MAP OF PLAY SPACE

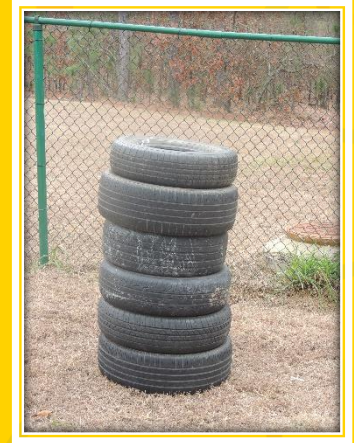


Montgomery County Partnership for Children (2013). Uwharrie Mountain Festival PlayDaze, Troy, NC.

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COLLECT MATERIALS

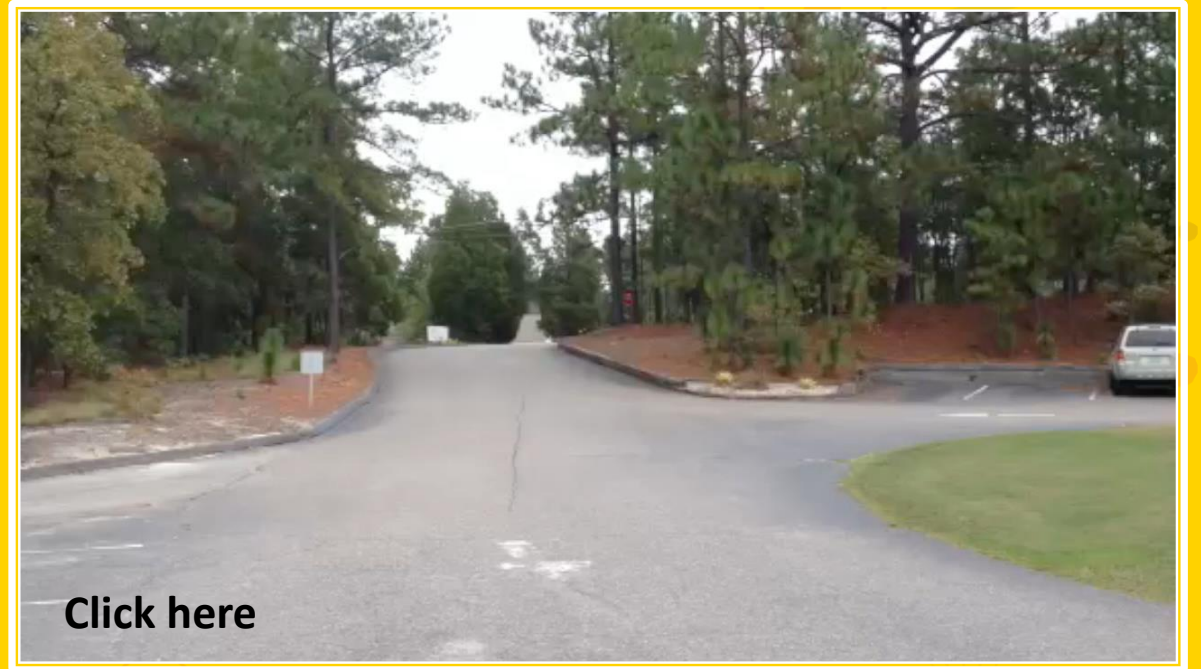
- Months prior to your event, start thinking about collecting materials
- Ask others to help save needed items
 - Cardboard boxes, pool noodles, dress up clothes, tarps, empty containers, and other loose parts
- Contact local partners and businesses for unique items that can be delivered
 - Lowes/Home Depot = Cardboard boxes, wood, tubes/piping, etc
 - Tire store = used tires, inner tubes, etc
- Purchase or make any consumables you wish to have at your event
 - Many consumable recipes are included in the PlayCards which can be found on the Be Active Kids website.



