

56 Fundraising ideas

The following are a list of ideas that you can do as a team, with friends & family or with your small groups! Get creative!

#1 Shopping List

Make a list of things you will need for the trip that is not included in the base price. The things can consist of soap, shampoo, bug spray, medical shots, sleeping mat, etc. Send this list out to potential supporters & then they can purchase the items for you.

Items needed:

- Shopping list

Time required:

30 min. (this will actually save you time because you will have less shopping to do)

Amount you can expect to raise:

\$25-\$100

How to make it happen:

Make a list of the different things you will need.

Plan on making an announcement in church or send a letter with the list included.

Ask people to contact you before they go shopping so you don't end up with 30 bars of soap & 5 bottles of shampoo!

#2 Skip A Movie For Missions

Get people to figure up the amount of money that it would cost them to take their family to the movie.

Then ask them if they would be willing to skip the movie & donate that amount of money to your mission fund.

Items needed:

- None

Time required:

2 hours

Amount you can expect to raise:

\$150 - \$300

How to make it happen:

Figure up the amount the movie, a bag or popcorn, & a drink would cost in your community.

Explain the trip & the fundraiser to the customer.

Ask if they would be willing to skip the movie & be a part of you mission trip.

#3 Ironman Contest

Get some of the men you know to get involved in your fund raising. Hold an Ironman contest in which several men have a race to see who can iron the most shirts the fastest. Have the wives be their coaches & make a trophy for the winner. Have people in the audience pledge a certain amount of money per each shirt that a certain participant irons.

Items needed:

- Ironing boards
- Irons
- Timer
- Shirts
- Trophy

Time required:

3 hours

Amount you can expect to raise:

\$100 - \$200

How to make it happen:

Ask men from your church if they would be willing to participate in your contest.

Set up the contest like a TV game show. Ask someone to keep a running commentary on the contestants during the action.

Get judges & have them judge on things like completed shirt, creases on sleeves & overall crispness of shirt. For the trophy, go to a garage sale or thrift store & buy an old iron.

Mount it on a block of wood. Spray paint it gold.

Collect the money when it is all over.

#4 Memorize-A-Thon

Here is a fund-raiser that has spiritual benefits as well as financial ones. Get all the people in your small group or team to commit to memorize as many scripture verses as they can in one week. Have people find sponsors who are willing to pay them a certain amount for each scripture they memorize. Have a get-together at the end of the week & have each team or small group member recite the verses they learned.

Items needed:

- Bibles
- Note cards

Time required:

The amount of time you are willing to spend memorizing verses.

Amount you can expect to raise:

\$100- \$200

How to make it happen:

Hand out sponsor sheets to the small group/ team members who are participating & have them find sponsors.

Start memorizing scripture & enjoying growing closer to God.

Collect money when it is over.

#5 Eggs-traordinary Support

Go door-to-door with a carton of eggs. Explain your trip & offer to sell them an egg for \$1 to go toward your trip. Some people like to put a twist on this & charge an extra 50 cents to let the buyer crack the egg on your head.

Items needed:

- Permanent markers
- Something to collect money in
- A carton of eggs

Time required:

2 hours

Amount you can expect to raise:

\$100- \$200

How to make it happen:

Explain your trip & how this fund-raiser works at each house. Write on the egg with permanent marker as a reminder if they don't choose to crack it.

#6 Mary Kay, Avon or Arbonne

Sometimes you can work deals with Mary Kay, Avon or Arbonne representatives to help them sell their products. Call local representatives to see what you can sell & how much you can make off of each product.

Items needed:

- Representatives

Time required:

As long as you can sell the products for the representative.

Amount you can expect to raise:

\$300- \$500

How to make it happen:

Call a local representative selling Avon, Tupperware, Arbonne or Mary Kay. Ask them if they would be willing to help you raise funds & what you could sell & how much your profit would be. Set up a time to meet with them so that they can explain their product to you so you will be knowledgeable when selling it.

Set a time to end selling & collect money from your customers & your rep. Be friendly & remember whom you are representing.

#7 Drive-In Movie Night

Project a movie on the side of your church & have a drive-in movie. People can watch from their cars in the parking lot. Accept donations only. Charging admission is a violation of the copyright law.

