

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission



BECOMING AN OUTDOORS-WOMAN

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Dear BOW Participant and Instructor:

At our workshops, we are going to hold a silent auction to help us provide scholarships to women who would like to come, but can't afford it. It's a lot of fun and we get to send participants home with some wonderful outdoor equipment.

We are asking each participant and instructor to bring something for the auction. It doesn't have to be anything big (but we won't complain if it is). It doesn't have to be anything new! Just bring something if you can! Below are some general guidelines, but don't let these stifle your creativity.

- ☞ It should have an outdoor theme, but doesn't have to be outdoor equipment. For example, it could be a really cool quartz rock, an emu egg, a lamp shade made of natural materials, or a pair of hummingbird earrings. Of course, you're always welcome to bring a compass, a tent, a canteen, a canoe (I'm an optimist!).
- ☞ It can be new or used, as long as it's in good condition. For example, if you have a piece of outdoor equipment you're no longer using and don't plan to use, or if your uncle used to camp a lot, but still has a perfectly good backpack he no longer uses, bring it!
- ☞ It can be worth 50 cents, \$5.00 or \$500.00 (there's that optimist again!), and anything over, under and in-between.
- ☞ You can ask for donations from area merchants and organizations. Quite a few past participants have been successful getting donations this way. Please feel free to show them this letter and have the merchant or organization call me if they want more information about the program. It might help to take the BOW brochure with you so they can see what the program is all about (printed from our website).
- ☞ If you have an item to donate, please bring it to the silent auction tables in the dining hall when you arrive, and fill out the top part of a bid sheet.

All proceeds from the auction go to pay for scholarships, costs of equipment, class freebies that weren't donated, food and lodging for instructors (who instruct for us as volunteers) and a host of other expenses too numerous to mention.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (561) 625-5126.

Sincerely,

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