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# Silent Auction to Benefit Environmental Education

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## Item Catalog

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2018 Annual Recognition Dinner  
Friday, November 16, 2018 – East Lansing, MI

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Michigan Nature Association

## Auction Catalog

This evening's Silent Auction features a variety of Michigan experiences to give as gifts or to treat yourself or your family. You'll find fun and exciting ways to sample the state's natural and cultural wonders on a day trip, a weekend getaway or as part of a longer vacation. Read carefully—we've tucked in a few private guided hikes to both lesser known and well-loved MNA sanctuaries in a couple of packages. So if you seek a pleasant peninsula in the coming year, look no further!

The auction will benefit MNA's Environmental Education Fund. This fund provides opportunities for students and families in Michigan to explore nature, including our field trip grant program for teachers. Thank you for helping us educate the next generation of conservation leaders, and thank you to all our auction item donors for their generous contributions! A special thanks to MNA Stewards for generously donating their time to serve as sanctuary guides.

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## **Packages**

### **Keweenaw Adventure**

Celebrate the Keweenaw and the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Estivant Pines Nature Sanctuary with a wonderful adventure for two. Whether an expert or novice, the Keweenaw Adventure Company will provide the equipment and training for a sea kayak tour around Copper Harbor. Take an evening cruise aboard the Isle Royale Queen to view the rugged Keweenaw coastline with the chance of a spectacular sunset. Enjoy a cozy night's stay at the Dapple-Gray Bed & Breakfast, located just west of Copper Harbor on the Superior shore, surrounded by 27 forested acres. Finally, explore MNA's stunning Estivant Pines (or the Keweenaw nature sanctuary of your choice) on a private hike with knowledgeable MNA Stewards Bill and Nancy Leonard. (Tour dates according to 2019 vendor and Steward schedules, winning bidder will arrange dates and times.)

*Donated by:* Keweenaw Adventure Company, The Isle Royale Line, Dapple-Gray Bed & Breakfast, and Nancy and Bill Leonard

*Value:* \$325

### **Marquette – Munising Explorer**

Marquette is a fabulous destination for outdoor fun with its beautiful harbor, lakeshore trail, and scenic Presque Isle Park. Munising is the western gateway to Pictured Rocks National Shoreline. Both offer unmatched land and water adventures. Only 43 miles separates the two towns and between them lies gorgeous, easily accessible stretches of Lake Superior shoreline. Start in Munising with a glass-bottom shipwreck tour for two and a certificate for the Holiday Inn Express with astonishing views of Munising Bay, Grand Island, and, in the distance, Pictured Rocks. In the Marquette area, Marquette Recreational Tours will provide a two-hour kayaking tour. Back on land, a gift certificate from Congress Pizza will

satisfy hungry appetites. Cap off this adventure with a one-night stay at Nestledown, a Scandinavia-themed bed and breakfast inn, just steps away from the lakeshore trail and Marquette beaches. (Holiday Inn Express gift certificate can be applied to an overnight stay, Nestledown Bed and Breakfast certificate redeemable November 1 – June 1. Winning bidder will arrange dates and times with vendors.)

*Donated by:* Glass Bottom Shipwreck Tour, Holiday Inn Express Munising-Lakeview, Marquette Recreational Tours, Nestledown Bed & Breakfast, and Congress Pizza  
*Value:* \$406

### **Week-Long Getaway in Northern Michigan**

This is it—a week on Mullet Lake in Northern Michigan! This vacation home has three bedrooms (sleeps up to 10), two bathrooms, a Great Room with dining area and field stone fireplace, a ping-pong room, a deck and dock. Located on the Michigan Inland Waterway, the cottage is just 30 miles from the bridge, 15 miles from Cheboygan, and 10 miles from Indian River. Enjoy nature photography, birding, botanizing, swimming, canoeing, sunset watching, badminton and croquet. You will be only day trips away from two of Michigan's best loved islands. Head up to Mackinaw City and take the ferry to Mackinac Island for a carriage tour for two. Out of Cheboygan, two ferry tickets will take you to Bois Blanc Island for a private tour of MNA's little visited Bois Blanc Nature Sanctuary with Steward Mike White. The sanctuary adjoins the state's Snake Island/Mud Creek Designated Natural Area and includes shoreline on Lake Huron and two inland lakes with habitat for several endangered species. Maybe you'll spot a Hine's emerald dragonfly! (Winning bidder will make arrangements with cottage owner and nature sanctuary Steward, ferry ride subject to ferry schedule.)

