

# SPMS Sweet Rewards Live Auction 2008

## **L1 Blue Ridge Gymnastics Birthday Party**

**Kori Fidler**

Kids will “flip” for this special birthday party! SPMS Head of School and mom Kori will guide up to 10 kids through the gym for 1 ½ hours of supervised fun. The adventure could include climbing up a 20’ rope, jumping on a 30’ trampoline, relay races, and gymnastic games, balancing on beams, or maneuvering through an obstacle course. Just bring the food and decorations and the gym will provide all the rest--including a lot of FUN!

*Restrictions: Please plan in advance with Kori; additional charges will apply for more than 10 children*

## **L2 Natural History Hike & Exploration**

**Tim Evans**

SPMS dad Tim Evans will take a group of four people on a five-hour hike in the great outdoors. You may learn some great facts about our surroundings or learn to identify our community of flora and fauna. Tim will tailor the hike to your needs or ability and is interested in creating a hiking adventure that is exciting to YOU!

*Restrictions: Expires December 31, 2008; Tim has suggested that a summer hike may be more enjoyable because of blooming flowers*

## **L3 Blueberry Bonanza**

**Lisa & Shane Mickey**

Blueberries abound at the Mickey household! SPMS parents Shane & Lisa will provide you beautiful wood-fired pottery and gourmet blueberry treats. You will receive a pie dish, a fruit bowl, and a plate to take home and when the blueberries ripen, Lisa will bake you a blueberry pie (in your pie dish), fill your fruit bowl with fresh berries, and load up your plate with blueberry muffins. Life is sweet, literally, with this great offering!

## **L4 Glass Bead Class/Half Day for Two**

**Christine Henry**

Have you always wanted to make glass beads? Here is your chance! Learn to make beads with SPMS parent Christine Henry at Wildfire Glass studio in Burnsville. This is for a half-day class for two people to design and create your own beads. All supplies will be provided. What a great way to spend a date, birthday, or a couple hours of fun.

*Restrictions: Ages 12 & up; minors must be accompanied by an adult*

## **L5 A Day Off . . .well, Babysitting for a Day!**

**SPMS student Marguerite van der Vorst**

Fun loving and responsible Marguerite will spend up to 8 hours with your child at your house or hers. Marguerite is Red-Cross certified and also is a master cookie baker, so rest assured your child will be safe and well-fed! Please plan to schedule this for a weekend in May 2008, before school is out for summer!

*Restrictions: Limited to one child; please make arrangements in advance*

## **L6 An “Art-fully” Decorated Christmas Tree**

**SPMS Elementary Classes and Alumnae Students**

Deck your halls for the holiday season with a one-of-a-kind, “art-fully” decorated tree. The elementary students at SPMS will create festive adornments for a locally grown pine tree; they will even decorate the tree for you if you’d like! Not only that, some talented SPMS alumnae students, such as Duncan Nielander, the Clark/Plato girls, the Littletons, and Rachel & Doran Todd will add to the tree with some hand crafted ornaments. The tree will be enjoyed this year, while the ornaments and the memories can be enjoyed forever.

*Restrictions: Pickup or delivery of tree and ornaments to be coordinated through SPMS for late November or early December*

## **L7 Acupuncture Consultation & Treatment**

**Margot Rossi**

SPMS parent Margot Rossi of Cloud Gate Chinese Herbal Medicine in Celso will help you help yourself! Margot will review your health history, provide some dietary and lifestyle guidance, and give you an acupuncture treatment focusing on your specific needs. Treat yourself or a loved one to this appointment for good health.

*Restrictions: Please plan for a 1 ½ hour appointment; please schedule at least 2 weeks in advance*

## **L8 Pick-a-Chest**

**Chris Warren/Mayland Court**

Pick a chest, any chest . . . well, you can pick one of the chest of drawers offered by Mayland Court of Spruce Pine. Your chest will be customized in your choice of finishes. You will be able to choose from over 40 finishes as well as hand-decorated motifs. Delivery is included and your unique chest can be ready 2-3 weeks after your choices have been made-talk about service!

*Restrictions: Winning bidder will be able to take home photos & descriptions of all chests available; ordering and delivery need to be coordinated with Chris Warren of Mayland Court*

## **L9 A Day of Gardening**

**Paige Davis & Kerstin Davis & their SPMS children**

Do your gardens need a little sprucing up this spring? Let these SPMS moms and kids come and do the work for you! These fine gardeners will spend a day in your garden(s), designing new beds, planting, clearing, whatever—you figure out the project and they'll put their shovels, and backs, to work!

