

What Is a Quarter Auction and How Does It Work?

A quarter auction is part raffle, part auction, and part fundraiser. It works a bit like bingo. When you arrive, you will be given a numbered paddle. This paddle will have a corresponding numbered chip which will be put into the drawing basket. You'll be able to purchase a second paddle for a donation of \$5, if you wish.

All items up for "auction" will be on display after the doors open - you can see what will be up for auction and decide which items you're interested in.

Once the auction begins, the announcer or one of the helpers will hold up the item that's up for bid and will announce whether the item is a "one quarter" or "two quarter", "three quarter" or "four quarter" bid. If you're interested in bidding, you'll put one to four quarters (whatever was announced) for EACH paddle you intend to bid with into the designated bowl on your table. So if you have two paddles, want to bid with both to double your chances, and the item is a "one quarter" bid, you'll put .50 in the bowl and raise your paddle(s). If you have two paddles and decide to only bid with one, you only pay .25 BUT you MUST choose only one numbered paddle to bid with. A volunteer will be walking from table to table with a bucket to collect bids (quarters) periodically. The announcer will then draw a number to find a winner. If they draw your number and you had bid on the item, hooray! You just won an awesome item at a great price! If they draw your number and you did NOT bid, just call out "no bid!" and they'll continue to draw numbers until they find a winner.

There may be various raffles and cash and carry items available through the evening - the announcer and workers will help explain how those work. Be sure to bring quarters, but if you forget or run out, there will be rolls of quarters available for purchase at the event. If it all sounds complicated, relax. Everything will be explained again once you get to the auction, and you'll catch on in no time and you'll love it.

All quarters collected will be used to help fund the "River to Recovery" Project. Thank you for your support and enjoy the game.