*Donated by:* Ruth Vail, Plaunt Transportation, Mackinac Island Carriage Tour, and Mike White  
*Value:* \$1,294

### **Sanctuary & Shipwrecks Quest**

Here's your chance to get a private tour of MNA's newest sanctuary—Spitler Shore on Albany Bay in Presque Isle—led by MNA Stewards Giovanna Meek and Floyd Selves. The sanctuary features a population of the threatened dwarf lake iris, Lake Huron shoreline and, just offshore, the wreck of the steamer *Albany* that sank in 1853. In Alpena, you can see other wrecks with two tickets to explore the famed Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary courtesy of Alpena Shipwreck Tours. Stay nice and dry aboard the *Lady Michigan* while viewing scenic Thunder Bay and magnificently preserved shipwrecks through the boat's glass viewing wells. (Shipwreck tours according to regular tour schedule, winning bidder will make arrangements with sanctuary Stewards.)

*Donated by:* Alpena Shipwreck Tours, Giovanna Meek, and Floyd Selves  
*Value:* \$60

### **Midland Meander**

There is much to see and do in Midland! Day passes for four will take you to the remarkable Dow Gardens, a 110 acre botanical garden. Within the grounds is the Whiting Forest, featuring the nation's longest tree Canopy Walk, 1,400 feet long, soaring 40 feet above the ground. The Canopy Walk is accessible for all ages and abilities and is open in every season. The package also includes a family voucher to the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art featuring the Hall of Ideas, electricity exhibits, and more. Rounding out the Meander is a special tour of Bullock Creek Nature Sanctuary, just a short drive from Midland, guided by Steward Larry Brown. Bullock Creek consists of a series of forty foot dunes, which once covered Saginaw Valley, with a variety of plants and animals including blue bottle gentian, starflower, trailing arbutus, as well as badgers, long-tailed weasel, green heron and the great crested flycatcher. After a day of nature exploration, enjoy an overnight stay at The H Hotel, a creative haven in the heart of Midland. (Gardens and Museum subject to regular hours, winning bidder will make arrangements directly with sanctuary Steward.)

*Donated by:* Midland Center for the Arts, Dow Gardens and Whiting Forest, The H Hotel, and Larry Brown

*Value:* \$230

### **Grand Rapids Getaways**

Two packages available!

#### **Heart of Grand Rapids**

Enjoy a night's stay for two in the heart of Michigan's second biggest city. The City Flats Hotel is a boutique hotel in downtown Grand Rapids and within walking distance of museums, theatre, great restaurants, and, of course, breweries that earned GR the Beer City nickname! This package includes two general admission tickets to the Grand Rapids Art Museum and a gift certificate to Founders Brewing Company—both just a short walk from the hotel.

*Donated by:* City Flats Hotel, Grand Rapids Art Museum, and Founders Brewing Company

*Value:* \$215

#### **Family Outing**

Families will love the chance to visit two outstanding Grand Rapids attractions as a one day outing or in separate trips. The package includes four tickets to the John Ball Zoo and four tickets to the Grand Rapids Public Museum (including four tickets to ride the carousel!). This is fun family entertainment while learning about the zoo's wildlife conservation programs and West Michigan's cultural and natural history at the museum. Four free pizzas from Blaze Pizza will stave off hungry appetites after a day's adventure.

*Donated by:* John Ball Park Zoo, Grand Rapids Public Museum, and Blaze Pizza

*Value:* \$126

## **Kalamazoo Fun**

This fabulous package includes a voucher for the famed Henderson Castle Bed and Breakfast. With that as your Kalamazoo base, enjoy three outstanding adventures—you will want to spend at least two days in Kzoo!

