

Event Ideas

Points to Remember:

- All donations must be unsolicited
- When submitting a request for a fundraiser, remember to include all the details of the event
- Fundraisers must be approved by the commander and ethics counselor
- There is NO fundraising off the Installation

Auctions

- # Special auction: auction of “special” items such as jeans, celebrity donations, antiques, food, or picnic baskets
- # Art auction: sell admission and receive percentage of sales; usually done through an outside company
- # Regular auction: including silent auction (must have a great group of solicitors)
- # Chinese auction: draw name/bid from basket placed by item

Audience Participation

- # Craft and holiday shows, casino party
- # Carnivals, games night, casino party, fair
- # Beauty contest
- # Clowns
- # House tours, garden walks, art shows and exhibitions
- # Card party, bridge tournament
- # Haunted house
- # Dances
- # Face painting
- # Petting zoo
- # Dunking stand
- # Decorate a cookie or cupcake
- # “Pie-in-the-Face”

Black Tie Events (in a large place or large home)

- # Dinner with or without auction
- # Cocktail party/buffet
- # Benefit featuring celebrity entertainers
- # Theme dinner dance
- # Dining in/dining out



Classes and Demonstrations

- # Cooking: microwave, cuisinart, (crepe-making, bagel-making, bread-making, etc)
- # Understanding wine
- # Home entertainment ideas
- # Children's party ideas
- # Knitting, embroidery, macrame, pillows, plastic canvas, cross-stitch, needlepoint
- # Drying flowers
- # Origami
- # Weaving, spinning
- # Chair-caning, sand art, glass-blowing
- # House plants, outdoor gardening
- # Self-defense courses
- # Cosmetic demonstrations
- # Identifying genuine antiques
- # Self-improvement classes
- # Wardrobe selection—styles and colors



Contests

- # Photography
- # Special skills such as poetry writing
- # Home videos (G rated only!)
- # Cook-off
- # Pet show
- # Old-fashioned pictures
- # Eating



Dances (held in unusual location, such as an empty building, skating rink, etc.)

- # Street dances
- # Disco
- # Square dance
- # Sock hop
- # Costume for Halloween or Mardi Gras



Entertainment

- # Amateur show
- # Follies, revues
- # “Theme” motion pictures
- # Music—battle of the bands, gala premiere
- # Professional shows
- # Readings, story telling
- # “Spoofs,” roasts
- # Classic film premiere
- # Drama—opening night group attendance
- # Concerts
- # Mystery dinner or weekend (solve mystery)

Fashion Shows

- # Bridal
- # Designer
- # Historical
- # Home sewn
- # Old uniforms
- # Seasonal
- # Children's clothing



Food (can be used in combination with main event)

- # Sale of soups, sweets
- # World’s longest banana split
- # Dessert buffet
- # Refreshment stand at sporting event
- # Old-fashioned ice cream social
- # Homemade candy sale

- # Pancake breakfast
- # Dinner theater
- # Barbecue
- # Regional or international
- # Wild game dinner
- # Picnic
- # Gourmet
- # Homemade specialty items
- # Sub sandwich sale
- # Berry festival
- # Box lunch sale or auction
- # Hobo dinner in a park or railroad yard
- # Late night supper
- # Mythical meal tied in with legend or superstition
- # Black tie picnic at a fancy hotel
- # Bake sale, taco sale at motor pool



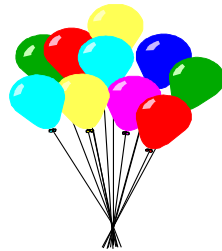
Parties

- # “Childhood fantasies” party
- # Hard times party
- # Nostalgia party
- # Magic, mystery party
- # Wine tasting
- # Heroes from fiction party
- # Western night
- # Science fiction theme party



Sales (garage or special)

- # Black tie garage sale—resale of prom gowns, cocktail dresses, costumes, any “one-time only” clothing
- # Holiday decorations, cards
- # Special items—flowers, balloons, collectibles, coins, stamps, medallions
- # Bulbs
- # T-shirts
- # Bazaars
- # Books
- # Antiques
- # Garden items
- # Pets, birdhouses, feeders
- # T-shirts



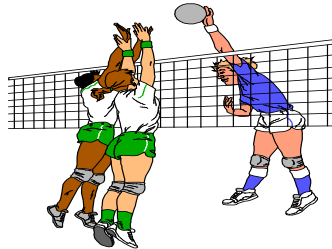
Services

- # Car washes
- # Dog washes
- # Clean-up squads
- # Baby-sitting
- # Gift wrap service
- # Repair—handy-man service
- # Shoeshine day
- # Plant care service
- # Pet sitting service
- # Lawn care service (teens who will mow lawns)
- # Catering, boxed dinners, meals-on-wheels



Sports and Recreation

- # Aerobics dance marathon
- # Parking lot slalom (obstacle course)
- # Frisbee throwing
- # Pet sports—frog jumping, turtle derby, owner look-a-like contest
- # Sports clinic
- # Bicycle rodeo, bicycle polo
- # Rock-a-thon
- # Walk-a-thon
- # Game-a-thon
- # Road rally
- # Fun run
- # Disco skating
- # Softball tournament
- # Volleyball



Money-making Tours

- # Decorator home tours
- # Spring walking tours
- # Historical tour
- # Christmas home tour
- # Weekend bus tour
- # Factory tour
- # Sports special
- # Ski weekend
- # Local attractions tours