Items needed:

- Movie
- Soda & popcorn (optional)
- 4 large bed sheets
- Movie projector
- Large speakers to project sound

Time required:

4 hours

Amount you can expect to raise:

\$150- \$300

How to make it happen:

Check with the neighbors around the church to see if the noise will be a problem. Hang the sheets on the side of the building to make a screen to show the movie on. Set up a stand of some kind to collect money as people enter. To make a little more money, sell popcorn or other snacks.

#8 The Infamous Support Letter

Compile a list of everyone you know. Type a letter telling them what you are doing this spring. Remember to include the 5 most important questions who, what, when, where & why. Tell them who to make the donations out to & where to send it.

Items needed:

- Envelopes
- Paper
- Access to a type writer or computer
- Addresses of friends & family
- Stamps

Time required:

2 hours

Amount you can expect to raise:

\$100- \$500

How to make it happen:

Get the addresses of all your friends & family. Address the envelopes & stamp them. Write the letter & then type it & print them off. Fold the letters & send them in the mail. Follow up on your letters & send out another letter if needed.

#9 Bigger & Better Hunt

Put your team or small group in teams & give them each a penny. The teams then have a certain amount of time to trade what they have for something bigger & better.

Items needed:

- Pennies

Time required:

One hour plus the time you would spend having a garage sale or auction.

Amount you can expect to raise:

\$25- \$100

How to make it happen:

The team or small group meets at a central location for instructions. Divide them into teams of 3 or 4 & give each team a penny. Then give the teams an hour to go from house to house trying to trade what they have for something bigger & better. After the teams have met up again, the team with

the biggest & best item wins & all of the items collected are used for a garage sale or auction.

#10 Penny Drive

Go door-to-door in your neighborhood collecting pennies & other coins.

Items needed:

- Jars for the coins
- Name tags for everyone in your group

Time required:

2 hours

Amount you can expect to raise:

\$25-\$100

How to make it happen:

Give each person in the group a nametag. Have people in your group travel in groups of two or more. Give each team a jar in which to collect the money & send them out. Going door-to-door to explain what you are doing & ask for loose change.

#11 Hair-A-Thon

Do you know a hairdresser? Ask him or her to donate a day or two volunteering to cut hair for donations.

Items needed:

- A jar or bucket for donations

Time required:

Just the time it takes to call the hairdresser.

Amount you can expect to raise:

\$25-\$100

How to make it happen:

Talk to the hairdresser & make sure he or she understands your trip & your fund raising idea. Make a poster & decorate your jar for donations. Advertise the event.

#12 Personalized Cookies

Take orders for holiday cookies. Offer to personalize them & deliver them. Almost like a singing telegram, only it's a cookie gram!

Items needed:

- Any ingredients you need to make the cookies
- Cookie sheets & bowls
- Frosting
- A car for delivery & a driver if you don't have your license
- Plastic wrap or Zip-lock bags
- Order forms

Time required:

- 2 hours to take orders
- 4 hours making cookies
- 2 hours delivering cookies. Cookies may be ordered for different holidays, so this time may be divided.

Amount you can expect to raise: \$25-\$100

How to make it happen:

Start taking orders a couple weeks before you plan to start making & delivering cookies. Sell the cookies for 75 cents each & 25 cents extra to have it delivered. Make the cookies BIG so that they are worth the money. Be sure to have a calendar specifically for this event so that you can keep close track of when every order is to go out. (Birthday's can easily be forgotten.). Wrap the cookies in plastic wrap or Zip-Lock bags to keep them fresh. Make sure to guarantee that the cookies will be delivered on time or their money back.

#13 Recycle

Have a can & bottle drive.

Items needed:

- Bags to put the cans & bottles in

Time required:

2-3hours

Amount you can expect to raise:

\$25-\$100

How to make it happen:

Make signs to advertise.

Set-up in a location that is easily accessible.

Separate the recyclable items as they are brought in. You can even promote this to your friends & family & get them to save their cans & bottles for you, then arrange to pick them up. Take them to a redemption center & collect your refund.

#14 Valentine Balloons or Flowers

Selling helium balloons or flowers can be a great fundraiser around Valentine's Day.

Items needed:

- Balloons
- Ribbon
- Helium tank
- Flowers

Time required: 2 hours for blowing up balloons - 1 hour for delivery

Amount you can expect to raise: \$25-\$100

How to make it happen:

Take orders 3 weeks prior to the holiday.

Make arrangements with a local balloon shop to supply you with balloons at wholesale prices (or maybe even at cost) &/or florist. Each person ordering a balloon or flowers should fill out an order card with the name, address, & phone number of the balloon recipient, & the seller's name. Leave a space on the other side of the card for a message from the sender to the recipient.

