

AUCTION 101

BIDDER NUMBERS

When you arrive at the auction, you will check in at the Check-In/Check-Out Room. There, you will register and receive your bidder number. This is the number that you will write down to bid-on or purchase anything at the auction (e.g. silent auction bid sheets, give at the wine pull table, use to buy your child's keepsakes, and hold in the air during the live auction, etc.). The only place you cannot use your bidder number is at the bar, they will accept cash/card only.

SILENT AUCTION

The silent auction is split into three sections (based on price), each with a different closing time. Items for sale will be displayed on tables with a bid sheet and a display that describes the item. When you see something you like... write your bidder number next to the amount you would like to bid. The fun part is to keep an eye on the items you like to make sure no one out-bids you!!!

LIVE AUCTION

The live auction occurs after dinner. During the live auction things can move fast. Larger items/packages for the live auction are displayed in our catalog with descriptions along with a presentation. The auctioneer will begin announcing each item; when you hear a price for something you like, raise your bidder number in the air.

DINNER

When you purchase a ticket to the auction, you are purchasing a dinner and a seat at a table. Dinner is served a while after doors open and guests have had the opportunity to bid in the silent auction. Dinner is released by table (10 individuals to a table) in a buffet-line setting.

**We welcome all guests who want to partake in the auction, and you are not required to purchase a dinner ticket to attend. Due to limited seating and an on-average sold-out event, guests without dinner tickets may be limited to standing room/cocktail tables; but please know we want you to be there!*

SPIRITS

The Country Club has two full no-host bars available. Our specialty/themed drinks are always a hit (both alcohol & non-alcoholic)! Full wine bottles are also available from our Wine Pull table. Wine bottles may be corked at the bar for \$5 per bottle or you may choose to take the unopened bottle home.

DESSERT

During dinner you will place the amount you would like to pay for a dessert on a card placed at your table. The cards will be collected and the table with the highest combined bid will get first choice from a variety of desserts. We will then call the tables in order from highest to lowest in 10-second increments. When your table is called, have one person be the runner to grab the dessert of your choice.

RAFFLES

- **Tickets:** Each family is responsible for selling 20 raffle tickets prior to the event. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Winners will be drawn during the live auction, and cash rewards are given for 1st (\$300), 2nd (\$200), and 3rd (\$50) prizes.
- **Green Line Raffle:** On the night of the auction, there will be green lines on each silent auction bidder sheet for a certain amount of money. If you write your bidder number on the green line (*also bidding at that price amount*), your bidder number will go into a drawing. The winner will be announced before the Live Auction and receive a \$250 credit towards a live auction package!
- **Wine Pull:** The Wine Pull table will offer guests the option to purchase & ‘pull’ a bottle of wine for \$20 each. By purchasing a bottle of wine, you’ll be entered into a drawing to win an exclusive winery experience. Stay tuned, as we will reveal this exciting prize as we get closer to the auction!
- **Best of Live:** Volunteers will be walking around offering guests an opportunity to purchase a “Best of Live” raffle accessory for \$20. Each accessory you purchase enters your bidder number into a drawing to win a full package from the live auction!!!

SPECIAL SALES

- **Kids Projects:** Special projects are created by students throughout the year and will be available to purchase or bid on during the auction. This includes an individual child project for every family, and one project from each class to be bid on/won.
- **Black & White Photos:** Large black and white professional portraits of each child will be on display and available for purchase. Reprints of varying sizes will also be available to buy.

CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT PROCESS

The first key step to making your night run smoothly is visiting the Check-In/Check-Out room as soon as you arrive for the evening. By using the bidder number given to you at check-in, there is no need to keep track of all your bids/purchases on your own (yah!), as they will be tracked throughout the night and entered into our auction system. When you are ready to retire for the evening, the check-out crew will go over all of the items that you have won to finalize your purchase, and you will receive the items to take home.