

Greetings to all Band and Color Guard parents and students,

As many of you know, our third annual **Jazz Under the Stars, Dessert Tasting and Silent Auction** is planned for **Thursday, May 1st, 2008, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm** in the CVHS Commons. **100%** of the funds raised from this event benefit **all** of the CVHS Band and Color Guard programs.

We have an awesome opportunity to raise funds for the CV Band and Color Guard. We are inspired by the need for new marching band uniforms to take this auction to a new level. In order to raise money for the Band programs and new band uniforms, the students and parents need to work together to make this fundraising event successful! Thanks in advance for your help.

OBTAINING AUCTION ITEMS

We have three phases to the procurement of Auction items:

- 1) Parents/supporters obtaining business donations from personal contacts: Feb.25th – March 14th
- 2) Students obtaining business donations from businesses in the community: March 17th – March 31st
- 3) Grouping donations into Themed Baskets for the Auction : April

Our **first phase** of obtaining donations starts with our Band parents and supporters! In order to put together a list of potential business contacts for the students (phase 2), we need to know who to take off the list (we do not want to request donations more than once or twice from our local supporters). Most of you work for or know someone or frequently visit a local business. **Having a personal connection with someone in the business community is one of the best ways to obtain a donation.** Example: I was at Hoffman's Music store today. While I was there, I told them about the Jazz Dessert and Auction and left them a donation form. I will follow up with a phone call if I do not hear back from them within 10 days or so. I keep the donation forms in my car and have asked several businesses that I frequently visit for their support. Most businesses would love to support the CV Band; they just need to be given the opportunity.

Attached is a donation form/letter you and the students will need to give to the businesses you contact. It contains information about the event, why we are raising funds, as well as our non-profit ID. The business keeps this form. When they give you a donation, fill in the bottom of the form, this is their donation receipt. What we need from them is their business card. Please put the donated item, estimated value, and whether or not they would like two complimentary tickets to the Jazz Dessert on the back of their business card. If you have the opportunity, please call before going by a retail business and ask when the manager/owner will be available and let them know when you will be dropping in.

Once you have contacted a business for a donation, please email or call me so that I can take the business off the student contact list. In the **second phase**, students will receive a short list of businesses (3-5) which they will be responsible for contacting. They will also meet with potential donors and use the donation form.

The final phase will be grouping donated items into attractive baskets for the silent auction. We have already received multiple donations from crafters at the CV Craft Fair this last weekend. Just ask Michael Kildoff how easy it was to obtain a donation!

Thank you for your help! The CV Band programs appreciate your support!!!

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POSSIBLE BASKET IDEAS

Ski Package: Silver Mountain, Mt. Spokane, 49 Degree North ski tickets, Sports Authority items, lodging
Romantic Get a Way: Hotel, dinner out, movie
Mom's Basket: Hair cut and style, massage, nail manicure, lunch out for two
Dad's Basket: Gift card to Harbor Freight, movie tickets, Shock tickets, Pizza gift card
Wine Tour - w/limo, several wineries (most wine tour places won't donate a tour, but getting a limo for the day, along with a snacks and chosen wineries)
Cougar/WSU basket: Cougar clock, football tickets, baseball cap, sweatshirt
Garden party: Gift cert. to local nursery, lawn care service, garden tools, gloves
Supermodel for a Day: Makeover by upscale salon with photo shoot (teens love it!)
Birthday Party in a Box: Face painting, clown services, Pizza gift certificate, Cookies/Birthday Cake gift certificate, Party favors, etc.
Air Balloon Ride with dinner
Cooking class for three couples
Chef in Your home for an evening (Jetchef.com - she is in CDA or try Cena To Go)
Arbor Crest and Spokane Symphony Summer Concerts (donation of season pass)
Several Jazz clubs in town with dinner (Ella's is a good one)
Golf Packages: Two rounds of golf and lunch out
Several Boating excursions (fishing, water skiing)
Weekend in Leavenworth (two night stay, dinner and a few gift certificates)
One night at the CDA Resort and dinner at Beverly's
Young Parents night out - babysitting, dinner certificate and movie tickets
Pink and Blue Package - One boy and one girl baby package - clothing, toys, certificate to an indoor play arena
Triple Play with pizza
Silverwood Day - tickets for a family of four
Bike the Hiawatha - for a family of four – free rental bikes and tickets, local lunch gift card
Whitewater Rafting - tickets for a family of four along with a gas card with at least \$30
Broadway Evening - dinner certificate, tickets to a Broadway musical coming here
Gift basket from Simply Northwest
Group of gift certificates from several boutiques - Liberty Lake Shack, CoCo's, etc.
Spa Day - several of these - Brick House, Spa Zenaida (LL)
Personal trainer package - free membership at Liberty Lake Athletic or Oz, along with several sessions with a personal trainer
Massage Package - once a week for four weeks
Four Dates - four different restaurants, dinner for two (Max, Ambrosia Bistro, Azteca, Black Angus, for example)
Teen Auto Maintenance: oil change, gas card, car wash certificates, local car repair certificate
Teen Night Out - limo, pizza, bowling, movie cards
Video Game Package - game player (PS2, WE, or other) with a few games
Dog lovers: Kennel certificate, dog toys, leashes, veterinary services
Cat lovers: Cat toys, kennel, veterinary services

The following businesses have already been contacted or have already donated: **Applebee's, Flintlock Kennel, Evergreen Pet, Shear Heaven, Spokane Valley Animal Hospital, and Hoffman's Music.**

Please give us your ideas for some other theme baskets!!!