The customer then pays for the balloon & returns the card to the seller. Collect all the cards several days before Valentine's Day & group them by geographic areas.

#15 Sell Seasonal Items

Sell Christmas cards, for example. Get a variety of kinds (funny, serious, cards with scripture verses) so that they appeal to a wider audience.

Items needed:

- Product being sold

Time required: 2 days (one for door-to-door sales, one for delivery)

Amount you can expect to raise: \$25-\$100

How to make it happen:

Get a product or a catalog of the product you are selling. Go door-to-door to show your product & take orders. Be sure to tell each person you talk to exactly what you are raising money for. Be sure to tell the buyers how long it will be before their order comes in, if you have to order it. Be prompt. Deliver it as soon as you get it.

#16 Granola Party

Have your team or small group get together & have a party where they get to make their own granola. Find a recipe that includes lots of good stuff like nuts, banana chips, carbo chips, coconut, grains, honey, etc. Make it in mass quantities & then bag it & sell it. You could also make jam, dried fruit, etc.

Items needed:

- Ingredients for granola
- Mixing bowls, spoons, etc.
- Plastic bags to put it in
- Labels for the bags of granola

Time required: 3 hours

Amount you can expect to raise: \$25-\$100

How to make it happen:

Decide on the recipe that you are going to use. Get all the ingredients for the granola (see if you can get it donated). Make the granola & put a small amount in each bag. Label the bags with a short description of the contents. Sell the bags at church events, in your neighborhood, at school, or anywhere.

#17 Coffee Hour

Host a coffee hour & invite friends, family, & church members. Charge a small fee (maybe 25 cent - 75 cents) for the items you serve. Consider hosting one weekly before church.

Items needed:

- Coffee, hot chocolate, etc.
- Cookies, donuts, etc.
- A place to have coffee hour (maybe your living room)
- Tables & chairs

Time required: 3 hours preparation - 1 or 2 hours for the event - 1 hour clean-up

Amount you can expect to raise: \$25-\$100

How to make it happen:

Make & hang signs &/or send invitations to advertise.

Bake cookies the night before. Set up tables & chairs & a few decorations.

Serve your guests & play soft music to make it as comfortable as possible. This is also a good opportunity to share more about your trip.

#18 Make & Sell

Make & sell things like Bible or book covers, woodwork, printed note pads, dolls, stuffed animals, etc.

Items needed:

- Fabric Sewing machine
- Wood Paper
- Any other supplies you would need to make your product

Time required: 1 week

Amount you can expect to raise: \$25-\$100

How to make it happen: Decide on the product(s) you are going to make.

Make a sample to show people & then take orders. If at all possible, make them as soon as you get the orders in case the customer is using it as a gift.

This is a good fundraiser around Christmas.

#19 Lunch Break Sales

Set up a stand at school & sell things during lunch: cookies, doughnuts, etc. **Items needed:**

- Whatever you are going to sell
- Small bills & coins for making change
- A small table & a chair

Time required: 30 minutes each day you sell

Amount you can expect to

raise:

\$25-\$100

How to make it happen:

Get permission from your principal to sell. Advertise with small signs in the halls & on lockers. Set up 5 to 10 minutes ahead of time. It might be helpful to get a friend to help you.

#20 Door-To-Door Car Wash

This works just like a regular car wash only instead of the car finding you, you find the car. Also, you can use the owners' water.

Items needed:

- Buckets
- Soap
- Towels
- Glass cleaner

Time required: 30 minutes per car

Amount you can expect to raise: \$25-\$100 per every 10 cars washed

How to make it happen:

Give each participant in your small team a bucket, and send them out in groups of three or four. Knock on the doors & tell them about the trip you are raising money for & then offer to wash their car(s) for a set fee. Make sure that they know that you are using their water. Be sure to do a good job & not to leave a mess in the driveway.

#21 Coupons For Missions

Get people to donate the money that they saved in a week by using coupons. Items needed:

- None

Time required: 20 minutes

Amount you can expect to raise: \$25-\$100

How to make it happen:

Declare a certain week "Coupons for Mission Week." Get all participants to pledge to contribute to your project all the money they save that week with grocery coupons.

#22 Business Eco-Bucks

Talk to several businesses about saving their aluminum cans, plastic bottles, etc. & donating them to your cause. Set a recycling box somewhere in the business & plan to empty the box & deliver the contents to the appropriate recycling center on a regular basis.

