

FUN ACTIVITIES for Workplace Campaigns

A Dollar an Inch Contest

Employees cut an inch off their team leader or favorite executive's tie each time they donate to the United Way. Have prizes for the shortest tie, the ugliest tie, etc.

Bake/Craft Sale

Have employees bring in baked goods and/or crafts to sell with the proceeds of the sale going to the United Way. Gives employees a chance to share their hobbies or talents and get an edge on holiday shopping.

Balloon Busts

Have a competition between departments and/or shifts to see who can burst the most balloons in a specified time. Have employees pay to participate and to watch.

Book Sale

Invite employees to donate books they have read and get great deals on other books being donated by other employees. Sell paperbacks for \$1.00 and hardcover for \$2.00.

Bubble Gum Blowing Contest

See who can blow the biggest bubble. Have employees get sponsors to participate.

Casual/Jeans Day

Have employees pay \$5 to be able to wear jeans or dress casual on certain days

Chili Cook-Off

Have employees pay to participate and to participate in judging. Ask one of the local restaurants for a gift certificate as a prize to the winner(s).

Cubicle Decorating Contest

Have employees decorate their cubicles. Give prizes for various categories.

Dessert Contest

See Chili Cook-Off

Employee Guessing Events

Employee's Guess:

- The organization's grant total in pledges
- The per capita gift of the organization
- United Way trivia questions
- The amount of candy or other items in a jar

Employee Raffle

Ask Employees to contribute something special for a raffle prize. Suggestions are: Homemade pies, lunch with a co-worker, car wash, tickets to a special event, a weekend stay at a vacation cabin or condo.

Executive Chair Race

Set up a relay course for executives to go through sitting in chairs. Use a stopwatch to time contestants with the best time winning a prize. Observers wager \$1 on their favorite contestants.

International Food Day

Hold the event over the lunch hour. Have employees make foods from around the world. Employees can purchase tickets redeemable for a taste of each dish made. Employees can decorate around their dish and dress in appropriate costumes. Invite a panel of "celebrity" judges to award prizes

Miniature Golf

Build a nine-hole course featuring Slinkies, ramps, water, and sand around the office laid out to test the skills of your employees. The lowest twosome score (which may be decided by a tie breaker) will be awarded a prize. Interested twosomes return an entry form and bring putter the day of the event.

Suggest fees:

\$25.00 for twosomes of upper management

\$15.00 for twosomes of middle management

\$10.00 for twosomes of all other staff

Penny Wars

Each department/shift is given a jar to collect pennies. However, other departments can sabotage your jar by putting silver coins in it. You can retaliate by putting more pennies in your jar and putting silver coins in the other department's jar. At the end of the designated time period, each department will total the money in their jars. Pennies are added to the total and silver coins (nickels, dimes, and quarters) are subtracted from the total. (e.g. your jar has 550 pennies, 8 nickels, 10 dimes, and 6 quarters. The total for the jar would be $\$5.50 - .40 - 1.00 - 1.50 = \2.60 not $\$8.40$.) The department/shift with the largest total wins. All coins are then donated to United Way.

Premier Parking Space Auction

Have employees bid on a premier parking space. The highest bidder gets to park in the space for a specified period of time (e.g. week, month, year, etc.)

