



Awana International

You and your club can excel with these fundraising tips for your Awana Adopt-a-Club!

Adopt-a-Club MONTH!

Spend one month focused on the area where you have your sponsorship. Clubbers can:

- Dress in clothes from the country.
- Learn to make (or just eat) food from the country.
- Learn phrases in the language of the adopted club.
- Write and practice a drama about their adopted club, and on the final night of the month, present this play in church and receive a special Adopt-a-Club offering.

Adopt-a-Club CONTEST!

Cubbies, Sparks and T&T clubs will love to compete for who can raise the most money toward the Adopt-a-Club commitment! Make sure there is a special prize for the club that wins, such as Adopt-a-Club sponsor pins or patch or a revolving globe bank available from the *Awana Ministry Catalog*.

Adopt-a-Club PRIZE NIGHT!

To get your clubbers excited about meeting their Adopt-a-Club goal, set a time limit and offer them an exciting party night when they reach the goal: pizza night, popcorn night, movie night ... whatever your clubbers like best.

Adopt-a-Club THERMOMETER OF SUCCESS!

Create a thermometer that tracks the money collected throughout the club year with the goal amount at the top (\$360 for one club). Your clubbers will love driving up the "temperature" toward their goal.

Adopt-a-Club CHANGE DRIVE!

Your clubbers can collect their nickels, dimes, pennies and quarters throughout the week, then deposit them at church in a pickle jar decorated with the map of where you have your sponsorship.

Test Drive for Missions

Talk with your local car dealerships to see if they would offer folks a chance to test drive a car and for every test drive taken, the dealership would donate X amount (\$20 is typical) toward your fundraising project. This is an easy fundraiser! Obviously the car dealers want folks to drive their cars in hopes they will make a sale. Since your organization will be providing free advertising and hopefully getting more "test drivers" to their dealership, a local car dealer may find this a win-win situation.

You may also involve the manufacturer. They may donate a fixed amount toward expenses involved in hosting the event, plus X amount for each test drive of a vehicle with a completed evaluation form.

Buckets for Donations

Why not get your community involved in Money for Missions. This fundraiser is perfect to collect the change given at countless stores in your town. Gather old coffee cans and other types of containers and then punch holes in the top. Print out a cover sheet with information about your Awana club and what you are collecting money for. Cover the cans with your cover sheet and then distribute them to local businesses willing to place them on their front counter. Keep the cans there for the duration of your fundraiser. Make sure you thank them afterwards.

Dining for Dollars

Talk with a local restaurant and see if they will donate a certain percentage of the restaurant sales on a given night for any tables that mention they are with your group. (10 - 20% is typical) Then promote the fundraising event to your entire congregation and encourage them to invite friends to participate so that you fill the restaurant during your designated day/time. Make sure that everyone is mentioning that they are with your group so your group gets credit.

Adopt-a-Club *SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PASTOR/COMMANDER!*

Make the change drive a contest and let the clubbers choose who they will support. Label the jars for collection with the names and photos of commanders and helpers or pastors and Sunday school teachers and promise a spectacular prize (or prank) for the winner: Pastor Don will shave his head, Commander Jamie will be dunked in the dunk tank or other fun ideas.

Adopt-a-Club *DECORATION AND DESIGN!*

Sell clubbers the right to decorate their commander or pastor. You can charge for Silly String®, stickers, makeup, temporary tattoos, glitter, erasable markers or whatever your commander or pastor is willing to put up with! Then allow each clubber to come forward and add his or her “decoration” as others watch and cheer. Or you can let them all apply their decorations at once for a really exciting finish!

Adopt-a-Club *___-A-THONS!*

Your clubbers can get sponsors for various marathon activities such as a “Rock-a-thon” with rocking chairs, a “Walk-a-thon” that pays per lap or mile, a “Bible-a-thon” where clubbers alternate reading the Bible aloud for 24 hours and any other “a-thons” you can think of. (Look for details of one club’s successful Verse-a-Thon in the tools & resources at www.awanainternational.org/toolsandresources)

Adopt-a-Club *WEEKEND!*

Have your church set aside one weekend per month for a special offering or change drive specifically for Adopt-a-Club. The clubbers can prepare their families for the event and even make a small presentation in church each month to explain about their adopted club.

Adopt-a-Club *WISHING WELL*

Set up a nice display with a wishing well and plants in a high traffic area in your church (maybe in your foyer or close to sanctuary entrance). Have an attractive sign that says something like “Coins tossed in the wishing well helps change the ending for children around the world” and include the Adopt-a-Club logo.

Adopt-a-Club *\$1 or \$5 DRIVE!*

Choose a day and have every clubber brings \$1 and leaders bring \$5 to give to the Adopt-a-Club Fund. Parents and church members can also be involved. Bring the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ to needy children overseas by giving just \$1 or \$5 per person.

Create your own fundraiser. You and your clubbers can come up with exciting ideas of your own, and we encourage you to share those with us at Awana.



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