

# Auction Ideas for Trees for Troops

## How to get started

### Think about:

- Committee/Volunteers or Staff ran or Individual
- **Budget?**
  - o You will have incremental costs for postage, printing, paper, etc.
- **When?**
  - o Make sure there is no other community event happening during the timeframe you are looking at
- **Where?**
  - o You want to use a venue that is convenient, easy to work with, etc.
- **Size?**
  - o Good to think about how many people and items you plan on having

### Ideas of Who to Ask – Locally – for Donations

- Travel Agent possibly donate a trip or vouchers for airlines/hotels
- Hotel/Motel for a free nights stay
- Auto Body Shop
- Car Dealer
- Restaurants:
  - o Fast Food Chains
    - Coupons
  - o Local ran restaurants
    - Free meal for 2 (up to \$50)
- Daycare
- Hair Salons
  - o Spa Packages
- Dentist for a “teeth whitening package
- Mall
  - o \$50 shopping spree/coupon for any store in the mall
- Gas Station
  - o \$50 gift card to use on gas or other items
- Grocery Store
  - o \$50 gift card
- Video Store
  - o Free movie rentals
- Car Wash
- Christmas Tree Gift Shop
- Real Estate Company
  - o They could sponsor a “House Warming” basket
    - Candles
    - Picture frames
    - Coffee mugs

- Pampered Chef person
- Tupperware person
- Photographer
  - o Free sitting fee for 4 people
  - o Free print
- Dog Grooming place or Kennel
  - o Free grooming
  - o Free boarding/training
- Clothing Store
  - o \$50 gift card
- Florist

**Basket Ideas:**

- Family Movie Theatre Baskets:
  - o 4 free tickets to local movie theatre
  - o Free family package
    - Popcorn
    - Soda
    - Candy
  - o \$1 boxes of candy
  - o 5 top DVDs in basket
- Car Wash Package
  - o Wax
  - o Mitts
  - o Chamois
  - o 5 Free Washes
  - o 5 Free Car Vacuums
  - o Air freshener
- Hair Care Basket
  - o Shampoo's
  - o Conditioners
  - o Brushes
  - o Pony tail holders/barrettes/clips
  - o Gels
  - o 3 Free hair cuts
- Christmas Basket
  - o Ornaments
  - o Candles
- Bakery Basket
  - o Cookie cutters
  - o Cake mixes
  - o Cookie mixes

- Icing
  - Candles
- Gardening Basket
  - Seeds
  - Trowel
  - Mini shovel
  - Gloves
- Fishing Basket
  - Lures
  - Pole
  - Reel
  - Bait
- Spa Package
  - Massage voucher
- Local Restaurant Package
  - \$25 - \$50 vouchers for 4 or 5 different restaurants