

# Auction Procurement

- The goal of the auction is to raise money for OWS & Vista. Please only procure items that you believe others would greatly enjoy or items that you would choose for yourself or your family.
- All families are required to procure \$700 in goods or services, pay \$700 toward procurement OR a combination of goods and cash.
- Item minimum value is \$50 (except gift cards).
- All procured items are subject to auction committee approval. Contact us if you aren't sure if an item will be accepted.
- Don't wait until the last minute to turn in your procured items!
  - Forms for **non-physical** items can be turned in to the Development Office in the Farmhouse at any time.
  - We can only accept a limited number of the same item. For example, if we try to auction 25 dinner parties, they will sell for a very small amount. It's all about supply and demand!
  - Get your forms in early! It's first come, first served in terms of number of same items.
  - If you wait until the deadline to turn in your procurement forms, and we have to decline some of your items, then you will have to scramble to meet your procurement requirement of \$700. *Talk to us early – we want to help!*

## Best Sellers:

Our families love experiences that are different and not something that you can easily go out and purchase! Think Unique!!

- \* Unique experiences for kids – Vet, Doctor, Scientist for a day
- \* Unique experiences for adults – Tickets to Oprah, VIP Movie Premiere, Walk-on part in play or movie
- \* Tickets to sporting and cultural events
- \* Wine and wine tasting events
- \* Behind the scenes tours and experiences
- \* Trips – weekend getaways (especially within the Northwest), trips during school vacations
- \* Parties for adults, kids, families

## Limited number accepted and/or special review:

We will be limiting all items to some extent, but these are ones we will definitely review:

- \* Vacation rentals – must be available during a major school break.
- \* Dinners hosted at homes
- \* Photography packages
- \* Art, DVDs, CDs
- \* Microsoft games and products
- \* All other software

## **No Thank You:**

*(These are items that we typically have great difficulty selling at the auction)*

- \* **Anything that is used.** (All donations must be in new and mint condition.)
- \* **Anything that requires an additional purchase**  
(i.e. A certificate good for a birthday party but you have to pay for all ceramics)
- \* **Airline miles**
- \* **Martial Arts Classes**
- \* **Houseware items** (dishes, rugs, etc)
- \* **Clothing** (Ask for a gift card from the business instead!)
- \* **Professional services**
  - **Haircuts** (consider getting a donation of a gift card that can be used for other hair or spa services)
  - **Financial, Brokerage or Insurance Services** (Most firms will be happy to make a monetary donation. Perhaps they would like to be a sponsor and receive mention on our website and/or catalog. Any donation you procure counts towards your \$700 commitment! Contact [auction@ows.org](mailto:auction@ows.org) for more info on sponsorships)
  - **Dental and Medical Services** (exception skincare, dermatology, spa services)  
Most families have a favorite dentist or physician and these services are very hard to sell. Please consider asking your health care provider to donate a behind the scenes tour or experience, or even a monetary donation instead of professional services.

When submitting these items online or in person, please include as much information as possible so that we are able to review the value of the donation accurately. When submitting a vacation, please submit the Vacation Rating document as well. Please visit [www.ows.org/auction.php](http://www.ows.org/auction.php) for all forms.

## **Some ideas to get you started:**

Experience with a Local Sports Star	Poker Party – Guys’ Night Out!
Gift Certificates to Popular Stores	Host a Mom’s Night Out
Day at Nintendo	Personal Chef for a Family
Cooking Class at a Restaurant or Your Home	Hard to Find Wine
Fighter Pilot for a Day	Week at Disney World
Dinner at an Incredible Restaurant	Weekend Vacation (see vacation rating form)
Themed Dinner at Your Home	Spa Day for Four (or 6, or 8!)
Intern for a Day	Car Racing or Exotic Car Rental
Prepared Dinners Once a Week	Gourmet Brown Bag Lunches
Martini Party at Your Home	Wii and Wii Games such as Wii Fit
Ipod, Ipod Touch	Balloon Ride
Sky Diving	Helicopter Ride
Walk on Role in a Play	Tickets to a TV show or Movie Premiere
Behind the Scenes Tours	Night at Point Defiance Zoo
Day with a Vet, Doctor, Pilot, Engineer, Judge	Personalized Game
Handyman Services	Babysitting Services

**QUESTIONS?** Email [auction@ows.org](mailto:auction@ows.org).