HOSTING A BOARD GAME NIGHT

Everyone loves game night. This is a great opportunity for friends, families, and groups to be involved in a night of fun and games! You can host this event at your school, a local community center, or someone’s home.

RAISING MONEY

How Can A Tournament Encourage Gifts?

Charging each team or individual an entry fee for participating in the tournament. Just like poker, players have to pay a flat fee to enter.

It’s up to you after that if you want to charge players additional fees per game or not.

Most board game tourney organizers will then offer up a portion of the proceeds as the winning prize (in a 50-50 type scenario) or offer up prizes donated from local sponsors as the booty.

If you’re hosting young children, donated toys and special school incentives like extra credit are probably best! Older children would appreciate a gift certificate to the movies, an electronics store or clothing store.

Target

$50 - $100

Why Not Turn Your House or Workplace Into A Board Game Cafe?

Fun and Easy Small or Big Event
GET READY

1. Start by borrowing a selection of games from friends or family: has anyone got a giant chess set or snakes and ladders you can borrow?

2. Decide on the age group, it could be a family fun day or an evening with just adults (Casino, Poker Night)

3. Make sure someone is on hand to help with the rules for all of the games.

4. Provide a “Player Code of Conduct” that states the house rules beforehand.

5. Establish a Time Limit per game so everyone will have the same chance of winning and you can keep a schedule.

6. Make a Scoreboard: just make sure to place it where everyone can see it and where scores can be updated easily. (assign someone to do it).

7. Decide if you want it to be a tournament with a prize. Approach a local business to donate a board game as a raffle prize?

8. Have fun!

TIPS

INCREASE REVENUE

Set up concessions and increase your profits by selling baked goods, chips, candy, coffee, bottled water, etc. Consider asking participating players to host a bake sale. You can use our “Bake Sale” fundraising material and tips.

Try to get a local pizza, burger or wings restaurant to sponsor the event for free and then charge for snacks and refreshments.

You can offer Spectator Admission for an extra fee of course. You can set up seating for an audience, and even though they are not playing, offer a paid drink and snack service, a chance at 50/50 raffle or door prizes for extra donations.

MAKE IT A VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT

GET YOUR TEENS INVOLVED

Let’s face it; many kids don’t play our cardboard board games any longer. However, a video games tournament speaks their language!

The rules for setting up a video game competition are not that much different then with a traditional board game tournament...

Collect systems and games from friends, neighbours, family.

Play round-robin, double elimination, or allow winners to challenge anyone from a list of other game winners. Keep it simple and interactive.

If you choose to do play with multiple gaming systems, you will be able to keep more players involved in the tournament. Remember to establish a time per game to keep the competition on schedule and fair for all players.
Personal Fundraising Planner

DATE:

MOST IMPORTANT TASK:

DAY TASK SUMMARY:
FIRST:

DON'T FORGET:

THEN:

PLAN OF ACTION:

FINALLY:

TO-DO LIST:

MORNING:

STOP FOR LUNCH!

AFTERNOON: