



Fundraising in your 4-H Program

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Fundraising Ideas

- Sales, bazaars, auctions, or roadside farm stands
- Serving dinners, pancake breakfast or supper, soup supper, spaghetti dinner, box suppers, socials, refreshment stands at fairs, parades, games, or other events
- Operate a checkroom, serve as ushers, park cars, control traffic, take tickets, or perform other services at community or sports events.



Fundraising Ideas

- Christmas wreaths, door decorations, or other holiday items, gift wrapping service, decorating service
- Collection drive for scrap iron, aluminum, newspapers, or other recyclable materials
- Contract with a private or governmental community group or individuals to perform a community service project (ex. roadside cleanup, putting up house numbers).



Fundraising Ideas

- Wash and wax cars
- Check with owners of vacant property for cleanup or beautification projects
- Clean stadiums, fairgrounds, or other facilities after public events
- Sell time to neighbors or local businesses for such jobs as lawn mowing, yard clean-up, window cleaning, baby-sitting, running errands, shoveling snow and treat icy walkways or parking lots.



Fundraising Ideas

- Maintain yards of vacant homes that are for sale
- Organize a baby sitting service, mom's day out program, summer day camp type program, nursery or day care service during community events
- Conduct rummage sales or auctions
- Operate garage sales for neighborhoods or community organizations on a commission basis



Fundraising Ideas

- Operate a weekend kennel, walk dogs, or provide other pet-related services
- Design and sell T-shirts and similar promotional items
- Organize a fashion show
- Offer a birthday party service. Plan games, dress as clowns, provide refreshments, supervise activities
- Offer to decorate floats for parades or celebrations



Fundraising Ideas

- Take photos at dances or conventions
- Catch or raise fish bait to sell
- Organize ski swaps, parts sales or similar functions for a commission or booth rental
- Provide a crew for harvests: hay, fruit, vegetable, or other event requiring temporary workers
- Home safety watch service, take care of yards, pets, mail, etc. while owners are away



Fundraising Ideas

- Construct and maintain fences for farmers or ranchers
- Organize a class for your community and charge to make a profit (ex. stop-smoking clinic, snowmobile or hunter safety class, weight reduction clinic or exercise class, holiday craft making class, etc.)
- Sponsor a tournament, a "fun run", sports clinic, trip to a sports event, walk or bike or dance-a-thon



Fundraising Ideas

- Hold a bake sales, cookbooks, ethnic banquets, or cooking lessons. Operate a concession stand at sporting events, fairs, or community celebrations.
- Start a county 4-H memorial/recognition donation program
- Organize a craft show, antique show, horse show or other event where you can charge both booths and the general public.
- Take advantage of national/area contests
