



Frequently Asked Questions

Pre-Event Information

What do the funds raised at the auction go towards?

Funds raised at the auction are critical in supporting all programs at Westerly School including co-curriculars, technology, financial assistance and campus maintenance.

Can non-Westerly parents purchase a ticket to attend?

Absolutely! Please feel free to invite grandparents, friends, neighbors... anyone interested in having fun while fundraising. A ticket is required for each guest and can be purchased at the [auction website](#).

Can non-Westerly parents participate in the silent auction even though they are not attending the event?

Totally! We encourage you to invite family and friends to participate in Westerly's online auction by sending them the link to the [online bid portal](#) prior to the event.

How can I preview the items available for bidding?

Items will be available to preview beginning Wednesday, April 26 at 12 noon [here](#).

When does the online silent auction open?

The online bidding for the silent auction will open on Wednesday, May 3 at 12 noon. In order to bid, you must create an account for the [online bid portal](#) prior to the event.

Do I need to register to bid on items prior to the event or can I register at the event?

A: We strongly encourage attendees to create an account for the [online bid portal](#) prior to the event. Instructions to do this will be emailed the week of the event. However, we are happy to help with registration at event check-in if you are unable to do so prior.

I am unable to attend the event. Can I still bid on items in the Live Auction items?

Yes. You are able to proxy bid for live auction items. Please email [Crystal Garcia](#) if you would like to have someone proxy bid for you.

When will I receive notifications regarding the bidding outcomes of silent auction items?

The silent auction will close at 6:45PM on Saturday, May 6th. Bids will be finalized and winners will be notified that evening.

I want to attend the event as a volunteer. How can I get involved?

Volunteers are needed during the event. Help is greatly appreciated! [Please click here to sign up for ways to help](#). Please email [Crystal Garcia](#) if you have any volunteer related questions.

Night of Event Information

What time does the event start?

The event officially begins at 5:30 pm. Registration will open at 5:00 pm.

What time does the silent auction begin and end?

The online silent auction will begin 72 hours prior to the event start and will close at 6:45 PM on May 5, 2023.

Do I need to wear a themed costume?

No! Please come in whatever California semi-formal attire you wish to wear! Theme costumes are welcome but definitely not required. Wear your dancing shoes!

What else should I consider when planning my outfit?

The event will all take place outdoors. The silent auction will be held in the courtyard on decomposed granite and the dinner, live auction and dancing will take place on the blacktop. We suggest wearing comfortable shoes!

Where can I park?

Parking in the front lot and street parking is available but is limited. We highly encourage utilizing ridesharing transportation like Uber and Lyft.

Can I purchase drinks at the auction?

Drink tickets for the bar can be [purchased in advance online](#) or at the event.

The cost is \$10 per cocktail drink ticket and \$8 per beer/wine drink ticket. Drink tickets will also be available to purchase at the event.

How will I know where to sit for dinner?

At check-in, you will receive an event wristband that has your table number, bid number and dinner choice. Tables will be numbered and pre-assigned so you can easily find your table.

What time does the event end?

The event is scheduled to end at 10:30 pm.

Where will I go for check-out after the event?

Check-out will open at 9:30 pm the night of the event in the front office. If you don't check out that night, you will automatically be checked out and your items will be available for pick up on Monday, May 8 and Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

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We look forward to a totally radical auction and thank you in advance for your support!

For any event/auction related questions, please contact Crystal Garcia at cgarcia@westerlyschool.org.