



DFES Auction: Donation Ideas

Want to help solicit donations, but not sure about what would sell? Here are some ideas that have proven successful at past school auctions. *Please keep in mind, some places have a deadline for donations by the end of the year so don't wait. And, merchants are more likely to support their customers so be sure to ask the places where you already do business!*

Gift Certificates from businesses:

- Restaurants
- Spas, hair salons, nail salons, gyms, golf courses
- Massage therapists, holistic practitioners, acupuncture, dentists, opticians
- Photographers
- Classes: martial arts, gymnastics, swimming, art, dance, music, tutoring
- Grocery stores (your Safeway, Trader Joe's, Mollie Stone's, etc.)

Something you already own:

- Tickets to Bay Area sporting events: Giants, 49ers, the A's, Warriors, Raiders, Sharks, college teams like Cal, Stanford or USF
- Symphony, Opera, Ballet, Theater/Musicals
- Comp tickets: zoo, museums
- Timeshare, Tahoe cabin, day out on your boat

Tours of places you may have special access to:

- Television or radio stations
- City Hall or other popular Bay Area landmarks
- Back stage: theater, concert hall, zoo, museums, stadiums, vineyards, breweries

Service Donations:

Think about a skill that you or a friend may have:

- Cooking a private dinner
- Teaching someone how to prepare and cook a traditional ethnic dish/meal or your specialty
- Baking a dessert
- Bike riding with a group of kids
- Car Washing
- Taking a group of kids to a movie or museum
- Jewelry making, sewing, scrapbooking

Regift something you already have that is still new in the original box and in mint condition.

- Toys or electronics
- Jewelry or accessories
- Gift cards (department stores, children's stores, restaurants ... anything!)
- Books or DVDs
- Games for Wii, Xbox, Playstation, PSP, etc.