



# FUNDRAISING RESOURCES

God can do anything you know – far MORE than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.  
**Ephesians 3:20 (The Message)**

Many youth groups choose to fundraise together to offset some of the costs of the AOYC. This is a great way to make it affordable and helps build excitement!

Some tips:

- Ask your church for support well in advance. Many church councils are willing to budget funds to help pay for teens to attend events like the AOYC. The key is to ask early and emphasize the important role that events like the AOYC have in faith formation - they're a great complement to the work churches do all year long!
- Let the teens take ownership...and then offer them lots of support! When the teens are the driving force behind the fundraiser, they'll feel much more engaged. Let them come up with ideas, and find ways to involve each individual.
- When promoting fundraisers - share the vision of the AOYC. This helps people to see the importance of supporting the group. This is best done through stories, testimonies, and

photos from previous conventioners, if possible.

Some fundraising ideas:

- **Host a family movie night** (charge admission, sell great snacks and drinks, show a family-friendly movie, offer babysitting for kids under 3)
- **Dessert Auction** (have people donate delicious desserts and then auction them off at an evening event)
- **Cafe night** (transform the church into a cafe, with fancy coffee, live music or entertainment, board games, offer babysitting)
- **Chili Cook-off** (ask every youth family to make a large pot of soup or chili, charge admission or by-the-bowl, play southwestern music and serve chips and salsa on every table)
- **Christmas shopping night** (let parents drop their kids off at the church for an evening of movies and games, while the parents finish up their Christmas errands)
- **Take a special offering** (let the youth take the lead in helping with a Sunday morning service - leading worship, reading scripture, sharing testimonies, and share about the need for funds)
- **Local businesses** (ask local businesses to put the youth group to work cleaning, stuffing envelopes, or delivering flyers in exchange for a donation)
- **Something even more creative** (Cutting the pastor's hair? Being dispatched by donors for surprise leaf raking or shoveling? Sundaes Sundays? Singing telegrams?)