

Camp Fundraising Ideas

- **Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction** – Sell tickets or ask for a free will donation for the dinner, then either do a silent auction for desserts or auction them off individually
- **Celebration Offering** – Designate one Sunday each month to be your “Celebration Offering Sunday.” Invite families of the church to contribute to the Celebration Offering in honor of something their family is celebrating that month – a birthday, anniversary or other celebration.
- **Pie Auction** – People donate pies, then hold an event where you auction off the pies
- **Family Pictures** – Have a photo booth to take pictures of families dressed up in their Easter best. Set up a simple backdrop in a well-lit area of your church on Easter Sunday. Ask someone in your church with photography skills to take pictures of each family. Email out the pictures for families to print and post. Charge \$10-\$20 or ask for a donation.
- **All-Church Garage Sale** – Ask your congregation to donate their unwanted items and set up a garage sale in the fellowship hall or gym
- **Class Donations** – Ask each adult Sunday School class to donate money toward camp registration
- **Bake Sale** – Ask people to donate baked goods and sell them after church some Sunday
- **Restaurant Night** – Many restaurants (Culver’s, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chik-Fil-A, Chipotle) are willing to host a 10% night for your organization where a certain percentage of their profit is donated to you.
- **Potato Bake Dinner** – Campers and their families can help to serve the meal
- **Tie Contest** – Get ties from Goodwill or Salvation Army, then have the kids decorate them. Display the decorated ties in the foyer and have people vote on which one they think the pastor should wear by putting money into a container next to the tie.
- **Car Wash** – If your church isn’t in a prominent location, consider asking an area business to allow you to hold the car wash at their facility
- **Sponsor a Camper** – Ask if people from the congregation would be willing to sponsor a child, either their entire camp fee or sponsor one day of camp (\$50)
- **Envelope Fundraiser** – Create a bulletin board or poster board in your foyer with envelopes attached to it. On each envelope, write a number (maybe 1-100). Encourage people from your congregation to take an envelope and return it with the number of dollars listed on the envelope

- **Craft/Vendor Fair** – Rent out spaces in a church gym or fellowship hall to crafters and vendors (Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Lia Sophia, etc.) and invite your community to a fair. Consider cooking and selling lunch, coffee or baked goods.
- **Sunday Night Ice Cream Social** – Grab a couple buckets of ice cream and some toppings!
- **Book Party** – Ask a vendor (Tupperware, Thirty-One, Rada Cutlery, Pampered Chef, etc.) to host a party and donate the proceeds to your campers.
- **Noisy Can Offering** – Once a month, have campers pass around a bucket during offering during the Sunday service. The congregation is encouraged to put their loose change or dollar bills into the offering bucket.
- **Rake and Run** – Rake leaves for a member of your congregation – they can give a donation in exchange for your help. Alternatives might include snow removal or spreading mulch.
- **Cookies in a Jar** – Make jars containing the ingredients for cookies or brownies. Tie a tag onto the jar with instructions for making the cookies.
- **Sunday Sub Drive-thru** – Take orders one Sunday for next Sunday’s lunch. List ingredients for a sub sandwich, and customers can circle the bread, meat and toppings they’d like. During church, prepare the lunches and people can pick them up on their way home. Consider including a bag of chips, sides, piece of fruit or dessert.
- **Rent a Camper** – “Hire” kids to work at your church doing simple tasks (changing bulletin boards, cleaning toys in the nursery, cutting out items for Sunday School classes) and pay them for their time by contributing money toward their camp fee.

Many people and businesses are willing to support kids – they just need to be asked! Don’t hesitate to simply ask!