Items needed:

- Recycling boxes

Time required: 30 minutes for each time you empty the boxes

Amount you can expect to raise: \$25-\$100

How to make it happen:

Meet with store managers & business owners to sell your project.

Come up with a good strategy for collecting the materials & delivering them to the appropriate recycling centers.

#23 Parent's Night Out

Offer one night (or several nights) in December for parents to let you watch their kids. This is a great chance for parents to do some Christmas shopping.

Items needed:

- A place to hold the event
- Toys, games, & activities for the kids

Time required: 1 hour preparation - 4 hours baby sitting

Amount you can expect to raise: \$100-\$200

How to make it happen:

Advertise your event with signs & posters.

Collect games & toys for the kids & get a friend or two to help you in case there are more kids than you can handle.

Find a few friends to help with babysitting.

Be at the advertised location well ahead of time.

Some parents may be early.

Let the parents know ahead of time how much you will be charging per hour for each child. Or take a free-will donation.

Be sure to specify the latest time that the parents

can pick up their kids.

#24 Ministry-A-Thon

Do civic or ministry related work & get people to sponsor you for an hourly rate. Go minister in retirement homes or children's hospitals, clean up around the city, etc.

Items needed:

- Any trash bags or cleaning supplies you would need

Time required: This could vary depending on the job you do & the time you are willing to commit.

Amount you can expect to raise: \$100-\$200

How to make it happen:

Talk to some civic leaders & church members about what you are doing & see if they would be willing to sponsor you.

Decide on the approximate amount of time you are going to spend ahead of time so that your sponsors can know about how much money they are investing.

Find something to do that is a good ministry opportunity & is also fun. Do your best.

Collect money afterwards. Be honest about how much time you took.

#25 Door-to-Door Window Wash

Go door-to-door in your neighborhood & offer to wash windows for \$5, 10\$, or \$15 depending on the size of the job. Also, offer to do lawns, clean garages, or whatever needs done.

Items needed:

- Bucket & sponge
- Cleaning supplies
- Old clothes

Time required: 1 or 2 hours per house

Amount you can expect to raise: \$100-\$200

How to make it happen:

Get your bucket & go.

Ask them what needs to be done & offer the price after you've seen how big the job will be.

Do your best.

Collect money when the job is completed.

#26 Doggy Dip

Most pet owners hate to wash their pets, so have a doggy dip. Offer to give peoples pets a bath for a set

fee.

Items needed:

- Several metal or plastic tubs
- Extra dog leash
- Towels
- Dog shampoo
- Hose

Time required: 2 or 3 hours

Amount you can expect to raise: \$100-\$200

How to make it happen:

Advertise with signs & posters around your neighborhood. Set up the metal tubs where they are easily seen. Have the owners stand near by in case the dog needs to be calmed.

Wash & dry the pets

Collect the money when you are finished.

#27 Christmas Tree Pick-up Service

After Christmas, advertise a pick-up service for Christmas trees & oversized boxes. Offer to take them to the dump for a flat fee &/or accept donations.

Items needed:

- Trucks

Time required: 4 hours

Amount you can expect to raise: \$100-\$200

How to make it happen:

Find some means of disposing of the Christmas trees. Advertise your service in the church bulletin, in your neighborhood, &/or in the newspaper. Get some of the people in your church to donate the use of their trucks. Have people call you to arrange the pick-up of their tree. Go to each house, collect the money, & haul away their tree.

#28 Holiday Art

Put the artistic people in the team or small group to work decorating store windows. Charge a flat rate &/or accept donations.

Items needed:

- Tempera paint
- Paint brushes

Time required: 1 or 2 hours per window

Amount you can expect to raise: \$100-\$200

How to make it happen:

Talk to different store owners about your trip & present them with the idea of decorating the windows.

If they agree, on a sheet of paper make a sketch of what you plan to paint on the window so that you can get the store owner to approve it.

Paint neatly & clean up any messes that you make.

Offer to wash the windows after the holidays. Collect the money when you are finished.

#29 Metal Money Maker

Your group can collect scrap metal. Call your local scrap metal yard to see what they are buying. Take what you have & sell it.

Items needed:

- Scrap metal (sheet metal, aluminum door frames, radiators, aluminum chairs, batteries, aluminum car bumpers, copper tubing & wire, iron, rain gutters, & hot water heaters)

Time required: 2 hours

Amount you can expect to raise: \$100-\$200

How to make it happen:

Find out the kind of scrap metal they are buying. Collect those specific kinds of metal & deliver them to the scrap metal yard. Make sure that you have permission before taking items.