- Explore the beautiful Kellogg Bird Sanctuary with guide Kara Haas, a nine year employee of the Sanctuary and an MNA Trustee. Your guided tour for up to four people will include admission to the Sanctuary, the use of binoculars and a field guide. The two hour experience will take you along paved and hard packed paths to explore the shore of Wintergreen Lake, looking for and learning about the waterfowl, gamebirds and birds of prey on exhibit and in the wild at the Sanctuary. This tour can take place anytime of the year, mid-May-June is great if you are interested in seeing goslings and cygnets and October-November is a good time for migrant waterfowl.
- Visit the Air Zoo Aerospace and Science Museum, Michigan's premier aviation and science center, with four general admission tickets. Voted "Best Place to Spend a Day with Your Family" three years in a row, the Air Zoo features more than 50 rare and historic aircraft, amusement park-style rides, Full-Motion Flight Simulators, as well as historical exhibits and educational activities.
- Feed giraffes, take a wilderness tram to Wild Africa, and ride the Z.O. & O. Railroad, a vintage open car pulled by a miniature locomotive through a scenic 1.5 mile nature loop with four general admission tickets (2 adult and 2 children) to the Binder Park Zoo! This accredited zoo participates in Species Survival Plans to help improve the genetics and survivability of threatened and endangered species.

(The Henderson Castle B&B voucher can be applied to an overnight stay, spa services, or restaurant; Air Zoo and Binder Park Zoo subject to hours of operation; winning bidder will arrange tour of the Bird Sanctuary with Kara Haas.)

*Donated by:* Henderson Castle Bed and Breakfast, Kara Haas/Kellogg Bird Sanctuary, Air Zoo Aerospace and Science Museum, and Binder Park Zoo

*Value:* \$265

## **Southwest Michigan Wanders**

Two packages available!

### **Allegan County Adventure**

Enjoy a tasting for four and four complimentary wine glasses from this family owned and operated vineyard and winery established in 1973. The vineyard is located on 240 acres just south of Holland. In addition, join Wade Memorial Nature Sanctuary Stewards for a guided tour at this Saugatuck gem, which sits atop a high bluff overlooking wetlands that lead to the shore of Silver Lake. This 72 acre sanctuary boasts a fine example of a mesic-northern compound mix of deciduous trees with scattered hemlocks. Waterfowl and other birds, frogs, and turtles all call

Wade Memorial home, and visitors are welcomed by an assortment of plant life, including skunk cabbage, marsh marigold, jack-in-the-pulpit, hepatica, blue flag iris, trailing arbutus, and dogwood, among others. The beautiful lake views and varied plant life make Wade Memorial Nature Sanctuary a destination for visitors looking to experience nature!

*Donated by:* Fenn Valley Vineyards, Samantha Brodley, and MNA Stewards

*Value:* \$50

### **Berrien County Boating and Trillium Tour**

Step aboard the Emita II for a unique excursion that tells the story of Lake Michigan and the surrounding area. The journey begins with a short cruise up the channel along Washington Park in New Buffalo. Then sit back and relax as you pass the lighthouse and enter the cool waters of Lake Michigan for expansive views of the shoreline and the Indiana Dunes. Spend a spring morning or afternoon with MNA on a private, guided tour of the exquisite Trillium Ravine Nature Sanctuary just 33 miles away in Niles! Trillium Ravine is a beautiful, intimate natural area. It covers 15 acres of mixed deciduous forest on a glacial outwash ravine, within a quarter mile of the St. Joe River. At peak growing season, it has a spectacular display of spring ephemerals, trillium being the star of the show when hundreds blanket the preserve! Trillium Ravine offers a looped walking path that displays the flowers beautifully. (Classic Lake tour subject to vendor schedules, winning bidder will arrange tour directly with MNA Steward.)