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DELIVERY

- Communicate with Be Active Kids staff on the delivery of the PlayMobile
- Prior to delivery organizations will need to have submitted their MOU, maintenance fee, and completed training follow-ups.
- You will be connected to the delivery staff to assure that the unit is placed exactly where you want it, when you need it there.
 - ***Once the PlayMobile is delivered, it can not be moved.***
- For organizations outside Moore County, transportation fees will need to be submitted prior to delivery
 - ***Transportation fees are determined by the distance between Sandhills Community College and the site where the PlayMobile is placed at a rate of \$2.50/mile.***



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PREPARE VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF

- Thank all volunteers and staff for helping with your event!
- **Provide PlayMobile Training(s)** to all volunteers and staff
- Let volunteers choose their play area ahead of time
- Explain your expectations for the volunteers (set-up, during play, and clean-up)
- Inform all staff and volunteers of where everything is:
 - *PlayMobile contents and PlayMobile signs*
 - *First Aid*
 - *Other coordinators or key staff*

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ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR VOLUNTEERS:

ROLE OF A PLAY FACILITATOR

- Be a good observer, stay vigilant to your area as well as the larger one.
- Help children get oriented to the site and its creative play possibilities.
- Ask good questions to get disengaged or hesitant children on the road to play.
- Help parents and other adults to “step back” and let the children lead the process, work out problems on their own, and take a few risks.
- Model playing and talk out loud while you are doing it. (build a fort, blow bubbles, etc.)
- Wear a vest/apron so it is easy for children to distinguish who is there to help
- Leave the area better than you found it.

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PLAY AREAS & PLAYSIGNS INCLUDED WITHIN PLAYMOBILE

- Face Painting
- Fairy Garden
- Game Creation
- Gardening
- Mudcafe
- Nature Hunt
- Sand Play
- Dirt Play
- Woodworking
- Water Play
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Active Play
- Book Nook
- Bubble Play
- Clary Play
- Creek Exploration



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PLAYMOBILE CONTENTS

- Contents should be received and returned in an organized fashion, similar to the picture to the right.
- Materials are stored in rolling trashcans and storage bins that are all marked with contents and play areas.
- Consumable products are not guaranteed to be available in the unit. Be prepared to supply consumables for your event.



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MATERIALS AND LOOSE PARTS

Opening the PlayMobile and you will find:

- Wheeled trashcans
- Closed Bins
- Open Bins
 - *Aprons, bags, paper products, general supplies, etc.*
- Pools, hoops, balls, cones, cardboard, tubes, signs, and more.
- Promotion materials & PlayJournal (inside file box)
- First Aid Kit

- *Full of loose parts*
- *Labeled with possible play settings*
- *A picture and list of materials included (taped to inside of lid)*



Thanks to Republic Services for provided all trash cans!

INSIDE THE PLAYMOBILE



Play area signs



Containers located at
back of unit



Bins at back of unit



Filled PlayMobile



STEP 4: THE DAY OF THE PLAYMOBILE EVENT

- From the map you created, place signs in designated areas.
 - *Locate and place the container(s) that meet the needs of each area.*
- Provide PlayDaze aprons (located in open bins on back wall) to anyone working the play event.
- Remember and remind others working the event that:
 - *Play should be unstructured and free choice*
 - *It is ok if there is some risk for the children*
 - *Children can and will get wet and dirty*

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STEP 4: THE DAY OF THE PLAYMOBILE EVENT

- At the conclusion of the event, all materials need to be returned to the PlayMobile in a similar fashion to have they arrived.
- Any consumables materials that have been used, can be recycled or thrown away should be eliminated from the PlayMobile.
- Write an entry in the *PlayJournal* so others know what to expect, what worked for you, what road blocks you experienced, etc.

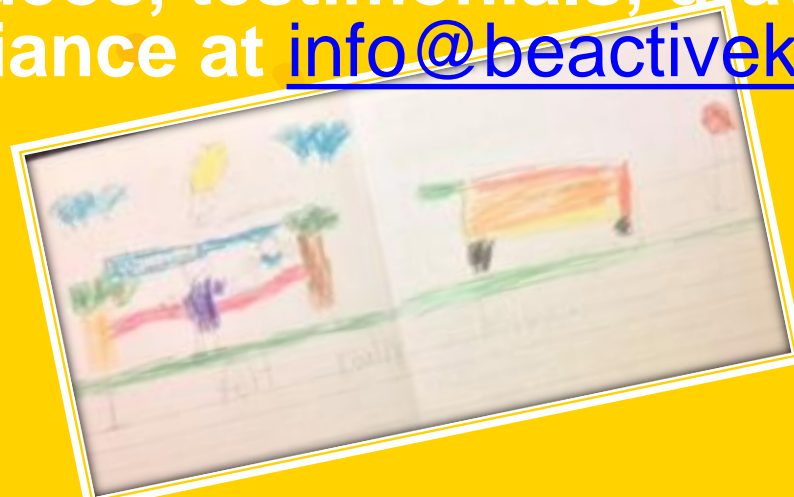
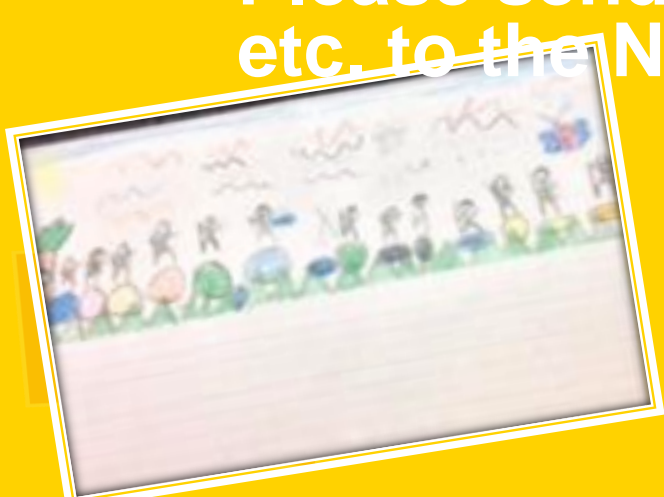


- In the event that the PlayMobile is returned in unsatisfactory condition the maintenance fee will be retained.



STEP 5: FOLLOWING THE PLAYMOBILE EVENT

- **Within a week of following your event, you will receive:**
 - *a follow-up event survey that you are required to complete*
 - *follow-up survey to send to any parents, teachers or providers that attended the event (inform them ahead of time to expect this)*
- **Coordinated with parents, teachers and providers to determine what the children thought of the PlayMobile.**
 - *This can be done through drawings, stories, interviews, etc.*
- **Please send any pictures, videos, testimonials, drawings etc. to the NC Active Play Alliance at info@beactivekids.org**



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION'S:



- What materials are included in the PlayMobile?

The PlayMobile has literally 7-10 huge trashcans filled with miscellaneous loose parts; pvc pipe, art supplies, water/mud toys, wood working supplies, dress-up clothes, fort building supplies, tires, traditional playground equipment (hula hoops, balls, jump ropes, etc) and much more....

- Do we need to have a consent for participants to participate?

No, but it is up to the organization hosting the event whether they wish to use a consent form. If you are to use one you can have participants complete it prior to the event or have them complete one as they arrive at the event, prior to playing. Once the PlayMobile is checkout from Sandhills Community College it is the responsibility of the organization who is “borrowing” it. Be Active Kids encourages organizations to check into things such as insurance.

- Do we have to use all of the materials?

No, you use what materials you think fit best for your event.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION'S CONTINUED



- Is the PlayMobile insured?
 - Yes, it is insured through Sandhills Community College. If you need supporting documentation please contact the Be Active Kids team at (919) 287-7012.
- Do we need to have a photo release for the children who are participating?
 - No, but it is up to the organization hosting the event whether they wish to use a consent form. If you are to use one you can have participants complete it prior to the event or have them complete one as they arrive at the event, prior to playing. Making individuals aware that you will be taking pictures and/or video during the event and sharing them through your promotion and marketing and having forms on hand at the event would be a good idea.
- What if we can not afford the travel fees or maintenance deposit?
 - If you are a non-profit organization and are unable to afford the PlayMobile fees, please contact the Be Active Kids team at (919) 287-7012. Some scholarship funds may be available but they are first



PLAYMOBILE WEBINAR FOLLOW-UP

- To complete this training, please take a few minutes to do the [follow-up](#). ([Click here to do the follow-up](#).)
- Once you have completed that [follow-up](#), you will receive confirmation from Be Active Kids that your training is complete.
- If you have any questions regarding the training and/or follow-up please do not hesitate to contact us.
 - *Email questions to evie@beactivekids.org*