#30 Singing Valentine

Invite friends and family to secretly purchase a Valentine for their sweetheart the Sunday before Valentine's Day. On Valentine's Day the team or small group goes to each house dressed in red & sings romantic or humorous love songs. Then they present a Certificate of Affection to the recipient signed by the secret admirer. You can also offer to deliver flowers or candy for an extra fee.

Items needed:

- Certificates
- Flowers (optional)
- Candy (optional)

Time required: 5 to 10 minutes per house

Amount you can expect to raise: \$100-\$200

How to make it happen:

Get a list of songs to sing & start learning them a couple weeks before delivery.

Take orders at church or over the telephone.

Make sure that everything stays confidential so that the surprise isn't ruined.

Deliver the message & have fun!

#31 Tennis Ball Race

Get people to "buy" a tennis ball from you. Then number each ball & dump all the balls down a hill. The owner of the first ball to the designated finish line wins a small portion of the profit. This is a great event to do during a fair.

Items needed:

- Old tennis balls (Check with your school tennis team to see if they have some that are too flat to use that they would be willing to donate.)
- A front end loader to dump the tennis balls, or a gate to hold the tennis balls from rolling down the hill
- Signs/posters for advertising

Time required: 2 hours for preparation, set-up, & event

Amount you can expect to raise: \$100-\$200

How to make it happen:

Collect tennis balls from your school, friends, or sporting goods stores. Advertise. Decide on how the tennis balls will be "released" & arrange for a front end loader if one is needed. Sell the tennis balls the day of the event for \$2.00 a piece, (for example). Have them numbered ahead of time & give each buyer a number on a piece of paper to identify his or her tennis ball. Ask everyone to get their tennis ball after the event so that there aren't stray tennis balls all over the neighborhood.

#32 Task Tradin' Tickets

Sell coupons entitling the buyer to an hour of work from the student seller. You may want to design two tickets - one with a higher purchase price for more strenuous work or more than one hour of work, & one with a lower price for easier work or just an hour of work. You can list on the tickets the types of work that can be done.

Items needed:

- Tickets
- Supplies for doing the job you are assigned

Time required: unlimited

Amount you can expect to raise: \$100-\$200

How to make it happen:

Advertise your coupons to friends and family. Design some tickets.

When you have sold a ticket, set up a time when the buyer would like for you to come & do the work. If the buyer bought only one ticket for one hour of work, offer to sell them another one when you finish your hour. They may be interested if you prove to be a good worker.

#33 Sunday Sundae Fun

Sell tickets to a Sunday evening of ice cream sundaes & entertainment. Have a variety of flavors & have the team or small group entertain.

Items needed:

- Ice cream (chocolate, vanilla, & strawberry)
- Toppings (syrops, sprinkles, nuts, fruits, & whipped cream)
- Ice cream scoopers
- Bowls & spoons
- Tables & chairs

Time required: 3 hours

Amount you can expect to raise:

\$100-\$200

How to make it happen:

Ask your local dairy, ice cream shop, or grocery store if they would be willing to donate the food.

Sell tickets in advance so that you know how much food to get. Take orders for the toppings & kind of ice cream they want & have the team or small group serve the customers.

#34 Outside-Inside Party

This is a great fundraiser to do in the winter.

Decorate a hall or large room so that it looks like a park in springtime (plants, artificial turf, garbage cans, picnictables, "Don't Litter" signs, etc.). Charge an admission fee or take donations. Provide hot dogs & hamburgers & have those attending sign-up to bring side dishes.

Items needed:

- Large plants (these can be borrowed from local nurseries or businesses)
- Artificial turf
- Hamburgers & hotdogs
- Drinks
- Picnictables

Time required: 1 week of preparation - 5 hours for set-up, meal, & clean-up

Amount you can expect to raise:

\$150-\$300

How to make it happen:

Advertise this event for a few weeks before it is scheduled. Start looking for plants that can be borrowed & tag each plant when it is received so that it is easily identified & returned to the correct owner. Charge admission at the door &/or sell tickets in advance. Have games such as badminton, croquet, & volleyball after the meal. Have the guests provide their own plates, forks, etc.

#35 Face Painting

Open a face painting booth at a fair. Charge \$1.00 per picture that they want painted. Kids love this, so it can be a good fundraiser.

