http://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/

50/50 Raffle
Perhaps the simplest of all fundraisers is the 50/50 raffle. Many organizations that rely on fundraising efforts offer a 50/50 raffle at every meeting. Some companies have “fun teams” that are entirely funded ... more

All Saints Day Cleanup
Little ghosts and goblins can wreak havoc on yards and pumpkins during Halloween. Have an all saints day cleanup for your next fundraiser. Create a flyer about your group and what you are ... more

All You Can Eat Potato Bar
Tired of the same old spaghetti dinner fundraisers? Try having an all you can eat potato bar for your group’s next dinner fundraiser. People will enjoy the change and there is a minimal ... more

Baby and Kids' Resale
Babies and children outgrow clothing and toys so quickly, often before they are worn out. Host a baby and kids’ resale as your next fundraiser. You will need a large building with a ... more

Bagger for a Day
Sometimes it seems that your local grocery store can be too busy and that you always end up bagging your own groceries. This quick and easy fundraising idea lets you provide a nice service to ... more

Bake Sale
This is an easy fundraiser to run as part of a larger event, such as a holiday craft sale, or sporting event. You will want to give a call out to all of the ... more

Bakeoff Bake Sale
Appeal to the community's competitive spirit and love of sweets and hold a bakeoff bake sale! You can set parameters like participants can only bake cookies or cakes, or just let everyone do their own ... more

Ballroom Dancing Lessons
Put on your dancing shoes and start practicing your spins and dips! Ballroom dancing made quite a comeback through reality television. Other than it being fun and entertaining, it's also great exercise. Another great thing ... more

Barbecue Contest
Fire up the grills and break out your best barbecue recipes! Everyone loves a barbecue. Anything cooked on a grill is delicious—even vegetables—and it's a great venue for socializing and getting to know members of ... more
Bargain Basement Evening Gowns
This is a wonderful way to clean out your closets and make some money during Prom and Homecoming Season. People always have old Prom dresses and Bridesmaids dresses that they don’t know what to ... more

Beautiful Baby Contest
Everyone loves a beautiful baby, and all parents know their baby is one. They won’t be able to resist entering their child into your beautiful baby contest. This fundraiser is appropriate for everyone. ... more

Board Game Tournament
Create a fun twist on a card tournament and do something that everyone can participate in. Have a Board Game Tournament. Pick a favorite, such as Sorry, Trouble, or Monopoly. Assemble 4 ... more

Book Club Fundraiser
Band with your fellow book lovers, have a good time, learn new things, and raise money for your cause! A book club fundraiser may very well be the perfect combination of fun and function. Book ... more

Break the Balloon
Pop, pop, pop. What can be more fun that popping a balloon? Winning something for doing so, of course. This is an easy fundraiser and can be incorporated into other events, such ... more

Buckets for Donations
This fundraiser is perfect to collect the change given at countless stores in your town. Gather old coffee cans and other types of containers and then punch holes in the top. Print out ... more

Business Fundraisers
Improve employee morale at work by creating a self-funding Fun Team. They will host many mini-fundraisers throughout the year to provide fun events for all employees to attend. Happy employees are more productive ... more

Butler Auction
This fundraiser will probably prove to be very popular with the underclassmen at your high school. Let the seniors’ auction themselves off to be a butler for a day. Butler responsibilities would be ... more

Cake Walk
This traditional fundraiser is a piece of cake to organize! It can be a small part of a larger fundraising event, or a successful fundraiser on its own. Ask for volunteers from your group to ... more

Campaign for Fun
This fundraiser is both a fun time and a learning experience. Many people would like to run for a political office and this is a fun way to try it out. Run a ... more
Car Wash
This is one of the most used and recognizable fundraisers. It is very simply known as the Car Wash. You will want to find a place to have the car wash at. ... more

Cardboard Regatta
A cardboard regatta, is race on a calm body of water between contestants that build their own cardboard vessels. This is a particularly good event for groups that have a technical or engineering focus. ... more

