



## How & What to Donate - Auction Donations Made Easy

Don't know how or what to donate to Gatewood's Bid for Kids Auction?

Don't worry we've got strategies and ideas!



### Work those Contacts

**Got Company Connections?** Our corporate donation requests are more successful when they come from someone with a connection to the company. Some companies will only donate if the request is from an employee, board member or season ticket holder.



### Auction Go-ers Love Vacations, Special Events and Getaways

Donate time at your cabin, condo, or timeshare. Sponsor a golf weekend, moms weekend getaway, group wine tasting, trip to a minor- or major-league sports game, camping trip, sail, or hike.

Donate or procure airline tickets or miles, car rentals, hotel or B&B stay, or a cruise.



### Think Outside Yourself

Ask your family and friends to donate - It doesn't hurt to ask! This is a great way for grandparents, aunts and uncles - even those that live far away - to be involved in your child's education.

### Create an Adventure

Are you a hiker, skier, hunter, fisher, sailor, or kayaker?

Volunteer to host a group doing what you already have fun doing!



### Host a Fun Event!

If you love to cook or entertain, throw a party, donate dinners to go, or cater a meal.

Just a few ideas - themed or ethnic dinner, wine pairings, beer tastings, spa night,

### Gatewood's Got Talent - Share Yours

**Donate lessons** - guitar, piano, tennis, foreign languages, cooking, knitting, woodworking, fly-tying

Share whatever it is you do! It's valuable!

**Donate your services** - calling all landscapers, carpenters, electricians, organizers, bookkeepers,

web designers, hairstylists, manicurists, massage therapists, chefs, painters, babysitters,

holiday light hangers, gardeners, yard and home cleaners.

### Create a Themed Package or "Basket"

**Family Game Night** - a collection of family favorites

**Books** - for kids or adults

**Foodies** - olive oil, kitchen supplies, restaurant gift certificate

**Chocolate Lovers** - chocolate paired with bakery gift certificate

**Animal Lovers** - treats and other stuff for our best friends

**Exercise** - equipment, gear, apparel, yoga mats, water bottle, running socks, videos

**Wine** - Pair some wine, stem ware, cheese, chocolate or appetizers

**Cocktails** - martini, margarita, lemon drop themed baskets

**Tea Totalers** - tea pot, mug and loose leaf teas

**Coffee Addicts** - coffee, mugs, syrups, coffee cards

**The Great Outdoors** - camping, hiking books and gear

**Party Rockers** - party supplies

**Pampered Princess** - lotions, bubble bath, massage tools, nail polish, spa gift certificates

**Jewelry** - donated or handmade jewelry

