

Riverside's 18th Annual Auction

Oh, The Places They'll Go!



Dear Riverside Families,

December is upon us and that can mean only one thing. It's auction planning time! We know that this is a very busy time of year and we hope you remember to mark your calendars for this important, annual fundraising event being held on February 2, 2019. We know it may seem far away, but it will here before we know it.

Our annual auction is the biggest parent-organized fundraiser at Riverside each year. It is an essential key in closing the gap between tuition income and program expenses. We couldn't do it without the support of Riverside families, friends, and community. Our annual theme of "Oh, The Places They'll Go!" highlights the many opportunities our students have to explore, learn and create thanks to the success of events like this.

Please find information below about how to take part by contributing personal donations, procuring donations from others and helping out with event set up and clean up.

Item Donations

While it is not required for every parent to make a donation, we encourage you to consider putting yourself or your business up for bid at the auction. The most exciting lots at our auction usually come from within our school community. Volunteering yourself or your time is a popular way to showcase your special skills, talents and assets. Legal services, construction, baking/cooking, party hosting, vacation rentals and real estate are all welcome donations. We have had anything from pies to livestock at our auction and we can't wait to see your creative ideas.

We also appreciate any help in showcasing local or not-so-local businesses. If you know someone that could donate to the event, please let us know. We have a list of donors and would love to add to it! **Please have all auction donations communicated to Riverside by January 11th, this is the week after our holiday vacation.** This date is important, as we need time to compile our donations and catalog them into our software.

Attendance

The more bidders, the more fun! We love to feel the support of our parent community at this event, and it's a fun, adult night out, please no children. We also love to see old friends and make new ones at the auction. Who would you like to invite to come with you? Tickets are \$10/person or \$15/couple and include a drink ticket, plenty of heavy hors d'oeuvres, lots of socializing, and lively entertainment. The auction is held in the library at Lyndon Institute. **Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 2, and spread the word!** Doors open for registration and browsing at 5:30.

Volunteering

There are a multitude of ways each one of you can help make our auction a success. You may have signed up for the one of the below at the Fall Fresh Stat event, and we need more helpful hands:

- **Set up** Friday afternoon (usually followed by going out for food and drink)

- **Clean up** Saturday night (we have to completely reset the library and haul lots of things back to Riverside)
- **Preparing a dish** to share (talk to the organizers in advance, gourmet and savory finger foods are generally the theme)
- **Helping in the kitchen** during the event
- **Using a computer to enter data** during the weeks prior to the event or helping at the registration/check out table during the event

It takes a village of helpers and we hope that you can find a way to lend a hand. Please reach out to any of the committee members with questions.

We can't thank you enough for supporting Riverside, our staff and our students and look forward to seeing familiar and new faces.

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