

Silent Auction Donation Guidelines

Always Popular

- Sports tickets (Cubs, Sox, Blackhawks, Bulls, Wolves, college)
- Sports memorabilia
- Tickets for local cultural events
- Vacation packages with few restrictions or strings
- Gift certificates for dinner at a nice restaurant
- Golf
- High end jewelry (auctioned with a reserve price; no risk of underpricing it)

Priceless Donations

- A day at the farm
- Anything with the local fire department or police department – ride a vehicle, tour, birthday party at the station, wear gear, photo op's
- Boating trip on a local lake or river
- Boating trip with the boat owner and your group of friends
- Camping trip hosted by an experienced family for camping novices
- Grab bag of goodies
- Guest DJ on a local radio station or tour of local TV station
- Special stuffed toy with classroom storybooks
- Tour of local factory
- Tour of local newspaper, radio station, TV station, or sporting venues (even if there's no game)

Possible Sources of Auction Items (and some donation examples)

- Amusement parks
- Appliance stores
- Automotive shops (oil change, detailing, tire rotation)
- Bakeries
- Bed and Breakfasts
- Bookstores
- Bowling centers caterers
- Cruise lines
- Cultural venues such as museums, historical attractions, zoos, music arenas, theaters
- Dance studios
- Dentists
- Florist shops
- Framing stores
- Hotels and motels (special overnight stay)
- Ice cream shop
- Landscaping companies
- Limousine services
- Personal chefs
- Personal service providers (massage, nails, hair)
- Home based business people (Pampered chef, Rhoda & Fields, Discovery Stella & Dot)
- Summer camps

- Local restaurants, including mom and pops places

What to Avoid

- Artwork done by amateurs other than the school's own students
- Collectibles of narrow appeal (e.g.- figurines, vases/decorative glassware)
- Anything used, unless its antique and obviously valuable
- Certificates for partial value
- Homemade items unless they are of exceptional quality
- Anything with a lot of fine print and restrictions – it's too hard for guest to digest.

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