

# Deciding to Fundraise

This activity will allow members to:

- Determine if a fundraiser is needed.
- Problem solve.
- Collaborate as a team.



Materials needed:

- One worksheet per member (print it at [buildersclub.org/IDEA](http://buildersclub.org/IDEA))
- Pens or pencils
- Whiteboard
- Markers
- One sticker per member

How to lead this activity:

Before beginning this activity, meet with club officers to review the club's budget. Decide if your club needs to host a fundraiser by discussing the following questions:

- Does your club want to do a fundraiser for an organization as your service project?
- Does your club need money to purchase supplies for your service project?
- Are there any other costs in the budget that are not covered by donations?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, how much money does your club need to raise?

1. Before the meeting, write "Fundraising Ideas" on a large flip-chart paper, whiteboard or chalkboard.
2. Start the meeting by giving members a report on what club officers discussed.
3. Give each member a Deciding to Fundraise worksheet.
4. Use the "club discussion" section to decide how big you want your fundraiser to be, based on your fundraising goal.
5. Review fundraiser ideas. Talk about each one and whether you could get approval from the school to do them.
6. Give members time to think of new fundraising ideas. Ask members to write down their ideas and put their pen or pencil down when they are finished.
7. When everyone is finished, ask each member to write one idea on the flip-chart paper, whiteboard or chalkboard for the club to see.
8. Using the Sticker Voting activity in the Identify the Need step (see page 20), ask each member to vote for a club fundraiser.
9. When the activity is over, thank everyone for their time and participation.

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Organizing a fundraiser is a way for you to serve others and have fun doing it!

## Club discussion

How much money does your club need to raise? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your club ever hosted a fundraiser before? \_\_\_\_\_

## Fundraising ideas

- Have a tournament.**  
 Choose a tournament theme: basketball, video games, hopscotch—any type of tournament! Decide on an entrance free for individuals or teams. Advertise the tournament to be sure you have a good turnout. Award prizes to the winners.
- Serve donuts and pizza.**  
 Your club could sell donuts in the morning before classes start or pizza at evening events that draw large crowds.
- Do a car wash.**  
 Ask a local shopping center or gas station if your club can have a car wash at its location. Create signs promoting the event and wave the signs to attract drivers and ask for monetary donations.
- Sell candy grams.**  
 For a small fee, sell notes with candy attached to be delivered in class. Students purchase a candy gram to send to a friend to brighten their day.
- Do a pancake breakfast.**  
 Reserve the school cafeteria to serve a pancake breakfast on a weekend. Sell tickets ahead of time and promote it early. This is a great event for a partnership with your sponsoring Kiwanis club.
- Other ideas:**

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## Our fundraiser will be: