

Silent Auction Booklet 2014



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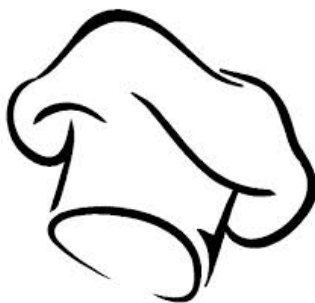
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before starting to bid!*

**Kitchen Sink tips
on the back cover**



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**Welcome to the
Gourmets for God
Silent Auction 2014!**



Silent Auction Dates

Bid online and on campus!

ONLINE at SpiritualLiving.org/gourmets:

Friday, April 25, 9:00am –

Wednesday, May 14, 9:00pm

ON CAMPUS:

Sundays, April 27, May 4, May 11 and May 18,
8:30am – 12:30pm

FINAL Sunday Rolling Close:

Sunday, May 18, 12:30pm – 12:45pm



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This fun and unique fundraiser, for the Center for Spiritual Living, Seattle, brings together members of our spiritual community, along with friends and family, to meet, eat and create wonderful memories, all the while raising funds to support our spiritual home.

Almost 100 community members will be hosting over 60 events this year, offering every imaginable form of culinary entertainment with love, passion and creativity. You'll find casual picnics, elegant meals and fun outings—all great ways to meet fellow congregants and make new friends!

Now's your opportunity to bid on the chance to attend one or more of these fabulous events! Anyone can bid! The majority of events take place between June 13 and December 31, 2014, with one offered in February, 2015.

How does it work?

If you've participated in other silent auctions before, you've most likely bid to buy the whole event. **In *Gourmets for God*, you're bidding for one seat or "spot" at an event.**

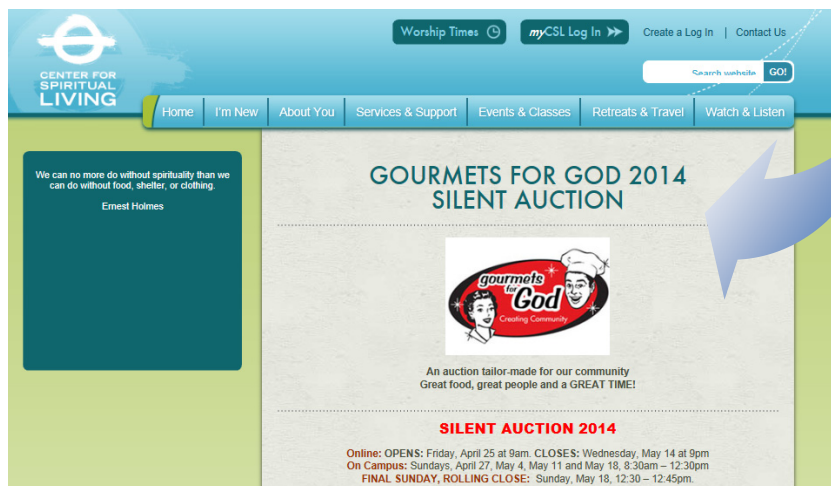


- ▶ Register to bid either ONLINE or ON CAMPUS. You won't be able to place a valid bid without registering. **Your bid is financially binding and your credit card will be charged for all events you do win.** See p. 2 for details.
- ▶ There are events for every budget. Some events have Buy-It-Now pricing or Family pricing. Visit the family table! See p. 3 for details.
- ▶ **To bid:** If an event allows for ten guests, four spots will be listed ONLINE and six spots ON CAMPUS. ONLINE, bidders choose *one* of the four spots listed to bid on, each spot having a separate bid "race." ON CAMPUS, participating bidders bid for the six spots in *one single race*, with the top six bidders each winning one of the six spots. Whether bidding ONLINE or ON CAMPUS, bid for more than one seat if you want to bring a friend or partner. See p. 3 for details.
- ▶ The week after the auction closes, bidder's credit cards will be charged, and both hosts and winners will be notified of the final guest list. See p. 6 for details.

That's it. Have fun! Eat well! Bid early and bid often!

Start at our Online Silent Auction Home Page


Here you will find links to the silent auction site and our online program guide, as well as a PDF of this booklet.



