2009 Beastly Ball Live Auction Items

1. Antlers from Bruce the Moose
What a magnificent trophy for your cabin, den or office. For several years Bruce the Moose, a resident of the Minnesota Zoo since 1995, has dropped his antlers during the natural cycle. Sadly, Bruce passed away in February and this will be the last time we will offer his antlers at the Ball. The antlers have been carefully mounted by the Zoo's own crafts workers and saved for this special occasion.
Donor(s): Minnesota Zoo

2. Summer Safari Picnic
Enjoy an African Safari right here in Minnesota! We'll take you and your nine guests for a ride to holding and then an overlook of the Zoo's African Savannah where you'll see and learn about giraffes, zebras, ostriches, and more! Enjoy champagne and cocktails when you arrive, sundowner drinks and a fabulous three-course dinner with wine after your tour.
Donor(s): Minnesota Zoo and Lancer Catering

3. Woodland Adventure Birthday Party
Celebrate your child's birthday at the Minnesota Zoo's new Woodland Adventure Playground scheduled to open July 11. This interactive, nature-based play area is located off the Zoo's Central Plaza. Up to 20 children will discover whimsical sculptures of animals and natural objects, explore hollow tree boles, and climb on suspension bridges, nets, tunnels and slides. The kids can bring their swimsuits too, and cool off in the splash pad. A picnic meal and birthday cake are included.
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4. A Majestic Escape
Enjoy a five-or six-night stay (Thursday through Tuesday only) at The Chicago Club, an extraordinary vacation lodge on the shores of Lac Courte Oreilles near Hayward, Wisconsin. This 10,000 square foot historic northwoods estate has 15 bedrooms, eight bathrooms, three fireplaces, and a beautiful three-season porch overlooking the lake. Perfect for a family reunion, business gathering, or simply a get-away for family and friends, The Chicago Club accommodates as many as 25 guests.
Donor(s): The Chicago Club

5. The San Francisco Treat

Two round-trip tickets on Southwest Airlines will whisk you away to San Francisco, where you you'll enjoy a three-night stay at the world-renowned Fairmont San Francisco hotel on Nob Hill. The grandeur of the hotel, coupled with its reputation for impeccable service, promises a truly memorable experience. You'll also enjoy a tour and of DeLoach Vineyards in Santa Rosa, California. A recognized authority on biodynamic, organic, and sustainable winemaking, DeLoach Vineyards produces world-class wines just 60 miles north of the city. Enjoy!

Donor(s): Southwest Airlines, DeLoach Vineyards, & Peter Maritz

6. SPAM Dinner Extravaganza!

Zoo Trustee Joe Swedberg and his wife Amy will host a fun-filled afternoon and evening for eight at Hormel's Spam Museum in Austin, Minnesota. The event will begin with a luxury limo ride from the Twin Cities to the Spam Museum on a Saturday afternoon where you'll be greeted by Amy and Joe for a personal tour of this famous museum. Following the tour, guests will be treated to wine and a special dinner and dessert prepared by Hormel's corporate chefs. All guests will receive a special commemorative gift.

Donor(s): Joe & Amy Swedberg, Hormel Foods, and Corporate Car & Coach

7. Private tour of Ravenwood

You and a guest will journey to Jim Brandenburg's home and "picture farm" for a very special private tour of Ravenwood just outside of Ely, Minnesota. Ravenwood was designed by Minnesota architect David Salmela and won the prestigious national AIA Honor Award in 1998. You will take home a 30" loose print of your choice as a special memento of your visit.

Donors: Jim & Judy Brandenburg

8. Oh Tannenbaum!

This nine-foot tall beautifully-shaped permanent Christmas tree is a magnificent celebration of the holidays. This stunning structure is pre-lit with 1,250 clear lights and over 1,200 pieces of distinctively unique ornamentation in reds, golds and greens. The finished design will enhance any interior décor. A world-renowned professional floral artist, a master in visual presentation, will set up and design this one-of-a-kind masterpiece in your home or office. When completed, you will own a truly unique signature gift you will treasure for years! In celebration, Chef Brad Parent from Alchemy Family Farms will prepare a lavish sevencourse dinner for eight people in your home. As an organic and sustainable grower, he produces Heirloom vegetables for his market garden farm and catering company. A selection of three bottles of Kendall-Jackson Chardonnay and three bottles of Louis-Martin Cabernet Sauvignon are included.

Donor(s): Leslie Sarazen, Richard & Susan Milteer, and Acchemy Family Farm

2009 Beastly Ball Mini-Live Auction Items

1. Chateau Petrus 1979
A bottle of 1979 Chateau Petrus, a rather hard wine, with a firm backbone of silky tannins and sweet black olive, vanilla and berry aromas.
Donor(s): Charlene Jundt

2. The Love of Wine
Roy Goslin and Dianne Ferrandi, the owners of Z Wines USA, will assist you in hosting a wine tasting event in your home. Roy and Dianne will provide the wines and wine tasting glasses, and will bring their expertise and love of wine into your home. Peter Maritz, Minnesota Zoo Foundation Trustee, will provide a sampling of appetizers and good company.
Donor(s): Peter Maritz and Z Wines USA