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Fundraising Project Library



Board Game Tournament

General Description:

Everyone likes a good games night, but too many charity events focus on the James Bond casino type soirees to bring in needed donations. But what about a good old fashioned board game tournament?

Everyone has a favourite game at home—Snakes and Ladders, Sorry, Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble, Trouble, or even Monopoly! Have families lend board games from home that are appropriate for the age group you've chosen to host. All you need to do as the organizer is collect the games, determine if you want players broken up into teams that will work together to accumulate points or individual participants and then let the games begin!

Resources Required:

- ◆ Facility
- ◆ Set up team or volunteers
- ◆ A variety of board games
- ◆ An emcee
- ◆ An official who need to know the rules of all games
- ◆ Name tags for players
- ◆ Door prizes if desired
- ◆ Tables and chairs
- ◆ Cash box with enough change
- ◆ Score cards and pencils for each player
- ◆ A clock if games will be time sensitive
- ◆ Snacks and refreshments
- ◆ Prizes

Pre-Event Activities:

- Contact National to verify coverage
- Gather games (if you are borrowing make sure the family name is on the box and they get all pieces back)
- Set a date and create promotional material
- Obtain a certificate of insurance from National if required
- Book facility
- Solicit sponsors for snacks, drinks and prizes

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- Determine playing concept, will games be played based on time, how many people can play, how will you score, etc.
- Promote tournament
- Set a volunteer schedule
- Sell tickets

Event Activities:

- Decorate if desired
- Set up board games
- Set up snacks and refreshments
- Display prizes
- Have a registration desk to give out score cards, name tags, rules and pencils and to collect tournament fee, donations or pledges
- Have emcee welcome guests and review rules of play; announce start time and length of play. The emcee will be responsible for keeping time
- Take pictures

Post Event Activities:

- Clean up site and take down any decorations
- Send in a record of your event and the success to National Head Office
- Take cash to the bank or store in a safe place
- Return borrowed games
- Send thank-you letters
- Organize media follow up by sending out press releases
- Review the event and make note of any changes for next time or things that worked really well

Tips for Success:

- ◆ Make sure to plan time for an awards presentation
- ◆ Incorporate a variety of different games
- ◆ Make sure to select a strong emcee as they will keep the pace for the tournament