

Northshore Christian Academy

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Frequently Asked Questions about Auction Procurement

- Q: How do I know if my favorite store has already given to the auction?**
A: You may check the auction link on the NCA web site AND don't be afraid to ask the donor again. If you are a valued customer, the donor may be willing to give more.
- Q: I'm new in town. Where should I go to procure?**
A: Where you shop, get your hair cut, take your dog to be groomed, have your car fixed, etc. There are hundreds of businesses that have not been asked yet. Don't assume that your favorite places have already given to our auction.
- Q: How far north or south can I go to procure?**
A: For tangible items, you can go anywhere. We'll take any tangible item. Gift certificates hold the most value if they are to a local store, or to a place that people would travel to use them. For example, any theatre or sports experience, spas, resorts, travel, etc. are valuable.
- Q: I procured an item! Now what do I do with it?**
A: There is a large bin next to the auction table in the lobby where items can be placed.
- Q: I have a gift certificate and some cash. Do those go in the bin?**
A: Please give any cash, checks or gift certificates to our receptionists at the front desk and they will take care of them for you.
- Q: Do I need to put together a basket of related items?**
A: We have some very experienced volunteers who know how to do this to group items together to give items the most value. Bring in your items and we'll package them for you!
- Q: I have my child in Before and/or After School Care. Can I give my item to the ladies in charge?**
A: Yes, you may. Please tell them you are dropping off an item. You may also give items to our staff when you drop your children off for school.
- Q: I have a great idea for an item, but I haven't seen it listed yet. Do I have to stick with the suggested donation ideas?**
A: No!! The items listed are only ideas successful at previous auctions. Be creative!
- Q: I am not comfortable with procuring. Am I able to bring someone with me?**
A: Of course! Gather after you drop your children off in the morning, get a latte from Solid Ground Espresso and head out. Invite others! It is a great way to make new friends. If you would rather procure by phone, contact our Procurement Lead for a list of businesses you can call from home.
- Q: I don't have any time to procure, but I do have the means to make a cash donation. Would this be helpful?**
A: Ideally, we would like everyone to do his or her part in procuring. However, cash donations are accepted and are tax-deductible because we are a non-profit.

We have some great ideas as to how to use the cash to procure some valuable items.

Please contact Annie Booth, Procurement Chair,

ncauction@northshorechristian.org or call the auction office at 425.322.2370

**Below are a wide variety of suggestions for items to procure.
Items that go for a lot of money at auctions are items that you could not
purchase yourself. What special connection do you have?**

UNIQUE ITEMS

Air Combat Mission
Autographed Items
Chihuly Glass
Flowers for a Year
Golf School
Handmade Furniture
Handmade Quilts
Lattes for a Year
Pet Sitting
Pinball Machine
Purebred Puppy
Vending Machine

THEME BASKETS

Babysitter Basket
Beach Necessities
Candle Lover's Basket
Coffee Lover's Basket
Family Video Night
For the Gardener
For the Gourmet
For Your Dog or Cat
Road Trip Basket
Picnic Basket
Relaxation Basket
Crafters Basket
When the Power is Out!
Guest Room Basket

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Girl's Weekend Away
Gourmet Cooking Class
Midnight Bowling Party
Mystery Dinner Party
New Year's Eve Party
Progressive Dinner
Road Rally
Scrapbooking Weekend
Skydiving
Space Needle Party

Tailgate Party
Water-ski Weekend

PHYSICAL ITEMS

Camera/Camcorder
Camping Equipment
Computer Equipment
Espresso Machine
Exercise Equipment
Gas Grill
Golf Clubs
Lawn Mower
Mountain Bike
Cell Phone
Kindle/Nook
X Box
X Box Games
iPad/Tablet
iPhone/smart phones
iPod/Apple Products
Electronics
Scooter
Small Appliances
Stereo Systems
Television
Tools
Toys

TRAVEL

Airline Tickets
American Girl Museum
Bed & Breakfast Stays
Cabin Getaway
Cruise
Dude Ranch
Fishing Trip
Hunting Weekend
Golf Weekend
Leavenworth Weekend
Palm Springs
San Juan Islands
Snow Ski Weekend
Spring Training Getaway
Sun Valley Vacation
Time Share

Tourist Attractions
Train Tickets
Whistler
World Series
Lake Chelan
Sun River

EXPERIENCES

Catered Party at Home
Admission to a Private Club
San Juan Islands Air Tour
Athletic Club Membership
Backstage Tours/Passes
Canoeing
Kayaking
Rock Climbing
Flight Simulator
Horseback Riding
Hot Air Balloon Ride
Limousine for an Evening
Lunch w/a local Celebrity
Game Tester for a day
River Rafting
Shopping Spree
Sports Event Tickets
Theater Tickets
TV Behind the Scenes Tour
Windsurfing Lessons
Extreme Makeover
Use of a Hot Rod or Antique
Car for the Weekend
Auto Detailing
Dancing Lessons
Job Shadow

FOOD

Restaurant Gift Cards
Gourmet/Specialty Foods
Cupcakes
Cupcake Pops
Organic Foods
Boutique Food Items
Grocery Store Gift Card