



ANNUAL AUCTION IS MAY 8

Don't miss out on the biggest event of the baseball season - the Pacific Little League's 10th Annual Benefit Auction & Dinner. This year's event is May 8th at the Nile Golf & Country Club. The timing gives dads a chance for last minute shopping since it is the evening before Mother's Day. An added bonus - no games the next day!

Doors open at 5pm for bidding in the silent auction. Dinner and live auction start at 7pm. Music by *The Side Project* (aka The Bradfords) to follow. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$400 per table. Seating is limited and advance reservations are required. See your team coordinator for your reservation form or get your.

MAJOR FUNDRAISER

What happens to the money raised by the auction? The answer is all around you every time you visit Lynndale Park or any of Pacific's other facilities!

- Fieldhouse & concession stand
- New equipment & uniforms
- Field lights & scoreboards
- EWHS Turf Field
- Field improvements & pathways
- Scriber Field improvements

The auction is essential to creating a wonderful experience for all at Pacific Little League.



EVERYONE HELPS EVERYONE WINS!

Pacific Little League is a volunteer organization. It works because everyone "pitches" in. The auction is no different. It succeeds only because of the efforts and generosity of many - including YOU!

Included in this bulletin are basket ideas, ways that you can help, deadlines and contacts.

With everyone's help, everyone wins!

CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

The team baskets help greatly but additional items are always needed. If you have tickets, unused gift certificates or other items, donate them! Your gift will be appreciated.

TEAM BASKETS "How To" SUGGESTIONS

Each team in the Pacific Little League is to donate a themed basket for the auction.

To get your basket started, ask your team parents for ideas, suggestions and connections. Someone may have a business contact, a cabin or boat, season tickets or is a gourmet cook. Ready access to any of these type of items will help you decide your basket's theme.

If you don't have an easy connection to items or goods, look to those you already do business with - stores or services you frequent.

Next question - are the items available for donation or will there be an expense involved? Funds can be raised by asking each team family to contribute cash or effort.

When buying items for your basket, consider negotiating the purchase price. You may be able to buy items for less than its ticketed value - especially gift certificates (Example: \$75 face value for \$50 cash).

Please keep in mind that many businesses in the area are asked over and over again to donate to many causes. They simply aren't able to honor everyone's request. But, you may make a contact that will pay off in future years.

Finally, while we look for a variety in the retail value of the baskets, we do ask for a minimum of \$250.

BASKET PRESENTATION & PROCEDURES

Getting the items for your basket is just the first step! Here is what you need to do next:

- Prepare your items for presentation. Pick a basket or unique container to show them off.
- Do NOT wrap your basket in plastic but make sure the items are secure.
- Put tickets or gift certificates in a separate envelope.
- Attach a decorative cover sheet for presentation at the auction. List all the items included in your basket.
- Fill out the donation form *completely*. Please write legibly.
- Deliver your basket to the field house by the deadline of Sunday, **May 4**. If you have a large item, notify the chairperson and arrange to bring directly to the Nile May 10.

EARLY BIRD INCENTIVE

If you turn your team basket in on Little League Day, April 26, your team will receive Snack Shack tickets redeemable for a hot dog, pop and ice cream treat for every player on your team!

If you have more games than families, these special tickets will help out with your treat schedule.

STAY TRUE TO YOUR THEME!

It is very important that you pick one theme for your basket and, to ensure its success, stay true to it. Mixing diverse items actually brings *down* the value of a basket. For instance, not everyone has a pet. Including pet supplies with tickets or barbecue items is a deterrent to some people to bid on your basket. If there should be items that don't quite fit your theme, don't get rid of them - donate them as single items or create more than one basket.

Because this is the league's only fundraiser, it is important to maximize our ability to get the highest bid possible. As a result, organizers reserve the right to "break out" your basket without advance notice. If you should have questions, contact us before or after the event.

USE YOUR IMAGINATION! BASKET SUGGESTIONS

When putting together your basket, ask yourself, "What would I want?" If you would be willing to pay for it, someone else will! Some ideas for your basket are:

- Unique experiences such as a boat cruise, fishing trip, swimming party or gourmet dinner in a home with a view
- Sporting event tickets - Mariners, Sonics, Seahawks, AquaSox
- Weekend or Romantic Get-Away at a resort, hotel or the family cabin
- Day Spa, special treatment for Mom
- Sports memorabilia
- Wine lovers basket
- Restaurant gift certificates
- Handmade crafts or works of art
- Tickets to special events or activities
- Golf outing to a unique course
- Gardening supplies and/or labor
- Summer fun - barbecue, outdoor fun

WHAT CAN I DO? VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways you can help. Whatever you can give will be appreciated!

- Attend the auction meetings April 9 & 30. Share your ideas & suggestions.
- Coordinate your team basket
- Help solicit other auction items
- Sign up to bake a dessert or create a centerpiece—see "Help Wanted"
- Help with set up and/or clean up
- Volunteer to help the evening of the event
- Come to the auction, have fun & spend some money!

HELP WANTED!

The auction needs many volunteers. This includes bakers and "florists."

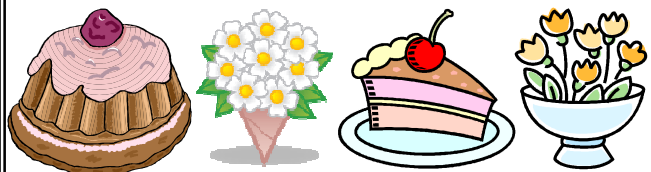
If each team volunteered to do at least one (or both) of these tasks, it would go a long way to fulfilling our needs.

★**BAKERS:** A highlight of the auction is the Dessert Dash. The highest bidder is the first to pick their treat - and, oh, the selection! Each year volunteer bakers create scrumptious desserts ranging from gourmet creations to a plate of Ding Dongs!

If baking is a love or talent - share it!

Approximately 36 desserts are needed.

Contact Denise Busby at Busby4@msn.com or (425) 678-8742 to volunteer.



★**CENTERPIECES:** Volunteers are needed to create floral centerpieces for the auction. They will be placed in the middle of the tables and made available for bid. In order for people to see, "low" arrangements are preferable.

Be it a bunch of daisies, a plant or a Costco bouquet set in a vase, your gift will help set the mood for the evening and could be someone's Mother's Day gift!

About 40 centerpieces will be needed.

Contact Kelley Schultz at (206) 227-6912 or klschultz@comcast.net to volunteer.

NOTES: The plates, dishes or vases you use will not be returned unless arrangements are specifically made. Contact us to volunteer - advance notice is necessary for planning purposes.



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

April 8 Auction Meeting

6:30pm at Lynndale Field meeting room

April 24 Little League Day Baskets - Early Bird Prize

All teams delivering their baskets by or on this date will receive a concession stand ticket redeemable for a hot dog, pop and treat for each player on your team.

April 26 Auction Meeting

6:30pm at Lynndale Field meeting room

May 1 Basket Deadline

All baskets need to be turned in by this date. Need an extension? Call us.

May 1 Reservations Deadline

Don't miss out - turn yours in early! Seating is limited.

May 8 Auction

Nile Golf & County Club. Reservations required. Doors open at 5pm. Dinner & Live auction at 7pm. Music & dancing to follow

May 9 Mother's Day

No games scheduled

Please make note of and adhere to the deadlines. They are necessary for us to be better able to plan the event.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

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NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you need more information such as a sample procurement letter or additional copies of the forms, they and other information about the auction are available online at the Pacific Little League website.

www.pacificlittleleague.com

