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# ENGRAVED PICKET FUNDRAISING GUIDE

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## FUNDRAISING

Engraved pickets are an excellent fundraising resource; it provides an affordable donation that most people of the community can afford, while giving a great entryway feature to your playground. When a person buys a picket, the dollar value of that picket should cover the cost of the picket, while contributing additional funds to your playground budget.

Fundraising can be difficult; this project is simple way for your playground to gain momentum in creating buzz about the project, while making the people of the community feel apart of your playground.

The simplest way to start this fundraising project is buying the engraved picket directly from the manufacturers. You can order engraved pickets directly from any of the provided manufacturers; this saves a lot of time and effort, some stylized options are available for additional costs.

Creating an order form helps with the ordering process, an example template is provided below. Be sure that your order will be ready in time for the build week/opening of the playground.

## MANUFACTURERS:

### TANGENT

1-630-264-1110

[www.tangentusa.com](http://www.tangentusa.com)

Tangent creates an excellent picket product, it feature a dual color picket. Inner core can be one color (the color of the engraved lettering) and an outer picket color. If your budget allows it, we recommend this stylized picket option.

### TRIMAX / RENEW PLASTICS

1-800-666-5207

[www.renewplastics.com](http://www.renewplastics.com)

Trimax creates the standard routed picket, one solid color throughout.

### Engraved Picket Fundraiser Order Form

Please print your name, as you would like it to appear on the picket:

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(The routed names cannot be more than 28" long or they will be partially hidden. You can fit approximately 17 characters in to this space (approximately because not all letters take up the same amount of space).



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Instructions:**

Order must be completed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: \_\_\_\_\_

## HOW TO ENGRAVED YOUR OWN PICKETS

Before you begin selling pickets, the system for engraved pickets should already be in place. You will find the instructions below to help with this process.

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### RESOURCES

1. Figure out how many pickets you have on your playground to sell.
2. Finding someone to donate their time and tools to cut and engraved the pickets can save money.
  - a. Some good examples could be sign makers, cabinet shops, high school or vocational shops.
    - i. They can pick up a routing template kit, (Sears used to sell these things), it is very labor intensive unfortunately, but it works if there aren't millions of them and they can peck away at it.
    - ii. Some sign companies or carpenters have a CNC routing machine setup and could whip thru them.

### MATERIALS

1. 1x2 3/4x4' fence pickets (Fence Picket information can be found under Building Supplies → Structural Plastic Lumber in your PML/FML)
2. Spray Paint or Stain (optional)

### TOOLS

1. Miter box or chop saw
2. 1 1/2" router letter template set (available at Sears and some hardware stores)
3. Plunge router with 1/4" straight cut bit and bushings to work with router template set
4. Clamps or jig to hold picket secure while routing
5. Planer if pickets are to be painted

### PROCESS

1. Bevel each end of the board at 45-degrees
2. Measure 6" and 34" down from the top (tip if 45-degree bevel). The 28" space between these two marks is the area to be routed.

3. Allow for 3/8" - 5/8" between each letter and 1 1/4" - 1 3/4" between words. Letters should be 1 1/2" high.
4. Router on side of picket **opposite** the bevels (see detail)
5. Set the plunge router so that it will be cut 1/8" deep
6. To properly orient the letters, start names with the top of the board to your left.
7. If you choose to color the names, use spray paint or stain after the name is routed. Once color has dried, run picket through a power planer to remove excess spray or stain.