Carnation Day
Everyone loves to receive flowers and it can be very uplifting to know that someone is thinking of you. Have a carnation day on Valentine's Day or Sweetest Day as your group's next fundraiser. ... more

Celebrate National Talk like a Pirate Day!
Arrr, matey! Fundraisers don't always have to be serious and boring. If you want a fun and hearty change, why not try a fundraiser on National Talk Like a Pirate Day? September 19 is the ... more

CFL Bulbs
More and more people are becoming concerned about the environment and want to do their part to preserve it. Why not combine environmental awareness with fundraising? Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs use about 75 percent ... more

Chili Cook-off
Just about everyone has a secret family chili recipe. Encourage people to share theirs by having a Chili Cook-off for your next fundraiser. Charge an entry fee to all chefs and award cash ... more

Christmas Carolers
The Holidays are jolly and nothing sets the mood better than singing. This fundraiser is perfect for a school choir or glee club and will make you feel good as well as raise money. ... more

Christmas Cookie Baking
Most people have already been rushing around for more than a month, first getting ready for Thanksgiving, and now preparing for Christmas. There's shopping to do, decorating, possibly travel to plan, or preparing their homes ... more

Christmas Light Removal
How many times have you driven through a neighborhood weeks, or even months after Christmas, and seen several houses that still have lights dangling from the eaves? There's usually at least one on every street. ... more

Christmas Tree Ornaments Fundraiser
No need to wait until December to plan a Christmas tree ornament fundraiser. Plan this event early enough to allow people to order and receive their ornaments in time for the holidays. Find a company ... more
Consignment Sale
This takes some planning to pull off, but as long as you're well organized, it can be a very successful and fun way to raise money. When times are tough, people look for easy ways to save money and spending money on clothes and household items can be a luxury. Attend local consignment sales and see what you can collect. Before the sale, organize and label the items. By displaying them in a neat and organized manner, you'll attract more customers and make the sale more successful. You can also advertise in local newspapers and on community boards.

Cooking Class
You don't have to be Julia Child to put on a cooking class! And it doesn't have to be complicated French cuisine, either. If your organization has a kitchen, or if you can rent a space, you can put on a cooking class. This can be a fun and easy fundraiser that has endless possibilities. Create a “Cooking with your charity” cookbook to sell and raise money. Ask for recipe submissions from your group to include in the cookbook and sell it for a dollar or two. You can also donate the cookbook to local bookstores or sell it online.

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Dance-A-Thon
Break out those dancing shoes—it's time to boogie! A 24-hour dance-a-thon is an easy and fun fundraiser. Ask people to sign up to participate. They can either dance as couples or alone. Then have the fun start! You can either dance as couples or alone. Have music playing the entire time and encourage people to dance all night long.

Darts Tournament
Break out the arrows and get your throwing arm in shape! It's time to raise some money with a darts tournament! Anyone who has ever been to a pub knows how popular darts is. It's a great way to raise money anywhere, especially during the off-season.

Death by Chocolate
Chocolate lovers are everywhere. Give them what they want with a Death by Chocolate Fundraiser. Contact local restaurants and pastry chefs to see if they would be interested in participating. They would love to help raise money for your charity. Perhaps you can even include a chocolate tasting with the fundraiser. The possibilities are endless.

Deposit Bottle Collection
This fundraiser works great in the States with a returnable bottle deposit or area with money for scrap collection facility. Create a flyer with information about your group and what you are collecting money for. You can also include a list of items you will be collecting money for.

Door to Door Scavenger Hunt
This fundraiser is a great way to collect non-perishable and other items for a food bank. It is also a fun night out for the family. Create a list of items that are needed and collect them from people's homes. You can also include a scavenger hunt as part of the fundraiser.

Duckie Race
There is nothing quite like a group of rubber duckies floating down a river. For this raffle, you will want a large number of ducks and a body of water to float them down. It's a fun fundraiser that people of all ages can enjoy.

