



Fundraising Toolkit

Want to provide financial assistance to families in your congregation attending camp?
Congregations in the region have done the work for you! This toolkit includes a collection of simple and affordable fundraisers designed to help support kids and youth who want to attend camp.

If you are planning or kicking off a large fundraising event contact Good Earth Village staff to see if there is availability to come and speak to your communities and congregations.

Stock Shares

Congregation members are invited to buy a stock share for \$5 or \$10 each to help send kids to camp. In the Fall, invite shareholders to a lunch to hear about the faith-filled camp experience they helped to support.

Supplies:

- Stock Share Certificates (template available on page 7)
- Signs for your Table
- A Share Holders Log (template available on page 8)

Lunch Ideas:

- Print a “shareholders report” with pictures and hand written letters from campers about what they experienced at camp
- Have pictures of the kids at camp playing on a slideshow throughout lunch
- Have a few campers speak about their experience
- Sing energetic songs that the kids learned at camp
- Contact GEV for possible staff support with a worship or presentation
- Have a Majority Shareholders table, for people who bought a larger number of stocks, with small gifts or s'more kits

Cooking Contest

A cooking contest can get involve the whole church in raising money to send kids to camp. Consider charging an admission at the door or invite people to cast votes with dollars for their favorite foods. Cooking Contests can be complimented with additional fundraisers, such as silent auctions, raffles, or Bingo contests.

Types of Cooking Contests:

- Chili Cook Off
- Bake Off
- Homemade Salsas
- Crockpot Cook Off
- Mac N Cheese Contest

Money Wall

Create a wall of envelopes, labeled each number \$1 to \$200. Have students decorate the envelopes and pin them on a large cork board or poster board and display in a prominent location. Congregation members are invited to select an envelope and make a corresponding donation. Include instructions describing how they can fill the envelope with the amount written on the outside with cash or check, where the money will go, and the dates of when the churches youth will be going to camp so they can pray for the students.

Supplies:

- 200 small envelopes
- A "Wall" (large cork board or poster board)
- Markers and stickers for envelope decorations
- Instructions to put inside each envelope (template available on page 9)

Variations:

- Buy a Mile: Rather than just having the numbers be 1-200 you can make them specific to the amount of miles between your church and Good Earth Village. This will show people that they are getting kids to camp.
- Thank You Notes: In the instructions within the envelopes ask for a return address and create a thank you letter to send them with testimonials from campers. Or send a postcard with a picture of all the children they helped send to camp.

Cupcakes for Camp

Selling cupcakes is a tasty way to raise money, whether the youth get together and make the cupcakes themselves or you ask for cupcake donations.

Parent's Night Out

Parent's Night Out is a night of affordable child care with proceeds going toward camper's tuition. Parents sign children up in advance and pay around \$10 per kid. Coordinate student and adult volunteers to babysit at the church. Bring toys, snacks, games, and movies and enjoy time to play with the children of your congregation.

Supplies:

- Sign Up Sheet (template available on page 10)
- Student and Parent Volunteers
- Toys, Snacks, Games, and Movies

Suggestions:

- Think thoughtfully about what day of the week you hold your event, a Friday night will get a lot of attention but will you have enough volunteers to safely monitor a large group.
- Create different spaces for different ages groups with age appropriate toys and activities.
- Consider if you want to serve a meal or not and then clearly advertise that decision.

Change Drive

Change Drives get kids of all ages involved in raising money for camp. When you display the change in a prominent area of the church the community can see the progress that is being made.

Variations

- Using large tin cans to collect change for the offering during church announcing that they money will be helping send kids to camp.
- Leave out a large container that can be filled as people come to service or church events
- Collecting a specific type of change from families. An empty water bottle full of dimes is about \$100 and a 2 liter bottle full of dimes is about \$500.

Partner with a Restaurant

Partner with a restaurant to raise money for camp. Here is a link to an article that explains the process and what to look for. Below is a list of restaurants that have hosted fundraising nights before, but it is up to each franchise individually so call and speak with management.

<http://www.fundraising-newsletters.com/fundraising-with-restaurant-nights.html>

- Chick-fil-A
- Chipotle
- Chili's
- CiCi's Pizza
- Culvers
- Applebees
- Arby's
- Baja Fresh
- Big Boy
- Boston Market
- Panera Bread
- Papa Murphy's
- Pizza Hut
- Ponderosa
- Sonic
- KFC
- McDonalds
- Mongolian BBQ

Sell Candy/Plants/Discount

Here are a few links to fundraising websites that use a variety of catalogs

Snacks N Such

<http://www.snacksnsuch.com/>

This is a Minnesota based fundraising option that can give you about a %40 profit and they sell a large variety of quality products. They will also come

Catalogs

<http://www.fundraisingzone.com/index.php>

<http://www.ezfund.com/>

<http://wowfundraising.com/>

Krispy Kreme

<https://www.krispykreme.com/Fundraising/Home>

Krispy Kreme doughnuts offer a large variety of fundraising opportunities with about a %50 profit for your group.

Pizza discount Cards

Pizza discount card fundraising is organized by local pizza locations. Call your local pizza hot spot and speak with the manager about fundraising cards or other opportunities. We recommend being careful with pizza sales cards off of internet websites because they may not be recognized as official coupons by pizza companies.

Pizza Hut

Dominos

Little Caesars

Papa John's Pizza Fundraiser

Camp Stock Sale

This document certifies that

_____ (Shareholders Name)

Has successfully purchased stock in the
faith futures of **Trinity's youth**

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

_____ (Number of Shares)

_____ (Date)

_____ (Sellers Signature)

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Shareholders Log

Name	Date	Email	Phone Number	Number of Stocks Purchased

Thank you for participating in our Money Wall fundraiser and helping us send kids to summer camp!

The Money Wall works like this

1. Fill the envelope with the amount that is indicated on the front. You can use either Cash or make a check payable to the Church.
2. Fill out the information lines below and place it back inside the envelope.
3. Return the envelope to our youth leader's mailbox as soon as possible.

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Parent's Night Out

Please sign up Children individually and contact our youth leaders with any allergy information

Parent's Name	Child's Name	Child's Age Or Grade	Phone Number