

SPECIAL EVENTS GUIDE



Special events motivate and promote team spirit

Running a United Way Campaign is good for Konza United Way and your organization as they bring employees together to support our community and have fun! Include one or more special events in your United Way Campaign to help motivate and promote team spirit, raise awareness and money to support progress on community goals.

We know that Employee Campaign Champions and their committees are the real experts when it comes to events. Your enthusiasm and creativity make these events really SPECIAL. If you are looking to try something new this year, review the list of event ideas to help spark your creativity. A special thank you to all of the volunteers who contributed their ideas!

FOOD

Restaurant Take-Over or Guest Bartenders

Restaurant or bar donates a portion of sales to your campaign on a designated day. Staff are invited to volunteer and help.

Walking Tacos

Sell individual bags of Frito Chips and employees can customize with provided taco meat, cheese, salsa and sour cream.

Leadership Grill-Out

Leadership team grills hot dogs and brats and sells them with chips and a drink

Taste of the World Luncheon

Employees pay a fee to eat a small buffet of international foods.

Carnival Lunch

Set up a mini carnival in the break room over the lunch hour. Charge to play. Easy game ideas include ring toss, balloon pop, cake walk, and ping pong toss.

Pie Face

For a fee, employees nominate one another to receive a pie in the face. Top 4 people with the most votes receive a pie in their face at a company event.

Donut Eating Contest

Employees raise money by sponsoring contenders on a per-donut-eaten basis. The winner is determined by either eating the most donuts in a time frame or the first to finish a set number of donuts.

Chili Cook-Off

Convert a conference room into a Chili Test Kitchen. Employees provide chili and compete to win a prize. Admission is charged to sample the chili recipes.

Tailgate Party

Host a tailgate party. Charge a fee to attend. Include food and games.

State Fair Pie Tasting

Invite employees to bake a prize-winning pie. Employees pay to vote on the best pie.

Soup Contest

Staff enter their soup in a contest to win a special incentive. Charge a small fee to have the employees vote for their favorite soup.

FUN AND GAMES

ETO (Extra Time Off) Goodie Bags

Assemble and sell bags of candy. In each bag include a slip of paper with a message. A few messages say, "Congratulations you won 4 hours of extra time off," or some type of incentive. Other messages say, "Sorry, you didn't win this time. Please play again." You could also add other prizes to the Goodie Bags such as gift cards.

Poker Walk

Employees walk to 5 stations, picking up a card at each. Best poker hand wins.

Bingo

Bingo cards sold and games played over the lunch hour.

Rubber Ducky Pond

Employees pay \$1 and pick a duck to win a prize.

Fuzzy Slippers

Find a large pair of fuzzy slippers. Employees pay to choose a co-worker to wear them for a specified amount of time.

Balloon Pop!

Put the name of a donated prize in each balloon. Charge employees to pop balloons to discover their prize.

Office Olympics

Assign employees to teams for various competitions such as Frisbee throwing, rubber band archery, water relay and paper shoot-out, with points earned.

Buy a Boa

Purchase a brightly colored feather boas to sell. The purchaser chooses a person to wear the boa for the day. To get rid of the boa, the wearer must pay to pick another employee to wear the boa. The boa must be worn at least 10 minutes prior to choosing another lucky boa wearer.

Penny Wars

Teams compete to gather the most spare change. Pennies are worth positive points and everything else negative points. Losing team buys the winning team lunch.

Mystery Pumpkins

Buy miniature or regular pumpkins for employees to purchase. Write numbers on the bottom of each pumpkin. Draw numbers for prizes corresponding to the numbers on the pumpkins. Pumpkins can be taken home and carved for a later Pumpkin Carving contest.

Bean Bag Toss Tournament

Entry fee charged for single elimination bean bag tournament. Winner receives bragging rights for the year.

Wii Olympics

A series of one-on-one Wii sport challenges.

White Elephant Sale

Employees donate odd items for sale. Co-workers have the opportunity to buy items and stipulate in whose workspace these items should be displayed. Set a time frame for which objects must stay in that location.

Executive Tricycle Race

Executives volunteer to race tricycles and employees bid on who they want to see race.

Campaign and Community

Boost your campaign by engaging with one of KUW's partner agencies. Contact your Relationship Manager for more information.

Flamingo Flocking

Choose a theme for your workplace (flamingos, sports teams, cartoons, etc.) and invite employees to provide a donation to flock a co-worker for a day. Employees can also purchase an "insurance plan" if they don't want to be flocked!

Guessing Games

Fill a jar with anything – Skittles, M&Ms, Hershey Kisses. Charge for each guess. Closest guess wins the jar.

Dunk Tank

Managers volunteer to sit in a dunk tank and employees buy chances to dunk them.

Spare Change Jars

Place empty jars near vending machines or gathering places. Ask employees to deposit spare change throughout the year for United Way. This can be a competition between departments to see who collects the most change in a time frame.

FOR SALE

Candy Grams

Sell candy bars or small bags of candy. Charge for inter-office delivery.

Flower Sale

Sell flowers by the stem. Charge for inter-office delivery

Silent Auction

Weeklong auction of items donated by local businesses and employees. To participate, people purchase a bid number, to provide some anonymity and drive up bids.

Front Row Parking

Raffle off front row parking spots for a year, or during winter months

Themed Baskets

Ask individuals or departments to create theme related baskets. Auction off baskets to each highest bidder.

Talent Auction

Employees donate special talent or skills for colleagues to bid on, for example scuba lessons, knitting classes, food for the department, handcrafted jewelry, scrapbook services or a musical performance.

Executive Chef

Auction off a dinner for two or more at the home of an executive (or lunch out of the office with an executive).

Extra Vacation

Raffle off an additional day or half day of vacation.