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Chapter Fundraising Ideas

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Flamingo Fundraising Ideas

Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser

Purchase 10 pink plastic flamingos (lawn decorations). Pick 10 yards in your community to be the lucky recipients. Attach cards to the flamingoes' necks with a phone number along with all the pertinent information regarding your group. State that for a \$10 donation, the flamingos will be removed but for \$15 they will be moved to the lawn of their choice. Make sure you also place a sign that has a contact name and phone number among the flamingos for those who drive by and would like to have the flamingos placed in a friends yard. (Also give the option to simply pick up the flamingo gratis, since some people have no sense of fun.) It takes some organization, but is lots of fun. An additional fundraising idea is to sell "Pink Flamingo Insurance" for \$10 to protect yourself from the invasion of these pink pests.

Sneaky Flamingos Fundraiser

One fundraiser that my youth group did was to have people (most often parents) sign up to pay \$X for X flamingo's placed IN the yard WITHOUT being caught. Kids really got into it year after year dressing in cammies, sneaking into back yards, using the help of a neighbor or using distraction tactics for suspecting parents. Parents really like to get involved as well waiting out in their lawns with a garden hose or some other scare tactic. The event goes for several days without the parents knowing which house would be bombarded next. Though they knew their kids were out with the youth group and knew that they were posting flamingoes, they didn't know which house would be hit that night. Eventually, parents generally donated the money regardless for the sheer fun and enjoyment of the activity for both them and their children. You could even keep it a secret as to what dates flamingoes will be posted, but it's up to you!



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Flamingo Habitats Fundraiser

One chapter raised over \$1,000 with the use of plastic pink-feathered friends that were trained to create flamingo habitats for one full day in unsuspecting yards around the community. Individuals had the opportunity to pay \$50 to have a flock of 10 flamingos placed in another person's yard around 5:00 am until that evening. Those who received the flamingos then sent them on to another person's yard. All persons were given the opportunity to pay another \$25 for flamingo insurance, so that the birds would not be used in retaliation. Before and during the month of July, orders were taken for specific dates of when the recipients would be seeing the flamingos in the yard.

Flamingo Fundraiser Variation 1

Send everyone in your organization an announcement on pink paper about your pink flamingo fundraiser. Word your announcement something like this: A Pink Flamingo May Visit Your Family! On May 22, the youth group of [your organization] will conduct its first annual Pink Flamingo Fundraiser. We have several lovely pink flamingos, one of which may end up on your front lawn. We have divided the [church, school, etc.] into four flamingo areas. Inside each pink flamingo is a list of the names and addresses of church members living in one of the flamingo areas. On the appointed day, the youth group will plant each of the flamingos on the front lawn of one family from the flamingo list. If the flamingo ends up in your front yard, you then - pledge a donation to the youth group, cross your name off the flamingo list, replant the flamingo in the yard of someone whose name has not yet been crossed off the list. The flamingo may not remain in the same yard for more than twenty-four hours. It is not necessary to follow the order of names on the list. HOWEVER, if you do not wish to see a pink flamingo on your lawn ever, you may buy Insurance for the Prevention of Large Pink Birds for only ten dollars. See any member of the youth group to purchase insurance.



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Flamingo Fundraiser Variation 2

Hold a good ole fashion flocking at your office. Make cut-outs of pink flamingos and charge co workers to flock other people's offices or cubes. Take the cut-outs or plastic flamingos and decorate the flockees area. You can charge \$1 per flamingo, which will generate tons of money for your team. The bigger the flockin', the better.

Flamingo Fundraiser Variation 3

Get a bunch of pink flamingos (we paid \$5.99 for six flamingo driveway reflectors through Oriental Trading Post) Other resources might be Wal-Mart - I've been told that they can order them for you in the spring; some garden stores also have them in stock or can get them for you. If you decide on the large plastic birds, expect to pay about \$10 for 2.

Put the flamingos in a church member's yard. The idea is that the yard will look so hideous with the pink birds that the church member will be more than happy to give a donation toward the fund raiser to get them out of there. Some options to consider are:

- pre-sell flamingo insurance to prevent yards from getting flocked;
- when a church member gets flocked, they get to pick the next victim; and
- have a map at the church that charts their progress.

We found this fundraising idea to provide benefits far beyond what was expected. Letting the member whose yard is flocked chose the next yard included far more members than we expected. Not only members who attended worship every Sunday were flocked - we used it as an outreach tool. We flocked people who rarely attended, or who had only just started visiting! We discovered that no one was willing to be the last one to pass them on! Everyone was interested in where the flocks were (we had four flocks out). Conversation between members on Sunday morning usually started with, "I saw the flamingos in your yard...." The birds really brought the "family" together. And we even heard, "I'm glad they came to our house. I thought we were going to be left out."

Allowing for fundraising donations instead of a set fee increased our income. The average donations was \$25, but donations actually ranged from \$10 - \$200!

