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# **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### What is the Auction?

For almost 60 years we have been joining together with the local businesses, churches & families of Nampa Christian Schools to put on the **Country Fair & Auction**. It's always held the last full weekend in February. The local businesses are very generous to our school & year after year the Lord has provided for our needs. We are excited to see what the Lord has in store for our school this year!

## What are the Dates & Times of our 58th Annual Country Fair & Auction?

Friday February 28th - Begins with a Pancake Breakfast (7-10am) Cost: Students \$4 Seniors \$5 Adults \$6

- Tri-Tip Dinner (5-8pm) Cost: Students \$6 Seniors \$8 Adults \$10
- Kids Carnival (6-9pm)
- Silent Auction (5-8pm)
- Live Auction (6:30-9pm) or whenever we finish for the evening

Saturday February 29th - Begins with a Pancake Breakfast (8-10am) Cost is the same as above

- Kids Carnival (10-2pm)
- Silent Auction 1<sup>st</sup> Session (8-11am) ~ Closed 30 Minutes to Re-set ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Session (11:30-2:30)
- Live Auction (10am until finished) Usually around 4pm

### Where is the Auction held each year?

- Live Auction Main Gym located at the Elementary School (Orchard Campus)
- Silent Auction Inside the G-Wing to the left of the Live Auction Stage
- Gift Certificate Booth Inside the Check In / Check Out Station (Located just to the left inside the gym)
- Carnival Located in the Auxiliary Gym (Last Building on the left of Main Gym facing the school)

### What is the goal of the Auction?

All proceeds from this event directly impact our annual operating budget. Our goal is to ensure that quality Christian education remains affordable for all families attending the school. Donations & the time you spend volunteering & attending the event, help to continue our success as well as strengthen our bond with the local community and each other as a family of NCS. We rely heavily on each families help for a successful auction.

#### Why does tuition increase each year, even if the auction does well?

Without the donations from you and our local businesses; without the funds raised from the auction, families would have to make up the difference. The auction generates over \$100,000! We would have to increase tuition each year to compensate for the lack of funds raised by this huge annual event.



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### What kind of donation is acceptable or needed?

We are asking for new donations, bigger items that could be used for the Live Auction or smaller items that can be used for the Silent Auction. In Addition, you may be asked for items to help in your child's classroom to create Class Baskets and possibly the Class Projects. All donations are greatly needed and appreciated! A list of suggestions can be found @NCSAuction.com or contact Sandy at (208) 863-2769 or email: Auction@NampaChristiansSchools.com

### Where do I take my Donation/Family Gift & how soon can I turn it in?

We are accepting donations now & year round! Sandy is available anytime at (208) 863-2769 Please plan now to donate, volunteer, attend & pray for those involved; including the local businesses that continue to generously donate each and every year to our schools. In order to publicize we would like all donations collected by the First of February if possible. Deadline is the middle of February.

### What if I have a business or know of a business that may like to donate?

We would love your business donation! Please contact Sandy first so we don't hit them up twice. (It helps to know contacts for businesses.) Please see a list of the businesses that already generously donate to our auction @ NCSAuction.com

## Is the Auction only for Nampa Christian Families?

NO, we love to open our doors to the public as well as reunions for our alumni, alumni parents, grandparents, friends & our local community. This is a great opportunity to share the school with someone who is considering our school as an option for their children's education, as well as people who are in support of our mission.

#### What volunteer positions need to be filled?

It takes LOTS of volunteers to take care of the Auctions & the Carnival as well as all the food booths. Whether it's doing things in advance like collecting donations, setting up or helping during the event or take down the day of, we need you! Go to NCSAuction.com & Click on Volunteer Opportunities. Look over the available areas & volunteer early to get the position you would like most. Signup early so you can work as a family or grab a friend to work with!

### What if I can't attend the Auction, are there other ways I can help?

Sure! We need people weeks before the auction to make follow up calls for procurement & pick up items... As well as lots of odd jobs; like making baskets for the Silent Auction. There are jobs to fit every schedule. Contact Sandy: <a href="mailto:auction@nampachristianschools.com">auction@nampachristianschools.com</a> to learn how to get involved.



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# What is the Silent Auction?

Local businesses and NCS families donate hundreds of items that are put together and arranged in a nice basket for auctioning prior to the event. Bid Sheets are placed in front of the items and you bid each other up on the items you are interested in owning. Top Bidder gets to take the special gift home. Remember to bid high!

### What is the Live Auction?

The Live Auction is typically bigger items (Vacations, BBQ Grills, Furniture & often, even a heifer of choice) This is a traditional auction, with a professional auctioneer taking bids. If you want to bid on an item in the Live Auction, hold up your bidder paddle so your bid number is visible and make sure the auctioneer and crew notice you. It's a fund-raiser, so remember to bid up your neighbor!

### What is the Elementary Class Project?

Each student in each Elementary class worked together, to create a One-of-a-Kind master piece!

## What is the Elementary/Middle School Class Basket?

In addition to a family gift, each student in each Elementary class is asked to bring in a themed item to create a One-of-a-Kind Basket filled with great items from the kids! Exa: Chocolate Basket, Baby Basket, Sports Basket, etc. This is sold in our Live Auction and is filled to the brim with lots & lots of great themed items!

### How do I know what items are going to be auctioned?

Items begin to come in daily especially in January... Please keep checking the Auction site @ NCSAuction.com for updated items that are added to our auction item status. Friday morning during the breakfast hours you are given the chance to preview live Auction items by walking up on the stage and looking around. Some items are featured in our information guide that is available during the auction.

#### Is this a family event?

Yes, it sure is! There is a huge Carnival located in the Auxiliary Gym (last building on the left as you are facing the school.) The auction is Country Fair attire. Dress casual, comfortable and cozy. You may want to stay the whole time! Dress for a fun time & great memories with friends... Don't miss out on this fun-filled weekend!

### How do I bid on Gift Certificates?

This can be done before & during the event by going to NCSAuction.com – Click on Gift Certificates
Or bid on them during the Friday & Saturday auction. Bidding will end Monday afternoon following the auction



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# What if I cannot attend the event but would like to bid on an item?

You're welcome to have a friend bid for you during the live auction. Please make sure:

- You have your own bid number
- We know who is authorized to make purchases on your behalf
- Your credit card is registered prior to Auction Night
- Please make arrangements with us in advance... Contact Sandy Skogsberg

Call/Text (208) 863-2769 or email her at: Auction@NampaChristianSchools.com

### If I have Auction questions, who do I contact?

Sandy Skogsberg - Email: <u>Auction@NampaChristianSchools.com</u> - Call or Text anytime (208) 863-2769

## Where can I view a Poster or other information regarding the auction?

Visit NCSAuction.com for more auction details.

### Is there anything special at this year's Auction?

Dutch Bros will be serving a full menu the entire weekend!

We are so thankful for the continued support of our NCS families, as we rely heavily on each family to support the school by donating their time & resources! Donations & the time you spend volunteering & attending the event, help to ensure the success of our schools! Looking forward to working with you & seeing you at the 58th Annual Country Fair & Auction!

Many Blessings,

Sandra Skogsberg

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