Construct a budget by looking at what you spent money on last year.

Ask yourself: of what we spent, what are items we spend money on each year? What will we need this year?

If we had extra money, is there anything we need that we've been putting off? Now construct your budget.

What are our sources of income?

Which sources do we have every year? How much do we receive from those sources? Look at what we expect to receive, and what we've budgeted. Is there a short fall? If so, how much additional money do we need to raise.

The amount of your short fall will help determine what extra fund raisers you'll need and how hard you'll need to work to get it.

Fund raisers:

Dinners – talk to the local Elks, Moose, Lions, etc

Share nights – Hardees, Noodles & Co, Applebees, almost any place can be convinced

Raffles – careful as you need a license and printing tickets is expensive

Athletes play cops or others in the community

Some type of tournament – get a bar to help! Darts, pool, motorcycle ride

Grants/Foundations – need to research to see if there are any grants/foundations in your county, community' if you have a big company in the community, check with them to see if they have a foundation or matching funds

Candy sales or sales of items

No Ball at All

Spare change

Charge athletes a fee

Misc

Decide how much you think realistically you can raise from a fund raiser. Keep in mind that your cost to raise a dollar should not be more than twenty-five cents!

Recruit a committee

Dissect the fund raiser-

What do we need

Who can supply some/all of the items

Who can work it

Where will it be

Find sponsors – What will you charge them for their sponsorship?

What will they get for their buck?

Lots of publicity – perhaps local paper can be one of your sponsors so that you trade them ads for sponsorship; same with local radio station