

Beach Party

Fundraising Ideas

The simplest way to raise money from your Beach Party is to charge an entry fee on the door. Nobody's going to pay good money for a lecture about sexually transmitted infections, agreed? So the idea is to lay on a really good evening for your guests and slip them a condom and some information about safer sex when they're least expecting it.

The following activities should ensure an entertaining evening for everyone, participants and spectators alike – though you probably won't want to use all of them. If you want, you can charge people to take part in the competitions; alternatively, levy a charge for anyone not taking part. Boys not wearing bikinis are fined £1!

Beachwear fashion show

Who's willing to show off what they'll be wearing on the beach? And is it worth looking at? You get to decide. Judges award points (think big cards with numbers on), the winner gets a prize.

Boys in Bikinis

Does exactly what it says on the tin. What's not to like?! Be sure to take photos and use them for blackmail purposes the following day.

Grass-skirt hula competition

Slap on some Hawaiian music and let the giration begin! It goes without saying that the winner should be presented with a suitable beverage in half a coconut shell. With a little paper umbrella and a slice of pineapple.

Limbo dancing competition

Of course it's just an excuse to fall on the floor – that's no reason not to do it. All you need is a length of bamboo and two assistants. You fall over, you pay a forfeit.

Orange-o-tan

AKA Extreme Tanning – you heard it here first. Who can turn up with the deepest tan without going anywhere near the sun or a sun-bed? The aim is to out-Dale Winton Dale Winton. Who'll go for The Glow?

Sponsored 'Spend the day in your Bermudas'

Wear the full kit – swimming costume, sunglasses, flip-flops, rubber ring – all day, wherever you roam, even if it's raining. Student Union, campus, lectures, the shops – how far will you go?

Sunglasses Obstacle Course

Buy some cheap sunglasses – if they're not dark enough, a coat of magic marker on the lenses will do the trick. Contestants must negotiate an obstacle course with their shades on. Make it as complicated as you like!

Tanning-oil Twister

That old favourite, Twister, with a twist. Contestants wear beachwear and plenty of tanning oil. Things could get slippery.

Your Beach Party...

Whichever activity you decide upon, use the Bikinis and Trunks flyers to decorate the venue. Have a drinks promotion – give away a free condom with every promotional cocktail sold in aid of Terrence Higgins Trust! Here's the obvious one:

Sex On The Beach

Place ice in a highball glass, pour over 2 shots vodka and 1 shot peach schnapps. Top up with equal measures of cranberry and orange juice. Stir and drink sensibly.

Safer Sex On The Beach I

Place ice in a highball glass, pour over 3 shots cranberry juice, 3 shots grapefruit juice and 2 shots peach nectar. Stir and drink.

Safer Sex On The Beach II

Give away a free condom with a Sex On The Beach.

With all of the above activities, make sure that you raise plenty of money by asking people to pay to take part. Alternatively, make sure the activities take place at a ticketed event with the proceeds being sent to THT. We can send you condoms, posters, balloons to help things go with a swing. We might even be able to help out with a prize or two.

Call the **Community Fundraising** team for advice on putting any of these ideas into action – 020 7812 1671.