



## Camp Fundraising Ideas for Your Local Church

Many of our local churches raise funds in order to subsidize or fully scholarship camp registration costs for their students and/or adults.

Rise Up Camp leadership recommends at least the following for all churches able to raise the funds.

- Pay half of registration fee for all student campers
- Pay full cost of registration for all adult volunteers
- Pay full scholarship of registration cost for student campers who need additional financial assistance

“Coupon codes” indicating this support from a church are available from our registrar upon request ([camp@trinitygmc.org](mailto:camp@trinitygmc.org)) by the local church pastor or designated church contact.

These may be entered by families during the registration process.

Here is a list of ideas for local church fundraising, many or all of which are already or have been practiced by Trinity Conference GMC churches. These may be led by the youth and/or children’s ministry, men’s ministry, women’s ministry, missions committees, etc.

Our top recommendations are listed first with descriptions, followed by a long idea list to get you thinking!

### **Most Common Fundraisers**

1. **Envelope Fundraiser** - Place a variety of envelopes with ascending price amounts (1 to 100, for example). Givers take envelopes based on what they are

willing to give. If all envelopes are taken and returned in the 1-100 example, that results in \$5050. If it goes from 1-150 labeled envelopes, the total if all are taken and returned becomes \$11,325.

2. **Pancake Breakfast or Supper** - Cook pancakes and sausage/bacon before or after Worship/Sunday School one Sunday. Sell tickets in advance in order to know how much to prepare or simply guesstimate and sell at the door. Don't forget the milk and juice!
3. **Spaghetti Supper** - Same idea as a Pancake Breakfast, but for lunch or dinner.
4. **"Kids to Camp" Golf Tournament** - Hold a golf tournament at a local club. Players can register individually or as teams up to 4 players. Sell "hole sponsorships" and tiered sponsorships to local businesses or individuals who would like to support the kids. Create yard signs with names of sponsors and place at tee boxes on the course. Add a raffle for items. Get businesses to sponsor a lunch for players afterwards. Give out awards for top three teams in men's and women's divisions. Arctic-style mugs with your logo make good trophies!
5. **Sell shares in the camp ministry** - Announce a goal for the total to raise. Price shares of stock in the youth and children's ministry for camp according to the total goal to raise. Sell to individuals and to groups and classes in the church. Givers can purchase as many shares as they like. After camp (within 2-3 weeks), host a "shareholders dinner" (spaghetti, pancakes, BBQ, etc) and give a program on camp with pictures, the biblical message/theme, and testimonies from kids and adults.

### **More Fundraiser Ideas**

- BBQ plate lunch or dinner
- Chili cook-off (entry fees + tasting tickets)
- Taco night / fajita night
- Fish fry (especially in Lent)
- Soup & bread night
- Dessert auction
- Pie auction (Thanksgiving-adjacent)
- Bake sale (after worship)
- Youth-made salsa / jam / granola sales
- Coffee bar Sundays (donation-based)
- Popcorn sales (locally sourced or youth-made)
- Tamale fundraiser (partner with a local maker)
- Pizza night with a local restaurant partnership
- Game night (board games, trivia, bingo)
- Family movie night (concessions fundraiser)

- Trivia night (tables sponsor teams)
- Camp testimonial night + dessert
- Hymn sing / praise night with offering
- Parents' night out (childcare fundraiser)
- Grandparents' brunch
- Silent auction (donated items)
- Live auction (services + experiences)
- Service auction (yard work, babysitting, tech help)
- Cake auction
- Vacation home weekend raffle
- Handmade goods sale (quilts, crafts)
- Cookbook fundraiser (church recipes)
- Car wash
- Yard work days
- Leaf raking
- Babysitting night
- Dog walking
- Pet sitting
- Window washing
- Power washing driveways
- Painting fences/mailboxes
- Moving help (with adult supervision)
- Church clean-up day sponsorships
- Recycling drive
- Electronics recycling day
- Bottle/can drive
- Community litter clean-up sponsorship
- Youth-run concession stand at church events
- Youth café Sunday
- Youth-led worship service offering
- Youth sermon or testimony Sunday offering
- Community BBQ
- Community pancake breakfast
- 5K fun run/walk
- Pickleball tournament
- Cornhole tournament
- Disc golf tournament
- Golf scramble
- Youth sports clinic
- Summer camp day for community kids
- Craft fair booth
- Farmers market booth
- Holiday market booth
- Church rummage sale