



How to Host a Bingo Night

Everybody loves playing games of chance and winning prizes, so a Bingo fundraiser is an easy moneymaker. This fun event has been especially successful in school and community groups.

Getting Started:

A Bingo fundraiser is very easy to plan. All you need is a large room with lots of tables, Bingo supplies, and a caller. Then you will need to select a night and publicize your event. You can purchase Bingo supplies from a party store or make your own. Several websites offer printable call sheets and Bingo cards in a variety of formats. Select the game format you want (3x3, 4x4, 5x5) and print the quantity you'll need. For extra durability, laminate the playing squares. The standard approach of the caller is to select a ping-pong ball from a large plastic tumbler. Again, you can make your own balls or buy them already made.

Bingo fundraising:

There are many fundraising strategies for a Bingo night, but be sure they comply with local regulations regarding games of chance. One common approach is to charge \$1 per game or unlimited games for \$20 and have winners select from a variety of small, non-cash prizes. Another approach is to give tickets to winners that they later redeem for different levels of prizes. In this format, single ticket winners select from one prize category while multiple game winners select from higher-value prizes. Prizes can be very simple and inexpensive. You can contact local businesses for donated prizes.

Additional fundraisers:

As with any fundraising event, you can offer additional moneymakers. You can sell food and beverages. You can also have donated items on tables available for silent auction bids or raffle. You can have your caller auction off donated products and services between games or have a donation jar at your sign-up table.

Contact your local Autism Speaks office for materials to display at your event, such as brochures and Walk Now for Autism Speaks banners.