



## List of 100 fundraising ideas

Before promoting and running a fundraising activity, be sure to check with parents/leaders that all requirements and risk assessments are being met to keep the activity safe and legal!

1	<b>10,000 step challenge</b>	Put on a Fitbit or jump on a Stairmaster and get sponsored for walking 10,000 steps, or more!
2	<b>2p mile</b>	Collect enough 2 pence coins to measure out a mile.
3	<b>20p Smarty tubes</b>	Give friends, family and colleagues a full Smartie tube and ask them to return it full 20 pence coins.
4	<b>24-hour challenges, gaming, silence, reading</b>	Set yourself a challenge and get sponsored. Post updates on Facebook, YouTube, Twitch, or your favourite social media site.
5	<b>All night long</b>	Know any budding DJ's or musicians? Get everyone together and live stream your sets for friends and family to dance along to and ask for donations.
6	<b>Arm wrestling contest</b>	Organise a contest in your Scout Group or Explorer Unit, or perhaps an open competition at a fair. All contestants pay a registration fee and the winner gets a prize.
7	<b>Bag pack</b>	Contact your local supermarket and organise a bag back, good for groups of expedition members in the same group or that live close to one another.
8	<b>Beat the goalie</b>	Friendly sporting competition with a beat the goalie game. Charge each person a small fee for taking three shots and include a prize for the best goal.
9	<b>Board game tournament</b>	Choose from word games to strategy and fantasy games. Charge a registration fee and ask for sponsorship. Have some prizes for the winners.
10	<b>Bring and buy sale</b>	Ask everyone who attends to bring something to sell that's in good condition. Whether they're unwanted school items or books and toys. They donate the item and hopefully buy something from the stall.

11	<b>Bowl-a-thon</b>	A bigger but unique idea for fundraising. Work with a local bowling alley to organise a bowling competition. Each team pays to enter with the proceeds going to your expedition. The bowling alley makes money from refreshments.
12	<b>Bingo evening</b>	At your Scout HQ or local hall run a few games of bingo. Charge an entry fee, sell food and drinks to the attendees. Perhaps ask local business for a few prizes, eg: vouchers.
13	<b>Buy a brick</b>	Ask your sponsors to buy a brick, towards building work in Malawi. Set a target number of bricks and perhaps make a brick-a-metre to show your progress.
14	<b>Cake sale</b>	Bake cakes or ask for donations. Then set up a stall at school, local fair or market. Remember to keep the packaging or have a list of the ingredients.
15	<b>Car boot sale</b>	Rumage through your old toys, books, CDs and DVDs, and take them to a car boot sale. You could also ask for donations of anything in good, sellable condition.
16	<b>Car wash</b>	Individually, or as a small group, grab some buckets and sponges and organise a car wash. You could ask your neighbours, or setup at your Scout HQ or community hall.
17	<b>Carol singing</b>	Good group fundraiser. Practice some carols and then ask a local supermarket, pub or Christmas fair if you can sing outside or as part of the fair. Ask for donations.
18	<b>Chocolate tombola</b>	Ask for donations or use the 'support letter' to ask for donations from shops. You'll need some raffle tickets and a tombola or bowl to mix them up. Good fundraiser at a local or school fair, summer or winter.
19	<b>Christmas auction</b>	Hold a Christmas auction for appealing items and experiences – spa deals, hampers, travel packages, new electronics, and so on. You can buy the products yourself, but to minimize costs and maximize your earnings, ask local companies for donations.
20	<b>Christmas bubble decorating</b>	Buy some clear plastic bubbles and some paint. Then set up a stall at your local Christmas fair and charge a small fee for children to decorate their own bubble.

