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SILENT AUCTION INFORMATION



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To Whom It May Concern,

Greetings! I hope this letter finds you well. We are gearing up for our 2021 Cabin Fever Cornhole Tournament and we are looking for individuals, families and groups in our church family to get involved with our Silent Auction this year.

This summer we are offering two separate Serve Local experiences for our JH and SH youth. We will be staying local and doing work right here in our own backyard. We hope that these experiences will go a long way to developing our young people into advocates for those in need and help them to find a passion for service that they can take throughout the rest of their lives.

On Saturday, May 15, 2021, we will be holding our 12th Annual Cabin Fever Corn Hole Tournament to help offset the cost of these experiences. The event will begin at 9:00am and teams of two can sign-up to play in our double elimination tournament for only \$40.00. The event has raised over \$14,000 in a single day for our summer youth service opportunities.

There are a number of ways you can participate to help make our event a success;

1. Have your team sign-up to develop, purchase, donate and create a Silent Auction Basket. For more information, please see the Silent Auction Basket 101 sheet included. If you have any questions regarding the Silent Auction, please contact Kim Kramhoeller at kawtoon@aol.com.
2. Sign-up teams to play in the tournament. The easiest way to get involved is to participate and play in the tournament. You can register teams at www.cabinfevercornhole.com.
3. Have your team sign-up to volunteer at this year's tournament. You can find all of the information regarding our volunteer needs at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044aa4a728a20-11th>.

I believe in the power of service and mission trips. In today's culture the need to have our teens involved in positive experiences is crucial to their future and the future of our world. I appreciate your time and hope that you and your team or group will seriously consider becoming involved in this event to make our trip a reality. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 440.933.3241.

I am so grateful to be a part of a church community that is so incredibly supportive of our young people and our youth ministry efforts.

Blessings and Peace,

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Cabin Fever Cornhole Tournament SILENT AUCTION BASKETS 101

Thank you for your interest in creating a basket for our silent auction at this year's Cabin Fever Cornhole Tournament. Each year the silent auction raises over \$5,000. It is a critical part of our event. We are so grateful for you and your teams willingness to get involved at this level.

WHAT IS A SILENT AUCTION BASKET: A basket of goods, services, experiences all falling under a similar category and/or theme. The basket is then bid on by people attending the Cornhole Tournament. Bids are compiled on a sheet at each basket. The bidding is open for a set amount of time and once that time is up, the highest bid wins.

WHAT GOES IN A BASKET: Anything and everything...well, within reason. We don't permit live animals, weapons, drugs or other items deemed inappropriate for a church fundraiser. Basket contents generally center around a theme, an activity, a hobby, an event, etc. For example....

A Backyard BBQ basket may have grilling tools, plates, napkins, a variety of BBQ sauces, bottle openers, a wireless Bluetooth speaker, a Kan Jam set, spices, gift card to a store where one could buy meat or other cookout items, corn on the cob holders, drinkware, cooler, string lights, etc.

A Golf Basket may include a variety of passes to area golf courses, a gift card to Top Golf, golf balls, golf tees, a golf bag, tickets to an upcoming golf event, golf lessons, golf range finder, etc.

HOW MUCH SHOULD WE SPEND ON A BASKET: There is no right answer on this. As much or as little as you would like. It would be appreciated if you can provide an estimated value of the basket to us.

WHEN DO BASKETS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED: We would greatly appreciate if all baskets could be turned into Nate at the church NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2021.

TIPS FOR A GOOD BASKET:

1. Experiences/tickets/event passes...all go very well. Browns Tickets, Playhouse Square Tickets, Jet Express Passes, Behind the scenes tours, cabin/vacation home stays, golf passes, wine tasting tours, etc.
2. Consider your audience. Ask yourself what would people attending a cornhole tournament bid on? Think families, sports fans, hunting and fishing crowd, Lake Erie enthusiasts, outdoor adventurers.
3. Narrow your theme to a couple of ideas. In order to ensure we don't have six of the same type of basket, please email your idea to Kim Kramhoeller. She will be able to offer suggestions and ideas as well.
4. Keep to a theme.
5. Be creative.
6. Think out of the box.

We are so incredibly grateful to each of you for your consideration of this. If you have any questions, please let us know!

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Cabin Fever Cornhole Tournament SILENT AUCTION BASKET IDEAS

Ok. Full transparency. I grabbed these ideas off a website. A website that is apparently appealing to people running auctions with BIG budgets. We do not expect anyone to spring for airfare tickets to Paris as this list may suggest at one point. In fact, it was so ridiculous...I deleted it below. My point is...this list is simply a place to go to get your brain synapses firing. Let the creative juices flow and again...think about this specific event and this specific audience. Thank you for all of your help!