Items needed:

- Paint brushes
- Paints or water color pencils
- Poster of the pictures available & the prices
- Booth (this could just be a table & two chairs)

Time required: 4 hours

Amount you can expect to raise: \$150-\$300

How to make it happen:

Get permission from the necessary people to set up your booth at the fair. (This is a popular booth, so ask early or someone may take your idea.)

Set up your booth with a chair for yourself & one for you customer. Use pencils or paint to draw a small picture carefully & neatly on the face of your customer. Collect the money after you have painted the picture.

#36 Delightful Desserts

Take orders for desserts. Have people in the small group volunteer to make certain desserts. Then make a list of the choices & give them out in church. People can place their orders & you can deliver them.

Items needed:

- Donated baked goods
- List of the goods for sale
- Vehicle to deliver with

Time required: 4 hours

Amount you can expect to raise: \$150-\$300

How to make it happen:

Decide on which desserts you are going to offer & who is going to commit to make each one.

Take orders from family and friends, & tell them exactly when they can expect to get; i.e. cookies. When the dessert is delivered, collect the money.

#37 A _____ A-Thon

Have a bike-a-thon, a pump iron-a-thon, a skate-a-thon, a walk-a-thon, a trash-a-thon, a prayer-a-thon, bowl-a-thon, etc. Get sponsors to pledge money for every mile you walk or ride, lift weights, skate, etc. Set a goal before you talk to your sponsors so that they can have an idea of how much they might have to pay in all.

Items needed:

- Bike, skates, weights, etc.
- Sponsor sheets

Time required:

Take pledges for a week & have the event on the weekend.

Amount you can expect to raise: \$150-\$300

How to make it happen:

Go door-to-door & explain the _____-a-thon & the trip you are raising money for.

Ask them to sponsor you & sign their name & the amount they wish to pledge. Have the event. Be honest about how many miles you walked, etc. Collect the money after the event.

#38 Carhop Grill Out

Have the team or small group grill hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. and invite the community to come & eat at the new "restaurant." The kids go to the cars & take orders & then deliver them to the cars.

Items needed:

- Food (hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, & desserts)
- Grill
- Paper plates
- Plastic forks, spoons, & knives
- Serve the food cheerfully. Do a good job.

Time required: 1 hour preparation - 3 hours service

Amount you can expect to raise: \$150-\$300

How to make it happen:

Set up a grill in the parking lot.

Make posters to advertise & get people's attention.

Get the whole team or small group to help.

Make menus. Serve the food cheerfully. Do a good job.

#39 Computer Labels or Address Christmas Cards

If you have a good computer available to you, make return address labels & sell them for \$5.00 for 100 labels. This can be very effective around Christmas card time, especially if you have a color printer.

Items needed:

- Computer & printer
- Labels
- Order form of some kind

Time required: 2 or 3 hours depending on the amount of labels you have to make

Amount you can expect to raise: \$150-\$300

How to make it happen:

Make colorful signs to advertise. Put an example label on the signs. Take orders for the labels. Make & print the labels as soon as you get the order, if possible. This will make the work & delivery less stressful. Collect the money when you deliver the labels.

#40 Spud Night

Get the biggest potatoes you can find. Sell tickets for your spud night & have a potato bar. Everybody loves a good potato.

Items Needed:

- Potatoes
- Toppings (sour cream, chili, bacon bits, butter, etc.)
- Plates
- Extra food, such as chips, ice cream, & drinks
- Tables & chairs

Time required: 30 minutes preparation - 2 hours dinner

Amount you can expect to raise: \$150-\$300

How to make it happen:

Sell tickets in advance for \$4. This includes potatoes bar, chips, a drink, & maybe a dessert. Set the toppings out in bowls like in a salad bar so that people can serve themselves. Always make sure the toppings are full. Refill drinks as necessary.

#40 Work-A-Thon

Arrange jobs for all of the people in your team or small group. Talk to the elderly people in your church or other people who can't do the work themselves. Get sponsors to pay the kids a certain amount for every hour they work.

Items needed:

- Cleaning supplies

Time required: unlimited

Amount you can expect to raise: \$150-\$300

How to make it happen:

Divide the jobs that need to be done among your team or small group. Give each person the supplies they need to complete their jobs. Do the jobs quickly & efficiently. Take time to visit with the people you are serving.