Dunk Tank
Who doesn't like the thrilling satisfaction of throwing a softball as hard as they can to dunk someone in a tank of water? It's fun, and a great way to raise money anywhere, especially during the off-season.
**Eating Contest**  
A timed eating contest is always amazing and fascinating to watch. Have one as your next fundraiser. The possibilities are endless as to what food to pick. Choose from pies, hot dogs, ...

**Face Painting**  
Children love to have their face panted. This is a popular activity at carnivals and fairs. Set up a face painting booth at your next craft show or fair. Enlist the help ...

**Fall Color Tour**  
Reds, oranges, and yellows… Its nature’s art show and it’s free for everyone to enjoy. This is a great fundraiser for areas that leaves on trees change colors in the fall. People love ...

**Festival**  
A Festival can be held for any season or Holiday (i.e. Fall Festival, Winter Festival, or Halloween Festival) and can be a great way to raise money for many groups or clubs all at once. ...

**Field Day**  
Remember when you were a kid and it was a daily goal to get outside, run around, and play games? Who says you can't do that now, and raise money for your group at the ...

**Funny Photo Contest**  
This is a chance for all aspiring photographers to show off their funniest pictures. Have a funny photo contest and ask for submissions from your group. Setup pictures like an art show.

**Garage Sale / Yard Sale**  
Who doesn't have stuff floating around in their attic, basement, or spare room that just isn't used or needed anymore? Clear out the clutter and help your cause at the same time. Ask your organization's ...

**Giddy-Up!**  
It isn’t often that most people have a chance to go to a Horse Show. This fundraiser is perfect for a group with a farming or animal husbandry focus. You will need to ...

**Gift Basket Auction or Raffle**  
No one wants to do another candy sale for his or her schools’ fundraiser. Here is one that is gaining in popularity and returning large rewards for those that host it. Make ...

**Giving Tree**  
This is a great fundraiser to stock a food bank or other church pantry, or collect gifts for people in need during the Holiday season. Instead of decorating a tree with regular ornaments, decorate ...

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Gourd Tossing
This fundraiser is a spin off from the popular punkin’ chunkin’ competition. It is a great one to run in the fall during pumpkin and gourd growing season. You can either allow teams ...

Grab Bag
This fundraiser is similar to a What's in the Box Auction and a White Elephant Sale with a couple of important differences. First, a grab bag fundraiser is not an auction. You'll charge a flat ...

Guided Nature Hike
When the weather starts warming up, people want to get outside. Why spend beautiful spring and summer days sitting around when you could go on a guided nature hike? If you live near a state ...

Hand-Painted Umbrellas
When working with a charity organization, or any group that relies on fundraising, you want to keep the group’s name in people’s minds as much as possible, as often as possible. While you might normally ...

Harvest Fest
This fundraiser can be as simple or elaborate as you like. Take advantage of the fall harvest and Halloween season to have a Harvest Fest. Set up a sale of local produce that ...

Head Shaving
A head shaving fundraiser can have many incarnations, so you are only limited by your imagination. Here are a few ideas to help you brainstorm. Find a school teacher or principal willing to ...

Holiday Card Fundraiser
It's beginning to look a lot like the holidays! Even though electronic methods have replaced a lot of day-to-day communications, many people still like to send paper cards for Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. Most of ...

Holiday Flower Sale
Spring tulips, Easter lilies, fall mums, and poinsettias are all seasonal flowers that could be a great fundraiser for your group. Find a local nursery that will wholesale flowers to your group so that ...

Holiday Shopping in One Night
Holiday gift shopping can be time consuming and hectic. Host a “holiday shopping in one night” event for your next fundraiser. Find vendors willing to set up a booth, either for a set ...

Hot Dog Stand
Hot dogs are easy to prepare, easy to eat, and easy to sell! Get permission from a local retailer to set up a hot dog stand outside their entrance. Be sure to have everything ready ...
How Many in That Jar?
You will need your best guessing skills for this fundraiser. This fundraiser is very simple to run and requires very little equipment. You will need a large jar or clear box and something ...

