

Deciding to Fundraise



This activity will allow members to:

- Decide if they want to do a fundraiser.
- Think through problems to find solutions.
- Collaborate as a team.

Find a guide for “Planning a Fundraiser” online at kkids.org/IDEA.

Materials needed:

- One printed worksheet per member. Download it at kkids.org/IDEA.
- Large blank paper (8.5 x 11 or larger) or a whiteboard or chalkboard
- Markers or chalk
- Pens or pencils
- Stickers

How to lead this activity:

Before beginning this activity, meet with fellow club officers to review the budget worksheet on pages 58–59. Decide if your club needs to host a fundraiser by discussing the following questions:

- Does our club want to do a fundraiser for an organization as our service project?
- Does our club need money to host the service project in our preferred location?
- Does our club need money to buy supplies for our service project?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, how much money does your club need to raise?

1. Before the meeting, write “Fundraising Ideas” on a large flip-chart paper, whiteboard or chalkboard.
2. Start the meeting by giving members a report on what club officers discussed.
3. Give each member a Deciding to Fundraise worksheet.
4. As a club, focus on the club discussion section. Decide how big you want your fundraiser to be, based on your fundraising goal.
5. Review fundraiser ideas. Talk about each one and whether you could get approval from the school to do them.
6. Give members time to think of new fundraising ideas. Ask members to write down their idea(s) and put their pen or pencil down when they are finished.
7. When everyone is finished, ask each member to write one idea on the flip-chart paper, whiteboard or chalkboard for the club to see.
8. Using the Sticker Voting activity in the Identify the Need step (see pages 22–23), ask each member to vote for a fundraiser choice.
9. When the activity is over, thank everyone for their time and participation.

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Organizing a fundraiser is a way for you to serve others and have fun doing it!

Club discussion

How much money does your club need to raise? _____

Has your club ever hosted a fundraiser before? _____

Will you organize a one-time activity or a full event? _____

Fundraising ideas

Have a tournament

Choose a tournament theme: basketball, video games, hopscotch—any type of tournament! Decide on an entrance fee for individuals or teams. Advertise the tournament to be sure you have a good turnout. Award prizes to the winners.

Car wash

Ask a local shopping center or gas station if your club can have a car wash at its location. Create signs promoting the event, and wave the signs to attract drivers and ask for monetary donations.

Pancake breakfast

Reserve the school cafeteria to serve a pancake breakfast on a weekend. Sell tickets ahead of time—and promote it early! This is a great event to do in partnership with your sponsoring Kiwanis club.

Other ideas

Our fundraiser will be