1. **A Spot of Tea.** Combine a pretty tea pot with plenty of tea (bagged and loose leaf) in a variety of flavors: fruit, herbal and black. Include a tea steeper, honey, crackers, cookies, biscotti, truffles and a tea towel. Spruce up the package with fresh decorations to complement the color of the pot and teas, like lavender flowers, lemons or peppermint sprigs.
2. **Chocolate Celebration.** Who doesn't love chocolate? Curate an assortment of gourmet chocolates, caramels and chocolate-covered fruits, nuts and coffee beans from around the world (check this guide for fair-trade artisan chocolate). Add antioxidant-rich hot cocoa powder and a chocolate fondue set (complete with skewers and melting chocolate) for good measure. Finally, you might include a cocoa-factory tour or tasting to top off an all-around luxurious basket.
3. **Cheers to Beer.** Craft beer is hugely popular right now, and any basket stocked with high-quality, full-flavored global beers is sure to be a hit. Up the ante in a live auction with a trip for 2 to tour the best craft breweries in San Diego.
4. **Epicurean's Delight.** The perfect basket to bring out the chef in any donor. Bundle small kitchen appliances (like an electric mixer and toaster oven) with olive oil, a wide variety of spices, and must-have utensils (like whisks, rolling pins, measuring spoons and cups). You can also throw in a gift card to high-end gourmet cookware retailer, like Williams and Sonoma or West Elm. Present the basket in a slow cooker or large pot. Upgrade this basket to a live auction item by including a hands-on culinary workshop and 3-night stay at Le Cordon Bleu Ottawa. Or, if your location allows, try coordinating a "harvest experience"! Have winning bidders join a farm family for an unforgettable day combining crops and enjoying a genuine farm-to-table meal.
5. **Here Comes Baby.** Chances are high that someone in your audience knows, or is, a new mom. A basket packed with baby essentials will come in handy countless times. Include blankets, a baby monitor, tiny hangars, laundry detergent safe for sensitive skin, wet wipes, bibs, books, toys etc. You might also include one or two baby outfits for decoration, but keep in mind baby clothes tend to be outgrown quickly.
6. **Garden in a Box.** Include gardening gloves (like these seen-on-tv Garden Genie gloves with digging "claws"), pots, seeds, succulents, a spade and other tools.
7. **One-stop Wrap Shop.** This gift wrap workstation is perfect for crafty donors who love giving the perfect gift. Fill this basket with rolls of wrapping paper of all different patterns and textures, plus bows, gift bags, gift tags, tissue paper, colorful tape and scissors.

8. **Let Your Candles Shine.** Your donors will be hosting their own wax and soy candle-making parties in no time. Include a candle making kit with wax and wax warmer (or pouring pot), candle holders, wicks, color chips and instruction books, plus matches or lighters and a set of popular essential oils (like lavender, fresh cotton, sandalwood, vanilla and yuzu) for fragrance.
9. **Electronic Gizmos & Gadgets.** You know the drill. Smartphones, laptops, smart watches, wireless speakers (like the Amazon Echo), cordless bluetooth ear buds and even portable USB chargers are essentially guaranteed to ignite bidding. Make a high-tech donation go even further with a gift card to Best Buy or Amazon.
10. **Spoil Fido & Fluffy.** Most pet owners are obsessed with their "fur babies", so a basket dedicated to pets can ignite bidding. Gather a wide selection of toys, treats, grooming supplies and donated services (like a free checkup at the vet or 3 nights of doggy boarding). You can also include DVDs of favorite pet flicks like *Marley and Me*, *Homeward Bound*, *101 Dalmatians* and *Secret Life of Pets*. (Pictured: *All About Gifts & Baskets*).
11. **Fourth of July.** Everything you need to celebrate Independence Day, our favorite summer holiday! You might include food (like a side of AAA beef or bison cut and wrapped for the freezer); guaranteed front row seats and parking at the local fireworks display; catered cookout; red, white and blue apparel; even a private party in a historic building or new barbecue grill. For a unique Experience, add a hands-on sailing excursion on the famous America's Cup yacht, 'Stars & Stripes.'
12. **Paint for a Cause.** Facilitate a craft or paint room for aspiring artists with an easel, apron, canvases, oil and acrylic paints, watercolor, brushes, and palettes. You can also include a private group painting lesson, like a paint-and-sip package for
13. **Auto Detailing.** Appeal to auto enthusiasts with a complete car care package. Gather glass windshield wipes, microfiber towels, car wash mitts, spot sprays, car wax and air fresheners. Spruce up the package with gift cards for fuel and a certificate for interior and exterior auto detailing by hand, which can easily surpass hundreds of dollars in retail value.
14. **Shutterbug Session.** Donors regard few things as preciously as memories. Combine a donated family portrait session with photo frames and appealing camera - like waterproof, fish-eye lens, instant or even DSLR.
15. **Cool, Calm and Collected.** For spring fundraisers, try offering air conditioning installation in your silent auction. (Since services can be hit-or-miss, it's better to put niche services like home repair in the silent auction rather than live.) Spice up the certificate display with fans, cooling towels and unique ice cube trays (like this mold of Easter Island heads).
16. **Warm and Cozy.** The same service provider might also do furnace installation, which can be worth hundreds of dollars. Paired with campfire gear, fleece-lined jackets and thick blankets or quilts, this makes one cozy basket in a fall fundraiser. (If the service provider offers donors the option to choose one or the other, combine both themes in one lot!)
17. **Date Night.** "Date night" packages are arguably the most popular and commonly used basket in silent auctions. Virtually every bidder will be interested in enjoying a night on the town with gift certificates to a 5-star restaurant, tickets to a movie or play, taxi vouchers and even a limo if you can procure it. You can also skip the movies and include a fun activity, like go-karts, climbing or beach cruiser bike rentals.

