Silent Auction Ideas

Passes for experiences generally do well. Here are some types of experiences to consider: Historical sites Theaters – live performance theaters, movie taverns, cinemas Scenic or historical railroads Museums – children's museums, art museums, etc. Activities - axe throwing, escape rooms, archery or gun lessons at an established range Art class – pottery, ceramic, glass, sip and paint Cooking classes Rock climbing gyms Balloon rides Zoo tickets Natural areas such as Hawk Mountain, Longwood Gardens, Bowman's Hill Airplane or glider rides from a local airport Water fun - water parks, boat rides, boat rental, tubing down a river Visit from Santa, the Easter Bunny, a clown, or other character. Dinner at your home with a special menu A special service you can offer such as teaching something or making something that is personalized.

Use these as something to spur your imagination for a basket.

We do not expect baskets with all of the items listed in any particular category:

1. <u>It's a Date!</u> - Gift cards for restaurants, movie tickets, popcorn, bowling, go-carting (or any activity that could be used for a date).

2. <u>Weekend Getaway</u> - Voucher to a hotel, or bed and breakfast. Include champagne, wine, cheese and other snacks. Plus vouchers for activities near the Hotel: Spa, tour guides, hiking/riding/cycling.

3. <u>Wine Lovers</u> - A selection of red and white wines, plus snacks to go with the wines. Add a bottle opener, carrying bag, a wine reference book, a 'wine with food' reference book, voucher to local winery or tasting event, and an ice bucket and tongs.

4. World of Wines - Same as the above, but with a selection of different wines from around the world!

5. <u>Pet Lovers</u> - Themed towards a specific type of pet - Cat, dog, bird, or horse, etc. Have a selection of pet toys and snacks.

6. <u>Camping Crazy</u> - You could have a simple basket with just the basics, or just a special camp chair, hammock, wagon or cooler, or a high-end basket that includes a tent and accessories.

7. *Movie Night* - Movie Theatre vouchers, DVDs of popular movies, popcorn, candy, soda, etc.

8. <u>Baby Shower</u> - Everything a baby and new mother will need such as diapers, diaper cream, sleep monitor, wet wipes, bibs, baby books, toys, baby blankets, etc.

9. <u>Spa at Home</u> - Bath gels, lotions, facial kit, bathrobe, fluffy slippers, massage products, pedicure kit, etc.

10. *Hair Affair* - Have a selection of hair care products - shampoos, conditioners, gels, hair spray, comb, brushes, and hair clips, etc.

11. <u>Beach Bums</u> - Sunscreen, beach towels, umbrella or beach tent, bucket and beach shovels, frisbee, snorkel and flippers, boogie boards, disposable waterproof camera, and a cooler box.

12. Car Care - Car wash vouchers, car wash products, inner air fresheners, and seat covers, etc.

13. <u>*Golfing Galore*</u> - Include golf balls, golf tees, an umbrella, sunglasses, golfing glove, cap, golfing magazines, vouchers to local courses, and a free session with a golfing instructor, etc.

14. <u>Spectator at Sport</u> - You could have team caps, sunscreen, stadium seats, tickets to major sporting events, season tickets, box tickets, meet the team vouchers, binoculars, and fan apparel.

15. <u>*Candle spectacular*</u> - A variety of candles and accessories, candle holders, matches or lighters, candle making kit, and candle making books, etc.

16. <u>Death by Chocolate</u> - An assortment of chocolates and gourmet chocolates. Be creative and have a few rare, weird and wonderful products!

17. <u>Gourmet Coffee</u> - You could include a coffee machine, a variety of filter coffee packs, espresso coffee packs, milk frothier, coffee plunger, and gourmet or rare coffees and mugs!

18. <u>Adrenaline Junkies</u> - Think of anything that an Adrenaline Junky would do, or would use: Vouchers for sky diving, white water rafting, rollercoaster rides, horse polo lessons, etc.

19. <u>*Cultural Baskets*</u> - Pick a culture like Italian, Thai, Indian, Zulu, etc. and create a basket of food items, jewelry, cultural books, tourist books, curios, and artwork, etc.

