

Fundraising for the Scouts



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Fundraising can be lots of fun for those organising the event and for those attending the event. At Group Level it will give you credibility not only with funders but also within your local community. Evidence of fundraising is also crucial when making applications to Trusts and Companies for their support.

Fundraising in the community may also help you to gain volunteers who may go into uniform.

TIPS FOR YOUR FUNDRAISING EVENT

Before you start organising your event you need to look at the following:

- The Group's ability to raise money and how much money you need to raise
- When you plan your event always budget well and ensure your expenditure does not exceed the amount that can be achieved by ticket sales or other income.
- How much support do you have within your Group, e.g. volunteers
- Do you have any specific skills available within your Group, e.g. Accounting, fundraising etc
- Give yourself and your group lots of time to prepare
- To make your event successful make sure it is well publicised either by posters, radio or newspaper articles.
- You will need to carry out a risk assessment.
- Are there any fundraising events happening at the same time as yours
- Are there any legal aspects you need to cover.

- Do you need to take any extra insurance
- You may be able to claim Gift Aid on sponsored events. See FS 190006 or contact Fundraising Department for more details.

Always remember to thank everyone involved before, during and after your fundraising event.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS AND IDEAS

Barbeque	Firework Party
Barn Dance	Football Match
Bingo	Fun run
Bring & Buy	Halloween Party
Bulb Growing Contest	Jumble sale
Carwashing	Market stall
Buy a brick	Medieval Banquet
Carol singing	Mile of pennies
Coffee morning	Quiz games
Concert/Pantomime	Raffle
Diaries/Calendars	Recipe Book
Christmas Cards	Supermarket bag packing
Christmas Post	Sponsored Events
Disco	Sunflower growing
Donkey Derby	Tombola
Duck races	Treasure hunt
Fancy Dress Ball	Trivial Pursuits night
Fashion Show	Wacky Races
Fete	60s/70s/80s Night
Filmed Race Meeting	

The Scout Information Centre

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FACTSHEETS TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR FUNDRAISING

The following factsheets will give you information on how to fundraise. These are available from the Info Centre or from the website

FS190002	Christmas Post for Scouts
FS190006	Gift Aid
FS190020	Public Collections
FS190025	Lotteries & Gaming

TOP FUNDRAISING TIPS FOR CHILDREN

- Check with parents or guardians before undertaking any fundraising events
- Be cheerful and courteous
- Do not enter homes
- Say 'thank you; whether they buy or not
- Have fun – a good attitude - better success.

FUNDRAISING AND THE LAW

All fundraising **must** be carried out in accordance with the Law (Charities Act 1992 & 1993) and Policy, Organisation and Rules (Feb 2002 – Rules 3.53 to 3.59). Particular care should be taken when fundraising to ensure that you keep within the boundary of your District unless prior permission has been received to fundraise from the host District Commissioner.

As some fundraising activities have legal implications and/or may require a licence from the local council e.g. street/house to house collections, raffles, bingo, car boot sales etc (see POR 3.55 Fundraising and Law) it is essential for a group to check the regulations governing the activity well in advance and comply with them fully. For some activities it may be necessary to be a registered charity, however most can be done without special permission. A factsheet entitled 'Lotteries and Gambling' outlines some of the legal requirements and is available from the Information Centre at Gilwell Park.

CONTACTS

Further information can be obtained from the Fundraising Department

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