

2018 EC3 Spring Auction

Whether this is your first EC3 auction or you've been to several, we'd like to help manage your expectations so everybody has a great time!

TUITION GIVEAWAY: NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!

Due to popular demand, you can purchase tickets to win a week of tuition even if you can't stay until the end of the auction for the drawing! Tickets are only \$25 each, and you can purchase as many as you like. We'll bill them directly to your account! Tickets are available NOW!

CASH RAFFLE TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

There are still tickets available for the cash-giveaway raffle at the beginning of the live auction (need not be present to win). Tickets are only \$15 each or two for \$25, and you could win \$100, \$250, or \$500 cash! Tickets can be billed directly to your account.

SKIP THE CHECKOUT LINE—PUT AUCTION PURCHASES ON ACCOUNT!

We've streamlined the auction checkout experience to get you home more quickly after the auction! When you register and get your bidder number, you can tell us to bill your account for any purchases you make related to the auction. Bake sale, silent auction, live auction, EC-Plea, tuition giveaway: we'll tally it all up on Monday, then provide you with a receipt and charge the amount directly to your account as a fundraising donation. If we have a credit card on file for you, it will be charged automatically; if you typically pay by check you can include it with the next one.

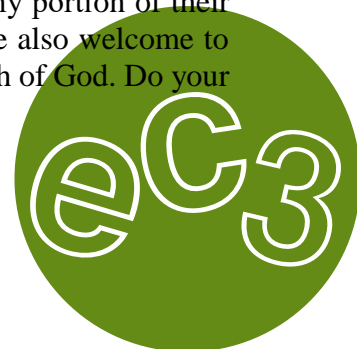
If you prefer to pay the night of the auction (cash, check, or credit card), we'll be happy to accommodate you!

CHILD CARE

Children must be registered in advance for child care during the auction. (If you're coming and you haven't signed up the kids, please sign them up here: <http://bit.ly/2018AuctionChildCare>.) If your children are already at EC3 and you intend to stay for the auction, please do NOT go to their room and visit them first; this typically creates some "attachment confusion" for young children. The teachers will have the registration lists in advance and will be sure to shepherd your children to the appropriate area so you can enjoy the activities. Be sure to pick them up as soon as the festivities end so we can let our child care staff go home.

PARKING

The EC3 auction is heavily attended, which benefits EC3 and its families in many ways. However, we strive to be a good neighbor to those who live near us. Therefore, please take special care that you don't park your car in somebody's driveway, or in such a way to block any portion of their driveway. You may have to park a few blocks away and walk to EC3; you are also welcome to park carefully on our east lawn, or in the parking lot of the West Lansing Church of God. Do your best to carpool so we don't have two cars per family in attendance.



REGISTRATION

Everyone who attends is expected to register and get a program with a bidder number. Even if you don't intend to bid on the auction items, we need to get an accurate count of attendees for safety purposes. In addition, the bidder number will come in handy if you purchase "extras" such as baked goods or last-minute raffle tickets--all your items will be tallied according to your bidder number to streamline the check-out process. Registration begins on Friday morning—all the better to start your silent auction bidding early in the day!

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Pizza, salad, breadsticks, and bottled water will be served family-style at the tables. Grab a glass of beer or wine and enjoy a meal in the company of other adults!

TIMING

Because we know you are busy and have young children who need their sleep, we have scheduled the auction program in such a way to fit it all in and still get you out by 8:00 p.m. at the latest. But we need your cooperation!

The silent auction starts at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, so register (get your bidder number) in the morning so you don't have to wait in line at the end of the day. In the late afternoon, please get here early to allow enough time to visit the silent auction tables before they close at 6:30 p.m. At that time, we'll call out the silent auction winners and hand out the prizes right then and there, and we'll keep track of the charge for later.

The cash raffle winners will be drawn as soon when the silent auction closes. Then we'll introduce EC3 alumnae, Lansing Mayor Andy Schor, who will give opening remarks. At 7:00 p.m. we keep the excitement going with the "EC-Plea," where attendees can pledge a donation to EC3 without purchasing anything. What a way to support and continue the quality work EC3 provides!

After that, our live auction will kick off in the order shown in the live auction item list (<http://ec3kids.org/ec3-auction>). When the live auction is complete, we'll select and announce the winner of the tuition giveaway.

BE PREPARED

Scout all the auction items in advance by viewing the program (download it at <http://ec3kids.org/ec3-auction>). The lists for both the live auction and the silent auction are posted for download so you can start making your strategic shopping plans! (Follow us on Facebook to glimpse some photos and recognize our generous sponsors.)

Whether you come to make purchases or simply enjoy a fun evening, we're glad to have you as part of the EC3 family!

Warm regards,

Elisabeth Weston, Executive Director