

HeatWave Basket Raffle 2017

Each HeatWave member is expected to put together a basket to be sold at our basket raffle on August 19 at Voigt Music Center in Janesville. You can create your basket anytime and give it to Dennis/Barb, who will store baskets at their house. Please be sure to turn them in by **August 1** at the latest so we will have time to do any needed preparations such covering them in clear cellophane, creating tags, etc. Get started right away! Once you choose a theme, you can watch for items on sale. The sooner you do this, the sooner it is off your to-do list!

The point: To create baskets that people will find interesting and will want to purchase!

How to put together your basket:

1. Choose a theme (see below for ideas).
2. Shop for/acquire new items to put in your basket that relate to the theme you came up with.
3. Put items in a "basket" (could be a basket, tub, tote, box, or other fun container...or even no container at all).
4. Shrink wrap or cover in clear plastic if you can, or bring uncovered and we will cover it.
5. Include a tag with name of basket, your name, and value of the basket.

Important notes:

- Check at dollar and department stores for interesting, inexpensive items and totes/baskets/boxes to put everything into.
- Here's an idea: Ask businesses to donate items you can put in your basket!
- Choose items that people might take home and use themselves or could use as a gift (example: basket of baby items to use as a shower gift).
- Do not include alcohol, R-rated movies, or fresh foods.
- Please do not include items that will melt (like chocolate) if you will give your basket to Dennis/Barb at an event when it is hot.
- Keep in mind that the raffle won't be until mid-August—this might affect how appropriate a theme is (example: a 4th of July theme might not be best), and please watch expiration dates.
- Homemade craft items may be OK if they are of good quality.

Basket ideas (just to get you started!)

Grilling: tongs, hot mitts, marinade packets, charcoal, turner, gift card to meat market

Kitchen: cookbook, measuring cups & spoons, recipe cards, cake or other mix, all in a big bowl

Car Lovers: tire gauge, air freshener, gas card, key ring, car wash tokens, map

Movie night: microwave popcorn, family movie(s) or theater tickets, soda, snacks, chips

Gardening: watering can, seeds, trowel, gloves, stepping stone, kneeling pad, gardening book

Birding: hummingbird feeder & nectar mix, suet and holder, birdfeeder and seed, birding book

Sewing: fabric squares/swatches, tape measure, sewing gadgets in a sewing tote bag or tub

Knitting or crocheting: skein(s) of yarn, knitting needles or crochet hook, instruction book

Tea Time: set of tea cups, assorted tea bags, timer, sugar packets or honey bear, box of cookies

Beach: Large pail filled with beach things like sunblock, sunglasses, flipflops, beach ball, towel

Baseball: Snappers tickets, baseball & mitt, popcorn, peanuts, gift card to grocery for hotdogs

Other Basket Ideas

Chocolate Lovers

After school snacks

Favorite Things about your Hometown

Sports: Badgers, Packers, Brewers...

Coffee break

Outdoor Fun

Back to school

Hunting/Fishing

Pets

Holiday

Baby

Farming

Especially for kids: Barbies; recent movie themes like "The Secret Life of Pets"; Trains; Farm Toys

☺ **Be CREATIVE and HAVE FUN with this!** ☺