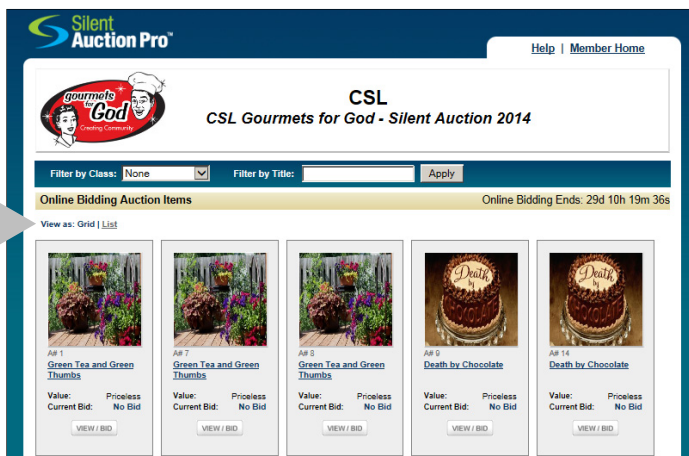
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Registration

ONLINE

Go to SpiritualLiving.org/gourmets and click on the Silent Auction Pro link: . View items by *grid* or *list*. Once you register, you will receive a confirmation email from our Silent Auction Team. Remember, ONLINE bidding goes live Friday, April 25.

Gotta love grid view!



ON CAMPUS—Celebration Hall middle lobby

Register and submit a valid credit card at the auction registration table to receive a bid number. Volunteers are happy to explain the financial guidelines for participating in the auction.

Special pricing options

Look for the “special pricing” colored label on some bid sheets for great deals!

Buy-It-Now pricing (only ON CAMPUS)

No bidding necessary—just enter your bid number on the bid sheet and you’re good to go! Your credit card will be charged the Buy-It-Now price. Add your bid number early—these events go fast!



Family pricing

A certain number of children may attend, included in the price of one adult. Look for the special table just for these events at the ON CAMPUS silent auction!

Bidding

Each event has spots available ONLINE and ON CAMPUS (*exceptions are the Buy-It-Now spots that are only available ON CAMPUS*).

ONLINE, each spot is bid upon *as its own item* and has a separate bid history. ON CAMPUS, the *top bidders on the sheet* will win, all having bid on one sheet for all spots.

ONLINE bidding works like this:

Bid ONLINE from Friday, April 25 until 9:00pm, Wednesday, May 14, 2014. The software will keep track of the winning bids.

Within the ONLINE auction, the highest bid at 9:00pm on May 14 is the winner for that spot. Once the ONLINE auction closes, all remaining spots will be added to the ON CAMPUS auction, in time for the final bidding session, 8:30am to 12:30pm, Sunday, May 18. (Rolling close starts at approx. 12:30pm.)

ON CAMPUS bidding works like this:

Let’s say you’d like to attend an Italian dinner for ten guests (remember, six spots ON CAMPUS and four ONLINE). **Enter your bid on the bid sheet, keeping in mind the minimum bid as well as the bid increments of either \$2 or \$5.** Of course, you can bid as high as you want from the start, especially if you really want to

attend this dinner! Once six valid bids have been entered, the seventh bid will bump the lowest LAST bidder off the guest list. In other words, **ON CAMPUS, the first bid at a certain amount wins over the next bid at the same amount.** That's why it's a good idea to bid early and bid often! Keep checking the bid sheet—if you were outbid, counter with a higher bid on a new line at the bottom of the list. To help bidders keep track, a Gourmets for God volunteer will monitor the bid sheets, crossing out bids that have been bumped off by a higher bid. In the end, the highest six bidders will have won spots at the event.

ON CAMPUS bidding example:

Italian dinner event: 10 guests

(6 ON CAMPUS/4 ONLINE)

Opening bid price: \$25, bid increment: \$5



	Amt.	Bid #	
1.	\$25	003	
2.	\$25	003	
3.	\$50	015	<i>Winner #3 (early and high!)</i>
4.	\$50	015	<i>Winner #4</i>
5.	\$25	008	
6.	\$35	022	
7.	\$35	047	
8.	\$60	008	<i>Winner #1</i>
9.	\$35	029	
10.	\$45	036	<i>Winner #6 (last winner, first to bid \$45)</i>
11.	\$45	003	
12.	\$45	003	
13.	\$50	029	<i>Winner #5</i>
14.	\$55	022	<i>Winner #2</i>

Planning/bidding strategies

Make sure you have your calendar close when you're bidding.

