

SECC Games



All of the games below are ways for you, the Department Coordinator, to promote enthusiasm and involvement in your campaign. Each game has a brief descriptor below, but can be modified to fit your agency. Combine games or select one or a few to play within your agency. If you keep activities going all through your campaign, you can involve staff who chooses not to give through payroll deduction, but are willing to buy a brownie at the bake sale. It is a fun way to get out and put a personal touch on your campaign.

All money collected through the games is to be applied to the charities your agency selects and counts in your department's total of money raised. Gifts and prizes for games are to be determined by your agency. A few suggestions are noted below, but your creativity is the only boundary.

- **Chili Cook Off**

Invite staff to “enter” their best chili in a contest. Entrants pay a fee that will go to the designated charity picked by your agency. Invite staff in the building to taste & vote on all the chili entries for a small fee (to be determined by your group). This fee is also designated for the charity selected. Staff enjoys the chance to showcase their cooking and those who participate enjoy the lunch opportunity. It is a lot of fun and with the right hype you get a great response. The winner is recognized in your department's newsletter or other publication.

- **Balloon Pop**

Use donations from various businesses (i.e., restaurants, car washes, gas card, candles, independent sales (Avon, jewelry, etc.). Once you have your donations, type each one on a slip of paper. Put one slip of paper in each balloon, blow them up and tie them off. In addition to your balloons with prize slips, you will add several balloons with a piece of paper that says something like: “*Try Again. Thanks for supporting SECC*”. Staff purchase balloons for \$1.00 each selecting any balloon of their choice. When they pop the balloon, it reveals what they have won, or urges them to play again. Advertising the game to employees and showcasing the prizes generates interest in playing & winning.

- **Penny Challenge**

A challenge is made to employees based on floors, work departments, or however you want to make “teams”. The penny challenge should run through the entire campaign to generate the highest yield. Announce winners by the week via e-mail or making a chart at the entrance for staff to see where their “team” is.

Pennies are counted as 1 point each. Any silver change or paper money is negative points for the team total. Ideally you will have other teams put silver or paper in their opponents jar to set them back.

This game is a lot of fun as staff will spy and sabotage other floors right at the end of the game to put their team ahead. Often the winning team is given “free casual day(s)” by your department director. Other options are a pizza lunch by executive staff, etc. Be creative in the team’s prize.

Here are some totals one department earned running the Penny Challenge:
2006 - \$1,873.80 and \$1,062.04 (approximately 56%) of the total was in PENNIES!!!
2007 - \$2,286.13 and \$1,268.78 (approximately 53%) of the total was in PENNIES!!!
2008 - \$734.06 and \$558.76 (approximately 76%) of the total was in PENNIES!!
(See additional page on detailed rules for the Penny Challenge)

- **Bake Sale**

Ask staff to donate baked goods. Place your sale in a location all staff pass by. All proceeds donated to charity of your department’s choice. (See attachment for a variation that includes a Pie & Cake contest)

- **Casual Days**

With approval from your department director, establish a day or series of days that staff can dress down or in jeans for a fee. Staff should be given a sticker or some item to be recognized as a “paid” participator. There are still bracelets available if you want to use them. All money collected is designated for an SECC charity of your departments choosing.

- **Scavenger Hunt**

Walk through your office area; identify a few unique items that staff have in their work areas or within the building. (i.e., photograph of a flower, specific sports team memorabilia, a sweater or umbrella). The items can be anything, but random enough that it won’t be found in every work station, but more than one. Ask the staff to set up teams (you determine the size of the team); each team will pay an entry fee (determined by you). The team will be given the list of items to find and will begin their search. Obviously this is typically done during the lunch break and is a timed race. All items found are brought back to the starting location for credit. (All items are returned to their owners.) The team with the most items found – wins. Again a prize is determined by your SECC committee but should be something that is desirable to staff at minimal or no cost. (See attachment for rules & a sample of items to hunt for)

- **Breakfast Sales**

The breakfast sale is the same as a bake sale with the theme centered on breakfast food items. The best participation from staff comes by placing the sale in a location where staff will pass in the morning on their way to their work station.

- **Ice Cream Social**

Staff pay for an ice cream sundae prepared on site OR ice cream novelty treats available for purchase. If you purchase them in bulk you can mark the price slightly higher to turn a profit.

- **“Rummage” Sale**

Ask staff to bring in gently used items, crafts, cards, etc. to be sold. All items are donated by staff with all proceeds benefiting a SECC charity of your departments choosing.

- **Used Book Sale**

Ask for book & or video donations. All proceeds from books sold to be applied toward SECC charity of your committees choosing.

- **Guess # Items in Jar**

Select a see through container. Fill it with candy pieces. A guess of the number of items in the jar is \$1.00. The winner gets the jar and the contents. The proceeds go to SECC charity.

- **Guess Who’s in Baby Picture**

Everyone loves a baby, right?! Secretly select a few staff in your building to provide a picture of themselves as a baby. Include all levels of staff up and down the organization. For \$1.00 staff can make a guess that is in each picture. Names to choose from or clues could be given, but to make the game more challenging, don’t give any hints. The winner has the most correct guesses. A prize is offered to the winner.

- **Silent Auction**

Use donations from area businesses, or get donations from independent sales, or ask staff to donate items that are gently used and desirable. Place items out for staff to view, with a bid sheet. Bid times are designated with an opening and closing time. Minimum bids are placed on items. Staff write in the amount they bid on the item of their choice. Highest bidders at end of bid cycle get the price for the amount they bid. All proceeds go towards SECC charity.

- **Paper Airplane Toss**

Purchase the inexpensive toy planes for staff to construct and then fly. Select a designated flight path. Measure distances. The pilot with the longest flight wins the designated prize.

You can reuse the planes from year to year that remain in good shape, or a second option for planes is to challenge the engineer minded employee to fold their own plane from a designated sheet of paper.

- **Buy a Stone, “Build a Pathway”**

Offer paper “stones” for purchase for \$1.00 each. Select an area of visibility to place the stones building a path that will ultimately show the amount of money your department donated this campaign year toward SECC. Names can be written on the stones as recognition or thank you’s to the staff participating, or they can be left blank for those who choose to participate anonymously.

- **Sneaky Flamingo**

The flamingos are the newest SECC fundraiser. Here are the rules:

1. If the bird shows up in your office, the SECC Committee will be willing to relocate it for a \$1 donation per bird. Just put your name, location of your office and the date on the flamingo’s notebook so we can track where the birds have been. See your SECC Volunteer to donate your \$1 and the bird will be removed.
2. For an additional \$1 donation, you may select the bird(s) next destination and move it yourself to the next location. After your name on the notebook, write the name of the person you are sending the flamingo.
3. For a donation of \$2, the SECC Committee will be happy to give you “Flamingo Insurance” to ensure no birds land in your office! Your insurance policy will be in effect for the duration of the campaign. (Flamingo insurance is a pink piece of paper with a picture of a flamingo on it and it says Flamingo Insurance at the top)
4. Flamingos may not stay in your office for more than a day, they must keep moving.