*Restrictions: Please plan in advance with both Paige and Kerstin*

## **L10 Month of Packed Lunches with Laptop Lunchbox**

**Anna MacNichol**

Oh dear . . . another week of making lunches! Would you love to have a month off? SPMS mom Anna MacNichol will jump right in and prepare a wholesome & healthy lunch for a child (or adult) at SPMS for one month. Anna will also provide you with an earth friendly "Laptop" lunch box. The lunches will be delivered each morning for one month to the school. Now, this is almost too good to be true!

*Restrictions: Limited dietary restrictions please*

## **L11 Fun & Fabulous Birdbath**

**Lisa Clague**

The birds will flock to your garden with this fabulous bird bath to beckon them! SPMS mom and creative artist Lisa Clague has created this 3 foot-high sculptural bird bath, with a beautiful vine design and a colorful shallow base. Eight decorative balls balance around the edge of the bath and in the center, a graceful bird reaches out to the sky. Definitely, a fun addition to any garden or yard!

## **L12 Splendid Spa Day**

**Bella Chic Spa of Asheville**

Spend a day at Asheville's fantastic spa, Bella Chic. Go ahead, be indulgent, or give this to someone you love. The spa treatments will include a relaxing manicure and pedicure, a fashionable haircut and style, and a "Gift of the Senses" facial. This is truly a treat for the mind, body, and soul (and hands, feet, face, hair . . .)

*Restrictions: Expires November 2008*

## **L13 Boarding for Your Pet**

**Mountain View Animal Hospital**

You can board your dog, cat, or bird for up to 14 days within a year at Stewart's Mountain View Animal Hospital in Spruce Pine. Animals must be up to date on vaccinations; Dr. Stewart will examine your pet at no charge at your first visit. Plan your vacations now and rest easy that your pets will be well fed and bed.

*Restrictions: Proof of vaccinations is required; must schedule in advance & at least one month in advance for major holidays; no aggressive or severely impaired animals please*

## **L14 One-of-a-Kind Watercolor Calendar**

### ***SPMS 6-9 Year Old Class***

This unique, hand crafted calendar is *muy bello!* The SPMS 6-9 elementary class painted beautiful watercolor illustrations for each month of the year and used their Spanish language lessons to label the months and days in *espanol*. A creative work of art, not only to be used for 2009, but to be enjoyed and treasured for years to come.

## **L15 Three Nights at Dorado Reef, Puerto Rico**

### ***Cristina Cordova***

Escape to the beaches of Puerto Rico and enjoy local amenities such as nearby snorkeling, swimming pools, and tennis. Winning bidder will receive a three-night, four-day stay at a beach house in Dorado Reef; the house is fully furnished and includes a golf cart! The house will sleep two adults and 2-3 children, has direct beach access, and is close to restaurants and shopping. Always wanted to go to Puerto Rico . . . here's your chance!

*Restrictions: Does not include cleaning fee (\$75), airfare, or local transportation; must be scheduled 5-6 mos. in advance & subject to availability*

## **L16 Hand Crafted Glass Tile Backsplash**

### ***Wildfire Tile***

SPMS parents Christine & Miles Henry will help you design and customize your glass tile backsplash for your sink or stove. You will have your choice of a wide assortment of hand crafted tiles that can be arranged in a variety of geometric designs. Most finished backsplashes measure approximately 30" wide by 6" high.

*Restrictions: Installation not included but tiles are easily installed by a tile professional; recipient must allow Wildfire to photograph the finished backsplash*

## **L17 Plate of the Month**

### ***Local Craftspersons, SPMS Parents***

In celebration of our rich local artist community, you can receive a hand crafted plate from a local artist, each month for 12 months. Some of the talented artists include Jon Ellenbogen & Becky Plummer, Michael Kline, Liz Summerfield, Jerilyn Virden, Linda McFarling, and more! Imagine how beautiful your table will look with 12 unique plates-this is truly a collector's treasure!

*Restrictions: Deliveries of plates will be coordinated at SPMS*

## **L18 Cabin Get-Away**

### ***Larson Family***

Choose a moonlit night, a special occasion, or just a Monday to escape to a mountain cabin get-away by a quiet pond. SPMS alum family David, Susan, and Jennifer Larson will share their retreat with you; the one-room cabin has a king-sized bed, a wood stove, a sitting porch, and even a separate privy. Rustic and private, the cabin is lit by lanterns and graced with some old-fashioned charm. You will also receive breakfast delivered to the cabin, so pack your bags and make a date!

