

Red River Valley Honors Camp Scholarship Fund Policy and Fundraising Ideas

Scholarship Fund Policy

The Red River Valley Honors Camp (RRVHC) camp board has established a scholarship fund policy. Revenues for the camp comes from the camp fee paid for each camper and donations. Camp fees are paid from the following sources:

1. Parent(s) pay full camp fee
2. Local fund raising can supplement parent's payment. See ideas on www.RRVHC.com .
3. Individual sponsor can supplement parent's payment (family or friends)
4. Local church sponsor can supplement parent's payment
5. RRVHC Scholarship Fund Policy
 - A. Available only to first year campers (one-time only)
 - B. Must seek and have a minimum payment of \$160 from any of the above listed sources (1-4) and then RRVHC will provide the balance of the camp fee as funds are available.
6. As you are able, any extra funds you can donate will help provide scholarship funds for those first time campers who otherwise would not be able to attend camp because of financial hardship and also help keep camp fees lower for next year.

Fundraising Ideas

The ideas presented here are a varied 'menu'. Find the best ones for your situation, interests and skills, time of year, number of people you have who will be participating. There are ideas suited to individuals, families, smaller groups of kids and ideas ideal for large clubs. There are ideas that require more work and prep, others are pretty simple.

*Bake sales – have items donated. Bake sales tied to an event (sporting event or church wide meeting, etc so you have a big audience of people to sell to). You can also “auction” the items which usually increases the selling price through bidding wars as people compete for that great looking pie or cake.

*Bread baking - very popular & successful for one family! They now have a following of folks who wait for their baking times. They stopped taking orders at 80 loaves @ \$10/loaf (that is about how many they can bake in the ovens they have access to.)

*One skilled person sold home-made gourmet cheesecakes ~ different flavors (You have to be able to cook!) for \$40 each. Another made pound cakes, cookies, and other baked specialties. Pre-sell and make only what you have already sold. One group made Valentine Cookie Cakes using cookie dough from Sam's

Club in small aluminum cake pans from Dollar General. They decorated with white icing and red icing heart. Wrapped in cello and ribbon. Many people ordered these (from a photo) for Valentines. Get an email to a big company and many employees will order for a spouse and you can deliver a bunch at one time.

*Selling pizzas—find a local place who will sell them at a discount and you resell. One family found fundraising deal where they will make pizzas for \$5 for a cause and you can sell them for \$10

*Quilt raffle – one talented mom made a gorgeous quilt and sold the chances to help her children get the fees they needed for camp. What is your talent?

*Coupon books from local grocery stores-- you sell for \$5 and there is a coupon for \$5 off your 1st purchase of groceries. I think we pay \$1/book

*Sonic cards/coupon books -- you sell for \$5 (Community cards are provided at no cost, so pure profit)

*Car washes -- make more on donations than fixed price. This event takes a group, but can be fun for kids.

*Garage sale- we asked for donations instead of a set price and made more that way

*Sell Lollipops -- you go to a mall and sell Tootsie pops for whatever change/cash people want to donate-- a lot more work.

*Magazine sales. Answers in Genesis offers Answers magazine (excellent) for Christian churches and groups. <http://www.answersingenesis.org/campaigns/am-fundraising>

*Krispy Kreme has a fundraiser for groups. Many party plan companies also have fundraiser opportunities.

*Slave for a day - they work for someone for the day ~ could be cleaning or babysitting, yard work, etc. Youth can be "auctioned" off for a fee at a church event.

*Shovel snow, rake leaves or other yard work, etc. *We have cleaned busses for the children's hospital here. Find a need and fill it. *Wash windows for businesses.

* Church-wide free spaghetti dinner where EVERYTHING is donated-- spaghetti, sauce, plates, salad, etc. You make more with donation than setting a price for the meal. Add in an auction. The auction items varied from pictures, boat rides, gift cards, week at someone's lake home, house cleaning, movie 'boxes', beauty baskets.... etc.... Our church raises (at a min) \$14,000- \$40,000 dollars for all the children's church camp fees. This takes a lot of participation-- but every child who wants to go to camp has to have a parent volunteer.

* Pancake breakfast – another option similar to above. Krusteaz has a 7lb bag of pancake mix at Sam's Club. This company is great as they will donate the cost of the pancake mix back when used for a fundraiser. Details printed on the bag. Makes 180 pancakes. Try to get juice, coffee and syrup donated. Applebees Restaurant chain also does Saturday morning pancake breakfasts for groups. Contact and book at date early. Larger group needed.

* Flower Sales - We have abandoned fields here that are full of daffodils in the spring, so we went out and picked them and put them in bundles with curling ribbon and sold them from door-to-door. Sometimes the people just said to the girls, just keep the flowers but here is a donation. They dressed up cute (or could wear their uniform). People couldn't resist 3 cute girls at the door. They each raised about \$25.

* Carnations for Mother's Day – find a store who will sell at cost (one group used Kroger grocery and paid 50 each when ordered in bundles of 25). Wrap each flower in plastic sleeve and tie with ribbon (also donated) and sell to beauty salons and churches for Mother's Day. Sell for \$1 each. Plan on some breakage. Tips: pink is best or white. Avoid red. Salons want theirs on Thursday before Mother's Day. Churches on Friday or Saturday. Get buckets of water to deliver them in (Kroeger also donated the black buckets). Plan early, sell early via pre-orders by calling salons and churches, order early and order extra, have commitments from

kids and parents to cut, wrap and ribbon the flowers when you pick them up. Deliver them on time! Carnations are better than roses (easier to work with, more hardy). You can print receipt for each business, add a thank you note signed by the teens. This is labor intensive day or two from when your order comes in and you wrap, ribbon, and divide in the bundles (again, you sell in increments of 25, each bucket will hold 50) and deliver. One small group ordered 900 carnations and the 5 campers earned about \$80 each.

* potted plants – fall mums, poinsettias, spring baskets. There is a large nursery that sells in bulk and we resell the plants. You can also consider things like fresh evergreen Christmas wreaths. Some have minimum orders so this works better with a group of kids, but these are popular and get a good response.

* gift baskets – www.Holygiftbaskets.com offers a wide variety of gift baskets on-line (no door to door required) and donated a portion back on every order to a verified church that has registered with them. If you contact businesses and those who would order these types of gift and food baskets. Perfect ahead of Christmas gift season.

* Christian t-shirts - make \$5-7 per shirt. High quality. Uplifting messages. No risk as you collect the money up front and order what was presold via catalogs. Request fundraising kit at www.goodnewsclothing.com. There are several companies that offer this. Simply google and chose the one you prefer.

* Stationary, cards, calendars - A variety of companies offer these items as fundraisers. Many are Christian themed.

If you have more ideas send them in to us and we will add it to the list!