

Children's party bus mixes fun, fitness

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Steve Phillips wants to mix fun and fitness and still give kids a great birthday party and other social events.

Phillips and his wife, Darla, are the new franchise owners of "Fun Bus," a mobile party center for children ages 2 to 7.

Billed as "fitness fun on wheels," the bus is available to entertain kids at birthday parties, schools, day care centers, neighborhood block parties, and other special events, Phillips says.

The seats on the refurbished bus have been removed and the floor and walls carpeted and padded. In place of the seats are tunnels, a trampoline, slides, basketball hoops, a balance beam, and climbing shapes.

From the ceiling are rings, swings, a ladder



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Steve Phillips (left) and his father, David Phillips, stand beside Steven Phillips' "Fun Bus," a mobile party and fun fitness event business he has recently started.

rope, punching bag, and a donut swing.

At the end of the session, there is a "cool-down" period and the children are given a stamp or sticker "for doing a wonderful job," Phillips said.

The bus is climate-controlled – air-conditioned in the summer and heated in the winter.

"The physical activity and social interaction

is a great way to make a party even more fun, not to mention the excitement on the children's faces when the bus pulls up," Phillips said.

"The Fun Bus philosophy is to enhance the learning going on in the classroom and home using a hands-on approach to fitness and making it fun," Phillips said.

Phillips, the son of Sand Springs attorney David

Phillips, is a 1984 Charles Page High School graduate. The couple have two children themselves.

"I've been in sales for several years, but my wife and I decided we wanted to start our own business, be our own bosses," he said.

"We are parents who want to get our kids outside of the house and off the video screens that they constantly watch with television, computers and games," he said.

Phillips graduated from Oklahoma State University and received a Master in Public Health from the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center and his wife graduated from the University of Tulsa.

The couple has been involved in sports themselves and with their children. They are active in the children's ministry of their church and hold certification in CPR and first aid for infants, children, and adults.



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Steve Phillips shows off the inside of a "Fun Bus," a mobile party and fun fitness event vehicle. Phillips and his wife, Darla, recently started the business.

For more details or information about rates, call Phillips at 918-286-2800 or email FunBus-Tulsa@funbuses.com or visit www.funbuses.com.