One Ton Sundae

Purpose: The One Ton Sundae is an opportunity for residents to have fun, eat ice cream and donate food to a good cause. This program is an all-hall program that allows residents to play games and eat ice cream while taking a break from their studies.

Materials: Ice cream and items needed for games to be played, a charity.

Publicity: A date and time should be picked; Sunday is a good day because it goes with the theme. A series of flyers are to be made. Begin with teaser flyers asking, "What are you doing Sundae?" and progress to large posters announcing the event. These posters were should be up in all the residence halls and all around campus.

Procedure: The preliminary plans should be discussed several months in advance. The idea of an ice cream party was suggested and heavily supported. You will build one big sundae out of one ton of ice cream, hence the title "One Ton Sundae". However, that idea can be too messy and individual sundaes can be built instead. You need to find a way to get the amount of ice cream needed. The easiest way is to purchase it from the nearby supermarket but that can get costly. You could also use meals and purchase the ice cream from Sodexho. Investigate the option of getting the ice cream donated. Use the event as a canned food drive. Request that each resident donate one canned good to be distributed to a good cause. Other service ideas can be used as well. More than just ice cream: make this a day of play. Brainstorm 10-15 games that are thought appropriate for an afternoon outside in Spring or whenever you are holding the event. Ideas such as three-legged races and balloon tossing are good ones..also volleyball! Divide the responsibilities. Have each member of the planning committee take on the responsibility of organizing one or two games. Each person should gather whatever materials are needed for that activity and are responsible for its planning and outcome.

Hint: Work on collaboration between clubs on campus. This is a good way to get other organizations to work together. Simply by giving it a more carnival-like atmosphere by having a different club or group on campus sponsor a booth would allow people to work together.
Service

Read America

Purpose: To assist young kids in learning to read by having residents read to them

Materials: Books to read and children to read them to

Contact: Teacher or Day Care Center employee (Laura Baker School or ACT)

Publicity: Announce at a floor meeting and/or Hall Government, have a sign up sheet.

Procedure: Set up a time with your child day care center to have the residents go and read stories to the young children

Make Door Decs with the Children

Purpose: Have fun with some "younger adults"

Materials: Construction paper, scissors, markers, etc.

Contact: A day care or elementary school teacher (contact ACT)

Publicity: Announce at a floor meeting

Procedure: Set up a time for the residents on the floor to go to the designated place. During the session the children can help the students make door decorations. This would be a good time for the students to bring treats like cookies. Make sure to okay this with the instructor first.

Hints: Maybe take these door decs to a healthcare facility
Adopt a class

Purpose: Give some grade school children some college mentors

Contact: Teacher of a grade school class Publicity: Announce at a floor meeting

Procedure: Set up a way of communication between a grade school class and the residents of the floor like writing letters. After communication has been established set up times for them to meet and spend some time together. Maybe set up a class period for the residents to visit the students.

Adopt a grandparent

Purpose: Spend some time with the older generations and cheer them up

Contact: Healthcare facility administration

Publicity: Announce at a floor meeting

Procedure: Set up a time with a healthcare facility to come and visit with the residents. Maybe help with a meal or some activities done at the facility.

Hints: Make sure to approve everything with the nursing staff

Adopt a Child

Purpose: Allow residents to use their loose change to help a needy child

Materials: A centralized "Piggy Bank"

Publicity: Announce at a floor meeting

Procedure: Set up a "floor piggy bank" where all the residents can put their loose change. At the end of a specified time collect and count all of the money. All of this money should then be used to help the needy. There are a number of ways that this can be accomplished. One way would be to sponsor a child, here or in another country. The amount raised should be posted so that everyone knows that it did do some good.
Cream Your RA

**Purpose:** A fun way to raise money and get back at your RA

**Materials:** Pies, plastic, chair, decorations, and old towels and clothes

**Location:** Big open space

**Procedure:** A pie will be auctioned off for each RA. The bids will be real money. The pie will go to the highest bidder. That person then gets a chance to place the pie in that RA face. Money can be pooled. This is very messy so be prepared.

**Hints:** Set up a date by which the money must be in. The money should be used for a charity.

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Coin Wars

**Purpose:** Fun and competitive way to raise money for a charity

**Materials:** Cups and poster board

**Publicity:** Announce at floor and Hall Government meetings

**Procedure:** Each floor will be allowed to have a cup at the front desk in which people can put money. Anyone can put money in any cup. The object is to get as many points as possible. Everything is worth the face value in points i.e. nickel=5 pts, dime= 10 pts, quarter= 25pts, and $1=100 points except for pennies. Pennies are worth one negative point each. This should continue for a given amount of time. At the end of each day the money should be counted and a tally should be kept for everyone to see. The winners should receive a prize.

**Hints:** Have Hall Government sponsor a pizza party for the winner.
The Great Twist Off

**Purpose:** A large twister tournament to benefit a charity and bring the campus out for a good time.

**Materials:** Twister boards, advertising, and some fundraising.

**Publicity:** Advertise in three phases. The first set of flyers and posters advertise the registration. The second set advertises the tournament itself. Put these up about a week before the tournament. And finally, on the day of the tournament cover the campus with colored Twister dots leading the way to the tournament. Wear t-shirts advertising and use the radio to advertise.

**Procedure:** A flat, grassy area is the best place to hold the tournament, but remember to have rock handy to hold the mats in place, don’t forget about the wind. This can also be done indoors.

**Set Up:** Contact Milton Bradley and request the Twister mats and spinner. MB will send these items to your college or university for no charge in exchange for publicity pictures. MB will also send trademark copies of the Twister slogan for advertisement. Use the tournament as a way to raise funds to donate to charity like Mothers against Drunk Driving. Have registration in advance. Charge five dollars so you can get t-shirts made and refreshments, plus to give to the charity. Possibly work with student government to help with funding so more of the money can go to the charity. Registration needs to be done earlier so you know how much food to get. A few people should work on donations from the area like food or prizes. Send out letters explaining the tournament as a fundraiser for the chosen charity, follow up with personal visits.

**The MC:** Use a DJ from a local radio station to come and do the calling for the tournament. A DJ may be able to broadcast part of the tournament on the air. This helps by bringing the tournament to the attention of more students. The station may even run a few announcements about the tournament the week before free of charge and they will bring music.

**The Tournament:** Have about 15 mats set up. The MC should call out the positions and teams should play simultaneously on all the mats. After playing a few rounds this way, begin the elimination rounds. The winners of each mat should be condensed after each round until there is one winner. Do this several times until the prizes have been given away. The names of the winners can be listed in the campus newsletter along with pictures of the tournament. If tournament is at the beginning of the school year, it can be a great way for first year students to meet new people and for upperclassmen to hang with friends. Everyone loves a game of Twister.

**Hint:** Publicize to news and paper for more coverage. The may run a story on the event and the presentation of the check to the charity. Don’t forget to send pictures to Milton Bradley and find sponsors.