



Office Olympics Fundraising Suggestions

- Ask other staff and faculty members to support your team.
 - The English Department sent out a direct solicitation and has already had a lot of success.
 - If you have a department head or faculty member who is willing to send out the request on your behalf, noting that s/he already donated and is asking others to follow suit, you will likely see even better results.
- Consider these alternatives to direct solicitation:
 - Ask for donations as part of a 50/50. For every dollar someone contributes s/he will get a ticket (you can purchase the raffle type of tickets at places such as Wal-Mart and Target). Then you draw a winning ticket and that person gets half of the money you collected.
 - Even better than a 50/50 (because you don't have to give back half the money) is rallying together some sort of raffle prize(s). Then say that for every \$5 someone gives s/he will get entered into a drawing for the prize(s).
 - You can include friends and family in either of these options as well.
- Dress Down Days/Team Spirit Days
 - Check to see if your area can hold a dress down day. For \$5 employees can wear jeans instead of the usual office attire.
 - You can also have a Team Spirit Day where anyone who contributes \$5 can wear the jersey, t-shirt, sweatshirt, etc. of his/her favorite sports team.
- Hold A Penny War
 - Split your area into different teams and have a jar for each team located in one central area.
 - Each penny in the jar counts as one point. Silver coins and dollar bills result in negative points equal to their value (nickels are minus five, quarters minus 25 and dollar bills minus 100).
 - You want to fill your team's jar with as many pennies as you can and strategically put silver coins and dollar bills in the jars of the other teams.
 - The team with the most points at the end of the designated time period wins. It is recommended that the winning team receive a small prize such as a pizza or ice cream party.
- Host a Yankee Candle, Pampered Chef, Silpada, etc. sale
 - Many of these companies offer fundraising opportunities where a portion of the proceeds get donated back.
 - If you are interested in hosting one of these events and have questions please contact Amanda Goble (amg283@psu.edu) for more information.

Fundraising Notes:

- Be creative! The ideas listed above are designed to get you thinking about different fundraising options with the hope your team will come up with some creative ones of your own.
- Checks can be made payable to Liberal Arts United Way.
- Money can be turned in prior to the event to Michelle Anderson (105 Sparks Building) or Amanda Goble (159 USB I). Day of money can be given to Amanda Goble on-site.
- Due to the cancellation of the 2011 Office Olympics team fundraising amounts from last year will be included in this year's total.

