

# Auction Donation Ideas

Listed below are some suggestions that have worked in the past. Be creative. Show your Madeleine spirit and help make this celebration a night to remember!

## **Epicurean Delights**

- Host a chef in your home to wine and dine 8 guests
- Gift certificates to your favorite restaurant
- Gourmet foods/chocolates
- Dining experiences – get creative
- Themed gourmet food baskets

## **Wine/Champagne/Spirits**

- Boutique Wines
- Wine baskets with your favorite bottles
- Wine glasses
- Specialty Champagnes
- Wine and Cheese Baskets
- Offer a Wine Tasting in your home
- Specialty Scotch, Vodka, Tequila, etc.

## **Travel and Weekend Experiences**

- Offer your personal vacation getaway (beach house, mountain cabin, condo, vacation home)
- Adventure travel
- Cruises
- Golf Getaways
- Fishing Weekend
- Gourmet Escapes
- Gift Certificates for your favorite hotel destination
- Do you have extra travel tickets to donate towards a trip package?

## **Kids and Teens**

- Book baskets

- Movie packages
- Acting/dance/art classes
- Birthday parties

## **Events**

- Arrange exciting experiences for the kids
- Lead a hiking or mountain biking trip
- Sporting event or concert tickets

## **New Electronics**

- TV's, Computers, IPOD's
- XBOX, Playstation 3, Nintendo DS
- Games, CD's

## **Pamper Packages**

- Hair-Nail-Pedicure gift certificates from your favorite salon
- Massage session
- Facial time with a dermatologist – get the latest and greatest treatments
- Pamper your automobile with detailing certificates

## **Exquisite Extras**

- Jewelry
- Designer handbags and sunglasses
- Clothing store certificates
- Stationery

# Frequently Asked Questions About Auction Items

## **Do I have to stick with the suggested donation ideas?**

No. What we are looking for are new (unused) items, services, artwork and experiences. The items listed are only ideas that have been successful at ours and other auctions. Be creative!

## **How important is the Auction Donation Form?**

The forms are very important. Please complete the ENTIRE form and be sure to include a detailed description of your donation as it is vital to the auction catalog write-up – we want to present your donation in the best possible way. The information is used for inventory, the auction catalog and tax receipt purposes.

## **What about gift certificates?**

Certificates are great. If you do not have an official gift certificate, we can create a certificate. Simply fill out the form with all of the relevant information.

## **Where do I drop off the donations and the forms?**

During the summer you can mail the forms to the school:

The Madeleine School  
3240 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Portland, OR 97212  
Attn. School Procurement

In September you may turn the forms into the appropriate “in box” in the parent room. If you bring the item in at the same time, please include the form with the donation. If the donation is delivered later, attach a note if the form is already in.

## **When is the donation deadline?**

All family donation forms must be received no later than Monday, September 22, 2008. Business donations will be accepted later, but preferred earlier.