A Blueball Design Responsive Sandvox Design

Blueball Slider Design User Guide v2.0.

Blueball Slider features an attention grabbing slideshow header in a responsive mobile-device-friendly design layout.

One of the most requested items we receive in our support inbox from Sandvox users is **"How to put a slideshow into the header area"** instead of a banner image. Now you can do that easily using our Blueball Slider responsive Sandvox design!

Blueball Slider is a responsive Sandvox design which allows you to quickly convert your Sandvox site into a responsive "mobile-friendly" site. Blueball Slider is simple-to-use with an overall desktop layout similar to what you are used to with other Sandvox designs, that hides complex styling and custom scripts that automatically turn your Sandvox site into a responsive layout to view equally well on any desktop AND mobile device.

As you will note in the information that follows in this user guide, **the Bueball Slider responsive design does several things differently from what you are used to doing when using a traditional Sandvox design**, due to its unique structure, built-in header slideshow, and responsive css styling and display behavior.

PLEASE BE SURE TO READ through all the user guides to get the best results for your Sandvox site when using Blueball Slider.

What comes in your Blueball Slider responsive design zipped product download.

After purchasing Blueball Slider, you will receive a download email with a link in it to use to download your Blueball Slider designs bundle with. The download by default will be placed into your Downloads folder on your Mac. Once you download it, drag it onto your desktop and double click on it to unzip the folder.

Inside your Blueball Slider design bundle folder, you will find your Blueball Slider responsive Sandvox design, 4 informative and helpful pdf user guides, and a Blueball Slider design single page starter Sandvox site file. Your Blueball Slider design includes 14 built-in color variations for you to select from and apply to your Sandvox site.

How to install the Slider Responsive design.

After unzipping your Blueball Slider download file, double click on the Blueball Slider design file itself to install it into Sandvox. Then restart Sandvox.

What version of Sandvox does the Blueball Slider responsive design require?

The Blueball Slider responsive design requires at least Sandvox v2.8. **We recommend using the latest released version of Sandvox 2 (2.10.8 currently) for the best results**.

Blueball Slider design browser support.

The Blueball Slider responsive design functionality and display supports and works with the following browsers:

Desktop: Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Internet Explorer 10+, Edge, Opera
Mobile: Chrome, Safari, Android, Firefox, Windows, Opera

What does "responsive" mean for your Sandvox site?

A responsive site layout will display equally well for your viewers on any device from traditional desktop and laptop Macs and PCs, to tablets and smartphones. Depending on the screen width of the device and browser being used, page elements are scaled down and repositioned using media query breakpoint widths in the css file. So for example, a traditional 2 column desktop

layout with the content area beside the sidebar will become a 1 column layout with the content area above the sidebar on a smartphone using the Slider Responsive design layout.

Responsive also means that the nav menu uses two completely separate layouts in the Blueball Slider design. On desktop browsers you see a traditional but custom horizontal nav menu that spans the full width of the browser window with drop down sub menu levels. On mobile devices below a certain screen width, you see a completely different mobile nav menu layout that mobile device users are used to seeing and using.

The great thing about the Blueball Slider responsive design for Sandvox users is that you only have to select and apply the Blueball Slider design of your choice to your new or existing Sandvox site like you do with any Sandvox design, and make a few small adjustments as noted below **for your Sandvox site to automatically become a responsive Google "mobile-friendly" site layout.**

What is different about using Blueball Slider that I need to know for my Sandvox site?.

First, please note that most of the items noted below are all done for you automatically by the custom javascripts and default css coding that the Blueball Slider design comes with. There is very little input needed from a Sandvox user when applying the Blueball Slider responsive design to

their Sandvox site. **The information below is meant to inform you of some of the things that the Blueball Slider responsive design does that are different from the normal non- responsive Sandvox design you are used to using**.

You MUST be connected to the Internet while working on your Sandvox site when using the Blueball Slider design due to calls made to Google, Font Awesome, and jQuery for your Blueball Slider responsive design's display functionality. **Also make sure that you have the "While Editing: Load data from the Internet" box checked in Sandvox's Preferences window.**

Images become responsive automatically.

