

OK, what are y'all doing for money? What are your success stories? What are your failures? Give us some ideas as to what works or doesn't work so we can all live the "high life" ...

(The point here is open trustiness that if you are next door to a neighboring team you WILL NOT steal their idea or customers or businesses!!! Be Kind and Professional)

Success: Lawnmower Spring Tune-Up (Profit \$1,200)

Charge \$35 for push lawnmowers. We will pick up your lawnmower the first Saturday of Spring break. We clean them all down and chart them for parts that day and get our order in. Parts are in by Tuesday so Wednesday and Thursday of Spring break we come in and * Change Oil * Change Spark Plug * Change Air Filter * Change all new gas * Sharpen Blades * and Power Wash down... Thursday we deliver them back to your front yards. We made \$1,200 profit last year with over 40 lawnmowers!!! (Had some donations of stuff and huge discounts on parts!) Looking at trying to do a raffle this year with the tune-up... Still working out details of that.

Disaster: Frozen Pizza Sales (Profit \$200.00)

We used a local Frozen Pizza Company to sell pizzas. Worked fine except the day they were delivered, the kitchen freezer was full!!! So we scrambled to get a chest freezer from a parent and could fit half them at a time. The second half that came were not picked up on time by students and it was during our R.A. Race and we "unplugged" the freezer by accident loading the trailer... Needless to say when we returned to a half full freezer thawed. I was happy :) So we had to purchase those pizzas out of our profits and only made \$200.00 in the end... High School students did not like selling food either though...

Candy bars. Regular candy bars from Freedom Fundraiser. Last year I had 13 students sell 2500 candy bars in two weeks. Get the mixed boxes that come in a suitcase type of box. I wish we could sell them twice during the year, but our school schedules fund raising time with all of the clubs and classes during the year.

I was contacted recently by a man from a fundraising company who wanted me to pass along his information. I told him I would let you all know about this fundraising option (not too sure about what it is). Their Web site is under construction. Below is his message and link to Web site and email:

~Sara

I would like to share our power-full new fundraiser with the individual electric car teams. If they request, I can email them info.

Thank you for your guidance.

Sincerely,
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1. Bright Idea's Fund Raiser through the KEEP program. Students sell Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs and LED Holiday lights. Good learning and fairly good money maker.
2. Cook outs after-school. Each kid brings in hot dogs, buns, chips, juice box, or baked goods. The elementary kids line up like crazy. I let the Electrathon students eat some food, once the buses are gone we spend an hour or so working on the cars. I used Carl Perkins funds to buy a gas grill a few years ago. Profit is OK with not much cost + the Electrathon students get fed + we get some work on the cars. It's easy for me because the busses load right outside of my building.

We also sold the CFL bulbs. It worked out great and the KEEP people are good to work with. I'm sure we will do this fundraiser again next year. Other than this we haven't had any fundraisers. I have been hesitant to send kids out asking people to buy another candle....etc. There have been a couple of good ideas posted that have possibilities for us however.

We have relied heavily on Carl Perkins money to get started in Electrathon. I have been fortunate to supplement this out of my regular budget.

We used to do the candy fundraising...but as with any group, some students did more than their share and some students did nothing...plus recordkeeping can be a pain.

All of our fundraising is done through donations. We send out a letter and put someone on each team in charge of contact and follow up with all businesses that we mail to. We say any donation is a good one because it will help. Last year, we hit big with our local electric co-op and then with Alliant Energy, as the father of one of our students worked there.

One of our most successful fund raisers for a HMV was when we bought some small R/C cars like the ones they used to sell at Radio Shack. We sold them for a nice mark up and they sold out within days. We ran the fundraiser right before Christmas and did lots of advertisements ahead of time. Our teaching staff was our biggest customer as they bought them up like hot cakes for their own kids for Christmas. We cleared an easy \$1000.00 with the students doing most of the work. The website we bought from was Hobbytron.com.

Jon Kollath

Here's an idea:

Looking for a great way to raise thousands of dollars for your school, church or club? The EcoPhones Recycling Fundraiser pays up to \$300 per item. There's nothing to buy and nothing to sell. Simply ask parents, neighbors, co-workers and local businesses to donate and recycle their used consumer electronics:

- o Cell Phones
- o Ink Jet Printer Cartridges
- o Laptop Computers
- o Apple iPods
- o Digital Cameras
- o Digital Video Cameras

Earn cash for every item guaranteed! We even pay for damaged, non-working and non-listed models.

According to the Consumer Electronics Association the average U.S. household owns 25 consumer electronics devices. With more than 150 million used cell phones stockpiled in U.S. households the EcoPhones Recycling Fundraiser is much easier and more profitable than you may think. In addition, EcoPhones provides FREE customizable marketing materials and free shipping from anywhere in the U.S. including Alaska. Join the more than 32,000 schools, clubs, and churches just like yours that have raised much-needed funds for their organizations.

For more information, you may register online at <http://www.greenschoolfundraiser.org> or call (888) Eco-Phones / (888) 326-7466. Download and customize your own promotional materials right from our website including a guide to running a successful recycling fundraiser, posters, price lists, pre-paid shipping labels and everything else you'll need to get started.

Regards,

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OK, How about this one....

Three of Bayfield's Electrathon Team members are jumping in Lake Superior through a hole in the ice! 50% of the money they raise (through pledges) goes to the Electrathon program 50% goes to our local Rec Center/Pool. Check out the event at the link below---- You could even pledge if you'd like

<https://www.gifttool.com/athon/OurTeamPage?ID=1318&AID=558&TID=2716>

Note - you might need to scroll to the right to see the team members just click to donate