

# Fundraising Ideas

**The Letter Campaign**...Send a compassionate letter to friends, relatives, godparents, grandparents or anyone else whom you think might send you money.

- Each young person should mail at least 10 letters
- Provide letters, envelopes and stamps
- Make the letter writing a group activity...get together, eat cookies, drink soda and address envelopes!
- Send thank you notes from the whole group and encourage the young people to send a private one. A sample letter is included.

**Church Dinner** – Plan a simple or fancy meal. During Lent, many parishes have soup meals that include soup and bread on Friday evening. Inquire if your group can have a night. Let the young people serve the meal and speak a little about WorkCamp. Show the WorkCamp video.

**Car Wash** – Very little pre-work is needed, however there is a lot of hard work on the day of the event. If you plan to use a gas station be sure to book several months in advance.

**Build a Picnic Table** – This is a wonderful WorkCamp fundraiser because you can combine the building of the table with your tool-training day. Raffle the table in conjunction with your after-Mass announcement and you really can make big bucks. A raffle ticket is given for any donation and donations of ten dollars or more get 2 or 3 tickets. The winning ticket is drawn after the last Mass and the table is delivered immediately. At one parish over \$7000 was raised in just one weekend!

**Dessert Night** – Plan a social with a cool theme and decorations. Place donation cups on the tables and let the young people do a talent show or skit with a WorkCamp theme.

**Buy A Nail** – This is an old WorkCamp fundraiser that has been successful for many parishes. This works best on the same day that you make your after Mass announcement about WorkCamp.

1. Buy some large nails and paint some gold, some silver & leave some their natural color.
2. Glue them to a prayer card about WorkCamp.
3. Request donations of \$5 (natural color), \$10 (silver), \$20 (gold).

**Fun Fair** – A lot of prep work is required but can be a good money-maker. Have simple games like the lollipop tree, duck pond, and ring toss, a cake walk with prizes of cakes made by the WorkCamp participants, dress as clowns and sell hot dogs grilled by the parents. Use your imagination! The young people really enjoy this event. Inexpensive prizes are needed.

**All Saints Catholic Church (Manassas, VA) Car Raffle** – Call parish for details. This can be a very lucrative & low-maintenance option!

*Please review the sample letters in the Online Resource section that can be written to encourage donations*