



GOVERNOR'S STATE EMPLOYEES FOOD DRIVE

**OREGON
FOOD BANK
NETWORK**

Food and Fundraising Ideas

Here are just a few ideas for food drive events. This is by no means a complete list, but will hopefully give you some direction if you are looking for ideas. Questions? Contact us at FoodDrive@oregon.gov.

Competitions

- Lunch with a manager – employees bid on lunch with managers. Winning bidder makes donation for bid amount and goes to lunch with manager
- Staff make donations to participate in an activity or to be removed from participation
- Raise funds through pledges – i.e., walk or jog-a-thon, etc.
- Sponsor a Manager – Raise money to have your manager compete in a manager only event – obstacle course, tricycle race, etc.
- Sports – basketball game, mini marathon run
- Change (money) wars, loose change bucket
- Friendly Beaver/Duck competitions

Food

- International kitchen – Sell ethnic food from around the world for lunch
- Raffle off a bag of hazelnuts or bushel of apples or other healthy food.
- Taco, nacho, burrito, and chili feeds
- Salad, soup, potato, and oatmeal buffets with all the fixings
- Ice cream socials, root beer floats, smoothies
- Pizza parties
- Potlucks
- Popcorn

Sales

- Silent auctions (get donated items from businesses or individuals)

** See important note about receipts for Silent Auctions under Receipt Information
- Used book sale
- Henna tattoos
- Craft bazaar
- Recycled treasure sale – “One Person’s Junk is Another’s Treasure”

Events

- Valentines Events – Singing telegrams, balloon sale, flower sale, chocolate sale, Valentine card sale, photo shoot, heart healthy food sales, etc.
- Bag It – Sponsor a brown bag lunch and ask staff to donate the cost of a lunch out or ask everyone to bring a lunch sack of nonperishable foods to donate
- Talent Show – donation for admittance

Other ideas

- Volunteer at local Food Bank, ask for team sponsorship
- Pop can collection station
- Pyramid power – Have teams build a pyramid of food or have teams bring food representing the nutritional food pyramid
- Competitions between departments for who can contribute the most *Most Wanted Foods*
- Place food donation boxes in common areas such as in break rooms or near copiers
- Join forces with your agency wellness committee