Images in a responsive site layout do not use fixed width and height amounts on them. They use a max-width set to 100% with a height set to auto. This allows images to scale down as needed in size to display in full on mobile devices. Due to this, **you must start with an image at 100% of the maximum size you want it to display at on your desktop layout.** So for example let's say you use the default overall desktop page max-width setting of 1366px, and you want your photo album image to display the full width of the page on the single image page. To do this your original image needs to be at least 1366px wide for the best display results on both desktop and mobile devices.

Images will only display up to the max-width of the original image size. **DO NOT use the metrics controls in the Inspector to size larger images down with.** This will not work in the Blueball Slider design layout.

A custom javascript that we created just for the Slider responsive design will remove any fixed widths and heights in place for images on your site pages, and automatically add a max-width: 100%; and height:auto; setting to each image in your site to make all your images responsive. **We recommend using .jpg images to keep your image file sizes as small as possible for display on both desktop and mobile devices.**

There is no banner image in the Slider design layout.

The banner image has been removed from the Blueball Slider design layout. The new header slideshow is displayed instead. If you need a banner image to display instead of a slideshow, DO NOT use the Blueball Slider design.

The Slider design header slideshow is responsive and very customizable.

For complete details see the slider-slideshow-setup-v1.pdf that came with your download.

Nav menu comes with built-in desktop and mobile layouts.

The Blueball Slider design desktop nav menu layout features a horizontal nav menu that is fixed in position to the top of the browser window with up to 3 sub menu levels. The nav menu is center aligned, and spans the full width of the browser window allowing for a larger than normal number of pages to be displayed in the parent menu level. Keep your nav menu names in the parent level as short and concise as possible for the best display results.

The Blueball Slider design mobile nav menu layout initially displays the traditional mobile nav menu layout of the "hamburger" nav icon with the word Menu beside it. Click on this and the mobile nav menu drops down for you to select and tap on a page to go to. Please note that all menu levels are displayed including any sub menu levels. After opening up, the Mobile nav menu, the hamburger icon is replaced with an X symbol for you to click on to close the mobile nav menu.

You can easily customize the word "Menu" by using a bit of custom css with Site Code Injection. So if you need to change it to another language or want to use another word besides Menu, you can do this. See the "customize-slider-userguide-v1.pdf" user guide for details.

Page content area width.

The default page content width is set to a max-width of 1366px. This means that your page content will display up to a width of 1366px and not above that. On any screen width below that amount, the elements in the page content area will be fluid in behavior until the media query breakpoint width amounts for the mobile layouts are reached at which time the tablet or smartphone mobile layouts and styling will be displayed. On larger screen sizes the 1366px page content width will be centered. You can easily adjust the page width to be wider if needed using a bit of custom css code with Site Code Injection. See the "customize-slider-userguide-v1.pdf" readme file for details.

Objects in sidebar and callouts in mobile layout.

In the Slider mobile layout, all objects in the sidebar and callouts will display the full width of the mobile device's screen with 20px padding left and right.

Do not use this collection layout option.

DO NOT use the "Tabular Layout" option in Sandvox for your any of your main collection pages. Any of the other three "Collection Layout" options will all work fine with Blueball Slider. If you don't know what this is, you aren't using it.

Larger thumbnail display in photo album collection grid.

We have increased the size of thumbnail image display in a photo album collection page and added in a nice hover effect. The images will automatically reposition themselves as needed to one or two columns depending on the mobile device's screen width. **NOTE! We highly recommend using the "Scale To Fill" option for your thumbnail images for the best display results** with Blueball Slider. To display both portrait and landscape images in full in the thumbnail grid, see the "customize-slider-userguide-v1.pdf" readme file for details.

Larger single image display in photo album collection index.

By default, all images in a photo album collection will display the full width of the content area with and without the sidebar when viewed individually in Blueball Slider. For the best individual image display results, it is **highly recommended that you keep your image sizes and orientation consistent in your photo album collections, and that your image is at least as wide as the max-width page amount you are using.** 1366px is the default max-width amount for the content area (with sidebar hidden) in the Blueball Slider responsive design layout. Please note your Photo Album images will only display up to the full width of the content area in the Slider design individual image

page layout, or up to 100% of the image's original size if the width is less than the width of the content area.

For the best results with the Slider page layout, use images that are 1066px in width when displaying the sidebar on your page, and 1366px in width when not displaying the sidebar.

Graphical title option.

The Blueball Slider design layout DOES NOT use this feature for any of its text display. **BE SURE to NOT have this option selected in the Inspector window.**

Blueball Slider default design features.