20. <u>*Gym Junkies*</u> - Dumbbells, resistance bands, exercise mat, sweat towels, sweat bands, gym subscription, voucher for personal trainer session, stability ball, bosu ball, and training DVDs.

21. <u>Athlete in Training</u> - Similar to the above basket but with a specific sport in mind. For example, cycling - with gift cards to cycle shops, cycling helmet, spare tire tubes, pump, and bike repair kit, etc.

22. <u>The Bakers Basket</u> - Oven gloves, flour, baking powder, choc chips, nuts, granulated sugar, powdered sugar, cocoa powder, cookie/muffin pan, recipe for ingredients in basket, and recipe book for baking, etc.

23. <u>Barbeque Blitz</u> - Use a barbecue as the actual basket - with tools, sauces, spices, tongs, recipe books.

24. Global Beers/Drinks - An assortment of beers and drinks from around the world!

25. *Potting About in the Garden* - Seeds, potted plants, gardening magazine subscriptions, gardening books, tools, gloves, hanging baskets, and vouchers to garden shops.

26. <u>Arts and Crafts</u> - Craft kits, beads, crayons, markers, construction paper, glue sticks, scissors and ideas.

27. *Back to school* - Notebooks, pens, pencils, different "post it" notes (fun shapes), glue sticks, tablets, etc.

28. <u>Cooking for kids</u> - Kids cookbook, simple utensils, ingredients for one or two of the recipes in the cookbook, hot pads, kid size apron, oven mitts.

29. <u>Game night</u> - A collection of fun games foe different ages, decks of cards, a card game rule book.

30. *Ice Cream Social* - A gift card to purchase ice cream, sundae dishes, fancy spoons, various toppings and jimmies.

31. <u>Collectibles basket</u> - What is your favorite thing to collect? Are you thinking about thinning out your collection? Put a few items (not 15 or 20 0) in a basket.

32. *Movie or character themed basket* - Harry Potter, Star Wars, Star Trek, Avatar, Wizard of Oz, Beatles, Elvis, etc.

33. Legos - Put in some Lego kits. Be sure all of the pieces are there with instructions.

34. <u>*Girl Scout related items*</u> -Collectible items or items from a special location such as Juliette's house in Savannah or one of the World Centers.

35. *Jewelry* - Whether it's jewelry you have made or purchased, this is usually a popular item.

36. <u>Scrapbooking</u> - Include different styles of pages and decorations along with special scissors and other tools.

37. <u>Off to college</u> - What could that first time college student use? Maybe magnet hooks, highlighters, notebooks, paper clips, a stapler, tape, "post it" notes, a power strip, etc.

38. <u>*Patriotic basket*</u> - Think 4th of July or Labor Day picnic – paper plates, napkins, utensils/silverware, cups, tablecloth, small flags, red white and blue bunting, patriotic garden flag, balloons, etc.

39. Spicy Hot Food Lovers Basket - Wet and dry spices of all types and all levels of spiciness

40. <u>Survival kit</u> - Whistle, poncho, waterproof matches, emergency blanket, toilet paper, can opener, pocketknife, first aid supplies, water.

41. *Teatime* - Tea pot, infuser, fancy teas, honey, teacups or mugs, spoons, cookies or other snacks.

42. *Holiday fun* - Pick a holiday – Christmas, Easter, St. Patrick's Day, etc. – and gather items that relate to that holiday.

43. Artwork - Framed photos, high quality prints, paintings or other original art.

44. <u>Puzzle fun</u> - Various new jigsaw puzzles or brain teaser puzzles, sudoku and other puzzle books.

45. <u>Explore the Outdoors</u> - Bug boxes, magnifying glass, butterfly net, bird boxes, bird feeders, identification guides for insects, flowers, birds, etc.

46. *Fidgets* - Gather a variety of fidget items.

47. <u>Stitching</u> Arts - Include supplies for knitting, crocheting, needle craft or other canvas or fiber arts.

48. <u>Sewing</u> - Include material, patterns with instructions, scissors, tape measure, straight pins.