



Auction 101

While some members of the OES community are very familiar with school auctions, we recognize that for many OES families, an auction is a new and possibly bewildering event. To help ease any anxiety and also to answer some frequently asked questions from even the most savvy auction attendee, we've compiled the following information. We hope it will help ensure that the 2010 auction, *Age of Aquarius, Aardy's Party* is a memorable evening.

Why is the Auction so important? Funds raised by the OES auction are a major component of the annual budget. Each year, auction funds help support faculty professional growth and development, the Aardvarks Advocate Skills and Knowledge (AASK) partnership program, and other special projects that enhance our campus and the everyday experience for all of our students.

Why is OES parent involvement so important to the success of the auction?

Simply put, without parent support, this event could not happen. Parents participate by organizing the event, donating items to be auctioned, selling and purchasing auction catalog advertising space, buying raffle tickets and purchasing items during the auction. Parent involvement also helps to make the auction a great community-building event.

When is this year's Auction? Saturday, April 17, 2010. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Where is this year's Auction? The auction is at the Multnomah Athletic Club, 1849 SW Salmon Street, Portland, OR 97205-1794.

Attire:

What should I wear to this year's auction? The 1960s was the decade that broke many fashion traditions ... so get your groove on. Your choices range from *the good to the bad and the ugly*. From the elegant style of Jacqueline Kennedy to micro miniskirts, go-go boots, bell-bottom jeans, tie-dyed shirts, and headbands. Shorts and flip-flops are not allowed at the venue

Table Placement:

What if I don't know anyone going or don't have anyone to sit with? No worries! Just mail your response card. The Auction Committee will make sure to place you at a table with future friends and fellow members of the OES community.

Can I request to sit at the same table with my friends or other parents from my child's grade? Certainly. Simply specify this on your response card. The Auction Committee works hard each year to make sure these requests are fulfilled.

How does the auction work?

A few days before the auction, you will receive the auction catalog. Spend some time looking through the catalog and mark your favorite items. When you arrive the night of the auction, you will receive a bid number and other important information at check-in. Enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres as you bid on items in the silent auction. Join in on the excitement during the live auction while enjoying dinner, dessert, and coffee. Stop by check-out at the conclusion of the evening to settle your account by cash, check, or charge and pick up your items.

How do I bid in the silent auction? All items in the silent auction have a bid sheet with pre-printed bid amounts. To place your bid, simply write your bid number next to the desired bid amount.

What if there is an item I really want, but it's too expensive for my budget? There's strength in numbers. Try bidding on an item with a group of friends. You'll get more bang for your buck and you'll have friends to share in the fun.

For any additional questions or comments, please contact the auction team at auction@oes.edu