

Quarter Auction

We have had many requests to explain a “Quarter Auction” so here is an explanation:

A **quarter auction** is a fundraising event that combines elements of a raffle, an auction, and a direct sales party. It’s a fun way to raise money for a good cause while enjoying some friendly competition and socializing with others. Here’s how it works:

Arrival: When you arrive at the event, you’ll be given a numbered paddle for a donation. This paddle will have a corresponding numbered chip that will be placed into a drawing basket.

Preview: Before the auction begins, you’ll have the opportunity to browse the items up for “auction.” These items will be on display for about an hour after the doors open, allowing you to decide which ones you’re interested in.

Bidding: Once the auction starts, an announcer or helper will hold up an item and announce whether it’s a “one-quarter” or “two-quarter” bid. If you’re interested in bidding, you’ll put one or two quarters (depending on what was announced) into the bucket for each paddle you wish to bid with. For example, if you have two paddles and want to bid with both of them to increase your chances of winning, and the item is a “one-quarter” bid, you’ll put \$0.50 in the bucket and raise your paddles. If you decide to bid with only one paddle, you’ll pay \$0.25.

Collection: A worker will walk from table to table with a bucket to collect bids. Once all the quarters have been collected, the bucket is shaken to mix up all the chips.

Winner Selection: The announcer will draw a number from the bucket, and if they draw your number and you had bid on the item, congratulations! You’ve won that item at a great price. If they draw your number and you didn’t bid on the item, simply call out “no bid!” and they’ll continue drawing numbers until they find a winner.

Additional Activities: Quarter auctions may also include various raffles and cash-and-carry items throughout the evening.

Remember to bring quarters with you to the event; however, if you forget or run out, there will be rolls of quarters available for purchase. Enjoy the excitement of bidding on items while supporting a good cause!

