

Fundraising Ideas for Camp

Recycle Cans & Bottles

- Ask friends, neighbors & co-workers to help you collect recyclables
- Go door to door and tell them you're raising money to go to camp by collecting recycling. Sometimes they will give you large amounts of recycling from the bin they were going to put on street. This is esp. good during April Earth Month – you can say “Help save the planet and send kids to camp!” (Hint: Ask for ink jet cartridges and used cell phones as well – see idea below)
- Put out a bin and mark it as recycling at any family gatherings, church activities or even at the workplace.
- Follow-up behind large events (concerts on the park, graduations, birthday parties, etc.) and pick up the cans & bottles.
- Turn the cans and bottles in at local sites that pay for recycling.

Recycle Ink Jet Cartridges, Cell Phones & Electronics

- Ecophones.com will pay you for the following:
 - Ink jet cartridges
 - Cell phones
 - Laptops
 - Ipods
 - Digital cameras

You get paid for every item – working or not.

Shipping is free.

- www.fundingfactory.com
- Make cell phone & ink jet cartridge recycling containers and have friends & family take them to their offices for collections.
- Some of our youth have emailed all their friends asking for their old cell phones.

Hire A Youth

Here is an idea that could work in a club or church. Post an announcement:

Do you need an odd job done around your home? Hire a youth using the Youth Job Board and the money they earn will go toward their camp tuition this summer.

So, How Does It Work?

- 1) The “employer” posts a job on this board that you need done. (You can post the “payment” amount if you want to or you can wait to discuss that with the youth.)*
- 2) The youth writes down the information from the Job Board (and LEAVES THE JOB POSTING ON THE BOARD) and then calls the “employer” to make arrangements to do the job.*
- 3) When the job has been completed, the “employer” writes a check to [name of church or organization hosting the fundraiser] and notes on the check the youth's name and that this is his or her camp money. (The organization will later write a check to SEP So Cal for the camper's registration.)*
- 4) The “employer” then REMOVES the job posting off the Job Board*

Offer to Do Work

Make an offer to your neighbors, friends and family to do odd jobs for them:

- Walk dogs
- Babysit
- Wash windows
- Mow lawns
- Clean out their garage
- Weed their garden

Organize a Read-a-thon, Walk-a-thon, Bible Read-a-thon or Bike-a-thon

These are excellent group fundraisers and can bring in a lot of money without a lot of money being spent up front. It just takes time, effort and organization.

Bible Read-a-thon: The youth group locks themselves in the church for 24 hours and read the Bible (everyone reading different books at the same time) and they get sponsors to pay them per book that the youth group reads. You should be able to finish the entire Bible (66 books) so if a person pledges \$.50 per book, that is \$33. (email Cornerstonecommunity@cox.net if you want sample forms)

Walk-a-thon or Bike-a-thon: Once again, this will take a group of people committed to walking around a track or biking a certain route. It would take someone to organize the event and the youth would have to be assertive in getting the sponsors.

One final thought on this – if you do not have a group to do a “thon” with, try creating your own read-a-thon and ask for people who care about you in your life to sponsor you for every book you read within a certain amount of time. You might be surprised what people will donate when they know you’re putting in some effort and sacrifice.

Snack Bar/Bake Sale

Have a group of kids who want to raise money for camp start a Snack Bar that is open before and after church. You can ask people from the church to donate homemade baked goods and then sell the items for 100% profit. (Just be careful about doing bake sales in public places. Many cities require permits and food handlers licenses.)

Restaurant Auction or Raffle (Opportunity Drawing)

Ask local restaurants to donate gift certificates for meals. Explain that the certificates will be auctioned to the highest bidder (or raffled off), and tell them how you’ll use the proceeds. Then advertise your auction to the community as well as to your church or sell the tickets to everyone you know for \$1. (One way to guarantee your success by selling tickets to the auction—\$1 buys access to the auction and an unlimited dessert bar.

Sell Candy

Purchase candy bars in bulk for really cheap and then go door to door with a brochure from camp tell people what camp is for and what you do there and let them know that you are selling candy bars for \$1 to help send you to camp.

Plan a Yard Sale

Plan a yard sale and perhaps get other kids who want to raise money for camp put their stuff all together. It’s more fun AND you have more things to sell and more helpers.

Sell Items on Craig’s List or Ebay

Advertise unwanted items that you have and sell them on craigslist (local listing where you meet with people face to face) or Ebay (where you deal with people online and ship it to them.)

It’s pretty simple:

- Sign up for a free account & follow the directions
- Photo: Take a digital picture of your item in good lighting and in a clean environment
- Write up your ad: Look at other ads for sample wording. You have to “sell” your item and let people know why they should buy it.

Birthday / Christmas Money

Encourage family members to consider giving any birthday or Christmas gifts to you in advance by helping you pay for camp.