*Restrictions: Please arrange in advance with the Larsons'*

## **L19 Immortality (well, sort of . . .)**

### ***Alan Gratz***

Who says you can't have immortality? The winner of this auction item will have his or her name and personality-or that of a loved one-preserved for all time with a cameo role in a forthcoming novel by author and SPMS parent Alan Gratz. Alan will work with the winning bidder to find a fun way to include whomever they like in one of his upcoming projects. You will also receive signed copies of two of Alan's books as well as a copy of the book featuring your cameo role. Now, just where else in Spruce Pine are you going to find this on the shelves?

*Restrictions: Alan reserves the right to reject characters that may not be appropriate for young readers*

## **L20 Landscape Glass Bowl**

### ***Trefny Dix & Bengt Hokanson***

Imagine your dining table with this colorful bowl as your centerpiece! SPMS parents Trefny Dix & Bengt Hokanson create these blown glass bowls, which are both functional and decorative. The horizontal pattern is created by multiple color wraps that overlap in areas to create the impression of a distant landscape.

## **L21 Hand Crafted Cards and Envelopes** **SPMS 3-6 Year Old Class**

Back by popular demand . . . this was such a hot item at last year's auction, we just had to offer it again! Students in Mitzi's and Vicki's extended day class have lovingly and creatively crafted 20 note cards and envelopes for you to use and enjoy. This stationery set is unlike any other! Where else can you find cards and envelopes carefully crafted by five and six year old hands? The set would make a wonderful gift or a valuable keepsake-don't let this get away!

## **L22 French Country Dinner Party for Six People** **Jon Ellenbogen & Becky Plummer**

SPMS alum parents Jon & Becky are gourmet cooks and fun company! They will host up to six people for some French country fare, including either Coq au Vin or Beef Bourguignonne, crusty peasant bread, hearty red wine, and much, much more. Vive La France and Bon Appetit!  
*Restrictions: Please schedule at least two weeks in advance*

## **L23 "Kid Free" Weekend** **Susie & Steve van der Vorst**

Do you need a weekend away with your loved one? Would you like to sleep late or go out on a date? Let SPMS parents Susie and Steve van der Vorst take care of your children and your worries for a weekend. They will pick-up your child or children at school on Friday and keep them safe, fed, and entertained until Sunday afternoon. This will be a treat for you and your kids!  
*Restrictions: Children must be out of diapers; date to be agreed upon with recipient and the van der Vorsts*

## **L24 Custom Designed American Girl Wardrobe** **Wendi Gratz**

Project Runway and fashion designers, watch out . . . SPMS mom and seamstress extra-ordinaire Wendi Gratz has created a one-of-a-kind wardrobe of clothes for an American Girl doll. The handmade clothes include 6 complete outfits as well as a coat, boots, poncho, pajamas, robe, and an apron. You'll even get a SPMS logo tee shirt for the doll! Now, if that's not good enough, Wendi will also make one custom doll outfit for the winning bidder using a favorite ol' shirt or dress from your child's closet-can you say WOW!  
*Restrictions: Display doll is not included*

## **L25 Bread-a-Month, Made with Love and TLC** **Mitzi's & Vicki's Extended Day Students**

Do you crave freshly baked breads? Does your mouth water when you smell breads made with peanut butter, cinnamon, or banana? SPMS five-year old students Sadie, Catherine, Jo, Ethan, Troy, & Hunter, with a little adult guidance, will make two loaves of homemade sweet breads for you for 6 months. The breads will be available at SPMS for the months of May, August-December. This is definitely better than any bread you can buy at your local supermarket!  
*Restrictions: No dietary restrictions please*

## **L26 A Real Live PUPPY! & Year of Veterinary Care** **Hoilman Family & Mountain View Animal Hospital**

What else needs to be said? The puppy is a sweet, child-loving Golden Retriever (not AKC registered), born February 18<sup>th</sup> of this year. SPMS parents Greg & Meredith Hoilman have lovingly raised lil' "Maria Montessori" with the litter of pups and the golden retriever "mom." She has been mostly outside and is eager to be housebroken &/or crate trained. Not only will you get this sweet pup, Dr. Stewart of Mountain View Animal Hospital, and SPMS parent, will provide a year of routine wellness exams, vaccinations, and neutering. It just doesn't get much better than this!

