



Helping my parents to pay for my space at camp

At Camp Enchanted we like to promote independence, and what could be more independent than helping your parents pay for your space at camp. Understanding the value of money from an early age is such an important part of growing up. We do appreciate a residential camp can be quite costly for some but equally is a life changing experience for campers, one that you really can't put a price on.

Here are some ideas you can use, and of course feel free to make up your own!

■ Bake Sale

If you attend a local club you can ask them if you would be able to bring in some cakes and promote a bake sale on a variety of dates. If you aren't part of a club or they don't let you, you could always ask local neighbours or family if they'd like to purchase any.

Ask any friends or family who have birthdays coming up if you would be able to make some cupcakes for the party or their birthday cake for a donation.

Top Tip: Don't put a price on the cakes - ask for a donation and people are usually more generous! Make sure you are always safe and have adult supervision.

■ Truth or just Dare?!

You write down and make a list of some dares that you would be prepared to do, and put a price to it. Once someone matches the price you can do the dare. It goes without saying you don't do anything dangerous or that will harm yourself, or others.

Top Tip: Here are just a few ideas - wear a fancy dress outfit shopping, sing a song on karaoke, let someone give you a crazy make over, eat a chilli.

■ Hoover Service

Offer to do friends or families hoovering. There is nothing better when the whole house has been freshly hoovered and if you offer it, lots of people would likely take you up on the offer!

Top Tip: Do a fantastic job and they'll likely ask you to come back on a regular basis!



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Magic Numbers Lottery Board

Make a large board, and create a set of numbers. Could be 1-25, could be 1-50 or even 1-100. You can ask friends, relatives, neighbours, team mates etc if they would like to purchase number. You can set the price for a number, say £2.00. They choose a number and you can write their name on the coinciding number on your board. When all numbers have been purchased you can do a big reveal and randomly choose a number. Who ever has won will receive half of the complete total raised and you keep the other half so there is lots of incentive for people to purchase numbers as they could be the lucky winner of the your lottery!

Top Tip: There are website or apps which can randomly select numbers for you, or you could write down every number on a small piece of paper, fold them up and put them in a bowl. A live video always goes down really well and you can show yourself blindfolded and randomly selecting a number from the bowl then share with everyone.

Take part in a physical challenge

Choose a physical challenge you would like to participate in. This could be a 5k, an obstacle course, a mud run, conquering your fears if you are afraid of heights and completing a GoApe course, anything!

Ask for sponsors and when you have reached a target then go for it!

Top Tip: What ever you choose to do its always a good idea to train for it before hand, and book a date in advance long enough to give you time to reach your fundraising goal.

Dog Wash

Most doggie owners don't enjoy giving them a wash and will avoid doing it! This is where you come in. You can offer to wash their pooches, all you need is a bucket, water, soaps and towels and be prepared to get wet yourself. Once you've got the hang of it, people will be flocking to get their pooch washed by you.

Top Tip: Instead of setting a price you could ask for a donation for your time. You could also sell the owners some cakes whilst they wait for their dog to dry.

■ Gift wrapping Service

Odds are, you know someone who really doesn't enjoy wrapping presents. Yet at Christmas time there are hundreds of present to be wrapped! You can ask friends, family, friends of friends if you can wrap their Christmas shopping for them and set a reasonable rate or ask for a donation. If you miss the Christmas rush then there is always birthdays throughout the year too you could help out with.

Top Tip: Its a good idea to ask them to provide you with the wrapping paper. You could always supply your own pair of scissors and sellotape and once you get into the swing of it you might really enjoy it

■ Serve your community

Offer your services in any way which people might need such as offering to read or teach phonics or tutoring with younger children, helping to take decorations down, blow balloons up and assist decorating for special occasions, help to walk the dogs, do the weeding, baby sitting, offer your arts and crafts services, homework services. The list goes on.

Top Tip: Use your strengths! If you do a great job and you are pro-active people will have you back. If you also offer something you have a passion for it will come across and you will be worth every penny.

■ Grocery Shopping

Offer to go to the shops with your parents and at the same time, take a shopping list for a neighbour or elderly relative etc. You can go round the supermarket with mum/dad and collect all the things on their list. They'll be so grateful that you are able to help.

Top Tip: Don't forget to ask them to provide you with some bags and the money / card to pay with. This one probably won't earn you lots of money but if you were going to the shops anyway then why not!

