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Going WILD!



## Get Your Wild Thing On! At the 2010 Wild Thing Auction

Dear Wild Thing Auction Newbie,

We are very glad you are interested in this very entertaining fund-raiser. It provides the bulk of our funds, which enable us to care for orphaned, displaced, injured, and sick native wildlife of Florida.

To start, the **Wild Thing Auction** is far from stuffy! Dress is casual. Seating is limited so we suggest you arrive early. The bar at the Capital City Country Club will open at 5:00pm. The doors to the Silent Auction area will open at 5:30pm. A fabulous buffet dinner will be served starting around 6:00pm. And last but certainly not least, the live auction portion of the program will begin at 7:00pm and last about an hour. All through the evening, we will be giving away door prizes so be sure to keep your ticket stub! When the live auction is over, the silent auction will remain open until 8:45pm. Once closed, GCWS volunteers will gather all of the bid cards, coordinate, and group the winning bids. This process will take about 10 minutes but guess what? You get to have dessert while you wait!

### **Registration**

When you arrive and present your ticket, you will be given wristband to identify you as a participant. You will also be given an auction bidder identification form. You will need to fill it out to receive your bidder number and bidder paddle. Couples may register together. You will use the same bidder number for both the silent and the live auction. So, you might want to write your name on the bidder paddle as well. Also at registration, you will receive a program with a detailed listing of auction items. In that program you will find an evaluation page that we hope you will fill out for us. We strive to make the **Wild Thing Auction** better each year and your input will help.

### **Silent Auction**

Items in the Silent Auction will be arranged on tables together with a corresponding bid card. To bid on an item, enter your bidder number and the dollar amount of your bid. Bids may be disqualified if they do not meet the minimum starting bid or the minimum increment so please read the card carefully. Bids entered after the Silent Auction is officially closed will be disqualified. The winning bid is the last bid on the card that meets the bidding conditions. You can bid on the same item multiple times and you can bid higher than the minimum to start off.

### **Live Auction**

When bidding on a live auction item, raise your bid card with the number visible to the auctioneer. Keep the card raised until the auctioneer recognizes your number. Only bids accepted by the auctioneer will be valid. You may record your winning bids on the back of your bid card to help you track your winnings. The auction clerks also records winning bids. Absentee bids will be accepted as "opening bids."

### **Payment**

Payment for purchases may be cash, check (made out to Goose Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, or GCWS for short), or credit card (Mastercard & Visa only). Once the silent auction closes, our volunteers will pick up the bid cards and total your winnings. Please do not remove bid cards or items. After checkout, you will be issued a receipt to take to our certificate table where you will receive the original certificate. All items must be paid for before removal. All items are sold "as is" and sales are final. At the end of the event, items abandoned or not paid for may be resold at the discretion of the auction chairman.

There are many certificates in the auction. Please be sure to read all conditions on the certificate copy. Winners of the special vacation packages will receive a confirmation letter.

Be courteous to everyone. Remember that the Auction is to raise money for charity. In the unlikely event that a dispute arises, please bring the issue to the attention of the Wild Thing Auction chairperson. The chairperson has final say in the disposition of all disputes.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Do I need to be present to win?**

Technically, no, you do not have to be present. If you have a winning bid, we will contact you in the days following the auction to arrange payment and pick-up. Filling out the registration card with accurate information is important so we can make contact. You, or at least your ticket stub, must be present to win a door prize. If you have to leave, give your ticket stub to a friend. Make sure it's a good friend...

## **If I cannot use my certificate by the expiration date, can I get it extended?**

In most cases, the certificates will indicate that they are not extendable. However, you can certainly contact the hotel or business and ask for an extension. All they can do is say, no.

## **What's the last date I can become a sponsor?**

We will accept sponsors up to the time of the event. However, there are benefits that cannot be retro-fitted. For example, we can't list you in the program once it is printed. If you are interested in a sponsorship, please email us at [info@goosecreekwildlifesanctuary.org](mailto:info@goosecreekwildlifesanctuary.org)

## **If there are no minimum bids on an item, can I start the bidding lower than the stated minimum?**

No. Many of the donations we receive specify that the item cannot be sold lower than the starting bid.

## **What happens when the silent auction closes?**

Once the closing bell has been rung, auction workers will collect all the bid cards. Any bid entered after the close will be disqualified. In other words, when you hear the bell, pens down! It can get very exciting.

## **What if there is a dispute among bidders?**

Hopefully this will not happen. But the auction chairperson has final say and may pull the item altogether. Better to avoid confrontation. After all, it is supposed to be a fun, charitable event.

## **I cannot get there until after 7:00pm. Will there still be food? Can I still get into the live auction?**

The dinner will be served buffet style and will remain available until about 7:30pm. You can move freely between the live and the silent auction rooms so there's no problem if you are not there at exactly 7:00pm.

## **If you go:**

Event: **2010 Wild Thing Auction** to benefit Goose Creek Wildlife Sanctuary  
When: October 8, 5:30pm to 10:00pm  
Where: Capital City Country Club, 1601 Golf Terrace Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32301  
Dress: Casual

Admission: \$25 – includes entry into both the live and silent auctions, and dinner  
Advance tickets (recommended): Visit the website, email or call Susan at (850) 508-7587  
Email: [info@goosecreekwildlifesanctuary.org](mailto:info@goosecreekwildlifesanctuary.org)  
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