

“Fun”draising Ideas

- ❖ Invite charity speakers in and see where your contributions go!
- ❖ Build morale and rally support for a volunteer project for a local charity
- ❖ Hold a pizza party or ice cream social.
- ❖ Auction employee donated items or services. Live and/or silent auctions are a popular way to create energy around the campaign and generate campaign donations.
- ❖ Sponsor karaoke contests or talent shows.
- ❖ Balloon Pop - Balloon Prize. Employees donate prizes for this event. The prizes are listed on notes and put in the balloons before they are filled with helium. Employees pay \$1.00 to pop a balloon, in which they discover their prize.
- ❖ Picture Match is a great favorite - Invite employees to try their luck matching baby, high school or pet pictures to management and/or staff. Charge \$2.00 per ballot and offer a prize or fun incentive for the most correct answers.
- ❖ Book, Video, CD, and Tape Sale - Have employees donate used books, videos, CD's, tapes for an employee sale.
- ❖ Comedy Hour - Get a local comedian to amuse employees during lunch. Get the comedian to donate time and the employees to buy tickets to attend Comedy Hour.
- ❖ Chili Cook Off - Employees pay for a bowl of chili and sample varieties prepared by fellow employees.
- ❖ Bake Sale - Employees prepare baked goods and sell them during the lunch hour. Don't forget to invite the other agencies close to you.
- ❖ Employee Garage Sale - All proceeds added to your campaign total.
- ❖ Build a Sundae.

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- ❖ Treasure Hunt - Sell daily clues to a mystery location where a treasure is hidden. The first employee to guess the location wins the treasure. Try adding fun facts about the CFD with each clue.
- ❖ Ethnic Potluck - Have staff bring special dishes and issue tickets per serving. Each ticket may be \$1.00 or \$.50.
- ❖ Art Show - Have local artists bring in paintings to show. Charge admission and have an auction at the end with the proceeds going to the CFD.
- ❖ Have department races, contests or challenges.
- ❖ Go for the Gold Office Olympics – Have doughnut eating contests, office chair races, paper-wad basket shooting, paper clip pyramid building, typing contests, and relays are fun events. Award teams with medals as a thank you.
- ❖ Kick up your Heels for CFD – A western theme gives people a chance to have fun and offers many exciting special event possibilities (chili cook-offs, jalapeno pepper eating contests, best dressed cowgirls/cowboys).
- ❖ On the Beach -Invite employees to wear beach clothing to work: shorts, Hawaiian shirts, sandals, etc. To participate, employees will need to return their contribution forms Host a luncheon with picnic food you would eat at the beach.

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Car push: Have an employee with an old compact car (Volkswagens Beetles work great), drive it up to a starting point in a parking lot or high school track, if you can arrange it, and put it in neutral. Divide the employees in to four or five person teams and charge an entry fee to each team to see who can push the car from point to point the fastest. Keep someone in the car to steer as its being pushed.

Costume Contest: Have employees and their families participate in a costume contest. Couple this with a dance or festival. Give a prize for the best costume.

Dances: Throw a department dance or a dance-a-thon. Charge an entry fee and/or have participants get pledges for the time that they dance or for total number of dances

Karaoke Night: This can be coupled with a potluck or benefit dinner. Rent karaoke equipment and charge an entry fee to have employees sing their favorite songs. Award prizes for the best singer, best screeching, etc.

Lip Sync Contest: This can be coupled with a potluck or benefit dinner. Charge an entry fee to have different acts “sing” along to their favorite musical numbers. Award prizes for the best performance, best costumes, etc.

Look Alike: Have employees dress up as each other or as the celebrity of their choice. Charge a fee for a ballot to vote for the best look alike. The person with the most votes gets a prize.

Office Obstacle course: Set up some sort of obstacle course in your building and charge an entry fee to see who can complete it the fastest. Give awards to various winners, such as fastest department, or fastest person.

Outrageous Hat or Tie Day: Have employees wear the most outrageous hat or tie that they have. Charge a fee for a ballot to vote for the most outrageous hat or tie. The person with the most votes gets a prize

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Penny Jar Competition: Different sections of the work place will have a large jar for change. For every penny that is in the jar, the team gets a point. For every coins that is not a penny, that jar loses the corresponding amount of points. For example, if another team puts a quarter in a jar, that jar loses twenty-five points. The section with the most points after a week gets a prize.

Pumpkin Carving Contest: As the CFD is so close to Halloween, a pumpkin-carving contest might be appropriate. Charge an entry/materials fee and have employees carve pumpkins. Have employees buy ballots and cast their votes for the best pumpkin. Give a prize to the winner.

“ Sumo” Wrestling: Set up a twelve foot circle and have two stacks of 13 large inner tubes that are linked together. Charge an entry fee and have each contestant put on a stack of inner tubes and then he or she both try to knock each other over. Give the winner of the tournament a prize.

Talent Show: This can be coupled with a potluck or benefit dinner. Charge an entry fee and have employees show off their various talents, being anything from musical acts, juggling, theatrical short performances, to comedy. Charge the audience a dollar a ballot to vote for winners in various categories.

Themed potluck: Have employees bring food of a certain theme. Ex. Ethnic food, Chili cook-off, seafood potluck, etc. Charge admission and award ribbons in different categories. Ex. Best dessert, best vegetarian dish, best salad, etc.