Hugs and Kisses
This is a great fundraiser to run around the romantic holidays (Valentine’s Day, Sweetest Day, etc) or at the end of the school year for farewells. Package Hershey’s hugs and kisses candies (the ...

Ice Cream Social
You Scream, I Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream! Vanilla, Chocolate, Mint Chocolate Chip. There are so many different flavors to choose from. Everyone loves ice cream. Host an ice ...

Ice Hole Swim
Have you ever wondered what it is like to be a polar bear or a seal going for a swim in ice cold water? Now you can experience it for yourself with an ice ...

Karaoke Night
There is a hidden singer in all of us. Most people will admit to singing in their shower or car when no one else is around. Bring the singer out with a karaoke ...

Kissing Contest
Would you pucker up to raise money for your favorite charity? How about your favorite team or needy organization? Well it shouldn’t surprise you that when you leave the dreaded, or wonderful (depending on who ...

Love from Home Packages
Being away at college is a huge adjustment and can leave you homesick. The perfect remedy is a care package from home. This fundraiser would be perfect for a high school or church. ...

Luau
Aloha! Bring the tropical flavor of the islands to your community with a luau fundraiser. If there's a beach nearby, you can make it really authentic with a traditional pig roast. Add some fish to ...

Miniature Golf Marathon
Get out your putters and little mini pencils, it is Miniature Golf time. This is a fun fundraiser that will have you honing your putting skills around water, sand traps, and rocks. It ...

Movie Marathon
Pop some popcorn, dim the lights, and settle in for a night of movie magic! Many movie theaters will work with groups to arrange special functions. Contact the theaters in your area to organize an ...
Pancake Breakfast
This is one of the most common fundraisers because it's easy and inexpensive to plan, and who doesn't like pancakes? You'll find everything you need to make the pancakes at the grocery store, or in ...

Pennies From Heaven
This fundraiser will create a healthy competition amongst classes, homerooms, or Sunday school classes while letting the students work together for a common goal. A penny fundraiser is simple. Each class will have ...

Perfume Fundraiser
Many people enjoy receiving perfume or cologne as a gift. It's especially popular for Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and December holidays. There are perfume fundraising companies that will help you organize your event, ...

Photo Scanning
Digital cameras and the Internet have made photo sharing a whole lot easier. But what about all those old photos stuck in albums, or piled in shoe boxes? Wouldn't it be great if they could ...

Photos With Santa
Why pay for a hastily taken photo at the noisy, crowded mall when you can host your own photos with Santa session, and earn some money for your group at the same time? A photography ...

Pin it On
Every mom loves being honored on her special day, Mother's Day. A great way to honor her is with a flower corsage. Your group can make corsages for your next fundraiser. Seek ...

Pizza Night
The best things about pizza are it's easy to make, and it's easy to tailor to anyone's taste. All you have to do is get creative with the toppings! A pizza night fundraiser is also ...

Popcorn Tasting
You've heard of wine tastings, coffee and tea tastings, even dessert tastings. Why not a popcorn tasting? It's a unique way to hold a popcorn fundraiser that's much more fun than simply going door to ...

Rake It Up
It seems like all the leaves fall from the trees at once in the fall. It can be a time consuming task, but a great fundraiser for your group. Create a flyer that ...

Sadie Hawkins Day Dance
Did your high school ever hold one of these? The tradition calls for girls to invite boys to the dance in a once-a-year role reversal. The tradition started with the 1930s Li'l Abner comic strip, ...