Other Fun Ideas



Best Seat in the House Fundraiser

First, find a sofa to use. This fundraising raiser involves raffling off tickets for a student and two friends to win the best seat in the house. Tickets are sold throughout the week prior to a game. Before a volleyball, basketball, or football game announce the winner. The winner gets to sit on the sofa with two of his or her friends. Make sure the sofa is in an ideal spot to view the game. For halftime, order pizza and sodas for the winner and guests. Ask a furniture store to donate a chair or love seat if possible. Sell the tickets for \$1 during the JV game or girl's game (if a double header). During the last two minutes of warm-up for the varsity game, draw a name. This person gets to sit in the best seat (if you have a love seat, they get to choose someone to sit with them). They also get popcorn, a pop and their name entered into the drawing to be held at the end of the season to win the chair (if the store is willing to give it away). The chair is placed on the sideline or on the stage if you have a small gym. You'll make lots if you do fundraising for both men's and women's basketball games.

Pet Remembrance Tree Fundraiser

Our mall allowed us to put a Christmas tree up in Center Court. For each \$5.00 donation, we would illuminate a light for your pet --- a red one for "in honor of" and a white one "in memory of". We asked for a picture of the pet and would hang it with a red or white ribbon. We had to put up another Christmas tree because the first one because too full of pictures. We did not worry about the fact that we had 100 white lights on a tree, but 150 memorial pictures ---- you can't even the two out. We found that the public did not even pay attention to that. They were too busy looking at the pictures. On the weekend, my mother took her golden retriever, Chelsea, to the mall. She was dressed as Santa, complete with bells on her toes and a Santa hat. The kids AND adults loved it. Of course, we had the fish bowl out and would average \$150.00 in donations a night. Also, we took thick foam board and put them on wreath stands. We had a red board for the honored pets and Page 8 a white board for a memorialized pets. We listed their names on each board. We noticed that people liked to look at the names the try to find the picture on the tree. We were glad we wrote the names on the back.

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Teacher Torture Fundraiser

School principal picks as many teachers as he/she feels will willingly participate - no party poopers! The principal also has to play (to be fair of course). The principal then selects an "appropriate" activity that each teacher has to do such as: kiss a pig, color hair a wild color, dress outrageously, roller skate, etc. Be creative! Have fun! The teachers vote on what the principal has to do. Get a large jar for each teacher and the principal. Write the name of the each teacher and the principal and their "assigned activity" on their individual jars. Put the jars where someone can keep an eye over them - preferably in a high traffic area. Students, teachers, parents, and other school employees "vote" by depositing money into the jar(s). At the end of the fundraising event, the three (five, etc) teachers who have the most money in their jars, have to do their assigned activity. Have the "winners" perform their activity at a pep rally or other regular assembly, or hold a special assembly just for the fundraiser.

Balloon Bust Fundraiser

Fill a couple hundred balloons with helium and slips of paper redeemable for prizes or cash, or (10 percent) 'Thank You Please Try Again'. The fundraising prizes can be a free Coke if Coca Cola is helping sponsor event. You could have an early bird prize about 'Guess the Number of Balloons'. That could go on for a couple of hours, then the prizes start to be drawn. Fill a room with these balloons, so patrons walk in and find them-selves in a latex obstacle course. They can pull one balloon outside, you write their name on it with magic marker. Then they put it back until the end of the night. During the day, have patrons guess how many balloons are in the room. The closest wins a prize at the end of the day. Variation 1: Put money into 100 helium-filled balloons and sell them for \$10 each. Denominations: One balloon contains \$100, two-\$50.00, two-\$20, two-\$10, two-\$5.00 and the rest \$2.00. Sell all 100 and make a total of \$548.00.

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Spirit Chain Fundraiser

This is a great fundraiser for high school students, but could be used with other groups. Have a competition within the different classes in the school (senior, junior, sophomore, freshmen) to see who has the most school spirit. Each class has two colors that their paper chain consists of. Sell each strip of paper for 25 or 50 cents. Keep the chains hidden and then at an assembly have class representatives bring out the huge paper chains that have accumulated over time. Whichever class' chain is the longest receives bragging rights for the rest of the school year. This is a great activity to do right before homecoming or other school functions when school spirit is high. The only thing you have to pay for is the paper and staples/glue/tape.

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Y.C.J.C.Y.1.D. Fundraiser

In week one of the fundraiser, signs would appear daily throughout the building that had the initials displayed: Y.C.J.C.Y.1.D. Students and teachers started to ask what does that mean? In week two, the HOSA chapter members begin to wear buttons that display: Y.C.J.C.Y.1.D. As HOSA members are approached by students and teacher, HOSA members tell them for \$1.00 they can find out. After they pay the dollar we give them a card, and tell them that they cannot tell anyone else. On the card is printed, "Your Curiosity Just Cost You 1 Dollar". All the money goes into our (name the purpose of the fundraising) fund.