

Auction 101 – Learn About What to Expect at the Auction

When and where will the Auction be held?

The Genesee Hill Elementary 2019 Disco Fever Auction will take place Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the Seattle Design Center.

What should I wear?

You are encouraged to get spirited and wear 70's or 80's disco inspired attire. Think twice before donning that afro wig as this is culturally insensitive. If you don't feel like wearing a "costume," just come wearing festive cocktail or party attire.

What will the evening look like?

The Disco Fever Auction promises to be a fun and exciting event filled with adult conversation, an elegant dinner, and silent and live auction bidding; all while raising money for our kids to experience fantastic PTA programs for the next year. Here's a glimpse of what the evening will have to offer:

5:00 p.m.	Registration, Raffle Sales, Silent Auction Bidding (including Class Art Projects) and Signup Experiences Purchases
6:30 p.m.	Silent Auction (including Class Art Projects) and Signup experiences close
7:15 p.m.	Dinner, Live Auction, and Raffle Drawing
9:45 p.m.	Dancing Begins!
11:00 p.m.	Event closes

How do I make purchases?

When you arrive, you will immediately check in and be given a name tag and a bid number in exchange for your payment information. Throughout the evening, you will use your bid number to purchase any raffle and auction items. At the end of the evening, volunteers will check you out and hand over any tangible items you purchased that evening.

What's the food situation?

You chose your dinner option when you purchased your tickets online and will receive that meal as part of a seated dinner. But first, enjoy beverages and some light, 70s/80s inspired appetizers. Our bar is cashless. You must purchase "drink tickets" at check-in or from roaming volunteers (using your bid number) before you get up to the bar. Soft drinks are complimentary.

I've arrived, what happens first?

After check-in, grab a beverage and have fun meeting new people and connecting with friends. You can start bidding on the silent auction immediately, hit the photo booth or just soak it all in. Have fun! It's a night to celebrate our school...but without the kids!

How does the Silent Auction work?

After checking in you can peruse our silent auction items which include the classroom art projects, gift baskets, gift cards, jewelry and more. A bid sheet will be next to each item. To bid on an item, write your bidder number next to the amount of your bid. Check back throughout the night to see if anyone else has bid more than you. If you still want the item, write your bidder number on the next available amount. An announcement will be made before the Silent Auction closes. If your bid is the highest when the Silent Auction closes, you win!

What are Signup Experiences?

While the silent auction runs over a period of time and goes to the highest bidder, Signup experiences allow people to “buy” a spot at a future group activity for a fixed price. When all spots are filled, that signup is closed. Signup experiences include fun activities for your kids with teachers after school, group dinners with other GHES families, and even some fun products this year.

How does the raffle work?

Each year we raffle off one big prize at our auction. Only 100 raffle tickets will be sold and when they are gone, they are gone! Purchase them during the silent auction from roaming volunteers who will take your bid number to purchase a ticket. The winner is announced at dinner.

And what about the Live Auction?

Once the silent auction is over, guests are seated for dinner and the auctioneer will take the stage for bidding on live items. Follow along in your program. Live auctions move FAST and so you want to be prepared for anything you want to bid on and get ready to stick your bid card high in the air to indicate a bid.

How does the Dessert Dash work?

The dessert dash involves each table combining their individual bids to claim one of the delicious desserts available at the event. The table with the largest bid gets first chance at dashing to the dessert table and picking the dessert of their choice! To get your chance at the most delectable, scrumptious dessert, simply complete the dessert dash card on your table! Be careful though... you'll need bid high to be the first table called and be fast to get your favorite dessert because the next winning table number will be called quickly... thus, the DASH part of the Dessert Dash!

What is the difference between Raise the Paddle and the rest of the money that is raised at the auction?

The Raise the Paddle portion of the Live Auction is when each bidder can decide how much they want to contribute to support a specific item (or set of items) for Genesee Hill Elementary. This year's Raise the Paddle proceeds will fund STEAM – focused on technology and art.

The other proceeds from this auction will provide the funding for the PTA's many valuable programs for this school year. These include equitable school supplies, library books, tutors, staff grants and more. Please read the "[Your PTA Dollars at Work](#)" article for additional details about you fund with your donation.

How does Raise the Paddle work?

Listen for the Auctioneer to call out the level at which you wish to give (\$2500, \$1000, \$500, \$250 or \$100), raise your bid card high and wait for him to acknowledge your number.

Why do I have to Check Out?

PLEASE remember to check out. This gives you a chance to collect any items you won as well as to review your receipt to ensure there are no errors. Anything “charged” to your bid number will go to your credit card on file but it is good to confirm everything is right. AND...if you didn't win anything, you can always donate to our general fund during check out.

Lastly, please remember to take your items home. Anything left at the venue is not the responsibility of the venue, the donor, the PTA or the school and risks being damaged during storage.

Rules, rules, rules

Please [check out these official auction rules here](#).