#41 Winterize Your Elderly

Help the elderly in your church out by putting up storm windows, changing furnace filters, hauling in patio furniture, etc. If they can afford to pay you, they will. Get sponsors from you church to support you.

Items needed:

- Tools
- Cleaning supplies

Time required: This will vary with each job you do.

Amount you can expect to raise: \$150-\$300

How to make it happen:

Ask the elderly in your church how the team or small group can help them winterize their house. Split the group up into work teams & delegate the responsibility among the teams. Don't necessarily ask the people you are working for to pay you. If they offer, you can accept it, but the majority of the funds should come from sponsors.

#42 Ecology Walk

Have a walk-a-thon that has an extra twist to it. Get sponsors just as you would for the walk-a-thon. As you are walking, pick up trash along the highway. Walk in groups of three or four. As you pick up trash, put all the cans & bottles in a bag that is separate from the other trash. Recycling is an extra money-making source.

Items needed:

- Trash bags

Time required: 1 day

Amount you can expect to raise: \$150-\$300

How to make it happen:

Advertise

Get your sponsors & have them pledge money for every bag of trash collected per hour.

Split up in groups & start walking.

As you fill up the bags, leave them on the side of the road & have someone drive along in a truck picking up the **bags**.

#43 Tournament Snack Bar

Ask your school about getting the concession stand for a tournament. Buy the food in bulk so that you are sure to make a profit. This can bring in a lot or a little depending on the size of your school or town sports participation.

Items needed:

- Food Grill or microwave if you plan on serving hot dogs, nachos, etc.
- Refrigerator / freezer for candy bars, ice, & ice cream
- A few rolls of coins & one dollar bills to make change

Time required: 1 hour shopping - 1 hour setting up - 5 hours running the stand.

Amount you can expect to raise: \$150-\$300

How to make it happen:

Get permission from the necessary people to use the concession stand. Do this in advance so that you are sure to get one of the larger tournaments.

Buy the food the day before so that it is still fresh.

Get a few people to work so that you can work in shifts. Set up the food & make a large menu so that everyone can see what is available.

#44 Colossal Clean-up

Contract with the management of your local fairgrounds or stadium, to do cleanup after a major event.

Items needed:

- Trash bags

Time required: 1 day

Amount you can expect to raise: \$150-\$300

How to make it happen:

Talk to the manager & find out if it is possible to contract the job. Give each person in your team or small group a trash bag & send them out to pick up. The job doesn't seem so big when you have a lot of people doing it. Do a good job so that it can become an annual fund raiser for your team or small group.

#45 Meal-A-Thon

Contact your local Salvation Army, soup kitchen, or any other organization that feeds the homeless in your area. Offer to have your team or small group help make sack lunches, serve meals, or help with whatever they need. Take pledges from sponsors for every meal you serve, sack lunch made, etc.

Items needed:

- None (the food should be provided by the organization)

Time required: 4 hours

Amount you can expect to raise: \$150-\$300

How to make it happen:

Find out from the organization how you can help & when would be a good time. Have the members of your group get sponsors.

Keep track of the number of meals you make & be friendly with the people you are serving.

#46 Garage Sale

This is a great way to get your non church-going family to be involved. Ask people in your family/friends to donate old stuff to your garage sale. Then get a friend or two to help with preparation & the sale.

Items needed:

- Things to sell
- Tables stickers or price tags calculator
- Signs or posters

Time required: 3 hours preparation + 6 hours sale time

Amount you can expect to raise: \$150-\$300

How to make it happen:

Collect the items to sell from family and friends several days before the sale.

Advertise with signs & in the newspaper.

Decide on good prices & label all the items with a price tag or sticker.

The day of the sale, set up tables & neatly set up the sale items & a table at which to collect money.

#47 Inventory Crew

Call large retail stores in your city & volunteer for "group inventory." Every store has to take a periodic inventory & usually needs temporary help to do it. They'll pay at least minimum wage, which can be a good fundraiser for the small group or team.

Items needed:

- None

Time required: This will vary depending on the size of the store you **are working with.**

Amount you can expect to raise: \$150-\$300

How to make it happen:

Talk to a store owner (or several store owners) & find out if they are needing any help with their inventory.

Tell them briefly about your trip & ask if they would be willing to let your small group do the inventory to help finance your trip.

Get good instructions from the store owner as to how he/she wants the inventory done. Make sure that everyone in your group follows ALL of the instructions.