*Donated by:* Harbor County Adventures, Samantha Brodley, and MNA Stewards

*Value:* \$120

### **Capital City Cruise**

New this year—a chance to experience some of the best of Lansing. With a gift certificate, board the Michigan Princess Riverboat, a classic replica of a 19<sup>th</sup> century steam boat, for a cruise on the Grand River. Public cruises are available for lunch, dinner, holidays, fall foliage, or one of many fun themes that sometimes feature live entertainment, dancing, cocktails, and hors d'oeuvres—all with spectacular views of the Grand River. With a family 4-pack, venture on over to the Impression 5 Science Center, a dynamic, interactive space for families to play, create and challenge your understanding of science through hands-on exhibits and participatory educational programming. While in town, treat yourself to a photography session with a gift certificate from Rebecca Houlihan Photography. Finally, enjoy fine dining with breakfast, lunch, Sunday brunch or dinner with a gift certificate at the famed State Room Restaurant at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center.

*Donated by:* Michigan Princess Riverboat, Impression 5 Science Center, Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, and Rebecca Houlihan Photography

*Value:* \$654

## **Ann Arbor Adventures**

Three packages available!

### **Theatre & Brews**

Enjoy dinner and a show in the Ann Arbor area! During the 2018-19 theatre season, attend the acclaimed Purple Rose Theatre in nearby Chelsea, founded by actor Jeff Daniels and home of world-class, original American theatre. Then use a gift certificate to explore the smoke and barbeque menu of Blue Tractor BBQ & Brewery in downtown Ann Arbor, featuring traditional menu items, new and unique world influenced dishes, and award-winning craft brews.

*Donated by:* The Ark, Purple Rose Theatre Company, and Blue Tractor BBQ & Brewery

*Value:* \$111

### **Gift of Music**

Two great performances bookend this great package for two. Experience the folk music of Over the Rhine, an Ohio-based group with two tickets to a special December 14 concert at The Ark in Ann Arbor. Also enjoy a gift certificate to the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra for a live performance during the 2018-19 season.

*Donated by:* The Ark and Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra

*Value:* \$140

### **Family Fun**

The whole family (up to six guests) will enjoy this day pass to The Petting Farm at Domino's Farms featuring all kinds of barnyard animals, including rabbits, pigs, ponies, goats, llamas and more! And a one year, enhanced membership for you and your immediate family to the Leslie Science & Nature Center will be sure to put a smile on young faces with discounts to LSNC programs such as birthday parties, Unity in Learning Camps, facility rentals, and much more. And for hungry animal lovers, four free pizzas from Blaze Pizza complete this family fun package. (The Petting Farm Day Pass must be redeemed by June 1, 2019; LSNC membership good for one year.)

*Donated by:* The Petting Farm at Domino's Farms, Leslie Science and Nature Center, and Blaze Pizza

*Value:* \$149

## **Detroit Excursions**

Great tickets to great venues!

### **Theatre & Art**

Four admission tickets to the Detroit Institute of Art, four tickets to the Wayne State University Department of Theatre and Dance, and a gift certificate to Slows Bar BQ—what more could you want to experience Detroit? Use the tickets for yourself or share with friends and family for one



or more visits to a world class museum, a sample of different concerts or plays at Wayne State, and great barbeque at an iconic, award winning Detroit restaurant.

*Donated by:* Detroit Institute of Art, Wayne State University Department of Theatre and Dance, and Slows Bar BQ

*Value:* \$214

### **Cruise & Dance**

Michigan Opera Theatre is donating two tickets to “Alessandra Ferri: Art of the Pas de Deux” on February 16 at the Detroit Opera House. Illustrious ballerina Alessandra Ferri is joined by some of ballet’s leading stars to explore the timeless poetry and romantic intensity of dance in a mixed program celebrating the art of the *pas de deux*. And “dance” on the Detroit River with a gift certificate for the Detroit Princess Riverboat, a 5-story, 2,000 passenger dinner river cruise boat that travels the Detroit River and offers a wide range of entertainment.

