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Brainstorming Youth Group Fundraisers (free sample)

Jump-start your thinking with these 56 ideas.

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Auctions

Desserts

Dinner raffle

Silent auction

Pledges

Bowl-a-thon (pledge per pin)

Walk-a-thon (pledge per mile)

Bike-a-thon (pledge per mile)

Rock-a-thon (using rocking chairs)

Trash-a-thon (pledge per bag)

Corporate car wash (donations from businesses)

Dime-a-dance

Dinners

After-church brunch

All Saints Day flower sales/dinner

Café night

Dinner in concordance with church meetings

Pancake breakfast

Dinner theater: Friday, Saturday, Sunday matinees (free will offering)

Potato or salad bars

Spaghetti feed

Basket lunch: church attenders who sponsor students are thanked with a creative lunch basket.

Sweetheart banquet

Dinners at people's homes, with entertainment provided

Donations

Free will offering

Loose change offering

Slushie machine

Sponsor-a-Student

Pop machine: invest in students and become a stockholder.

Community Helps

Booth at a fair

Free car wash: students get pledges for how many cars they can wash in so many hours.

Phone book deliveries

Partnership Days: match up a student with people to serve and to work for donations.

Car detailing

Deliveries for florist

Events

Drive-in movie

Benefit concerts/music/speakers

Golf tournament

Talent show

Recycling

Bottle drive

Aluminum can drive

Paper drive

Sales

Bake sale

Christmas decorations

Christmas trees

Cinnamon rolls/donuts

Crafts

Concessions at a local school

Community yard sale

Fruit

Coupon books

Candy

Flowers and plants

T-shirts

"First and a Foot to Go": people order subs during the Super Bowl and the youth make in-game home deliveries.

Miscellaneous

"Adopt-a-Grandchild" to pray for and financially support (for adult sponsors)

Flamingo insurance: Sell flamingo insurance to church members in various amounts, which guarantees that their homes will not be the flocking ground of pink flamingo lawn ornaments. Place as many lawn ornaments as you can on uninsured lawns, and charge a service fee for their removal. To add even more fun, one member can hire a flamingo hit on another member by paying more than what that person bought their insurance for. Provide the opportunity for the insured to increase their insurance amount.

Students write an adult sponsor a letter before and during the ministry event with prayer requests, then have dinner with the sponsor when they come home.

Monthly payments: have families contribute each month to a fund

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