It's KOOL To Send A Kid To Camp Ta-Kum-Ta

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It's KOOL To Send A Kid To Camp TaKumTa, and it's even KOOLER if you have fun while raising money for Camp! Get together with a group of friends, family, or co-workers and put some of these simple and fun fundraising ideas to work for you! Call your donations into KOOL 105's "Camp TaKumTa-thon" starting December 14th!

Good Luck – let us know what you're planning! We can't wait to hear from you!
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Set aside a weekend for a neighborhood Garage or Yard Sale. Donate your profits to our Camp TaKumta-thon. At the same time, have your kids set-up a "Lemonade Stand" to bring in more money to the event.

Go through your old books – and the kids old books and have a book sale. Get some neighbors to do the same and set-up in a large yard in your neighborhood or a busy location near your house. Donate profits to Camp TaKumTa.



A 50-50 raffle is an easy way to raise money for Camp TaKumta. You can usually find a roll of raffle tickets at a office supply store, or make your own. Bring them to work and around the neighborhood. Donate your 50% to Camp – and in many cases the winner will also contribute a portion of their winnings back to Camp too!



Gather some of the neighborhood kids and set-up a Drive-Through Car Wash. Have a group of kids rinse, another wash, and a third dry – then take turns. Donate proceeds to Camp TKT!

Are you good at quilting? As the weather cools down and you spend more time inside, now would be the perfect time to start making a quilt. Have it done in time for the holidays and sell it to a last-minute shopper – or raffle it off for Camp TKT!



Many companies have matching donation programs set in place for co-workers that are raising money for a good cause. Ask your employer if they will match the donations you're able to come-up with for Camp TaKumTa!

Ask (20) of your Facebook Friends to each donate $5 to Camp TaKumTa. In a matter of a few hours, you'll have $100 you can call-in the week of December 14th!

Ask (10) of your Facebook Friends to each donate $10 to Camp TaKumTa. In no time at all, you'll have $100 you can donate to Camp this December!

Grab a few boxes of pancake mix and a couple gallons of juice and make breakfast for your co-workers (for a donation to Camp TaKumTa, of course!)

Send a letter from your pet to the pet of a family member or neighbor asking for a donation to Camp TaKumTa. You might also want to send it out to your veterinarian.

Download the Camp TaKumTa logo from www.takumta.org and make "TaKumTa Tickets". Sell each ticket for $1 (much like you'll find with MDA Shamrocks in the Supermarket). Set a goal of filling the largest window in your office or school lobby (or a similar large space). <u>This could also be done in each department of your office with a race being held to see which department will fill their window first!</u>

Hold a Friday bake sale at work so employees will have treats for the weekend. Donations, of course, go to Camp TaKumTa!

Have each department in your workplace set up a jar for change drop offs. Ask your employer about donating a ½ day off to every member of the department that collects the most money.



Ask a local restaurant or cafe to contribute a portion of the proceeds for a day to our Camp TaKumTa-thon. Call in during the week of December 14th and be sure to give the business a "plug" as a special thank you!

Ask your co-workers to bring a baby or childhood photo of themselves that they believe no one can identify. Ask for a donation to make a guess. Give winners a contributed prize.

Do you work in a business with a Drive-Up Window? Collect donations for washing windshields as cars pass through drive-up windows (have signs to explain what you're doing).



Do you work in a local salon? How about a "Cut-A-Thon" with proceeds benefiting Camp TaKumTa! Donate proceeds from haircuts you give during the day – or open for "Special Extended Hours For Camp TaKumTa." Bring in snacks and beverages and make sure KOOL 105 is keeping people dancing while they wait.

Does your business have a prime parking spot? You know, the one everyone fights over every morning and no one wants to leave at lunch for fear it'll be taken when they get back! Auction the spot off for a week!

Do you have a child or grandchild that takes part in fall or winter sporting events at school? Hook up with the school cafeteria or snack bar and sell coffee and hot chocolate for a donation to the Camp TaKumTa-thon!

Gift Wrap Service: Set up a gift-wrapping station at your work. Ask your employer to take over the conference room for an afternoon and have your co-workers bring in their presents to get wrapped (all for a donation to Camp, of course.)



Make lunch for your co-workers! Boxes of pasta are cheap: Mix it up with a few jars of Spaghetti Sauce and add some bread and you've got lunch for the office (with a donation to Camp TKT, of course)



Put together a neighborhood cookbook! How many times have you gone to a neighborhood function and said "I've got to get this recipe from you!"? Staple the recipes together with heavier stock paper covers. Have them available at neighborhood or public community events, in exchange for a donation.

"Auction-Off a Day-Off": Ask your employer if they would be willing to donate (1) vacation day for the top bidder in a silent auction – or raffle it off for KOOL 105's Camp TaKumTa-thon!

