

# FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR YOUR GROUP

For Short-Term Mission Trips

Raising money is hard work and simply a part of the commitment to the trip. When you work for something, it'll carry a deeper meaning for you. This list is certainly not complete — perhaps it'll provide a starting point. If you come up with more creative ideas, we'd love to hear from you!

## Items to consider selling —

- Cookbooks — Put together a cookbook with recipes from church members. You can put it together yourselves or get assistance from companies who do this.
- Calendars — Photos of youth, different church ministries, potential mission projects, etc.
- Create and sell note cards or stationery with church photo, etc.
- Kroger gift certificates.
- Sell mulch in the spring.
- Sell fruit or pecans for Christmas.
- Entertainment or coupon books
- Avon, Tupperware or Pampered Chef with a willing distributor.



## Auctions —

- Auction off the youth or group participants for various work assignments.
- Baked items donated from church members and local bakeries.
- Silent auctions using items donated from local businesses.
- Combine with a dinner — get items from church members or the community.

## Church meals —

- Sunday, Wednesday — whatever day will work best.
- Sell items at the meals.
- Meals can be charged a fixed price or love offering.
- Combine drama/music/etc. and have a "dinner theatre."

## Golf tournament —

- Get a sponsor to pay for greens fees and get prizes donated.

## Miscellaneous-athons —



- Bicycle ride
- Bowling
- Rocking chair
- Walk
- Reading

## Car wash —

- Donations work best, or get sponsors to donate per car.

## Odd jobs —

- Set up a system where church members who need odd jobs done can call to schedule youth or group participants to do it, with all money going into a fund.

## Send donation letters —

- Request prayer and financial support.
- Explain the mission project and list the activities planned.
- Tell why you're going, with whom and your personal goals.
- Be specific about the money needed.

## Kiss the Cow . . . or Pig —

- Select a group of people in the church: staff, deacons, elders. Have a coffee can with a slot cut into the lid, one for each person, and tape their photo to it. Put the cans in a place where everyone has access to them. Give the congregation 2 weeks or so to drop money into the cans. At the end of the allotted time, the "winner" with the most money has to "Kiss the Cow . . . or Pig" (if there's someone in the church who owns one) or it can be anything embarrassing for them to do. Take a photo of them doing it and post it for all to see.



## Super Saturday —

- Start with a pancake breakfast — sell tickets.
- Yard sale — rent tables and ask for donations for youth tables.
- Have a car wash.
- Sell snacks and drinks during the day.

## Establish Mission-Teams (M-TEAMS) —

- An M-TEAM is a group of individuals that will mentor a young person in creative ideas to raise funds for their trip.
- Ask 3-4 adults per youth to be mentors.
- Define their job and expectations.
- One role mentors can play is to provide 20-30 names of people for their young person to ask for donations.

