

4-H FUNDRAISING IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS



4-H is a nonprofit educational organization. 4-H fundraisers must be done for the good of the total group (not an individual or small group of individuals) and must be consistent with Colorado 4-H fundraising policies. Fundraising cannot be the main focus of group activities nor may it exclude any individual from participating in 4-H activities. Groups are expected to support the financial needs of the total group, and when possible, to assist with participation costs in county, state, national, and international programs. All funds for goods and services are to be paid to the club, not to an individual. An educational component must be a part of all fund-raising activities. Please contact the Extension Office about your Club Fundraiser. We want to ensure the success of each club fundraiser and want to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts in our community. The office staff can help determine if you need an Event Program Plan, extra insurance, Informed Consent, and assess the proper use of the 4-H logo.

Consider the following ideas:

- Carnival Booth
- Cake walks
- Car washes
- Craft items
- Christmas tree sales
- Corn maze (clear paths, appropriate weather, conditions, and supervision)
- Dances/ dance instruction
- Donation jars
- Easter Egg Hunts (plastic eggs only)
- Garden maintenance (no power tools used)
- Golf tournaments (no sponsoring of alcoholic beverage sales)
- Halloween festival (not haunted house/hayride)
- Hay maze
- Hayrides (competent adult chaperones must be on the wagon during the ride)
- Horse - Open horse show for youth* (Acknowledgement of risk form required)
- Horseman's expo (no horses)

- Kiddie pedal tractor pull
- Lawn Clovers (follow guidelines for name and emblem use)
- Manure sale
- Miniature golf tournament
- Newspaper subscriptions
- Penny Press
- Pet Shows
- Photo Calendars (photo release and contract approval required)
- Plant and flower sales
- Pre-packaged Food Sales (4-H is not preparing or packaging the food). Examples: cookies, popping corn, stromboli, pizza, lady fingers, candy bars, fruit sale, mushroom pies, pies, sausage, frozen food, cheese, gift packs of food
- Pre-packaged product sales - Examples: flower bulbs, calendars, placemats, plat books, t-shirts, hats, stationary, cookbooks, light bulbs, assorted merchandise, seeds, pocket calendars, dish towels, playhouse tickets, gift wrap, fire extinguishers, first aid kits, chimney cleaner and fire-place crystals, rat poison, RADA utensil sales, Avon, Friendly home catalogue sales, 4-H mug sale, Tupperware "book" party
- Restaurant 4-H day (contracts need approval)
- Rub-on tattoos
- Save-a-label supermarket
- Tack sale/swap (some years the County offers this County wide)
- Thons - Examples: bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons, dance-a-thons, rock-a-thons, bowl-a-thon, skate-a-thon
- Wrapping gifts
- Yard or garage sales