



Programs

### **Themed Fundraising Events (Revision date 1-13-2013)**

Fundraising can be fun. I like to have family parties at Christmas and one during the summer. I have found that these, while not fundraisers, can easily be turned into ones with just a little tweaking.

Having a theme for your party is the key. For Christmas, I have had themes such as, The Nutcracker, An All American Christmas, Christmas Around the World, Winter Wonderland and more. With each, the food, decorations, games, prizes and music match the theme. I also have kid crafts and games that all tie in as well.

For summer parties I've had a Luau, Trailer Trash Party (this was absolutely the best and most fun party – ideas are endless), Indiana Jones, 50's, Vintage Italian (when my Italian husband turned 70) and, again, more. These too had food, music, games, prizes and decorations that all tied in. If your venue is acceptable for children then even games for kids can be tied in and they love it.

*I tell you this to tell you this.* Any party can be turned into a fundraiser and you can have a blast planning it.

First, find your location so that you know your capacity. When you know what your numbers can be, you will set your price to participate in the party. That will be determined by what your fundraising goal is.

If you need to raise \$5,000 then you need to consider what the costs will be and add that to your needed net. If expenses will be \$2,500 then your total budget cost with net will be \$7,500. If you can have 100 people then the cost of the tickets would be \$75 per person.

When considering your expenses, take into account:

- Facility
- Food
- Decorations
  - Balloons
  - Flowers
  - Signs
  - Themed Decorations



- Insurance
- Invitations
  - E-mail
  - Flyers
  - Mailed
- Entertainment
  - Live
  - Recorded
- Security
  - You may or may not need security
  - Always check with the landlord prior
- Rented equipment
  - Tables and Chair
  - Linen
  - Audio visual equipment
  - Themed Decorations or Supplies

Always take into account that there will be individuals who may be able to get things donated or provided at a reduced cost to you. It never hurts to ask and often times, you will be surprised with who is willing to help out your cause.

- Volunteers
  - Servers
  - Entertainers



- Singers
- Comedians
- Actors
- Radio Talk Show Host
- Caterers
  - For several of our fundraising dinners, I was the “caterer”.
  - Other women (or men) from your group may be excellent cooks.
- Party Planners
  - This can be a professional or YOU!
    - I have found a wealth of ideas on the internet so I’ve never had to use a party planner.
      - I’m also blessed with a very creative daughter who augments all my ideas.
      - Who is near you who is creative?
    - Once I have my theme the ideas are endless.

Here are some themed party ideas you can use for your fundraisers. We’ve done many of these and have been very profitable:

Marti Gras	Casino Night	Dress as your favorite politician
60’s (any decade)	Super Bowl	Saint Patrick’s Day
Western Cowboy	Kentucky Derby	Election Day Celebration
Safari	Luau	Paris in the spring
Patriotic	Halloween	Bowling
Medieval	Trailer Trash (oh yes!)	Fiesta



Spaghetti Dinner

Crab Feast

Indoor Beach Party

Holly weird

Roaring 20's

Mystery Dinner

Spring

Harvest

Christmas

Don't stop with this list. Add to it yourself. You can do this. It's fun **and** rewarding.