

It's Auction Season!

The Denver Cooperative Preschool (DCP) is hosting its annual Auction *A Night in Black and White* on April 8, 2017 at the Soiled Dove Underground in Lowry.



The Auction is our school's major fundraiser, with the proceeds directly benefitting the hundreds of students we serve. Please join us to celebrate our unique school and community. It is our opportunity to get together, have fun and raise money for a cause we all believe in!

Key Dates:

Auction date: **Saturday, April 8, 2017**

Sponsorships and Donations Due: **Friday, March 10, 2017**

Ticket Sales Start: **Thursday February 9, 2017**

NEW THIS YEAR

Auction Bidding Platform is CHANGING: Delete Handbid - **Download BidPal App**

Everyone is invited! - we have opened up and want to encourage everyone to attend and bring people! This year will feature live entertainment and a professional auctioneer

TICKETS: Buy them! They are \$50 advance and \$60 at the door. Consider buying one for a staff member or scholarship family. Even if you are not attending, buying tickets is a great way to show your support!

WINE DONATIONS:

As in years past, every family will donate a bottle of wine. Joy Wine & Spirits (6th & Marion) has selected a huge list of wines families may choose from if desired. While wine does not need to come from Joy, DCP will receive 15% back from EVERY PURCHASE!

LIVE & SILENT AUCTION ITEMS: We are actively soliciting items for the Live & Silent Auction. Show your support! These items make up the bulk of our Auction proceeds and we are grateful for thoughtful and generous donations! Please see the below for some helpful guidelines.

ABOUT DONATIONS

While all donations are appreciated, those that have a little *zing* are most successful in the auction. Many people have "connections" or at least a favorite vendor they can ask for a donation. If you are absolutely stuck for ideas, instead of gift cards that are difficult to present as more "exciting" than their dollar value, consider these ideas...(not to say we don't want gift cards)

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1. **COLLABORATE!** Families are encouraged to work together to create packages of items/services etc.
2. **HOST A PARTY!** Families are encouraged to create experiences for other DCP families! These DCP Exclusives are parties or events created by, hosted and attended by DCP families and are terrific at building community. We know that once these ideas gain traction they will become a valued part of our auction and will strengthen the bonds of our community.

HERE ARE THE LISTS - Auction Donation Ideas.... don't be limited to these!

HOST AN EVENT or PARTY!

You set the theme, you set the number of people, you decide! DCP families sign up at a fixed cost per person/couple/kid.

New Years Eve Party, New Year's Day Breakfast

What's your thing? Bourbon, Fine Wine, Craft Beer - host an event and share your thing with others! A Bourbon Tasting Dinner went for \$800 a head at a recent local Live Auction - Great Fun and Great Fundraising!

President's Day (or any school holiday) play date - 5 kids can be dropped off at your house for a couple of hours of wild fun and a snack!

Valentine's Day cookie decorating party

Adult Track and Field Day - meet up at a nearby park and run events, give prizes and generally act like children

Easter Egg Hunt - provide venue and eggs and treats

Spa Party - collaborate with a local salon to get a deal - bring wine and snacks

Guy's Night - Organize a fun outing for the fellas (gun range, laser tag, parkour, demo at Home Depot) bring drinks

Movie night for kids

Movie night for adults

Oscar Night party - create a pool for guessing the winners!

Outdoor movie night - provide the venue, popcorn, refreshments and project the movie on a sheet

Got Skills? Craft Party for kids. Provide the supplies and instruction, snacks and send them off with a new hobby

Holiday Gift Wrapping Party - provide the venue, wine and the supplies

Summer Water Play Party - set up a sprinkler, let the kids run wild - provide refreshments and snacks for adults too!

Lead a Nature Walk - got a favorite trail? organize a hike, meet up at the trail, away you go, provide some snacks/drinks

Face Painting Party for kids

Factory Tour - do you work someplace that makes something? know someone who does? can you organize a tour? Host the first round of drinks after.

Private Museum/Zoo/Stadium/ Tour - got a hook-up at a place not open to the 99%? Invite the rabble to see! Host a round after.

COLLABORATIVE DONATIONS

Meet up with other families and create a bigger better package than you would alone! Gift certificates/Gift Cards can be woven in with merchandise, refreshments and other items to create something you'd want yourself!

Spa Package - ask you favorite spa, what they can do for you!

Ski Package - Lift Tickets Lodging, Gift Card for Dining

Foodie Package - Buddies with a Restaurateur? Forget the gift Certificate and think experience - private tasting, or how-to demo group wine dinner, or create a huge basket of treats

Wine Lovers Package

Great Outdoors Package - gear, gift cards, etc

Green Package - environmental or weed related?

Hello Neighbor - What if a team of friends showed up at your house to help you with a day of Spring or Fall yard work?

Schnyder's Fantasy - A tool box filled with the basics for home maintenance, a how to book, Home Depot gift card...

Bored/Board Game Package - New versions of classic board games for the home or getaway house.

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

Historically, generous donations have included (but are certainly not limited to!):

Event tickets - Got box seats? (does your boss or godfather?)

Season Tickets - even if they are for a mime troupe

Gift certificates - These are helpful if we can pair them up with some merchandise or an experience

Offers of service - Great for businesses and a terrific "no-cost" donation especially if you have an actual trade or skill

Merchandise

Travel or hotel packages