## **L27 Monthly Baths for Your Pet** **Mountain View Animal Hospital**

Scrub a dub, get your pet in the tub! The good folks at Stewart's Mountain View Animal Hospital will wash your dog or cat once a month for twelve months. Baths include ear cleaning and nail trims. Pets must be up to date on all vaccinations and must have a current exam; Dr. Stewart will also give your pet a free exam for your first visit.  
*Restrictions: Proof of vaccinations is required; must schedule in advance, esp. holidays; please no aggressive animals or excessive matting or skunk spray*

## **L28 Multi-Layered Hand Crafted Bowl**

**Buzz Coren**

SPMS parent Buzz Coren whittles away his days in his wood shop creating these one-of-a-kind bowls. This hand-crafted bowl is made with a variety of woods such as Purpleheart, Ebon-X, Bubinga, and Maple. The rich colors are created using Italian dyed and natural veneers. Mr. Buzz's bowls are truly collector's items and have been featured on HGTV.

## **L29 Simple Estate Planning**

**Elizabeth Holmes**

Spruce Pine lawyer and SPMS mom Elizabeth Holmes will consult and prepare a simple estate plan for an individual or couple. She will help you prepare a will, power of attorney, health care power of attorney, and a living will. This is truly a gift you can give yourself and others.

*Restrictions: Does not include property transfers or trust drafting*

## **L30 Flat Rock Music Festival Tickets**

**Kathlene Stith**

The Flat Rock music festival is three days of music, festivities, and camping at Camp Ton-a-Wandah in Flat Rock, NC. The winning bidder will receive two adult and two children's tickets to this awesome event to be held September 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Plan for a full weekend of boating, swimming, song-writing contests, fantastic kid's activities, and of course great music.

## **L31 Guided Tour of Mexico City**

**Silvia Peterson**

You and your family or friends can visit amazing Mexico City by day and relax in rural Mexico by night. SPMS mom Silvia Peterson will be your tour guide and will provide up to four people with lodging, breakfast, and transportation! You will explore ruins and an enchanted city near Popocatepetl, an active volcano. You can visit the Museum of Art and Anthropology, where you'll take a step back in time and learn about ancient cultures in the city. A safari may be part of your adventure and you can come face to face with some amazing animals. You may even have the opportunity to meet some local folks and get to practice your Spanish! If you can get yourself there, you'll be in for the adventure of a lifetime!

*Restrictions: Expires May 2010; winning bidder is responsible for flight fares, lunch and dinner expenses, and any additional expenses such as admission fees or tickets; trip is for four people or less; Silvia can accommodate up to six people but winning bidder will be responsible for a larger vehicle rental*

## **L32 Sweet Italian Basil & Nasturtiums**

**Wanda's & Desiree's 3-6 Class**

Take home these sweet Italian basil seedlings and edible nasturtiums, just in time for spring gardening! The seeds were planted with TLC by Ms. Wanda's and Ms. Desiree's 3-6 year old children and watched daily for signs of growth. All summer while you enjoy your pestos & pastas, as well as the beauty of the nasturtiums, you can treasure the thoughtfulness of those sweet kids who made your garden grow!

## **L33 A Trio of Totes**

**Erin Peters/Bulabags**

Whether you're headed to the office, a weekend get-away, or a night on the town, these handcrafted totebags will get you there in style. SPMS parent Erin Peters creates these one-of-a-kind bags, and the winning bidder will receive the "Sadie, Sadie Pretty Lady", the "Mini-Pearl", and the "Lil' Jenny Wren." Hey Dads, have you purchased a gift yet for Mother's Day?

## **L34 An Evening of Childcare**

**Mitzi Ray**

Parents, go get your groove on, eat out, or just enjoy a few hours to yourself. Mitzi will come to your house and hang out with the kids. Everyone knows Mitzi will keep your children entertained, laughing, and having some serious fun. Book her early—Mitzi is in high demand!

### **L35 Picnic and Play at Lake James**

#### ***van der Vorst, Fidler, MacNichol, and Peters' Families***

Enjoy a summer day at the lake! You and your family or friends can play for two hours boating, waterskiing, tubing, and frolicking in Lake James in Marion. Once you've worked up an appetite, you'll be treated to a gourmet picnic overlooking the lake at the house of SPMS parents Glenn and Anna MacNichol. This is sure to be a fun-filled day!

*Restrictions: Please plan in advance for August or September 2008*

### **L36 Twelve Days of Christmas**

#### ***Local Artisans***

On the first day of Christmas, and eleven days after, you will receive twelve hand made ornaments to adorn your tree. Some of the glass ornaments will festively be created by Joe Nielander, Richard Crisp, Jan Ritter, Chad Mohr, and Greg Fidler. Billie Ruth Sudduth will craft you one of her snowflakes, and you'll also receive some fun wood, metal, or ceramic creations. Now, if that's not enough, we'll even throw in a locally grown Christmas tree! So, fa la la, let's celebrate Christmas early this year!

