



SILENT RAFFLE GUIDELINES & TIPS

A Silent Raffle is kind of like a Silent Auction where you display multiple items that your guests have a chance to win. But instead of bidding on each item, to enter, your guests purchase tickets. A basket is placed in front of each item and your guests choose which basket to place their tickets into for a chance to win that item.

HOW-TO:

1. Collect items or baskets filled with items for your Silent Raffle, donated by various businesses and individuals. To make smaller items more attractive and raise more money, purchase accessory items to combine into a single item or gift basket.
2. Display all raffle items on a table or tables. On a neatly printed card or sheet, attached to the basket or item, describe the raffle items or basket contents, their total value, and also show the name of the donator. Each item should be marked with a number and should have a basket or some sort of container for tickets with the same number, which is set next to the raffle item. Have a volunteer stationed right next to the table where the items are displayed selling tickets.
3. After purchasing tickets, your guests place them in the container corresponding with the baskets or items they wish to win. The participants can place as many tickets in the ticket containers as they wish, thereby increasing their chance of winning their items of choice.
4. Prior to closing the event, be sure to announce when that it will be closing shortly to get last minute ticket sales.
5. After the Raffle is closed, all ticket containers are taken to the area where the MC will announce the winner, after a ticket is pulled from the container.

TIPS:

- You do not need expensive or highly valuable items for a successful Silent raffle, but to spur greater ticket sales, have one or two valuable or high demand items in your raffle.
- Set the items out for display, making sure the participants can see all of the items. Clear cellophane wrap with a nice ribbon make an attractive basket that is easily viewable!
- Make several announcements prior to closing and make a final push for ticket sales.
- Have volunteers go through the crowd promoting raffle ticket sales.
- This tends to keep the people at the event at least up until the tickets are pulled and the winners are announced. So, keep this raffle open as long as you can!

*Bringing the Saints marching home while raising money for local charities
and young adults with cancer and other life threatening diseases.*