*Donated by:* Michigan Opera Theatre and Detroit Princess Riverboat

*Value:* \$138

### **Aqua Adventures for the Family**

Metro Detroit features some outstanding family venues for exploring watery worlds. Begin at the Detroit waterfront with a family 4-pack to the Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Adventure Center and get a taste of the outdoors in the heart of the city. Touch a waterfall, step into a fishing boat, and much, much more in this simulated, indoor setting. Go behind the scenes at the Belle Isle Aquarium with a complimentary private tour of this historic and natural history gem. Designed by famed Detroit architect Albert Kahn, it is the oldest aquarium in the country and has been a beloved Detroit area attraction for generations. Head over to Auburn Hills with four tickets to the Sea Life Aquarium—bringing sea life to freshwater Michigan with an interactive touchpool experience and an underwater ocean tunnel where you can see tropical fish, sharks, and sea turtles gliding majestically overhead. BONUS! This package also includes four general admission tickets to the Michigan Science Center that must be used by November 30! (Winning bidder will arrange Belle Isle Aquarium tour, other admissions subject to regular hours.)

*Donated by:* DNR Outdoor Adventure Center, Belle Isle Aquarium/Belle Isle Conservancy, Sea Life Aquarium, and Michigan Science Center

*Value:* \$464

### **Southeast Michigan Expeditions**

Two packages available!

### **Theatre & Tours in Oakland County**

Both indoors and out, we have you covered with four vouchers to the 2018-19 season at the Oakland University School of Music, Theatre and Dance. Create a family heirloom with a gift

certificate to Enchanted Photography, metro Detroit's Favorite Portrait & Family Photographer. Join Steward John Behnke for a special tour of MNA's Timberland Swamp Nature Sanctuary, our largest sanctuary in southeast Michigan and the headwaters for the Huron, Shiawassee, and Clinton Rivers. The habitats of the swamp and forest provide an ideal environment for birds, mammals, and amphibians. Hungry after a great performance, hike or a photography session? Enjoy four free pizzas from Blaze Pizza. (Winning bidders will arrange sanctuary tour with MNA Steward and photography session.)

*Donated by:* Oakland University School of Music, Theatre and Dance, Enchanted Photography, John Behnke, and Blaze Pizza

*Value:* \$435

### **Strings & Science in Oakland County**

You and a guest are sure to find a fabulous performance to attend during the Detroit Chamber of the Winds & Strings 2018-19 season, celebrating 37 years of making music in metro Detroit. To balance both sides of the brain, four admission passes will take you to the famed Cranbrook Institute of Science, also known as Michigan's Museum of Natural Science, with interactive exhibits, a world-class collection of artifacts, and a planetarium and observatory. Whenever you're ready to get outside and play, use the Oakland County Parks family fun passbook for all kinds of adventures. Make a family memory with a gift certificate for a session at Enchanted Photography, metro Detroit's Favorite Portrait & Family Photographer. Of course, there is also a legendary culinary destination! A gift certificate to the Beverly Hills Grill for breakfast, lunch or dinner is just the ticket!

*Donated by:* Detroit Chamber of the Winds & Strings, Cranbrook Institute of Science, Oakland County Parks, Enchanted Photography, and Beverly Hills Grill

*Value:* \$572

## **Special Tours**

### **Fun with Fungi**

Seek out notable mushrooms of the season on an educational foray with Sr. Marie Kopin, an MNA Steward and winner of the 2018 Knighton Service Award from the North American Mycological Association. A central Michigan location and other details of the excursion, for up to four people, will be arranged directly with Sister Marie—you may visit an MNA sanctuary depending on conditions. The best time to search is between September and the first week of October! Sr. Marie is much in demand for her mycology expertise, in addition to her recent award she was featured in the July/August 2018 issue of Michigan History magazine, "Michigan's Mushroom Madness". Don't miss this chance to explore with one of Michigan's best!

