

Fundraising tips for an Adventurer Club

Here are some fundraising tips specifically tailored for an Adventurer Club within the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) context, along with safety guidelines for Adventurer involvement:

1. Get organized and plan ahead

- **Identify needs:** Determine the specific items or activities for which you need to raise funds (e.g., uniforms, family camping trips, resources).
- **Create a budget:** Develop a clear and detailed budget that outlines the club's financial needs and fundraising goals.
- **Involve parents and Adventurers:** Engage both in the planning and execution of fundraising activities.

2. Leverage your network and church community

- **Reach out to family and friends:** Encourage Adventurers and their families to seek donations from their personal networks.
- **Utilize church resources:**
 - Advertise fundraising events and needs in the church bulletin.
 - Post information on the church bulletin board, website, and social media accounts.
- **Seek sponsorships:** Reach out to church members or businesses who might be willing to sponsor individual Adventurers or the club as a whole.

3. Plan fun and engaging fundraising events

- **Food-based fundraisers:**
 - **Bake sales:** Offer homemade treats to sell to the church and wider community.
 - **Themed dinners/brunches:** Host themed events like spaghetti dinners, pancake breakfasts, or even a cook-off.
 - **Refreshment sales:** Sell specialty coffee or other refreshments after church services.

- Mexican Food Sale: Consider a sale featuring popular dishes like street tacos and baked goods, as seen in an example where an Adventurer club raised funds for camp.
- Activity-based fundraisers:
 - Car Wash: A classic and effective fundraiser where club members wash cars for donations.
 - Yard Sale: Collect donations of used items from church members and hold a community yard sale.
 - A-Thon Events: Organize a walk-a-thon, fun run, or other "a-thon" event, where participants gather pledges for their participation.
 - Parents' Night Out/Childcare: Provide childcare services during church or school events for a fee.
 - Gardening Service: Help community members with their gardening tasks in exchange for donations.
 - Movie Night: Screen a family-friendly movie and charge admission, or sell snacks and concessions.
 - Trivia Night: Organize a trivia competition where teams pay an entry fee to participate.
 - Talent show: Showcase the talents of Adventurers and church members, charging admission or requesting donations.
 - Singing Telegrams: Offer singing telegrams for birthdays or Christmas.
 - Eco-friendly product sale: Sell items like reusable water bottles or tote bags, promoting environmental awareness.
 - Craft sale: Host an event where club members or church members can sell handmade crafts, giving part of the proceeds to the Adventurer club.
- Creative and unique ideas:
 - M&M Tubes: Give away tubes of M&Ms and ask recipients to fill the empty tubes with spare change.
 - Adopt-a-mile: Especially if the club is going on a mission trip, participants can seek donations for miles walked or run.

- Envelope Fundraiser: Use an envelope fundraising method where donors pick an envelope with a numbered amount and donate that amount.

4. Prioritize safety and appropriate activities

- Direct supervision: Ensure children are never left unsupervised during any fundraising activity.
- Age-appropriate tasks: Involve Adventurers in tasks appropriate for their age and maturity level, with adults handling tasks requiring the use of hot stoves or potentially hazardous materials.
- Avoid door-to-door solicitation: In most cases, Adventurers should not be knocking on doors in their neighborhoods for Club fundraising purposes.
- Clear communication: Clearly communicate the purpose of the fundraiser and how the funds will be used to potential donors.
- Tracking and accountability: Accurately track all income and expenses and verify with receipts.

By incorporating these tips, Adventurer Clubs can successfully raise the funds needed to provide valuable experiences and resources for their members, while also ensuring the safety and well-being of the children involved.