

Coordinator Tips

Running a Successful Fundraiser

1 Make a SMART Goal
Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Relevant and Timely. How much does our group want to raise? Set a somewhat challenging goal but make it attainable.

2 Develop a Plan
Determine how much each member of your group must sell in order to reach your groups goal. Include an agenda for each member to reach that goal.

3 Make a Schedule
Create a calendar of events with key dates. Pre-launch, launch, progress update, order deadline, delivery date, plant distribution, final wrap up. Be sure to share this calendar with your participants and other volunteers. It will help you to feel in control, and will keep your team in the loop and on track.

4 Best Prospects
Who is most likely to buy from you and your group? Make a list and start with your top customers. Last years buyers, relatives neighbors, friends and co-workers. Once you have gone through that list, move into expanding your list into local businesses and acquaintances.

5 Advertising
You are selling a great product. It's healthy, it's practical, and beautiful. Use one of our customer posters, descriptive wording, press releases, bulletin boards, parents letters, social media, emails, text messages, your team website, and word of mouth. Saturate your own resources. This is like a mini-business, market it!

6 Excitement and Enthusiasm
An excited coordinator motivates each participant. They are active in their role, and continually reminding and being involved throughout the fundraiser. It takes time and effort to keep a team motivated, but it can really boost sales and make your fundraiser even more beneficial for your group. Getting kids and participants involved in your campaign can help too. Pass along the enthusiasm and have participants take a role in progress updates, email reminders or social media posts.

7 100% Participation
Aim for 100% participation from your group. The more the merrier! If you have a large group, nominate sales teams and captains. You can even get younger kids involved, and sell even a couple orders, it adds up into your grand totals. With fundraisers, every little bit helps.

8 One or Two at a Time
Doing many fundraisers at one time does not necessarily mean more money. It usually means over-loading volunteers, and giving less attention to each fundraiser and to your customers. It is understandable to mix things up with different fundraisers, but our advice is to focus on one or two complimentary fundraisers at a time. Doing a few fundraisers throughout the year and doing them well produces better results.

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