Below are some of the unique design features included with the Blueball Slider responsive designs.

14 design colors.

There are 14 Blueball Slider responsive designs that each come with a distinctive color scheme.

Blueball Slider Black	#101112	Blueball Slider Green	#58875c
Blueball Slider Blue	#137ec0	Blueball Slider Midnight	#2da1c5
Blueball Slider Blue Sky	#00b6e3	Blueball Slider Orange	#fd5308
Blueball Slider Brown	#8c5849	Blueball Slider Pink	#fb6393
Blueball Slider Dark	#000000	Blueball Slider Purple	#8e63eb
Blueball Slider Golden	#eba204	Blueball Slider Red	#f23838
Blueball Slider Gray	#858a8d	Blueball Slider Teal	#5d9ba0

15 custom Google fonts to choose from.

The Blueball Slider design offers 15 built-in custom Google font styles for you to use in your Sandvox site. The default font styles used are PT Sans for the headlines and Lato for the content text. You can easily **modify the Google font style combinations by inserting some custom css code in Site or Page code injection.**

The 15 custom Google font styles available in the Blueball Slider design are:

Amatic SC, Crimson Text, Glegoo, Great Vibes, Lato, Lobster, Montserrat, Neucha, Playball, PT Serif, Roboto, Roboto Condensed, Roboto Slab, Rubik, Source Serif Pro

See the "customize-slider-userguide-v1.pdf" user guide readme file for font style examples and complete details on how to specify and use these custom Google fonts on your Slider design site page elements.

Font Awesome Icons.

In the Blueball Slider design, the sub menu level arrow indicators use a Font Awesome icon instead of the normal arrow image used in other Sandvox designs. A call to the needed Font Awesome files is automatically placed into the head area on each site page at export or publishing for this.

Some elements of the blog page layout also have a Font Awesome icon displayed too for some items by default.

Logo image size.

For the best consistent display results on all devices, the logo image needs to be sized to the following dimensions:

Height - **Recommended height is 80px**. Can be up to 120px.
Width - **Must be 216px total width** if title and tagline text used.

Note that the height can be increased slightly if needed up to 120px, but the width must be the size noted. We recommend using a .jpg image file if you have images or gradients in the logo. If the logo uses solid colors in it or has some transparency in it, then save it as a .png file. The main thing to keep in mind is your overall logo image file size and keeping that size as small as possible so it will load quickly on all devices.

Publishing and replacing your old Sandvox site and its files with your new Blueball Slider responsive site.

After you apply your Blueball Slider responsive design to your site, make any adjustments or additions to your site pages and save it, you have to publish or export your site. **PLEASE NOTE that you will have to completely replace your old published site files with your new Blueball Slider responsive Sandvox site files.**

To do this when you are ready to publish and go live with your Blueball Slider site, select the "Publish > Republish All" menu option in Sandvox. This option will force your entire site and all its files to be republished to your server directory. Note that in some cases, you may have to use a FTP program like Cyberduck (free), Transmit (what we use here), YummyFTP, or ForkLift to log into your server directory and manually remove all your old site files before doing Republish All.

You can also use the Publish to Folder menu command in Sandvox to export all your site files to a folder on your Mac and then upload your Sandvox site files manually using a FTP program. This option is for more advanced Sandvox users but does get you absolute control over what files are put in place on your server directory.

After publishing or uploading your new Blueball Slider design site files to your server, be sure to refresh your page view in your browser window to make sure the new Blueball Slider Sandvox site files are loaded and displayed.

We offer great Sandvox support before & after the sale.

Blueball Design has been providing outstanding customer support to all our Sandvox users over the past 11+ years, and are happy to help you out with any questions on our Blueball Slider responsive Sandvox design. **If you have a question, please submit it to us using our product support page form here:**

http://blueballdesign.com/support/index.php
or email us at themesupport@blueballdesign.com.

While we also try to help out with Sandvox specific questions, we do not have the time or resources to provide Sandvox training. **Please see the excellent Sandvox help documentation that Karelia provides here instead:**

http://www.karelia.com/support/sandvox/help/

Send us your site url when you have your Blueball Slider design site up and running!

We want to see the "mobile-friendly" responsive sites you build with Blueball Slider. Please send us your site url so we can check it out.

Thanks for your continued support and best of luck with your Blueball Slider responsive design Sandvox site!

Best,

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