21	<b>Christmas concert</b>	Bigger event. Ask local singers, choirs and band to volunteer to take part in a concert. Hold the event at your local Scout HQ or community hall (hopefully for free). Charge a modest entry fee and sell hot drinks, mulled wine and mince pies.
22	<b>Colour run event</b>	Bigger event, good for a group. Find a suitable venue like a park, and ask for permission to run the event. You'll need a big group of volunteers to staff the colour stations, sell refreshments, etc. You could charge an entry fee or ask for donations.
23	<b>Comedy night</b>	Similar to the Christmas concert, ask local comedy acts to volunteer to perform at a Comedy night at your Scout HQ or local hall. Again, charge an entry fee and sell teas, coffees and finger food. If you can get donations of food, it keeps your costs down.
24	<b>Cookie sale</b>	Works well alongside a tea morning or similar. Bake a selection of cookies and sell them to customers. Use cheaper flour, chocolate, etc, to maximise profits.
25	<b>Crispy crème donuts</b>	Works well at tea mornings or a stall at school. Contact crispy crème and order their charity discounted donuts. Then sell them for a modest mark-up.
26	<b>Christmas elves</b>	Help put up lights, decorate trees, dispose of trees, wrapping presents, etc, for a donation or small fee.
27	<b>Christmas fair</b>	Bigger event. Organise a Christmas fair at your Scout HQ or community hall. Advertise for local vendors to participate and charge a small fee for a table or stall. You could also provide the tea, coffee and snacks. If the hall is provided free of charge, then that is a big help.
28	<b>Church game night</b>	Ask your local Church if you can run a games night for the congregation, with the proceeds going to your trip. You could run bingo, boardgames, a quiz, etc. Try to get donations for the prizes from local business for the winners.
29	<b>Craft classes</b>	If you're good at a craft, like making paracord keyrings, painting, or origami, why not hold classes to teach other people. Could work well with a tea morning and sales.
30	<b>Curry night</b>	Ask parents, friends and family to donate different homemade curries and setup a curry night at your Scout HQ, community hall, local pub, or working

		club. Donations work best but if you need to buy anything be careful with your costings.
31	<b>Dance-a-thon</b>	Another 'a-thon' idea, this time with dancing. If you a budding DJ, or know someone who is, see if you can get a hall free of charge and hold a dance and sell refreshments.
32	<b>Darts competition</b>	With parental help, organise a darts competition, perhaps at a local pub or club. Charge a small fee to enter, with a prize for the winner. Perhaps combine it with asking for donations or another fundraising activity like a quiz?
33	<b>Dog show</b>	At your Scout HQ, or local hall, organise and advertise a dog show. Perhaps have different categories and ask pet shop and doggie spas for prize donations. Charge an entry fee and sell teas, coffee, food, etc.
34	<b>Dog walking</b>	Like walking and dogs? Advertise in your local area to do dog walks for a small charge.
35	<b>Dog wash</b>	If you like dogs and giving them a wash, why not advertise locally and run your own dog wash service. To lower costs, try asking for donations of shampoo from local pet shops.
36	<b>Easter egg hunt</b>	Ask for donations of Easter eggs and approach a local park to run an Easter egg hunt. Charge a small fee to enter. Perhaps make it a scavenger hunt as well?
37	<b>Endurance challenge</b>	Get sponsored to see if you can do 1000 squats, how long can you plank, do pull ups, etc.
38	<b>Face painting</b>	Good at local and school fairs. If you're artistic, buy some face paints, learn some designs, and run a face painting stall.
39	<b>Football, basketball, netball match</b>	If you belong to a local team, maybe organise a charity match against another local rival team. Sell tickets, drinks or ask for donations.
40	<b>Fundraising Iftar</b>	Iftar is one of the religious observances of Ramadan and is often observed as a community, with people gathering to break their fast together. Being such a community tradition, iftars are perfect for fundraising. Organise a community iftar at a venue of your choice. Prepare a tasty menu, offering options for all dietary choices and requirements. Invite your donors,

		supporters, friends, and family to break the fast together or simply celebrate the spirit of Ramadan.
41	<b>Fun run</b>	Take part in a local fun run, or half marathons, asking friends, family and the public to sponsor you.
42	<b>Grass cutting and gardening</b>	Same as the dog washing. Set up your own garden service to cut grass, weed, and help people in your local area look after their gardens. If you have access to a lawn mower it would be beneficial.
43	<b>Get support from local businesses</b>	Reach out to local businesses, to see if they will sponsor you. Start with your parent's/guardian's places of work. Perhaps run cake sales, or raffles in local businesses as well.
44	<b>Guess how many</b>	Another school or Christmas fair favourite. Fill a jar with sweets and ask people to guess how many. You charge a small entry fee per guess and the winner gets a jar full of sweets.
45	<b>Halloween costume competition</b>	At your Scout HQ, school or college, organise a fancy-dress competition. All entrants pay a fee, and the winner gets a prize. Maybe ask local shops for a donation of gift cards.
46	<b>Healthy Halloween treats baking contest</b>	Put a spin on a baking contest, ask participants to enter a baking contest for the best Halloween healthy treat.  The treats should be sugar-free, with all-natural ingredients. Have your judges rate the treats based on health value, Halloween spirit, and taste!  Perhaps approach a local health food store and ask them if they would donate a prize?
47	<b>Higher or lower</b>	'Play your cards right' (ask your parents). Grab a set of A4 playing cards and a board to stand them on. Players pay a fee to play and must get from one side of the board to the other. Really good for local and school fairs.
48	<b>Hogmanay party</b>	New Year is a great time to fundraise. At your Scout HQ or local hall, organise a Hogmanay party. Ask for donations of food, sell teas, coffees, mulled wine, etc.
49	<b>Hoopla</b>	Aka a hula hoop. Could work well alongside other fundraising ideas. See who can hula hoop the longest, with a prize for the winner. Each player pays an entry fee.
50	<b>Hour of wages</b>	Ask your parents, family, or sponsors to donate an hour of their wages to your expedition.

