

## FUNDRAISING IDEAS

### HOLIDAYS

**Santa Claus Pictures:** Have members of school/organization dress up as Santa and have a stand at Christmas tree lot or local mall and sell digital pictures.

**Christmas Booths:** If your city has a "flea market" type craft sale or activity planned during a holiday season, you could set up a booth for various purposes; eggnog sales, mistletoe, etc.

**Gift Wrap Booth:** Contact local mall for permission to set up a gift wrapping booth during the holiday season.

**Ornaments:** Make dough ornaments - paint and seal. Sell for \$3-\$5 each.

**Christmas Tree Pick-up:** Partner with a Christmas tree company to organize to have people pick up Christmas trees in exchange for a donation at your school or organization (if the space allows). Prepare a flyer promoting the Christmas tree event. Email and/or mail the flyers to parents, participants, and other community members. Send announcements to media and news sources promoting the event. Have staff and volunteers arrange appointments for trees to be picked up and for old trees to be sent to the dump.

**Haunted House:** Organize a haunted house event inside the building of your school or organization, and ask for a donation as an entrance fee. Involve staff, youth, volunteers, and parents in organizing the event and acting in the haunted house.

**Ghost Insurance:** You could sell a certificate promising to clean up any mischief done on Halloween. Meet the following day to wait for phone calls.

**Pumpkin Sales:** Your group could take orders 2 weeks prior to Halloween. You could have two charges: 1-fresh pumpkins, 2-gutted and face cut pumpkins. See if any farms or stores are willing to sponsor your exchange and donate the pumpkins at a discounted price or for free.

### CARNIVALS - FESTIVALS - PARTIES - DANCES - SHOWS - TOURNAMENTS

**Carnivals:** Your group could have cake-walk relays, chess & checker games, etc. You could award certificates and/or ribbons to winners. Charge an entrance fee with the proceeds going to the exchange.

**Dance or Sock Hop:** You could have a dance with live music and sell tickets in advance. 7th and 8th grade dances work well.

**Concerts:** Many of the people at your community are quite talented musically, or have friends who are. Ask them to sing at a concert. These concerts could be quite professional, requiring only a large room, some sort of sound system and fair singers. Charge for tickets according to preparation time, refreshments, quality of the music, etc.

**Sports Tournament:** Pick a sport popular in your area. A well-organized tournament can draw a large number of participants. Publicize it well, secure the necessary equipment & officials and reserve gym space. Charge teams an entry fee to cover all costs (gym, officials, etc.) plus your profit.

## "?????-A- THONS"

**Ping Pong-a- Thon:** You could have a Ping-Pong marathon in which donations could be taken and money pledged for a certain number of hours played.

**Bowl-a-Thon:** Members of each delegation could go door to door with a sponsor sheet asking people to pledge them so much money per point made during a specific time period of bowling. They would then come back to the people with total score and collect the money.

**Rocking Chair Marathon:** You could use either a rocking chair or a swing. This would involve early solicitation of pledges from people in the community. The chair can be placed right in the lobby of your school or organization, so people can walk by and give donations. Posters with the names of all solicitors can be placed in the lobby so donors will recognize and receive publicity.

**Craft- a - Thon:** Charge an entrance fee for people to join a full event of crafting. If any youth participants are good with arts, you can have them facilitate a craft project with the group.

## RAFFLES - DRAWINGS

**Raffle:** Approach local restaurants, stores and all sorts of merchants for donations of dinners and other products. (Thanksgiving turkeys, gift cards, sports merchandise, etc.)

**Drawings:** This fundraiser could be held in conjunction with a Pancake Breakfast or dinner. Local businesses are approached by your delegation and asked to donate prizes. The ticket for the drawings is attached to the Pancake Breakfast ticket and you could list the prizes that are being donated on the tickets.

## CORPORATE DONATIONS

Check large companies and corporations in your area for fundraising opportunities, as well as sponsorships and in-kind donations.

Ex: <https://forddrive4ur.com/> With the Ford Drive 4UR campaign, the company will donate \$20 to your school or organization for every test drive of a Ford vehicle.

*\*\*Make sure to verify your local by-laws and any school or organization policies around casino events, raffles, and draws before organizing such events.*