*Donated by:* Sister Marie Kopin

*Value:* Invaluable

**Newaygo Prairie Guided Hike**

Join Sarah Pregitzer and Randy Butters, MNA Newaygo area gurus and 2018 Volunteers of the Year, on a guided hike through Coolbough Natural Areas. Coolbough is an excellent example of a community focused partnership project in an area with very high conservation value and interest. It is owned by Brooks Township, and jointly managed by The Nature Conservancy and MNA. This Newaygo gem contains over 400 acres of natural forest with rare plant communities including white pine-white oak savanna, white pine-white oak forest, remnants of dry sand prairie, and Bigelow Creek's excellent aquatic and riparian habitat. Several animals can be found on the property, including Blanding's turtle, Eastern box turtle and many other herptiles. Many butterflies and skippers call Coolbough home, including the federally endangered Karner blue butterfly. Prairie smoke, wild lupine, prickly pear cactus, blazing stars, big and little bluestem, and many other prairie plant species can also be found here. Come and see the beauty that Coolbough Natural Areas and the Newaygo area have to offer!

*Donated by:* Sarah Pregitzer and Randy Butters

*Value:* Invaluable

**Bird Banding at Burke Lake Station**

Get an exclusive look at bird banding and avian health research up close. You and up to five other friends or family members will be able to view the entire process, from capture and banding to the release! You will see the birds up close and participate in the release of the birds. Hear from Dr. Jen Owen and staff about the ongoing research at the banding station. The visit can take place Spring through Fall. During the spring and fall you can enjoy the diversity of birds that migration brings to Michigan. In the summer you will see and hear the breeding birds as they raise their young and defend their territories. This is a unique chance to learn from real science professionals and experience the natural world from a different perspective. (Winning bidder will arrange tour directly with Burke Lake Banding Station.)

*Donated by:* Burke Lake Bird Banding Station

*Value:* Invaluable

**Kirtland's Warbler Birding Trip with Dr. Dave Ewert**

Join Dave for this very special birding trip for two to the heart of Kirtland warbler breeding territory in the jack pine forests of northern Lower Michigan. Discover the unique habitat requirements of this rare songbird that almost exclusively breeds in Michigan. Winning bidders will schedule the trip directly with Dave during the last week of June 2019 for a morning excursion of approximately four hours. You will meet in Grayling and explore sites of interest to see the Kirtland's warbler and its bird "associates". This is an extraordinary opportunity to accompany an expert birder, scientist, and 2018 Edward G. Voss Conservation Science Award recipient who works internationally to help with the successful recovery of the Kirtland's warbler.

*Donated by:* Dave Ewert

*Value:* Invaluable

### **Prairie Restoration Lab Tour**

See first-hand how research conducted at MNA nature sanctuaries is informing the science of prairie restoration with this one hour, guided tour of the lab and greenhouse of Dr. Emily Grman (Eastern Michigan University Department of Biology) for up to four people. We will look through the microscope at important plant mutualists (mycorrhizal fungi) colonizing the roots of prairie plants. We'll investigate some of the differences between remnant and restored prairie soil and plant communities. We'll also take a look at some ongoing experiments to understand what determines the outcomes of prairie restorations, including differences in soil microbial communities and environmental conditions. (Winning bidder will make arrangements with Dr. Emily Grman. Note—wear closed toe shoes and long pants in the lab.)

*Donated by:* Emily Grman

*Value:* Invaluable

### **And More!**

#### **Root Doctor**

Bring home some souvenirs from tonight's acclaimed musical guests. An autographed photo, drinking glasses, and hat are great reminders of their amazing sound and a fabulous concert.

*Donated by:* Root Doctor

*Value:* \$50

#### **Handmade Ceramic by Duane Bastian**

Duane is inspired by the woods and river surrounding his home, he and his wife Barbara donated the McCulley-Bastian Nature Sanctuary in 2016. This year they are recipients of our Good Neighbor Award.

*Donated by:* Duane Bastian

*Value:* \$50

#### **"Waterlilies in the Moonlight" Painting by Lori Eslick**

Lori is an artist, presenter, children's book illustrator, and creator of art programs whose work has appeared in Cricket, Country Living, Travel and Leisure and Highlights for Children magazines. She has a keen interest in the protection of the Karner blue butterfly. View her work at [www.eslickart.com](http://www.eslickart.com).

