



Resurrection Episcopal Day School

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The success of the REDS Auction to a large degree depends on the auction ideas. What we have included below are suggestions. Some people may find that they have and are prepared to donate items similar to what we have listed below. For others, this list may prompt further ideas. Any and all contributions are welcome. It's typically not the most "valuable" item that generates the most enthusiasm and fun for the REDS community; generally, it is the items that provide experiences which generate tremendous excitement from the community. These categories are also illustrative. People shouldn't feel inhibited to donate if an item doesn't fit neatly into one of these categories.

Auction co-chairs will determine whether the donated items should be sold via silent auction, live auction, or as an "Auction Adventure". Co-chairs may also combine items into one lot.

Thanks in advance for your generosity and time.

Underwriting and In-Kind Donations

- Unrestricted Underwriting Donations (underwriting funds are used to cover the costs of: Faculty and Staff tickets to the Auction; Alcohol, Catering and Facilities rentals, Decorating and Entertainment; Printing services, etc.)

Drinking and Dining

- Cooking lessons for kids or adults
- Dinner parties hosted by REDS parents, or arrange for a dinner to be cooked in someone's home
- A famous chef cooks a dinner party in your home
- A mixologist throws a cocktail party in your home
- A sommelier guides a tasting in your home
- A custom birthday cake for your child's birthday party
- Cater a child's lunchbox for a week
- Cater a picnic in the Park
- Dinner at a restaurant, or impossible-to-score restaurant reservations

Experiences

- Shoot hoops/throw a ball/play tennis/etc. with [insert name of famous athlete here]
- REDS dads organize an old-fashioned day in the park (e.g. kickball, tug-o-war, tag, etc.)
- Race for REDS parents run
- REDS cocktail party hosted by parents or alumni
- Group outings or activities for kids (e.g. visit to a firehouse or police station, visit to a doctor's office, birdwatching or nature walk, apple picking, storytelling, backstage visit to the Symphony, Central Park or Bronx Zoo outings, sledding in the Park, ice skating, etc.)
- An organized outing or activity for parents (e.g. cycling tour, vineyard tour, lecture series, karaoke, fishing trip, comedy club evening, etc.)
- Share your expertise with a group (e.g. photography lessons, bridge lessons, language classes, etc.)
- Organized arts and crafts projects for kids (e.g. gingerbread houses, birdhouses, jewelry making, etc.)
- Game night for a group
- Golf lessons or a round of Golf

- Recording sessions for kids or parents in a studio
- Dance or music lessons
- Musicians perform in your home
- Tickets to a Fashion Week show
- In-home lecture or discussion by a well-known author, politician, social commentator, etc.
- Private tour of a museum, gallery or private art collection
- Tickets and/or backstage passes to a show or a sporting event
- Off-road driving school
- High-performance car rental for a day
- Hot air balloon ride

Travel

- Hotel stays
- Apartment stays
- Vacation home stays
- Boat trips
- Professional travel advice or memberships

Professional Services

- A commissioned portrait or photograph
- Fashion styling
- Personal assistant services
- Party planning services
- Household organization help
- Nutritionist consultation
- Private chef session
- Personal training session(s)
- Group exercise classes
- Spa services
- Acupuncture
- Dog walking or pet sitting
- Decorator consultation(s)
- Feng shui consultation
- Beauty treatments
- Career coaching
- Kids' classes and services (e.g. dance, sports, music, chess, tutoring, etc.)

Specialty Items

- Curated Book-of-the-Month Clubs for parents or kids
- Signed/limited edition/first edition/valuable books
- Memberships and subscriptions (e.g. Gym classes, Wine clubs, CSAs, magazines, organizations, etc.)
- Artwork
- Jewelry or Watches
- Bespoke anything (e.g. suits, shirts, shoes, etc.)
- Kids' clothing
- Gifts cards