18. **At-home Salon.** Women are known to bid more in the silent auction, so it's smart to provide beauty-centric items like an at-home hair salon setup. Combine a plush bathrobe and fluffy slippers with high-end shampoos, conditioners, gels, hair spray, combs, clips, accessories and more. You can also include key hair appliances, like hair dryers and ceramic straighteners, and a certificate for a salon service, like a cut and color.
19. **Makeup Maven.** If you don't regularly use cosmetics, you might not know just how pricey an eyeshadow palette can be - they range from \$1 at the drugstore to upwards of \$300 for designer brands. Get the high end goods with luxury brushes, bags, palettes and nail polish, plus a certificate for a makeover and tutorial with a makeup artist.
20. **Dude Crate.** On the flip side, curate a basket that will appeal to the men in the crowd (and their significant others) to fill out any den. Gather items like fine cigars, whiskey, savory snacks, darts, a poker table with poker chips and certificate for a round of golf, and display in a crate.
21. **The Great Outdoors.** Outdoor clothing and sporting goods make the perfect basket for intrepid bidders. Highly sought after brands include Black Diamond, Marmot, Canada Goose and Arc'teryx. Stuff a tent or sturdy cooler with lanterns, a sleeping bag, tabletop charcoal grill, climbing shoes, a telescope (for stargazing) and binoculars (for birdwatching).
22. **All-Access Pass.** Combine tickets to different local attractions (theme parks, zoos, museums and more) for groups of 2 or 4. You can attach the tickets to related items, like stuffed animals for the aquarium, a telescope for the planetarium, or balloons for theme parks.
23. **(Country) Music Lover's.** A basket for any music lover includes iTunes gift cards, high-end earbuds or headphones, local concert tickets and/or a gift card to Ticketmaster. Keep in mind country music is having *a moment* right now! You might create a basket dedicated to country crooners using boots, flannel shirts, hats and records of vintage and current country artists. Easily flip this basket into the night's most-talked about live auction item by including tickets to the Country Music Awards, plus lodging and airfare to Nashville for 2. *(One of Winspire's most popular Experiences, the CMAs sells out every year, so reserve your package today!)*
24. **Sing Your Heart Out.** Sticking with the music theme, combine a high quality karaoke machine with microphones, a mic stand and throat lozenges (to soothe overworked vocal chords, of course!). Up the ante with donated voice lessons and/or the opportunity to professionally record a song in studio.
25. **All Dolled Up.** One lucky bidder is about to become the parent of a very happy child. Combine American Girl Dolls, Barbies and more with accompanying books, movies, accessories and doll houses - and keep in mind American Girl Dolls retail for \$115 apiece. For a higher-end item, give donors the opportunity to create lifelong memories with an American Girl Shopping Spree at select locations around the U.S. (For a preview, enjoy this video of Conan O'Brien visiting the American Girl Store in Los Angeles.)
26. **Swooning for Ballooning.** Ditch the go-karts and send your donors on a thrilling hot air balloon ride! Dress up the hot air balloon ride vouchers with wine and cheese, all in a gorgeous mini hot air balloon basket made from papier-mâché (instructions here).

27. **New York Minute.** Give a bite of the Big Apple with items unique to New York, New York. Include a gift certificate for thin slice 'za, bagels, cheesecake, art prints of the skyline, Yankees memorabilia, Statue of Liberty figurines, subway maps, famous movies about New York and tickets to see your nearest Broadway production.
28. **An American / A Canadian in Paris.** Transport bidders to the City of Lights with a Parisian-themed basket: think Paris-themed books, pillows, red wine, cheese, French lotions and shampoos (like L'Occitane en Provence), chocolate pastries, vintage journals, and Eiffel Tower decor. *(Pictured: Sarah H.)*
29. **Tokyo Tonight.** This bustling mega-metropolis makes a unique basket for any silent auction audience. Consider including vibrant teas and teapots, snacks, sake, ceramic dishes, certificates to a high-end Japanese restaurant, and a bonsai tree with instructions for care. Add a unique incentive with a private sushi-making class.
30. **Windy City Wins.** Capture the cultural milieu of Chicago with sports memorabilia, Garrett's popcorn, art prints and skyline souvenirs, a copy of *Blues Brothers* plus a voucher for frozen deep dish pizzas shipped to your donors' doors (this native recommends Lou Malnati's). Up the ante in the live auction by sending your donors to watch the championship Chicago Cubs from the storied rooftops of Wrigley Field (check out reviews here).
31. **Weekend Staycation.** Try coming up with icons that capture your local community: think regional cuisine, sports teams, attractions and natural landmarks. Then procure a couple nights' stay within driving distance, like a romance package at a luxury resort or seaside cottage getaway.