**Santa Breakfast**
Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa Claus is coming to town. No one likes to wait in line at the mall to visit Santa Claus. Host a breakfast (or lunch) with Santa Claus to ... more

**Scramble (best ball) Golf Tournament**
Have a golf tournament that is fun for everyone, regardless of their skill level. Host a scramble golf tournament. Find a golf course that is willing to donate their facilities for the day. ... more

**Services Auction**
Both within your group and in your community, you'll find people who engage in all kinds of professions. Ask some of them who provide services to take part in a services auction. They can offer ... more

**Show Up In Your Jammies Day**
Isn’t it everyone’s dream to roll out of bed and head to work or school still in your pajamas? It is time to make that dream a reality and let people show up in ... more

**Silly Sweepstakes**
This is a great fundraiser to have during a dinner fundraiser. For the silly sweepstakes, give everyone a raffle ticket. Brainstorm a list of silly things for the “winners” to do. Start ... more

**Smoothies**
Who doesn't love a good smoothie? They're even better when you can use them to raise some money for your organization! This kind of fundraiser would work best in conjunction with another event like a ... more

**Snack Bar or Pantry**
People pay a lot of money for the convenience of vending machines. Vendors can easily charge $1.25 or more for a soda that only costs $0.50 when purchased at a warehouse club. That ... more

**Snow Cones**
What better way to beat the heat than with cool, colorful snow cones? A snow cone fundraiser would work best in conjunction with another, larger event like a craft show or a art fair. You'll ... more

**Social Media Class**
Now more than ever, people are communicating on the Internet. There are several popular social media sites like Facebook and Twitter, and other ways to be social while accomplishing tasks, like the photo sharing site ... more

**Spaghetti Dinner**
This could be one of the most popular fundraisers for all groups due to its simplicity, ease to run, and familiarity with the general public. It is the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and it is ... more
Spend the Day With Your Feet Up
This is particularly well suited to high schools. Students purchase raffle tickets for a drawing where the winner is allowed to spend one school day with their “feet up”. The winner is allowed ... more

Sponsor my As and Bs
Instead of paying a student for their good grades, help them raise money for your group by getting a good report card. Find sponsors who will pay a certain amount for every A or B ... more

Super Sub Sale
Take advantage of the big sports events: the Super Bowl, All Star Game, Final Four, and Stanley Cup, etc and have a super sub sale. Submarine sandwiches are also called heroes and hoagies in ... more

Theater Night
Dim the lights and raise the curtain—it’s show time! Raise money, have fun and provide an evening of entertainment for your community by putting on a play. It will take some planning, and some time ... more

Traditional Raffle
There’s something to be said for tradition. There are all kinds of raffles you can hold to raise money for your group, but a traditional raffle is one of the easiest fundraisers out there. Contact ... more

Trivia Night
Cater to everyone’s competitive spirit and raise money at the same time by organizing a trivia night! Find a local bar or restaurant with a private room that your group can rent for the evening. ... more

Wacky Hat Day
This fun fundraiser will work at school, a place of business, or house of worship. For a one or two dollar donation, allow people to wear a wacky hat for the day. Collect ... more

Waiting for Dollars
Find a local restaurant that is willing to host your waiting for dollars event. They will appreciate the extra business it will bring them and you will have a good time raising money. ... more

We Bake For You
Take the guesswork out of what will sell at a bake sale, and have a “we bake for you” sale as your next fundraiser. Decide on a list of approximately ten things that you ... more

What's in the Box Auction
Curiosity killed the cat and it will be curiosity that will work in your group’s favor with this fundraiser. Have all the attendees bring a wrapped package, big or small, to the auction. ... more
White Elephant Raffle
This contest is a wonderful compliment to a diner fundraiser or a group meeting. Have members donate items for a white elephant raffle in advance of the event. Perhaps they have a lamp, ... more

Windshield Washing
Find a busy and local fast food restaurant with a drive thru lane that is interested in helping your group have a fundraiser. Gather squeegees, towels and cleaning solution. Offer to wash the ... more

Woman Fashion Show
Turn a normal dinner fundraiser into an evening of fun and entertainment. Find some brave men that are willing to embarrass themselves and have a “wo”man fashion show. Get donated dresses or look ... more

Wrap It Up!
The Holidays are busy and people are willing to pay for certain services to save time. One of the most popular Holiday services is gift wrapping. Set up a booth for your next fundraiser. ... more