



## Summit Fundraising Ideas

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*This year's YVC Summit is going to be even more awesome than ever before, so we're hoping for a record number of people to join us! Need to raise some funds to make the trip? Try one (or a few!) of these tried and true methods:*

1. Host a **restaurant night**. Partner with a restaurant to donate a percentage of their sales from a specific date/time to your YVC Summit travel. Many restaurants have online links or contact forms to schedule and you can schedule at multiple restaurants throughout the year. (YVC Joplin)
2. Participate in [Walk for Compassion](#). Create a team to raise money for your Summit expenses! (YVC Reading)
3. Solicit **sponsors from local businesses**. At Summit, take a photo of your group that you can give to your sponsors. Are you driving? Ask businesses to sponsor a stretch of the trip. Hang a sign with their name in the window of your van for the distance they sponsored.
4. Write a **letter** to friends and family explaining your desire to go to the Summit and asking for contributions.
5. Host a **bake sale**, lemonade stand, popcorn stand, tamale stand, root beer float stand, etc. (YVC Calgary)
6. Partner with local venues to run their **concession stand** for events. Many teams and venues allow organizations to work concessions and keep a portion of the profits. (YVC St. Joseph)
7. Run a **"Volunteer-a-thon"**. Have youth pledge the amount of hours they'd like to serve during the summer and find matching donations. (YVC Calgary)
8. Organize a **car wash**. (YVC Hampton Roads)
9. Ask individual donors to **sponsor scholarships** to attend the Summit.
10. Have youth **present at their local adult service clubs** like Rotary, Lion's Club, Kiwanis, Optimist, etc. When youth return from Summit, give them the opportunity to present again and share about their conference experience. (YVC Staunton)
11. Host a group **yard sale**. Gather donated items from your community and band with some other youth to throw an epic garage sale.
12. Partner with an employer in your community to offer a **"dress down" or "theme day"**. Charge a participation fee and collect the proceeds.

13. Establish a **“round up”** campaign at a local coffee shop or restaurant. Or, consider a donation jar challenge asking people to vote for a favorite option (for example: cutest dog or grumpiest cat). Or, partner with the establishment to create a special drink or baked good for YVC, donating the proceeds of that item. (YVC Hampton Roads)
14. **Pie a Program Director.** Needs no explanation!
15. Collect donations from local businesses or teams and hold a **silent auction.**
16. Place **pink flamingos** in yards for a small donation and allow recipients to “pay it forward,” moving the flamingos to another yard.
17. Create **t-shirts, stickers, or yard signs** to sell. Make sure to follow YVC’s Branding Guidelines
18. Host a **trivia or karaoke night.**
19. Establish a **Yard Clean Up fundraiser.** Set a minimum donation amount and offer yard clean up services.
20. Host a **parents/guardians’ night out** and provide babysitting services.