

## 50 Ideas So-Crazy-They-Just-Might-Work

### To Raise Cash for the MidSouth Winter Conference...

Do you and your friends want to go to *encounter07*, but you're short on the green stuff? Have no fear, ideas are here! Here are 50 ideas taken from staff and students with years of experience in this. All you need is a little initiative and a big smile. With whatever you choose to do, remember to tell the people you're interacting with that you are a college student wanting to experience a life-changing conference in Greensboro, December 28-January 1, but don't have the money to go. Be sure to take along conference promotional cards to answer any questions they might have. And have fun!

1. Letters to friends, family & business associates (check out the sample letter we've provided);
2. Letters to area business & clubs;
3. Trick or Treat for your cause;
4. Bake sales (same as #3- explain who you are and what you're asking for);
5. Chili cook off;
6. Hair cutting: find a couple of people that will cut students' hair on campus and donate the proceeds to *encounter07* registration;
7. Garage sale (have people/churches donate items);
8. Collect loose change from your neighborhood;
9. Get a restaurant or bar to schedule a charity event - maybe even have a 'celebrity' bartender;
10. Have booths at local schools/universities that raise money for *encounter07*;
11. Sell candy - get cheap at Sam's or from local fundraising company, sell for \$1.00;
12. Co-sponsor a dance and charge admission;
13. Contact bowling alleys and set up a bowl-a-thon or Scotch Doubles bowling tournament;
14. Pampered Chef party;
15. Avon, Partylite, Longaberger baskets, creative memories (ask salesperson for details);
16. Fun Run (charge people to sign up for the Run and use the proceeds for *encounter07*);
17. Car Wash;
18. Local media publicity in local newspaper;
19. Trivia night;
20. Softball, volleyball, basketball, golf tournament;
21. Bunko party;
22. Kentucky Derby party with silent auction;
23. Happy hour party;
24. Pancake breakfast;
25. Chili supper;
26. Football bowl game party;
27. World Series party;
28. Silent auction;
29. Early or late movie screening (some theatres do this for charitable causes);
30. Wrap presents for tips at local store for Christmas;
31. Contact high school/college and see if they will write a story about you in their alumni newsletter. Include address for donations;

32. Dog walk your neighborhood dogs to raise money;
33. Create a web page on your internet server. Forward the link in as many ways possible. Have a page that logs fundraising activities;
34. Collect aluminum cans and turn them in for money;
35. Provide valet trash service to your neighbors for a fee/bag/week;
36. Search the internet for fundraising ideas;
37. Leave canisters at various businesses;
38. Plant sale. Buy cheap plants or grow your own;
39. Create a holiday gift basket and raffle it off;
40. Host a 'breakfast with Santa';
41. Contact your local sports stadium to inquire about working a concession stand. You get a % of the money you raise;
42. Sell one of your football tickets and donate that money towards scholarships for *encounter07*;
43. Don't eat out until *encounter07* and save the money you would have spent for your registration;
44. Host a sled-a-thon (provided you have snow or mud) in your area;
45. Have a rock-a-thon (ask your friends and family to sponsor you and your friends a certain amount of money for every hour that you rock in a rocking chair);
46. Ask a restaurant to "hire" your group temporarily (for an evening or weekend) with all the payment going to *encounter07*;
47. Ask your parents for an early Christmas present (cash);
48. Ask your siblings/relatives for an early Christmas present;
49. Ask your school government to give money to your campus group to go (some schools will even loan their vans for you to drive to *encounter07*);
50. Do a "slave for a day" where you auction yourselves off to local church members, family, friends, etc. to do whatever they want you to do for a day (such as cleaning, baking, mowing, etc.). Have them donate the money to your *encounter07* registration.

Do you have more ideas? Let us know so we can pass them on. Email [Christi.Fields@uscm.org](mailto:Christi.Fields@uscm.org)