

# Fundraising Ideas for Families

## Car Wash

Many people will stop and donate money when they see a bunch of kids & students having a car wash for a fundraiser. If they see that the kids & students are raising money to go to camp, they may even give more than the amount of the car wash. Use a local business to host the car wash (many local businesses will allow groups to use their lot & water i.e. Jiffy Lube).

## Household Chores

Kids & students can raise money for camp together or individually doing chores. Together, they could clean the church and do extra work on the church grounds. You can possibly have a sign-up sheet in the church asking for families to sign up if they are willing to have the kids & students do chores in their homes or yards. Individually, kids & students can do chores at home and in their neighborhood in exchange for donations for camp.

## Babysitting

Babysitting for family, friends or church members can be very profitable. Older kids & students can advertise that they are available to babysit for others by creating a flyer and getting the word out! The going rate for babysitters will range from \$10-\$15 per hour.

## Restaurant Hosts

You can go out into the community and solicit sponsors from local businesses. You can find several family-owned restaurants very willing to allow you to "host" an evening shift or a Saturday morning breakfast shift. They get additional customers, and we get all the tips plus a portion of the profits. As an extra bonus, FBK gets lots of visibility from patrons. Also, Christian radio stations do give away free airtime for church groups to advertise fund-raisers and special events, so we make a commercial before your scheduled "shift" to let the community know. Examples: Chick-fil-a, Applebee's, etc.

## Fundraiser Party

Instead of just doing one fundraiser with one company, plan a party and invite all sorts of companies that sell products that your attendees will want. There are plenty of independent reps and small business owners that would love to come to your party to set up a display table and take orders. Invite those that sell jewelry, cosmetics, candles, goodies, gift baskets, home accessories, and more. To make money, ask each company to donate a certain percentage of the amount of money sold toward camp.

## Recycling for Cash

Kids can raise hundreds of dollars in a mere week from recycling. Families, colleges, restaurants, and other businesses produce tons of recyclable material every day that can be turned from waste into valuable funds. Recyclable materials that can be turned into cash include:

Plastic Bottles, Aluminum Bans, Ink Cartridges, Cell Phones & much more!

## Sponsorship Letters

A lot of families struggle to afford summer camps. You can empower kids to raise the necessary funds themselves. Sponsorship letters are emotional appeals that campers write and send out to friends, family, and businesses in order to raise money to go to camp. Kids should write about what a week of camp means to them, when and where they're going, and include pictures, if possible. Promise to let any sponsors know how the experience goes, as following up with a heartfelt thank you is the least you can do in exchange for financial aid. Writing these letters can be a bit of work, but it can be an effective way to pay for camp or raise money on behalf of a camp. Thanks to computers, kids only have to type up their letters once, although handwritten letters can provide the kind of intimacy needed to sway certain potential donors. (See Sample attached)

## Yard Sale

Have a yard sale at home. Reach out to people, see what you can acquire, and organize a yard sale that can raise lots of needed money for your summer camp.

## Kroger Card linked to fundraiser

Grocery stores have programs for discounts on products for their customers. The discounts will either go back to the store or can be given to charities or schools. Set up an account for your group. You'll need your church's tax identification number. After setting up the account, let everyone know about it! Hand out detailed directions about how people can get their card number linked to the account. (The best way to give detailed directions is to do it yourself and take detailed notes as you link your card to the account.) Some stores require a minimum number of people who have their cards linked to the account in order for your group to be able to obtain funds.

## Mini M&M's candies in tubes

Use Mini M&M tubes to fundraise for camp! It's a fun way to get EVERYONE involved and spread the mission of camp. You can call them the M&M's tubes which stands for "Mission Money" to send a camper to CentriKid Camp this summer. Here's how to do it:

1. Purchase a case of the Mini M&M candies in tubes by the case (24 per case) from Amazon, Sam's, Costco, etc. for less than \$20.
2. Make a little note with instructions that explains why & how you are doing this and attach the note to each tube. Don't forget to add a goal date so they will return the tubes back to you! Also, that goal date can be a time you can visit them to check in on their progress with the tube.
3. Personally, pass out each tube to your families, friends, neighbors & parent's co-workers and tell them how excited you are to go to CentriKid Camp! Then ask everyone to return the tubes to you filled with quarters (or dollar bills) by your goal date. Remember to say please & thank you! 😊
4. Each tube filled with quarters is \$14! If you get **ALL 24 tubes** returned to you and filled with quarters (\$14 each), that totals to be **\$336!!** That is enough to pay for a camper to go to camp and have a little spending money!!

### Here is an example note for your tubes:

*Dear Friends & Family! I am really excited to go CentriKid Camp this summer and I need your help to get there please. This is how you can help me go on an epic adventure to learn why Jesus Christ is the One, True Light.*

1. *Eat the sweet treat of mini M&M's in this container.*
2. *With your pocket change from everyone in the house fill the container with **QUARTERS**.*
3. *Each time you put a quarter in the tube, or eat some M&M's, say a prayer for **ALL** the campers.*
4. *Once the tube is filled with quarters or dollar bills, please return the tube back to me by \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_ so I can use the money for camp.*

*Thank you so much for helping me go to camp this summer!*



### **FBK Fundraisers (These events are planned by the FBK staff & volunteers.)**

Volunteers for events will be camp leaders, camp chaperons, church staff & pastors. Funds raised will go directly into a "general camp account" to be used to offset any camp expenses for **ALL** campers.

2/10 – Parents Night Out  
2/19 – Chili Luncheon  
4/2 – Pasta Luncheon