51	<b>Ice cream sale</b>	Works well in the summer. Ask for donations of ice creams and ice lollies. If your Scout Group has an Igloo or large cool box, ask if you can borrow it, and then sell your ice cream and lollies after school or at a school fair.
52	<b>Jewellery-making</b>	Make your own friendship bracelets, necklaces, etc, and sell them at local fairs, or school fairs. You'll need to get your costs as low as possible to maximise your profits.
53	<b>Karaoke night</b>	Perhaps work with a local pub to run a karaoke night. Participants pay an entry fee and you could collect donations on the night. Ask for donations of prizes for the winners.
54	<b>Keyrings, trinkets</b>	Make your own keyrings from paracord, wood, ceramics, or anything you can think of. Then sell them at local or school fairs.
55	<b>Lemonade stand</b>	Classic fundraiser. Get a good traditional lemonade recipe, drink dispensers, and ice, then setup your stall at a school or local fair. Ask your local supermarket if they would donate some lemons.
56	<b>Loose change collection</b>	Simple and effective. At a school or local fair take a jar and ask people to donate all their small change. Take each doners name, and at the end pick a name and split the jar's total 50/50.
57	<b>Match fundraising</b>	Approach local business, benevolent funds, or groups like the Lyons Club, and ask if they would partially or completely match whatever funds you raise.
58	<b>Mobile phone drive</b>	A longer-term fundraiser. Mobile phones contain lots of rare metals. Ask people to donate their old phones and then sell them to recycling companies.
59	<b>Mosque game night</b>	Ask your local Mosque leaders if you can run a game night. Perhaps board games or quizzes. If allowable, charge a small entry fee, with prizes for the winners.
60	<b>Movie night</b>	At your Scout HQ, local or school hall, run a movie night. Movies should be rated universal. Sell tickets, popcorn, and drinks.
61	<b>Music and mulled wine evening</b>	Christmas or New Year fundraiser. Combine the Hogmanay party and music evening into one event.
62	<b>Name the teddy</b>	Another classic. Buy or ask for a donation of a cute teddy and ask people to guess their name. Charge a small fee per guess and the winner gets the teddy.

63	<b>Nerf guns</b>	At school or local fair, set up a tin-can alley using Nerf guns and empty cans. You'll need some eye protection for the players and a risk assessment. Your Scout or Explorer leader can help with that.
64	<b>New or used book sale</b>	Similar to a bring and buy sale but with books.
65	<b>Old clothes sale</b>	Similar to above but with clothes.
66	<b>Plant sale</b>	Cheap to set up. Plant a selection of flowers and vegetables in early spring and sell them at summer and school fairs.
67	<b>Pamper treatments</b>	At a fair why not paint nails, do make up, apply mud packs and make customers feel pampered, all for a good cause.
68	<b>Pancake race / Pancake Day / Shrove Tuesday</b>	Perhaps one to run with a tea morning. Sell pancakes, or setup a pancake race. Simple and fun, good for kids. Each person pays to enter and wins a small prize.
69	<b>Pet calendar sale</b>	Good at photography? Why not take some shots of dogs, cats or other family pets and make a calendar. Make a proof first and take orders, then you only print what you need. Your price should fully cover the cost of printing, plus a mark-up.
70	<b>Pet sitting</b>	If you like animals you could offer your services locally to pet sit whilst family, friends, or neighbours, are away.
71	<b>Quiz night</b>	Who loves general knowledge? You could even add a few unique rounds like a dance-off or drawing round. Great fun to host at the local pub, Scout HQ, or local hall. Each team donates to enter. Ask for donations for prizes.
72	<b>Raffle</b>	Ask for donations of prizes, vouchers from local business, book tokens, gift cards, etc. Then raffle them at a local fair.
73	<b>Record breaking</b>	Pick a world record, gather your friends and family and get sponsored. If you can break the record, you have raised money and have a record as well!
74	<b>Scrabble tournament</b>	People love Scrabble, so why not organise a tournament at a local hall or social club. Each contestant pays to enter. Ask for donations as prizes.
75	<b>Silent disco</b>	If your music selection is large enough, your event will appeal to a broad cross section of people, and you can raise more on the night by serving