*Restrictions: Deliveries of ornaments and tree will be coordinated at SPMS in late November or December*

### **L37 Guided Canoe Trip**

#### ***Jack Martindale***

Paddle to your hearts' content on the scenic New River on this guided, one-day canoe trip for up to 4 people. You will be able to have two or three paddling lessons on Swiss Pine Lake prior to your trip. Lunch and drinks will be provided on your river trip. Experience some of the beauty of NC's rivers up close and personal!

*Restrictions: Children must be 12 years or older; life jackets required; paddle lessons and weekend river trip need to be scheduled in advance*

### **L38 Unbelievably Unique Holiday Cards**

#### ***SPMS 9-12 Elementary Students***

The 9-12 elementary class has created some really stunning block prints to help you celebrate the holiday season. The students carved their images, printed the cards, and signed the final artworks. You will receive 30 of these stunning cards with envelopes and you will be able to share these one-of-a-kind gifts with family and friends over the holidays.

### **L39 One-Week Accommodation at Banner Elk's Smoketree Lodge**

#### ***Meri & Greg Stella, Reiko Feaver***

At the Smoketree Lodge in Banner Elk, the warm, rustic, mountain decor makes it an irresistible place to unwind after a full day of hiking, golfing, or shopping. The studio is available September 20-27, 2008; it will accommodate two adults and has a partial kitchenette and one bath. Enjoy relaxing by the indoor pool and whirlpool or have an invigorating workout with the exercise equipment! You may even want to pamper yourself with a visit to the sauna!

The High Country area has tons of other exciting activities like trout fishing at some of the streams just down the road, horseback riding, and whitewater rafting! No matter what YOUR idea of outdoor fun is, you'll find it here... and Smoketree Lodge offers the most convenient location in the area. They are located between Boone and Banner Elk, so you can be minutes from unique shopping in Banner Elk or Blowing Rock's quaint shops, Grandfather Mountain, Tweetsie Railroad, all of the area's ski resorts and so much more.

*Restrictions: Must be used week of September 20-27, 2008*

### **L40 Another Week's Accommodation at Banner Elk's Smoketree Lodge**

#### ***Meri & Greg Stella, Reiko Feaver***

So, if you didn't win the first week or if you can swing a two week vacation, the Smoketree Lodge studio is also available September 27 -October 4th, 2008. This a fabulous time of year in the High Country and this vacation get-away could be just what the doctor ordered!

*Restrictions: Must be used week of September 27-October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008*

#### **L41 Lost Cove Hike with Lunch**

***Susie van der Vorst and Dot Griffith***

Put on your bathing suit and hiking shoes and adventure into Wilson's Creek Lost Cove with these two fun-loving SPMS moms. Lost Cove is a waterfall wonder, with deep swimming holes and lots to explore. You and your group of ten can spend a hot, August afternoon playing in this wonderful mountain cove. A picnic lunch will be provided—just bring your sense of humor and get ready for fun!

*Restrictions: Proficient swimmers only; date must be arranged for August 2008; lifeguards will not be provided*

#### **L42 Send the SPMS 9-12 Class on a Field Trip**

Well, the field trip budget at SPMS has run out and we want to send Jeff's 9-12 year old class on a field trip! The class will receive twelve day passes to Hickory's Catawba Science center, where they can see wonderful science and aquarium exhibits. This is a great way to give, not only to our school but to each special child in Jeff's class!

#### **L43 Glass Blowing Class at the Torch (Flameworking)**

***Miles Henry***

SPMS parent Miles Henry, of Wildfire Glass in Burnsville, will guide you to make flame-worked ornaments and marbles. Enjoy this class for two people as you melt and manipulate glass. You do not need any previous glass blowing experience and all materials and equipment will be supplied. Come on baby, light my fire!

*Restrictions: Ages 12-up; minors must be accompanied by an adult*

#### **L44 Family Eye Exams**

***Marvin & Diane Walker***

Complete eye examinations including full diagnostic testing and prescription of medication or glasses for two adults and up to three children.

*Restrictions: Excludes contact lens testing & any materials (glasses or contacts)*

#### **L45 Pastries on a Plate**

***Rob Levin & Paige Davis (and Zack & Sammy)***

Oh, you may be so lucky! Wake up late tomorrow and know that you've already got breakfast! SPMS spouse Rob Levin has donated a beautiful hand-blown glass dish that will look great in anyone's home. SPMS mom Paige, along with her sons, have lovingly baked a batch of chocolate chip scones to fill that beautiful plate. You will also receive two additional batches of scones, either blueberry, cranberry, or more chocolate chip, that will be delivered or mailed whenever you're ready.



***Thanks for supporting the  
children at Spruce Pine  
Montessori School!***

***See you next year!***