Tricycle races: Have a racecourse set up, and a tricycle for every department. Before the race, offer the option of having employees buy “ cheats” , such as sandbags or cinderblocks to be tied to opponents’ tri-cycles. After all “ cheats” are purchased, have a department representative race. After the race, award humorous prizes, such as most devious department.

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Sports Events

Aerobic-a-thon: Have employees compete to see who can do aerobics the longest. Either charge an entry fee or have employees get pledges for the time that they are doing aerobics. Award a prize to the winner.

Basketball Free-throw Contest: Set up a Nerf basketball hoop on the office and have employees pay an entry fee to see who can sink the most free-throws from the free-throw line. Award a prize to the winner.

Bowling Tournament: Have the employees divide into teams and charge an entry fee for a bowling tournament. Negotiate with a local bowling alley for reduced rates.

Field day: Set up various events between departments, such as tug o' war, egg toss, three-legged race, fifty yard dash, capture the flag, etc. Charge an entry fee and award prizes to the winning department.

Golf Tournament: Negotiate with a local golf course for reduced rates and then set up a golf tournament, charging full rates for an entry fee. Award prizes in humorous categories such as the 14 most cursing, highest score, most creative swing, or most outrageous golfer outfit.

Mini-golf course (inside or outside): Negotiate with a local golf shop or mini-golf course for rental of putters and golf balls and set up a mini-golf course either inside or outside the building. Charge an entry fee and award humorous prizes, such as the highest score or the most creative putting.

Softball: Set up a softball game. Charge an entry fee and admission fee. Sell concessions at the game.

Tennis or Racquetball Tournament: Set up a tournament for racquetball or tennis. Charge an entry fee and admission.

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Sales/ Auctions

Art Show: Have local artists donate works of their art to you and pre-sent them in a gallery type setting. At the end of a week of showing this work, auction it off, with all of the proceeds going to the CFD.

Auction: This can be coupled with a dinner, pot-luck, or some other event. Have employees donate items or services (carwashes, lawn mowing, cooking, bringing coffee, etc.). Have employees bid on these items, the highest bidder being the winner.

Auction the Boss: Get at least one of the “bosses” to be auctioned off. The winner gets to have the “boss” do their job for one day.

Bake Sale: Have employees bake various deserts and sell them during lunch hour, especially in highly trafficked areas.

Balloon Pop: Have employees donate prizes for the event. The prizes are listed on notes and put in balloons before they are filled with helium. Employees pay one dollar to pop a balloon, and they might discover that the balloon has a prize in it.

Benefit Concert: Have an employee that is a member of a band, or who even knows a band, ask the band to play at a concert. Charge admission for the concert, or use them as a draw for another event such as a dance or auction..15

Car Wash: Set up a place in the parking lot of your building to have the employees get their cars washed after work or during lunch. Try to get kids involved, they love the car wash idea.

Car Bash: Get an old car with no glass and no engine in it from a junk-yard. Set it up in a designated area and allow people to swing at it with a sledgehammer for a dollar a swing. Don't forget safety glasses.

Comedy Night: Have a local comedian do a show and sell tickets for it, with all the proceeds going to the CFD.

Cookbook: Have employees bring their best recipes and then compile the recipes into a cookbook. Sell those cookbooks and have all the proceeds go to the CFD. Try to have lots of different types of recipes in the book, or come out with different cookbooks, for example a vegetarian, vegan, or ethnic cookbooks are all great ideas.

Cinema Night: Set aside a night and run a themed movie marathon. Charge admission and sell concessions such as popcorn and soda.

Dunk Tank: Have well known members of the staff, such as the executive staff, sit in a dunk tank. Charge employees an entry fee to throw balls at them in an attempt to dunk them.

Ice Cream Sundae: Have employees pay an admission fee to do an ice cream sundae buffet. Have a prize for the tallest sundae, most artistic Sunday, etc.

Milk and Cookies: Charge an admission fee for employees to come to a milk and cookies buffet. Bring plain sugar cookies and a number of items to decorate them. Give prizes for the best-decorated cookie, the ugliest cookie, etc. Also have an Oreo stacking contest, and award a prize for the tallest Oreo tower.

Picture Match: Have employees bring in pictures of themselves as babies and post them up on a wall. Charge a fee for a ballot to guess which employee was which baby. The person with the most correct answers should win a prize.

Pop Can Drive: See what department can raise the most money by collecting empty pop cans and recycling them at the local recycling center. The department that raises the most money should get a prize..16

Rubber Chicken: Purchase a large rubber chicken or a similarly tacky item, and every morning have it randomly appear in or “infest” someone’s office or cubicle. The employee with the chicken infestation with either have to make a CFD donation or turn in their CFD form before the “animal control officers”, a.k.a. CFD local coordinators, remove the pest. This should provide a daily interest, as employees will wonder where the chicken will appear next.

Soak the Boss: Employees pay a fee to throw a wet sponge at an executive staff member.

Theatrical Play: Negotiate with a local theater to buy out all of the tickets to one night of one of their shows. Sell the tickets at a higher rate and try to couple the night with a dinner or silent auction. Try to make it at an up-beat show, as people are more likely to come to a lively show as opposed to a more dark, introspective one.

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