Bring your lunch to work for the week and take the money you've saved and donate it to our Camp TaKumTa-thon!

Donate $20 yourself – then ask 4 friends to also donate $20. Call our Camp TaKumTa-thon the week of December 14th and make the donation in everyone's name!

Help your kids make Christmas Ornaments and sell them at an upcoming Craft Fair or Bazaar. Gather some neighbors and make a party out of it!



Gather your neighbors and organize a "Carole Sing" around your town. Bring a donation jar to each place you stop with a sign letting everyone know these are "Caroles For Camp!" Print-up a few lyric sheets so others can join in as you go.

Gather your kids and a few of their friends and offer to rake your neighbors leaves this fall (for a donation to the Camp TaKumTa-thon, of course).

Know someone with a Santa suit? Find a good candidate to play one of Santa's helpers and organize a "Visit with Santa" event at your work. Set it up for an evening or a weekend and invite your co-workers and their children to come by for a visit with Santa – complete with cookies and milk and souvenir candy canes.



The number one reason people say they don't donate is: "No one asked me." So, ask someone to donate to our Camp TaKumTa-thon!

Put aside $5 a day between now and the end of our Camp TaKumTa-thon! Call in to the radio station Friday morning December 18th and donate what you've collected!

Post a sign near your desk or in the office that simply says "Y.C.J.C.Y.1.D". When your co-workers ask "What It Stands For", tell them "Your Curiosity Just Cost You 1 Dollar" and tell them to pay-up for the Camp TaKumTa-thon!

Just in-time for the holidays: Gather up the kids' old toys and have a "Toy Sale" to benefit Camp TaKumTa! Get some neighbors to do the same and set-up in a large yard in your neighborhood or a busy location near your house.

Gather your kids and a few of their friends and offer to wash windows at your neighbors' homes (for a donation to Camp, of course). This is the perfect time of year to do it: After the summer dirt and dust has settled down…and before it gets too cold.





Have a mini "Walk-A-Thon" around your neighborhood. Ask neighbors to make a donation for each lap you make around your neighborhood in a one-or-two-hour span. The best part is, unlike most walk-a-thons where the donor never sees you complete the walk, this walk will be held right in-front of their house! They can watch you go around and around and count the laps. The more they get into it themselves, the better your chances of getting an additional donation at the end!

Guess The Number: Fill a jar with Jelly Beans, Hershey Kisses, or M&M's and have people guess the number of items in the jar, or the weight of the jar. Each guess costs $5 for Camp TaKumTa. At the end of the contest, the winner gets the candy!

Ask your school band or choir to donate their time by performing a benefit concert for your cause. Charge admission to benefit Camp TaKumTa.

Parent's Night Out: Offer your babysitting services for parents looking for a night out without the kids. The price: A donation to Camp TaKumTa. This is perfect for parents looking for a little time trying to get some holiday shopping and/or wrapping done!



Invite a few of your "craftier" friends and neighbors to a "Card-Making Party" for the holidays. See how many cards you produce in an evening or weekend afternoon, then sell them at a local craft fair with donations going to the Camp TaKumTa-thon.



Just because it getting cooler doesn't mean you can't have a good old fashioned Ice Cream Social. Grab a few half-gallons of different flavored Ice Cream and set-up in your office's break room after lunch or at a school sporting event during the weekend.

Coat Check Fundraiser: Most folks don't like wrestling with their coats when they go to an indoor school sporting event. Provide them with a safe place for their coat and charge them a little for the service.

Cookie Buffet: Have a few of your co-workers each make 4-to-5 dozen of their favorite cookie. Set them out, along with pastry bags, on a table in the Employee Dining Room and allow company employees to grab a bag and fill it with a variety of cookies for a $5 donation to Camp TaKumTa!



Fix Soup for Lunch! Mix up a few batches of your favorite soup recipe. Add a few loaves of fresh bread and offer it up to your co-workers for a donation to Camp TaKumTa!



Cake Table: Homemade cakes are always going to be popular with your colleagues. A bit of baking the night before will see you rake in the cash at coffee-time the next day. Organize a table in your department or take around a tray of home-baked treats.

Agree as an office no cards or presents for birthdays or Christmas. Donate the money saved to KOOL 105's Camp TaKumTa-thon!

Send an e-mail to your co-workers telling them about Camp TKT and asking them to make a donation. Use the Camp TaKumTa website as a place for more information: www.takumta.org

Are your kids and their friends members of the School Band? Get them together and bring them house-to-house in the neighborhood to perform a Christmas Carol or two in exchange for a donation to Camp TKT.

Get your friends together and have a "stamping" party. Use your creativity to make a variety of Holiday cards, then sell them to friends, family, and co-workers. Donate the proceeds to Camp TKT.

