

A Dozen Ways to Fund a Team

1. Approach civic organizations such as Jaycees, Lions Club, Kiwanis or more, or local businesses such as banks, service clubs, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Target, Home Depot, or other retailers for donations. Some will match another project you put together.
2. Organize a community rummage sale. Get items donated, have parents of participating students staff it, and tally your proceeds.
3. Charge a fee for some kind of service, such as a car wash, raking leaves, or washing windows.
4. Split the cost between families of team members.
5. Host a Hat Day or Mismatched Clothes Day at school, with each student paying a dollar for the privilege of participating.
6. Hold a bake sale.
7. Arrange a night at the local fast food restaurant or pizza place. Some businesses will donate a percentage. In some cases, if the kids act as bus people or waiters, they can keep tips.
8. Organize a movie night at your school, and sell popcorn and candy.
9. Who says fundraising can't be fun? Organize a community mini-golf course, obstacle course or mini-challenge stations, and charge participants for the privilege of playing. Locate appropriate activities at these Web sites:
 - Visit Bernie DeKoven's Junkyard Sports Web site at <http://www.junkyardsports.com/golf/potluck.html> to download a 10-page document that will tell you how to build a miniature golf course using a collection of recycled materials and found objects. DeKoven does ask you to donate any amount that you feel is appropriate in order to download this document, but it is well worth this price.
 - Visit DI Team Manager and writer Kris Bordessa's blog, "Great Solutions to Team Challenges," at <http://greatsolutions.blogspot.com>. Her blog is filled with activities that could be set up as challenge stations. Her book, *Team Challenges: 170+ Group Activities to Build Cooperation, Communication, and Creativity* is also a wonderful resource for activities, and may be purchased online at <http://www.amazon.com>.
 - Visit the Wilderdom Web site at <http://www.wilderdom.com/games> to locate any number of team building exercises and activities, group games, camp activities and more.
10. Sell concessions at athletic events.
11. Approach a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) or your local Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for a sponsorship.
12. Organize an eating event for which you charge a fee, such as a spaghetti dinner, pancake breakfast, dessert bar or ice cream social.