

# ASKING FOR PLEDGES



## Wondering how to ask sponsors for pledges?

Here are some ideas:

- Dear Aunt Jane, I'm participating in Camp Read-a-Lot, a read-a-thon fundraiser for xMinds. Will you please sponsor me by making a pledge? You can make a flat rate donation or pledge an amount per minute or page I read. All donations are tax deductible and sponsors can donate online at [www.xminds.org/donate](http://www.xminds.org/donate). Thank you for your support!
- Hello Grandma, I'm supporting a nonprofit organization, Partnership for Extraordinary Minds, by participating in their Camp Read-a-Lot fundraiser. I'm raising money by reading books and asking people to sponsor me for the amount of time or pages I read. I plan to read a total of \_\_\_\_\_ minutes during Camp Read-a-Lot. Will you please sponsor me?

## Who can you ask for pledges?

Everyone! Grandma, Grandpa, aunts, uncles, neighbors, friends, etc. Campers should use the Pledge Form in this packet to set a goal and log pledges. Sponsors may put a limit on any donation by indicating it on the pledge form.

## What if sponsors want to know more about xMinds?

You can invite sponsors to explore our website, [www.xminds.org](http://www.xminds.org), or you can tell them more about us yourself: Partnership for Extraordinary Minds (xMinds) is a nonprofit organization founded in 2009 by parents of students on the autism spectrum. The goal of xMinds is to improve the educational experiences and outcomes of autistic students in Montgomery County, MD. They offer parent education events, grants to educators seeking to learn more about teaching autistic students, resources to help parents navigate the special education process, special education advocacy assistance, and more.

## How do I collect pledges?

Camp Read-a-Lot ends on July 31. Tally your donations using the pledge sheet and report the final amount to each sponsor. Donations are due August 7 and can be made directly to xMinds by sending a check to PO Box 231, Kensington MD 20895 or by visiting our site at [www.xminds.org/donate](http://www.xminds.org/donate).