



## Great Fete Ideas

Along with all the other fete stalls, tombolas and fair ideas you may have, here are one or two extra ideas for you:

### Colouring Wall

This is one of those fundraising ideas for kids that perhaps will not be your biggest money earner. It is however always popular with children and adds to any fundraiser. The best fete ideas are always the simplest ones and a colouring wall makes a great addition to any fundraising event. The basic idea of a Colouring Wall is very simple.

Choose a theme for your wall. Fairgrounds or circuses are good. Or you may be able to use the theme of your event such as Wild West, Halloween, Winter Holiday etc. You provide, for a small charge, a number of small blank photocopied images. The young artists get to it with the crayons and coloured pencils. The finished works of art are admired! The pictures are added to the Colouring Wall (to be returned to and marvelled over several times by mums, dads, grandmas, friends and anyone else the young Picasso's can drag over!) Parents will appreciate the chance of a sit down while their kids enjoy themselves.

### Paper Aeroplane Fundraiser

This is one of those simple fundraising ideas that just works and is really popular. Its ideal for fundraising fetes and fairs and is a doddle to set up and organise!

What you need:

- 1 table
- 1 pack of A4 paper (A4 is 210mm x 297mm)
- 1 sheet of thin timber board (approx 2m x 1m)

What you do:

Cut a round or square hole (approx 30cm x 30cm) in the board. This is the target hole for the paper aeroplanes so you may like to make adjustments to the size depending on the flight distances you will be working to and the age and abilities of the likely contestants.

Decorate your board with blue skies and clouds or perhaps rockets and explosions if you prefer. Set up the board about 4-5m behind your table. You may wish to allow a nearer mark for youngsters.

Contestants are then invited to buy a sheet of paper out of which they construct their paper aeroplane. You may have to help younger kids. Any design is permitted and half the fun is that people will have their own special design features. Have a few pens around too, so people can decorate and name their masterpieces. They then launch their plane in the direction of the hole. Any plane that flies right through wins a prize.

## **Treasure Maps and Lucky Squares**

A Treasure Map is another really simple fundraiser for a fete or fair. There are lots of variations you can do but the basic idea remains the same. A large piece of card has a pirate treasure map drawn on it. This should be as attractive as possible with various named features ie. Dead Mans Gully, Mermaid Lagoon etc.

A grid of small (3cm x 3cm) squares is then drawn lightly on it. All the squares are numbered off and it is decided (in secret) which square will be the lucky one holding the prize. Contestants then pay a fixed amount to write their name in a square. The actual position of the winning square is not announced until all the squares are bought up. Should the actual winning square not have been purchased by the end of the event the nearest square with a name in it wins. There are all sorts of variations you can do on this theme:

### **Use a real map**

This could be a map of the grounds, a street map of the local area - people love to buy a square where their house is, a larger local area map featuring nearby attractions, a county or state map or a map of the world. As long as a map can have a grid easily superimposed on it (and most already do have) you are all set.

### **Use little pin flags**

There seems to be an added attraction in pinning a little flag with one's name on it on to a map!

### **Use any other picture appropriate to your event**

Any picture can be divided up into lucky squares. This might be an iconic photograph, a sporting triumph or the "good old donkey". Simply choose something that works for your event.

### **Use lots of little pictures**

Instead of one big picture you could use many smaller ones, for example, a grid of pop or TV stars. What about all the teams in a sports league or all the current players?

### **Calendar**

People simply buy up their birthdays and those of their family and would probably be mortified if their date won and they hadn't put their name on it!

### **Have a grid of stickers**

For more instant gratification you could make up a grid of easy peel stickers. Contestants pay to remove one and underneath find out if they have won a small prize such as a chocolate bar.

## **Lollipop Bouquets**

Make these, each bouquet containing five lollipops. Tissue paper can be used to make the lollipops look like flowers, they can be held together with a rubber band and a gift tag can be attached. Sell these bouquets.

### **Balloon Blast or Stomp**

A large number of balloons are inflated and placed on the floor of your venue. A few special balloons have a winning ticket placed inside them prior to being blown up. Contestants pay a fee to enter. On a whistle all the contestants try to pop the balloons as quickly as possible to find the winning tickets. The contest ends when all the balloons are burst. You may wish to put a ticket in all the balloons although most will say "Sorry Try Again" or something similar. Alternatively, cordon off an area and contestants pay a fee to have a balloon tied to each ankle. On a whistle all the contestants have to try to stomp on other people's balloons and pop them. If both of your balloons are popped you are out. The winner is the last one with a balloon on their leg.

Thank you so much for your support!