



Tips for Child Care Centres to Raise Money to Send Educators to Nurturing nature! / La nature: un jeu d'enfant Child Care Conference & Trade Show

The Conference Committees have brainstormed on ideas to raise money so folks can attend the conference. The fundraising benefits moving forward professional recognition of ECE by increasing access to Professional Development for ECE's as well as a chance to talk with parents and others about what they do, why they do it, what it entails to be an ECE, how professional development is important in continuing to provide high quality care to children. If you have suggestions send them to conference@cccns.org we will post them on the conference web site, www.cccns.org/conference.htm scheduled to be up February 2010

- Have a coffee and muffins sale for a "Stop and Go" breakfast for parents in the morning
- Sell flowers to Dad's/Mom's for Fathers and Mothers days (Ask a florist to donate time/ help you purchase bulk flowers)
- Hold pancake breakfasts/ Ice cream Socials/Carnivals. Include a time to inform parents about the importance of professional development to their children's program.
- Put donation jars in each classroom.
- Baskets – parents/staff donate to a 'themed' basket e.g. A Soothing bath, Supper on the Run, etc. and then sell tickets for a draw (You have to have a raffle license for this - call Provincial Lottery Commission: 424-6160 , no charge for the license)
- Sell photographs or CD's of photographs of the children (frames from dollar store)
- Silent auctions at your Centre – parents donate and then bid for items
- Frame children's art work (frames from Dollar store) and sell them
- PJ/hat/dress up days – charge a small fee to be able to wear PJ's, etc.
- Pool/bowling and skating parties
- Coin/penny drives
- Ask your local MP/MLA/Councilor to sponsor someone
- Sell customized pens
- Bingos – ask local Bingo Halls to sponsor you , hold a BINGO at your centre
- Use Stabilization Grant to subsidize conference registration fees
- Have a "drop off at your car" fee to greet the child at the car and bring them into the centre so the parent doesn't have to go in.
- Hold weekly 50/50 draws (You have to have a license for this - call Provincial Lottery Commission: 424-6160 ,no charge for the license)
- Sell 'tattoos', face painting
- Ask educators to bank part of their wages towards the cost of the conference by deducting an amount for each pay period. If they leave the centre before the conference they get the amount banked.
- Hold a Dance-athon / Rock-athon / Read-athon,/ Play-athon, get pledges
- Use commercial fundraisers e.g. cookie dough, chocolate
- Children make cookies and sell them
- Hold bake sales or a donation in place of baking/buying
- Pub auctions
- Empire Theatre will rent a theatre for fund raisers
- Sleepovers – child care on Saturdays – movie and a pizza night
- The children could paint rocks and sell 'Pet Rocks'
- Ask the local hockey rink if you can do a 50/50 draw while there is a game
- Centres in Nova Scotia registering staff members by April 15, 2010 under the early bird fee can pay in installments under the following schedule: **This is only available to centres registering their staff and not to individuals.**
 - April 14, 30% of total registration fees
 - April 30, 2010, 30% of total registration fees
 - May 14, 2010, 20% of total registration fees
 - May 28, 2010, 10% of total registration fees
- Members of CCECENS, CCCNS, CPRPS and NSCCA receive an extra \$10 off of the Early Bird fee when registering before April 15, 2010 and the Early Bird fee after April 15, 2010. Only one discount per person. (Staff who are members of the association(s) can also apply the membership discount when centres register their staff under the installment plan.)