

## Northpoint Cooperative Preschool Auction Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Q: When is the auction and where will it be?**

A: Saturday, March 8th at Twin Lakes Golf Course and Country Club in Federal Way. Doors open at 5pm.

**Q: This is a large auction for a small preschool – why is it such an important event?**

A: Northpoint Cooperative Preschool is a unique and special school because we own the beautiful historic building your children enjoy every day. This building is a huge asset to our children providing things like: large classrooms, indoor and outdoor play areas, a kitchen for cooking food, big windows that let in sunshine and natural light and the list goes on. Our auction is larger than some because we have the added expense of maintaining this beautiful building (while other co-ops may rent space in a church, for example.) We aim each year to generate enough revenue to pay for needed repairs to keep our children safe as well as extra funds to provide our wonderful teachers the supplies they need to make Northpoint Cooperative Preschool the best preschool in Tacoma and Federal Way!

**Q: As a member of the co-op, what are my procurement requirements?**

A: Each family must procure three (3) items valued \$50 or more each, one can be a gift basket. Gift baskets must be turned in looking ready to auction – items displayed nicely and wrapped in cellophane and/or ribbon. If you'd prefer to opt out of procuring 3 items for the auction, you can pay a one-time buyout fee of \$375. If you are able to procure some items, but not all three, you can also opt out of individual procurements at the cost of \$125 per procurement.

**Q: If my item is worth \$100, does it count as two \$50 items?**

A: It sounds like we are being ungrateful when we say no, but the truth is we are EXTREMELY grateful if one or more of your items are well above the minimum \$50! That will generate much more revenue and the school is going to benefit that much more. We still need 3 items per family as quantity is equally important as quality when holding a fundraiser as large as this one.

**Q: When are my procurements due?**

A: You will be responsible for your first procurement by November 6th-8th, the second by December 4th-6th and the third by January 15th-17th

**Q: Where and how can I procure auction items?**

A: Great question! Anywhere you shop, or visit, are good places to start! You would be surprised by simply telling them about our wonderful school, and asking if they are willing to offer a donation for the auction, what they will do for you! Asking in person, or via email, are some ways to go about procuring items.

**Q: Can I sit next to the person I want to sit by at the event?**

A: The best way to do this is to buy a table. You save money and you reserve seats that you can fill however you want! If you prefer to buy single or couple's tickets, let us know who you want to sit by and we will make a reasonable effort to make that happen. Seating charts are made a week prior to the event so the earlier you buy your tickets the better if you have a seating preference! As it gets closer to the event, special requests are harder to grant. Email [ncpreschoolauction@gmail.com](mailto:ncpreschoolauction@gmail.com) for special requests.

**Q: If I volunteer at the event, do I have to buy a ticket?**

A: Only data entry positions are granted free admission as they are working the entire event from start to finish. All other positions are able to enjoy most or all of the party as a non-working guest and would require a ticket for admission.

**Q: If I don't turn in my 3 required procurement items, what will happen?**

A: It will affect your ability to register as a returning member in March. (But I'm not returning, so does it matter?) Yes, it matters to everyone who worked so hard on this event and the kids who depend on it year after year. If you are having a hard time procuring, please talk to your class rep and they will help you!

**Q: I have a question that wasn't answered here. Who can I contact?**

A: Contact Sara with the Auction Committee at [ncpreschoolauction@gmail.com](mailto:ncpreschoolauction@gmail.com). We'd love to hear from you!