

FUNdraising Ideas

There are so many different fundraisers that you and your group can do! These are just a few ideas to get you thinking – your group can probably think of many more. Remember *to choose a fundraiser based on the level of work and whether it takes place in your school or in your community*. Have fun and **be creative!**

Sell Services:

Have group members **perform chores**: walk dogs, shovel snow, garden, wash cars, mow lawns, or baby-sit. Charge a set fee for each chore. The price doesn't need to be too high (a lot of time people will tip). Advertise your services through flyers and word-of-mouth. Be sure to *let everyone know that the money you earn is going to be donated*. Always get your parents' permission first and only work for people you know and trust. It may be a good idea to perform chores in groups of two or three.

Your group can also have a car wash at a specific location where the cars come to you. Put up big posters promoting the event and try to choose a space close to a busy road.

Sell Goods:

There are many goods you can sell in your school or neighborhoods. The YellowPages™ lists companies that provide many goods under its Fundraising section. Some common goods are candles, wrapping paper, magazines subscriptions and chocolate. (Make sure that your group will receive at least 50 percent of the profits from the sales.) If you sell your goods in your community, you should go with an adult and remember to never knock on a stranger's door alone.

Have a bake sale or sell slices of pizza during lunch hour at your school. (Check your school's policy first.) Members can also make crafts to sell.

One great fundraising idea is a **candy-gram**. People can purchase a candy-gram for a friend and a club member will deliver it to their homeroom. The candy-grams can *be little bags of candy with blank note-cards tied to them*. Buyers write the name and homeroom of their friends on the note-card (and if they want a short message.) This is a great fundraiser for Halloween or Valentine's Day.

Whenever you are selling something, you should ask companies to donate the items in exchange for publicity.

Get Pledges and have a ...-a-thon or Raffle:

Any event can be a fundraiser if you get pledges and add –a–thon to it. Have a dance-a-thon, rock-a-thon, walk-a-thon, etc. Make sure that participants gather pledges from their family and friends before hand.

You can also *collect donated goods and raffle them off* at your school. Sell raffle tickets during homeroom and lunch periods. Have the drawing announced over the school's PA system. If your group wants to put on a large raffle or an **auction**, see the *Student Action*

Plan: Dinner Auction in the Real-Life Collection. Your group can also auction/raffle off your *services* and *talents*. For example, if someone in the group is a great baker, you can auction off a “Cookie-of-the-Month” prize, where the winner gets a different batch of home-made cookies every month.

Other Creative Fundraisers:

Karaoke night: Rent a karaoke machine and charge people an admission fee or have them pay to sing their favorite songs. You can also charge for drinks and food. At the end of night, have the audience vote on the winners. You could include categories like “Best Dance” or “Funniest Singer”.

Movie Night: Show a popular movie and charge people admission to come. You can charge for popcorn and drinks as well.

Dress-Down Day: If you go to a school with uniforms, ask your principal if students can pay to wear casual clothes on a certain day.

Pie-a-teacher: Ask popular teachers if they are willing to let students throw crème pies at them. Charge students a price per pie (try to get the pies donated). Have the event during your school lunch hour or at a time and place where a lot of students will be around. Be sure to thank your teachers afterwards!