

Silent Auction & Burnt Offering (Father and Son Bake Off)

Collect items to be auctioned off at church to benefit either local church mission teams or state or local mission partnerships. This could be a state missions offering emphasis. The items could be from local retail establishments that have donated products or services for this event. RAs will host a churchwide fellowship to run the auction. This is also an opportunity to invite family and friends to your church. As an additional draw to get church members and friends to attend, encourage the fathers to bake desserts with their sons (without female support) to be judged for the best tasting and looking dessert. These desserts would then be served as part of the fellowship time to be associated with the auction.

Pray

As a leader, pray for each of the boys and their families who will be participating. Pray that God will help you find quality items to auction. Pray that you will find a worthwhile mission project to support. Pray that God will use the money raised to help those going on the upcoming mission project best share the love of Christ with those they meet. Have each of the boys begin to pray daily for the mission project and for the team that they are helping support.

Prepare

Consult with your church Missions Committee, associational director of missions, and your state missions office to learn of mission teams that your boys project could support. From the options gathered, determine which projects you want to share with the boys. Clearly describe each project and allow the boys to ask questions. Then select a mission project to support.

Once the project is selected, prepare a letter to send to parents to invite their involvement. Include a description of the project, who it will benefit, and what you will be asking of them (e.g., help collect auction items and have fathers bake desserts with their sons). You will also want to give them a letter on church letterhead that describes what you are doing that can be given to potential donors of items to be auctioned. Many businesses require this before they will donate items. A sample will be available at www.royalambassadors.org.

Distribute donor letters to parents and give clear instructions on how they should assist their boys in distributing these to prospective donors. Tell the boys this is their job, too, and they are to help find people to donate products and services. Potential donors could include restaurants, hair salons, yard care services, or even a meal prepared by a church member who has a reputation for being a great cook! Be creative and you will discover many possibilities.

Purchase paper products for the dessert fellowship and arrange for various beverages to be served.

Participate

Create signs and other promotional materials to post around your church and to be given to friends and family. Be sure to include who the project will benefit and the date, time, and location of the fellowship. Arrange to have the project announced in your church newsletter and Sunday bulletin. If possible, make an announcement before your church body during a worship service.

The day of the church fellowship, have the fathers and sons bring in their “Burnt Offerings” for early judging. Have the boys help decorate the room for the fellowship. Prepare tables to display the auction items separately and have a piece of paper with the item along with a pen or pencil for people to bid on the items. Across the room, set up tables for the desserts to be served from. Invite at least three people to act as judges who will taste each dessert prior to them being served to others. Instruct them to choose the best looking dessert and the best tasting ones. Judges can be anyone, perhaps your pastor, someone on the mission team you are supporting, or people who have a reputation for being great cooks in your church.

Once the people have arrived, instruct them on how the auction will work by telling them they can browse the items available and write down on the sheets of paper the amount they are willing to pay for that item. Tell them they can bid as often as they want to maintain the highest bid. Be sure to designate the time the bidding will end. Allow everyone to go through the line to get desserts. Have your boys serve the desserts as people come through the line. Depending on the size of your church and the number of father and son teams participating, you may want to have extra desserts on hand to have enough for all participants.

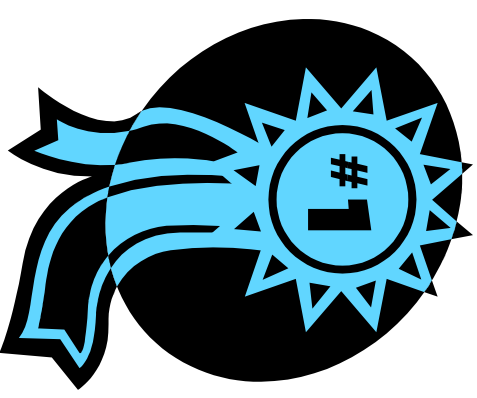
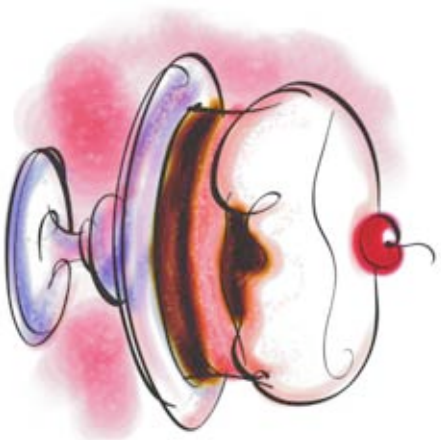
When the bidding time has ended, present the winners of the “Burnt Offering” contest with their certificates. Samples can found on www.royalambassadors.org. Then announce the winners of the silent auction. Have the winners come pay for their items and then present those to them.

When finished, thank everyone for coming and supporting this mission project. Then have the boys help clean the room before they go home.

Praise

During your next meeting, thank the boys for their hard work. Have them make and send thank you notes to everyone who donated items for the auction. Create a card for the boys to sign to be given to the mission team that tells them you are praying for them and the people they will be sharing Christ with on their experience.

RA Burnt Offering Winner



Winners Name

Has won Best Tasting desert at the RA Silent Auction and Burnt Offering

RA Director

Date