		refreshments to the dancers. Top Tip – equipment for the event can be hired, so make sure you charge enough to cover the costs of hire when selling tickets.
76	<b>Splat a rat</b>	Another fair time favourite. You can make your own cheaply or see if your Group has one you can borrow. Each player pays a fee to take part. Maybe offer lollies as prizes.
77	<b>Sponsored abseiling</b>	Opposite idea to the abseiling below, or perhaps combine the two.
78	<b>Sponsored climb</b>	Approach a local climbing centre and see if you can hold a sponsored climb. Set yourself a target distance or amount of time and ask for sponsorship.
79	<b>Sponsored head/beard shave</b>	On your own or in a group, ask family and friends to shave your head or beard if you have one.
80	<b>Sponsored hike</b>	Good for Scouts in a group. Plan your route and ask for sponsorship for each mile or kilometre completed.
81	<b>Sponsored no tech day</b>	A real challenge for teenagers. Give up tech for a day and ask family and friends to sponsor you.
82	<b>Sponsored run/bike/hike/row/ride</b>	Either at your local gym or out on the road or river, set yourself a target distance and ask for sponsorship. The further you go, the more you raise.
83	<b>Sponsored silence</b>	If you're a chatterbox, why not ask to be sponsored to stay quiet for day.
84	<b>Sports sweepstake</b>	Good during a major sports event. Each player pays an entry fee and picks a team. The winner gets half the money raised or perhaps a donated prize.
85	<b>Swear box</b>	Not that you should swear, but if you or your parents work in a place with colourful language, why not ask for a pound donation for every swear word uttered.
86	<b>Swim-a-thon</b>	Similar to the sponsored run/bike, etc. At your local pool, on your own or in a group, set yourself a distance and ask for sponsorship.
87	<b>Talent show</b>	If your school is willing, run a talent show evening. Advertise at school, your Scout Group, or the wider community for acts to come along and perform. Each act pays an entry fee and you can also sell refreshments on the evening. Again, ask local businesses, shops or venues if they would donate prizes for the winners.



88	<b>Tea mornings</b>	If your local town or village hall can be hired for free, you could run a tea morning. Sell refreshments, cakes and biscuits. Organise activities for young children. During a school holiday lots of mums may come along for tea, a chat, and a fun session for the kids.
89	<b>Teddy bear picnic</b>	Can work well with a tea morning. Hold a picnic for kids and their favourite plush toy.
90	<b>Teddy bear raffle</b>	Go through your old cuddly toys and ask for donations as well. Then raffle them at local school and town fairs.
91	<b>Tombola</b>	Chocolate tombola are always a good fundraiser. Ask for donations of chocolate well in advance to get a good amount. See if your Scout Group or school PTA have a tombola you can borrow. With parental help, you could run an alcohol tombola instead.
92	<b>Treasure hunt</b>	Put together a treasure hunt around your town. Make a map for each player and use landmarks, shops, signs or other buildings as clues to find the treasure. Each player pays an entry fee and ask for donations as prizes.
93	<b>Tuck shop</b>	Fruit, biscuits, crisps and nuts – everyone loves a small snack at some point in the day. Ask your Scout Group to set up a tuck shop and keep it open for a term or two. Add a note for a 'suggested donation £1 per item'.
94	<b>Tug-of-war</b>	Organise a tug-of-war at a local or school fair. Advertise for teams in advance, with each team paying an entrance fee. The winning team gets a small trophy or donated prize.
95	<b>Uniform free day</b>	Ask your school if you can hold a non-uniform day, with the proceeds going towards your trip.
96	<b>Virtual race</b>	Create a 5/10km virtual race around a local park or country park. Each runner pays to enter and needs to complete the distance and send in their times. The event can be over a few weeks, with the winner being announced and prize giving online, through Facebook or other social media.
97	<b>Window cleaning</b>	If you're good at cleaning, setup your own window cleaning service. If you're working at heights remember to do a risk assessment and use safety equipment.

98	<b>Wine and cheese evening</b>	Requires a bit more work. You'll need donations of wine and cheese to lower costs. Advertise locally, with attendees buying a ticket to enter.
99	<b>Wine/cider tasting</b>	As above but with cider as well. Find out if there's a local cider maker in the area willing to donate.
100	<b>Zumbathon</b>	Good at Zumba or know an instructor? Organise a Zumba marathon at your Scout HQ or local hall. Ask for donations as prizes for the contestants that can last the longest.