#48 Lawn-A-Thon

Line up as many people from your team or small group with lawn mowers & transportation for each of them. Advertise with flyers & posters that on a certain Saturday, your group will mow lawns for free! Get as many people as you can to sign up to have their lawn mowed. Get sponsors to pay you a certain amount for every lawn that you mow.

Items needed:

- Lawn mowers
- Transportation
- Sponsor sheets

Time required: varies

Amount you can expect to raise: \$150-\$300

How to make it happen:

Find a law mower for all the members of your team or small group. If each person doesn't already have one, ask people in the church if you could borrow theirs.

Get parents or other people with cars to provide transportation from lawn to lawn.

Hand out sponsor sheets & have everyone in the group get sponsors.

Mow as many lawns as you can & collect the money.

#49 Matching Funds

Make you sponsor's money go further by presenting a "Matching Funds" opportunity. Find people or businesses to sponsor you & match every dollar you raise up to a certain amount (\$100, \$500, \$1000, etc.).

Items needed:

- None

Time required: 2-4 hours

Amount you can expect to raise: \$700-\$1000

How to make it happen:

Have your sponsors talk to their company or corporation about employee matching funds programs.

Tell your prospective sponsors how they can make their donation twice as effective with a "Matching fund."

#50 Corporate Support

Ask businesses to support you. This is a good public relations on their part. **Items needed:**

- None

Time required: 1 day

Amount you can expect to raise: \$400-\$500

How to make it happen:

Tell the business owner about the trip you plan to attend & the financial need you have.

Remember to tell them that their donation is tax deductible if they make their check out to Bayside Church.

Send them a thank you note.

#51 Pledge A Day

Divide the number of days in your missions trip by the amount of money you need to raise. Ask people to buy a day or more of your trip. Make a poster of a big calendar & cross off each day as it is bought. This is a good visual to get people interested.

Items needed:

- Poster & markers

Time required: 1hour

Amount you can expect to raise: Total cost of trip

How to make it happen:

On Social Media take some time to explain your trip & your need. Explain how the fundraiser works & how they can support you. Use visuals of how many of your days.

#52 Play-It-Again Auction

Collect old sports equipment from people & auction it off. People are always looking for a good deal on sports related things.

Items needed:

- Sports equipment to auction
- Chairs for the bidders

Time required: 1 or 2 hours

Amount you can expect to raise: This will vary depending on the items you are auctioning.

How to make it happen:

Collect sports equipment from wherever you can. (Try schools, friends, family, neighbors, etc.) Invite athletic coaches & others most likely to make purchases. Find an auctioneer to auction off the equipment. Be sure to keep close track of who the highest bidders are & what their bid was. Collect the money & thank everyone for their part in your trip.

#53 Toy Box Auction

Ask people to donate toys their grown kids no longer use. These make great auction items since parents & kids alike are always looking for good deals. Those not auctioned off can be donated to charity.

Items needed:

- Toys to auction off
- Chairs for the participants

Time required: 1or2hours

Amount you can expect to raise:

This will vary depending on the items you are auctioning.

How to make it happen:

Collect the items to be used for the auction. Start the bidding & have fun!

#54 Wanna-Be Carhop

Sometimes Sonic or any other drive-in burger place will work deals with groups or individuals so that they can be the carhops for the day. For that day they will let you work & give you part of the profit.

Items needed:

- Drive-in burger place

Time required: As long as the employer will let you work.

Amount you can expect to raise: \$200- \$350

How to make it happen:

Call a local drive-in such as Sonic Set a time & date to be the carhop.

Advertise the event & ask them if they could put it on their marquee.

Be friendly!

#55 Invitations

If you are artistic you can make invitations for different events. Think of something that is coming up in your school or community that you could make invitations for. Events such as bridal or baby showers, prom or graduation are perfect events.

Items needed:

- Art supplies
- Paper

Time required:

5 hours

Amount you can expect to raise: \$100- \$200

How to make it happen:

Find someone that you can make invitations for. Ask them what they would like them to be for & what the theme is.

Decorate the invitations & deliver them to the customer.

#56 Christmas Baskets

Prepare Easter & Christmas baskets for people in your church or community.

Items needed:

- Various items to put in the baskets.
- Baskets

Time required:

4 hours

Amount you can expect to raise: \$100- \$200

How to make it happen:

Get some of your friends to help you & decorate the baskets according to the holiday. Put the various items in the baskets. Take orders & deliver the baskets. Charge around \$5- \$10 for each basket you sell.