

The California State Convention Silent Auction Needs You!

Now's the time to put on your thinking caps to plan a basket for the convention's silent auction. Think about what YOU would like. Tap into your creative side! Ask your dancers about their favorite things.

Here are just a few ideas to consider.....

AROUND THE HOUSE	ENTERTAINMENT and More
Kitchen Things • Towels • Potholders • Placemats • Utensils • Aprons • Gift Cards: ○ Walmart, Target ○ Williams-Sonoma or other Specialty Store ○	Movie Night at Home or Away • DVDs • Popcorn / popcorn accessories • Snacks • Cozy blanket or throw • Gift Cards: ○ Movie Theater (e.g., AMC) ○ Amazon ○ Walmart, Target ○ Pizza
Baking • Pans and Utensils • Cookie cutters • Potholders • Aprons • Baking mixes (e.g., cakes, muffins) • Recipes • Gift Cards: ○ Grocery Store ○ Walmart, Target ○ Williams-Sonoma	Game Night • Board Games • Puzzles • Cards • Snacks • Popcorn • Soft Drinks, Lemonade • Gift Cards ○ Walmart, Target ○ Pizza
Bath • Towel Sets • Soaps • Candles • Bubble Bath or Bath Salts • Bath-tub pillow • Gift Cards ○ Bed, Bath & Beyond ○ Walmart, Target ○ Amazon	Barbecue • Accessories/Utensils • BBQ Sauces • Apron • Gloves • Recipes • Gift Cards ○ Walmart, Target ○ Home Depot, Lowes ○ Grocery Store
Gardening • Gloves • Garden Tools • Assorted Planter Pots • Seeds • Soil • Gift Cards ○ Home Depot, Lowes ○ Garden/Plant Stores	Favorite Sports Team • Team logo items • Sport gear or equipment • Sports Fan items (foam fingers, banners, face paint) • Tailgate items • Gift Cards ○ Sporting Goods ○ Team merchandise

Auction Basket Ideas

FOOD	DRINKS / BEVERAGES
Pasta Lovers • Assorted pastas and sauces • Parmesan cheese • Utensils • Recipes • Gift Cards ○ Grocery Store ○ Williams-Sonoma ○ Italian/Pasta Restaurant	Coffee Lovers • Regular or insulated mugs • Assorted coffees • Creamers (non-refrigerated) • Gift Cards ○ Starbucks / Other Coffee Shop ○ Specialty Coffee Roaster ○ Walmart, Target
Breads and Pastries • Sourdough bread kit • Loaf pan • Bread basket • Recipes • Gift Cards ○ Panera ○ Bakery ○ Amazon	Tea Time • Assorted teas • Tea pot • Teacup set • Tea strainer • Gift Cards ○ Tea shop ○ Restaurant with Afternoon Tea ○ Walmart, Target
Cheese and Crackers/Charcuterie • Assorted cheeses/cheese spreads • Assorted crackers • Summer sausage, salamis, etc. • Cheese / charcuterie board • Gift Cards ○ Walmart, Target ○ Grocery Store ○ Harry & David	It's Wine Time • Wine (red, white, sparkling) • Wine Glasses • Wine Glass Charms • Corkscrew • Gift Cards ○ Beverage Store ○ Winery / Wine Tasting ○ Amazon
Snack Time • Nuts, Popcorn • Chips, Salsa, Dip • Candy, Cookies • Snack Bags • Gift Cards ○ Grocery Store ○ Walmart, Target ○ Specialty Shop (e.g., nuts, candy)	Cocktails • Alcohol (e.g., whiskey, brandy, vodka) • Cocktail mixes • Cocktail glasses • Utensils (stir spoon/sticks, ice pick) • Ice bucket • Cocktail recipes • Gift Cards ○ Beverage store ○ Walmart
Start the Day Off Right Breakfast • Cereal, oatmeal • Dried fruits • Pancake / waffle mix • Recipes • Gift Cards ○ IHOP, Broken Yolk ○ Grocery Store	Brr – In From the Cold • Hot Chocolate mix • Marshmallows • Hot Toddy Mix • Brandy • Large Mugs • Makings for SMORES • Gift Cards ○ Grocery Store, Walmart

Auction Basket Ideas

THIS & THAT	
Pamper Your Pet • Pet Toys • Pet Bed, Blanket • Collar, Leash • Gift Cards ○ Petco, PetSmart ○ Walmart, Target ○ Local Vet	Travel • Travel accessories (e.g., packing cubes, luggage tags, TSA-approved luggage locks) • Travel-sized toiletries • ID / passport holder • Gift Cards ○ Travel Store ○ Amazon ○ Walmart, Target
Picnic Day • Picnic basket • Picnic accessories (plates, utensils, cups) • Picnic blanket • Picnic food items • Gift Cards ○ Amazon ○ Walmart	Spa Day • Bathrobe • Bath salts / bubble bath • Lotions • Scrub accessories • Candles • Gift Card ○ Mani/Pedi ○ Bed, Bath, and Beyond
Pick-your-Season! Halloween Christmas Fall Spring Summer	Pick-a-Country • All American • Mexican • Italian • French •

Closing Thoughts

- Think about what you, your friends, or your family would like!
- Plan ahead – pick your theme and start shopping. Look for sales, clearance, seasonal items.
- Think “outside the basket”: Other container ideas
 - Large bowl or pot
 - Fabric bag
 - Laundry basket
 - Decorative box or chest
 - Home décor crate
- Pack your basket carefully
 - Secure breakable items using tissue, bubble wrap, easter basket grass, etc.
 - Put tall items in the back and smaller items in the front
 - Put small items inside cups, jars, or glasses
 - Vary the color and texture to attract attention

Websites with More Ideas!

[HOW TO: Themes & Tips for Building a Great Gift Basket - Celebrate Every Day With Me](#)

[How to Make a Gift Basket in 7 Easy Steps - Back Porch Bliss](#)

[How to Make a Gift Basket | ed2go | Online Craft Courses](#)