Keep an eye on your bids—You're bidding for a fabulous bike ride and picnic, however, you keep getting outbid! ☹ Move to another event that also had caught your eye. Seeing this early can give you the chance to get in a winning bid on another great event! 😊

One strategy is to bid ONLINE first, and see if you win there. (ONLINE bidding closes before ON CAMPUS bidding does.) If you don't win, try again the following Sunday in the last hours of ON CAMPUS bidding. This can be a gamble – are you up for it? ;-)

ONLINE and ON CAMPUS bidding!



There are two places to bid. **Be aware—if you bid for the same event ONLINE and ON CAMPUS, you could win in both places!**

Winner and Lead Host notification

All credit cards will be processed the week of May 19, after the auction closes. Winners will receive an emailed receipt from noreply@SilentAuction.com with results and event details.

Lead Hosts will also be notified by email with a list of their winners and contact info at least two months prior to their event. June and July events will be notified by mid-May.

It is highly suggested that Lead Hosts contact Winners about particular details and location information a month prior to their event.

Auction etiquette

Please honor the generous hosts who have planned and organized for months to offer you a fabulous experience! Imagine slicing and dicing for days, and setting a striking table for eight, and then two individuals just don't show up. It's heartbreaking! If you cannot attend an event, **please do everything possible to fill your seat** by gifting or selling the spot to a friend or family member—they'll thank you for it!

All auction events assume no smoking, no alcohol served, no pets, and not handicap accessible (ADA), unless otherwise indicated in the item information.

We appreciate all of our marvelous, generous hosts and chefs.



We appreciate all of our generous bidders.

We appreciate our dedicated and devoted Gourmets for God Volunteer Leadership Team: Sherry Dawley, Brian Eckfeldt, Deborah Esposito, Joey Nessif, Kathy Thorsen, support volunteers and CSL Staff.

Thanks for supporting our CSL Church and Community.



Very important to remember:

1. **Your bid is a contract. Register and submit a valid credit card to bid.** Volunteers are happy to explain the financial guidelines for participating in the auction. 😊 Registering as a bidder does not obligate you to make a purchase. Your credit card will only be charged if you are a winning bidder.
 2. **Check your calendars before bidding.** If you win an event spot but then find you are unable to attend, **honor the hosts by gifting or reselling your spot to a friend or family member.**
 3. **Each bidder must bid on a separate line.** If you are a couple or family, please use a separate line for each person. **We cannot add extra seats to an event if a couple's or family's bids are split,** so bid accordingly (i.e., early and high) to win the spots you want. The only exception is the family pricing events—one line is a bid for the adult, who may bring as many children as indicated for that particular event.
 4. **Events raise by a \$2 or \$5 increment.** When you are raising a bid, note the *minimum raise increment* for that event.
 5.  **Do not erase, cross out or in any other way change an entered bid.** See point #1! If you decide to raise your bid while a previous bid of yours is still in play, ask a volunteer wearing a chef's hat to assist you.
 6. **Possible cancellation.** If, at the end of the auction, an event has less than 50% of its spots won, the host has the opportunity to cancel the event. The bid amounts will not be charged.
-  There are two places to bid. **Be aware—if you bid for the same event ONLINE and ON CAMPUS, you could win in both places!**
8. **PAYMENTS:** All sales are final. No refunds will be given. **All payments are processed the week after the auction closes. No deferred payments.**
 9. All proceeds from the Gourmets for God auction benefit the Center for Spiritual Living, Seattle.



Have fun bidding!!!



2014

JUNE

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The Kitchen Sink of Bidding Tips

1. **Bid early and bid often.** This is really key to winning the events you want, especially ON CAMPUS.
2. Have your calendar handy—make sure your dates are open before bidding.
3. Don't cross your bid off an ON CAMPUS bid sheet—it could invalidate your bid, or win you more spots than you wanted. Remember, all bids are legally binding.
4. It's more effective to place a higher bid from the start, rather than starting out low and then increasing it, especially ON CAMPUS. (The highest and FIRST bid wins!)
5. **There are great deals ONLINE**—check them out!
6. It's fun to watch all the action during the last hour or so of the ONLINE auction—consider being ONLINE during that time so you're not outbid for your favorite event at the last minute! And even if you are, you still have a chance ON CAMPUS that last Sunday!
7. **Have guests coming for the summer?** Bid on extra spots so you can bring them to a fabulous Gourmets for God event.
8. Family pricing events aren't just for parents and their children—consider your grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors' kids...
9. Some individuals like to spread their anticipated events throughout the year. Others like to bunch them up—two or three events on one weekend—so their other weekends remain free for travel, etcetera!



**For more great bidding tips and strategies,
ask a Gourmets for God volunteer!**



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