BEYOND THE BAKE SALE 2.0

HOLD A CONTEST

SPELL S-U-C-C-E-S-S: Host a spelling bee. You say potatoe... no, wait... d'oh!

FROZEN T-SHIRT CONTEST: Sort of mean, but really easy. Fold a shirt as tight as possible, soak it, and then freeze it. The first one to undo it, and wear it, wins.

CHIPPING FOR CHARITY: Grab the golf (or mini golf) clubs and see who can get it closest to the pin (or windmill).

BLOW PONG: Circle a large round table, or pool table, with human goalies, hands behind backs. Drop a ping pong ball in the center, and start blowing. If the ball passes through your goal space and off the table, you are OUT. Continue until one champ stands!

BINGO IS ITS NAME-O: Standard Bingo is great, but Bust-a-Move Bingo is better. Try substituting activities for numbers.

50/50 RAFFLE: Sell raffle tickets with half the proceeds as a prize-- EASY!

PENNY DRIVE: Doesn’t get much easier than a big collection jar in a busy spot. Create teams to battle against each other.

CHUCK A DUCK: It’s simple and fun. Sell rubber duckies where lots of people gather. Pick a time and put out a target. People chuck their ducks at the target. The nearest to the target wins a prize!

MONTH OF PRIZES RAFFLE: Raffles are great, but even better when someone wins a prize each day for a month. Better odds to win= more ticket sales.

GOODS/NO GOODS & SERVICES/DISSERVICES

COMMISSION A DRESS DOWN DAY: Casual Friday on a Monday? Who wouldn’t donate to charity to make that happen?

GIVE & GET A HUG BOOTH Really, there’s no price for a good one. Work for tips and smiles, too!

DOG KISSING/DOG PETTING BOOTH: Same idea, different species.
PICK THE PUNISHMENT: Charge $1 a vote to decide which form of “punishment for a day” to inflict on your organization’s leader (i.e. dye hair, dress as a clown, trade a job for a day).

DUNKING BOOTH: Sending people, especially well-respected, highly paid or well dressed ones, into the drink just never gets old.

FOR THE BIRDS: Deliver a group of fake pink flamingos (or other unwanted item) to a donor’s yard with a note explaining the cause and a deal—for a donation the flamingos will be replanted in their yard of choice.

HOST AN EVENT (OR A FEW AT ONE TIME)

SCARY NIGHT FLICK: Pop up the corn, sell tickets to the show, and scare the pants off your pals.

BIG WHEEL RACE: Or trike, race. Level the playing field, fast.

HUMAN HUNGRY HUNGRY HIPPOS: This is too cool to pass up. Watch to learn how: https://youtu.be/_vF-p1S5wvM

GIANT JENGA COMPETITION: Build your own blocks out of any material you want to - perhaps recycling?

SMOOTHIE/HOT CHOCOLATE/LEMONADE/CIDER STAND: Something delish is always in season.

KARAOKE CONCERT: The more (actively) embarrassing, the better.

GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE: Collect donations of goods (used sports gear is always good) or services (hint: start with your own and get your friends to step up) and host a live or online auction.

CAR WASH BOOGIE: Crank the music, turn on the sprayers, and splash! You’re looking at car wash cash.

CHILI COOK OFF: Or ribs, pizza, pie. If it’s yummy, they will come.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS, BENEFIT CONCERT, OR TALENT SHOW: Get your friends together and show your stuff like it’s American Idol, without mean judges.

PET PAGEANT: Enough said. What’s better than pugs in tutus?

YARD SALE: Do your parents a favor, and clean out the attic, basement, closets and garage. Do yourself a favor by turning clutter into cash.

ART AUCTION: Your own masterpieces, of course!

COW PATTY (OR OTHER PARTY) FUNDRAISER: If you’re not from New England or the Mid-West, Google Cow Pies Bingo, and you’ll see what we’re talking about.

TRIVIA NIGHT: Find awesome trivia night ideas on Squidoo, or on Fundraiserinsight.org.
THEMED MYSTERY DINNER: Get a kit online, or come up with your own clues and make each guest a “character in crime.”

RESTAURANT NIGHT: Approach a local restaurant and see what they’d be willing to do for you (donate a percentage of sales, host a tasting, etc.).

AUCTION OFF YOUR ____: Sports gear, services, outgrown dirt bike, Dad’s old car (check with Dad first!).

“MINUTE TO WIN IT” EVENT: The more ridiculous (and active) the challenge, the better!

PUMP IT UP: Partner with a local gas station and have volunteers pump gas, clean windshields, and do the full service treatment for donations for a few hours or a day.

LAY DOWN A CHALLENGE

PARKOUR BATTLE: Cross training, but with smiles. It’s the perfect way to settle any grudge!

BURPEE CHALLENGE: Get in shape, discover your pain threshold, AND raise money all in one movement!

SHAVE YOUR HEAD CAMPAIGN: Own your dome, and lose a little weight too.

MAKE THE GRADE: Collect pledges for good grades. Make your parents AND your charity happy!

PENNIES FOR PUSH-UPS. QUARTERS FOR CARTWEELS. DOLLARS FOR DOWNWARD DOGS: Or collect pledges for any other activity you want to do to the extreme for an hour, a day, a week.

GET PHYSICAL

FRISBEE GOLF: Set up your own Frolf Course in your backyard, or visit a Frolf course near you (they seem to be popping up on ski-ways during off seasons).

HOLD A TEAM CLINIC: Match mentors with students to build skills, have fun.

HIKE A HILL: Or a mountain, or a few. Seek donations per person, summit or vertical foot.

CLIMB-A-THON: Indoor or outdoor.


BOCCE/PING PONG/CROQUET/SOCER/LAX/TENNIS/GOLF/DODGEBALL TOURNLEY: Catch our drift? Leverage that sweat, dude.

THON FUNDRAISER: Dance, tennis, swim, frisbee, walk, bowl, ski. Pick what you dig doing, and do it till you drop! Okay, just before you drop.
ULTRA RUN/BIKE/WALK/HIKE RELAY: Get moving, already.

USE YOUR CREATIVE JUICES

JEWELRY SALE: Make your own, or host an event to teach people how it’s done. (Combine this with a bake sale to make it super sweet!)

DUCT-TAPE CRAFT SALE: Wallet, bag, headband, leash, airplane (get the really good tape for that).

CREATE AN ICE CREAM FLAVOR OR SANDWICH FOR LOCAL DELI: Partial proceeds go to charity, and you’ve built a sweet awareness tool, too.

PICNIC BASKET RAFFLE: One word- yum.

WEAR THE CAUSE: Have slogan, will travel! You create swag and profits go to charity.

SHARE THE LOVE

RENT-A-SOCIAL MEDIA EXPERT: Put your savvy to work helping the Generation Pre-Tweet.

RENT-A-TUTOR: Hey, smarty pants, share your gift with youngsters or grown-ups.


SIT-A-THON: Babysitting, that is. You and your friends provide activities and supervision for a block of time at a convenient venue.

Got MORE ideas? Let us know! Guaranteed to be free swag in it for you, Clever Tracker.