Go door-to-door taking orders for Poinsettia's. Tell the local greenhouse that you're trying to raise money for the Camp TKT-thon and see if they'll sell the flowers to you at a discount. Deliver them during Camp TKT week and let your buyers know how much money was raised.



Are you a waiter or waitress at an area business? Donate your tips from an evening to Camp TKT. Get your co-workers to join in your donation. Tell your customers what you're up to and they may even give you a bigger tip!



Put together a video gaming tournament as a fundraiser. You can do a tournament bracket and have elimination matches leading up to a championship showdown. Give the winner a prize, and charge an entry fee (with the money, of course, going to our Camp TaKumTa-thon).

Host a neighborhood "Baby & Kids Clothes Yard Sale". Rent the tables to parents looking to sell their children's old clothing, toys, and accessories they are no longer using. Charge an entry fee to shoppers. Donate the profits to our Camp TaKumTa-thon.

Board Game Night: Have families lend board games from home that are appropriate to the age group. Each game costs a dollar to play. For older age groups, play rounds of games tournament style with a few surviving winners at the end of the evening. A playoff is exciting for the whole crowd.



"Cans For Camp": A bottle drive is always a good way to raise some money. It may come only a nickel at a time, but it adds-up quickly. Plan it for the weekend following a holiday when people have extra cans and bottles around the house from their get together. Tell your redemption center about your Camp TaKumTa fundraiser and ask if they'll give you an extra penny per can or bottle.

Here's an idea for some of our local high schools that are looking to help: Have underclassmen "Rent-A-Senior" for the day! The Senior Class can charge students $1 per hour to greet their "employer" as they arrive for school, carry their books, fetch their lunch, etc.



Car Detailing Day: Your group can clean just the interiors of cars, and either charge a flat fee or ask for donations. Throw in an inexpensive air freshener, and your customers can drive away in clean, fresh cars while you earn money for Camp TaKumTa!

Carnation Day: Contact a local nursery, greenhouse or florist about buying in bulk. Sell them for a few dollars apiece to your co-workers, or set-up a table at the entrance to school. A few carnations in a small vase or cup can brighten-up a dull classroom or work space.



Set up a face painting booth at your next craft show or fair. Enlist the help of some talented artists from your group to help paint faces. Offer instant photos of the face painting for a dollar more, so they have a lasting memory.

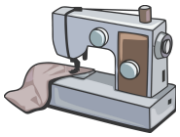
Dog Wash: Our four-legged friends are always finding their way into a mud puddle or slow-running and mucky backyard stream or pond. Set-up a dog wash in the parking lot of a local veterinarian's office. Post flyers about the event at local parks and pet stores.



Full service gas stations used to be the way of life in America. Bring back the service at a local gas station. Have your group become gas station attendants for the day. For a donation have members of your group pump gas and clean the windows of all the cars that come into the gas station.



Put together a neighborhood or office "Chocoholics" Event! Have several of your neighbors and/or co-workers make their best "chocolate recipe", then bring everyone together to sample everyone's "choco-treats". Each sample costs $1 for the Camp TaKumTa-thon!



Do you like to sew? Make a variety of Christmas tree skirts and sell them at your local Christmas/Holiday bazaar.

Have students find sponsors who will pay a certain amount of money for every "A" or "B" on their first-quarter report card. Allow each student to photocopy their report card to send it to their sponsors along with envelopes so they can collect the money for Camp TaKumTa!

Everyone has errands they need to run each day. Take a weekend day and offer to run errands for your co-workers for a donation to Camp TaKumTa. If your child has their driver's license, have them offer the service to everyone in your office one day after school.

Sell S'mores for Camp: What a great way to tie "Camp" into your fundraiser for Camp TaKumTa! Grab some graham crackers, marshmallows, chocolate bars, and a portable grill and sell the Campfire Classic at your next school sporting event or church function.



Get your office or neighborhood group together and arrange with the local mall to set-up a "Coat Check for Camp". No one wants to walk around in their clumpy boots or carry around their heavy coats while they're Christmas shopping. Some local shopping centers have an area cordoned-off for community service organizations – ask if you can use it! Ask for a minimum donation for the Camp TaKumTa-thon to use the service.



Put together a "Turkey Box" and sell it for a donation to Camp TaKumTa! Take the items you would normally find on a Thanksgiving Day dinner table and combine all the items in one handy box for your neighbors and co-workers. Make sure you recover your costs, then add an additional cost on top of that to cover the donation to Camp. People will scoop these up if it means not having to battle supermarket traffic during Thanksgiving Week!

Here's an easy one: Get out your checkbook and write a check for a "KOOL" $105 to support the kids of Camp TaKumTa!

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