*Donated by:* Lori Eslick

*Value:* \$235

**Iron Mountain Iron Mine**

There is only one Big John, the world's largest miner, and he can be seen at the one and only Iron Mountain Iron Mine! Enjoy six tour tickets to the Iron Mine in Dickinson County in the U.P.

*Donated by:* Iron Mountain Iron Mine

*Value:* \$90

## **Auction Agreement**

### **Placing a Bid and Auction Rules**

All silent auction items and services listed in this program have designated bid sheets. To bid on an item, write your personal silent auction identification number and the bid amount on the corresponding bid sheet. All persons who bid agree to pay the full amount of their successful bid(s).

Starting bids and minimum raises for items in the auction are indicated on the bid sheets. The amount of your bid must be equal to or exceed the amount of the starting bid.

The minimum amount a bid can successfully be raised is stated on the bid sheet. Only bids that are equal to or exceed the minimum raise amount will be accepted. The highest bid will win the item or service, but the winning bid must be equal to or exceed the starting bid. Bid sheets will be collected by Michigan Nature Association staff at the close of the auction.

The silent auction will close at a designated time following the end of the Annual Fall Recognition Dinner program. All bids must be placed before the close of the silent auction. The closing judge will make the final determination of the successful bid on any silent auction item.

All auction items must be paid in full prior to pick up. Items may be paid for by personal check, cash, MasterCard or Visa. Make checks payable to "Michigan Nature Association".

Please check out at the registration table to claim your items. Winners must be present. Winning bidders must make pickup/delivery arrangements with the Michigan Nature Association for items that are too large to transport immediately.

### **Payment**

All sales are final. There will be no exchanges, transfers or refunds, except where expressly specified. There will be no extension of expiration dates. Refunds are not available for any unused portion(s). All items are sold "as is."

### **Item Usage**

All certificates for items and services must be redeemed within one year of November 16, 2018, or in accordance with any other specified expiration dates. Please make initial contact with any private donors within 30 days of tonight's event. Where indicated, tours are subject to donor schedules and winning bidders will need to arrange dates and times with donors.

No refunds will be allowed on travel packages for canceled tickets and/or accommodations.

If upgrades or changes are made by the purchaser to the conditions described in packages, the purchaser is responsible for any resulting increased costs.

Certificates are non-negotiable for cash, credit or payment for other services.

**Item Removal**

All items should be removed from the Kellogg Center the night of the auction. If you are unable to move your item, please make arrangements with MNA staff. If items purchased need to be shipped to a bidder's address, MNA will make arrangements for shipping.

**Liability**

MNA has attempted to describe and catalog items correctly, but all items are sold "as is". MNA makes no warranties or representations regarding any items and is not responsible for the correctness of descriptions, authenticity, authorship or condition of any items. No oral or written statements at the sale or elsewhere shall be deemed to be such a warranty, representation or assumption of liability.

All activities, events or experiences sold at the auction are undertaken at the sole risk of the purchaser or any person to whom the purchaser may sell, give or assign such rights. It is a condition of any such sale that MNA shall not be liable or responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any person or property that may arise out of or in connection with any such activity, event or experience.

The auction item value listed is an estimate of fair market value or a value stated by the donor. Items have not been appraised unless so noted. Values assigned to auction items are estimates only and are not warranted for any purpose. Restaurant certificates may not include alcohol, tax, or gratuities unless specified.

Unless otherwise specified, all auction gift certificates must be used within one year of the date of the auction or the date indicated on the item or service.

Each person bidding assumes all risks and hazards related to the auction and items or services obtained at the auction.

**IRS Reminder**

The amount you pay above the fair market value estimate is normally tax deductible as a charitable contribution. Please remember that the IRS has detailed rules concerning fundraisers, raffles and contributions. Bidder is solely responsible for consulting with bidder's tax professional to determine the deductibility, if any, of any payments made.