

# Pledge Raising Tips

These ideas are designed to trigger your imagination. Be creative and be sure to have fun! Of course, you can make these a team event to broaden your draw.

1. Jellybean count: Fill a jar with jellybeans and have people pay to guess how many there are in the jar. Donate the funds raised to the ***Bike for Tykes!***
2. Bar-b-q or Spaghetti dinner: Prepare a great dinner for friends, family, and/or co-workers – you could even have an international theme. Charge a “fee” which can be donated to ***Bike for Tykes!***
3. Curse Jar: Get your co-workers to buy-in to the great cause and agree that every time they curse, they donate \$1 to the Curse Jar!
4. Piñata contest: Charge a fee to have each blindfolded person have one turn at trying to break a candy-filled piñata. Works great at the office or a social gathering!
5. Basketball Hoops: Have a contest for who can shoot the most hoops out of 10 shots! This can also be done with bean bag toss, horse shoes, or even darts! Be creative!
6. Beat the goalie: Pick the best hockey or soccer goalie you know and invite people to try to score a goal for a prize. Every participant has to pay to play.
7. Miniature golf: Build a nine-hole miniature golf course at your office – be creative with ramps, water, sand traps, and other obstacles. Charge people to play a round during lunch.
8. Guess the age of your boss: Organize an event in which co-workers pay to guess the age of your boss – just make sure you’ve done the proper due diligence in advance!
9. Baby pictures: Get your co-workers to bring in their baby pictures and set up a contest to see who gets the most right!
10. Movie Night! Hold a movie party at your house or apartment. Every time the word "bike", or "kids" are said in the movie, everyone antes up \$1 in a pledge bowl. Make sure you make a good movie pick!
11. Be a Delegator! Give 10 friends 10 pledge forms and ask them to get pledges for you for ***Bike for Tykes.***
12. Hold a Mow-a-thon. Get your kids involved and declare a weekend when you'll mow your neighbor's lawns!
13. “In Lieu”: Instead of receiving a gift on your birthday, Father’s Day, Mother’s Day or other occasion, ask your family and friends to make a pledge to you for ***Bike for Tykes!*** What a great cause!
14. Balloon pop: Before filling a balloon with air or helium, put a note inside. Have a certain number of the notes worth a prize (your local dollar store might be a great source). Have people buy balloons and pop them in the hope of getting the prize.
15. Contests: Gather pledges to have some type of endurance contest – skip-a-thons or even dance-athons – just make it fun and keep it simple!