

Basket Theme Ideas

The Unitarian Church in Westport
Auction Gala - October 25, 2014

If you plan to use one of these Themes, please enter the corresponding number on the Donation Form and return it by 10/1/14. You're not limited to this list – feel free to come up with your own idea! Thanks for your help!

1. Ice Cream Treats— toppings, sundae dishes, waffle bowls and cones, sprinkles, ice cream scoop, cherries, Sunny Daes, DQ or Carvel gift certificates
2. Art Activities — crayons, paints, construction paper, play dough, colored pencils, sidewalk chalk, paint brushes, finger paints, finger paint paper, glitter, markers, scissors, stickers
3. Movie Night — candy, microwave popcorn, movie passes, DVD, popcorn bowls
4. Beach Bums— suntan lotion, blanket, towels, beach chairs, sand pails/ shovels, beach ball, underwater camera – kids could paint a pail or get towel personalized
5. Game Night — family games like Go Fish, Uno, Crazy Eights, regular playing cards, Old Maid, carrying bag
6. Chocolate Lover — Big candy bars, bag of Hershey Kisses or M&Ms, hot chocolate, chocolate coffee, chocolate pretzels, spoons, nuts, fruit, cookies, brownies, hot cocoa, different chocolates, truffles, chocolate cookbook, tickets to Hershey Park!
7. Spa Escape — soaps, bath salts, loofa, sponge, candles, bubble bath, lotion, eye mask, bath pillow
8. Travel Comforts — travel games, crossword puzzles, maps, atlas, CDS, travel diary, snacks, water, cooler, magna doodle, CD headset, portable DVD player
9. Book Lover — favorite children's books, book characters, book marks, book store gift card
10. Book Lover 2 — book store gift card, clip-on reading light and a soft throw blanket
11. Party or Entertaining (themed) — tablecloth, plates, napkins, silverware, piñata, disposable camera, balloons, decorations, gift certificate for DQ or bakery cake, gift bags
12. Scrapbooking — paper, photo splits, ribbon, embellishments, embellishment tools, photo organizing case, album, pages, page protectors, pens, stickers, scissors
13. Gardening — gardening gloves, shovel/tools, watering can, kneeling pad, bug/insect spray, plant food, garden fertilizer, potting soil, hose sprayer, pots, seeds/bulbs – could include a decorated watering can
14. Princess/Dress-Up Fantasy — tiaras, shoes, gloves, boas, make-up, mirrors, jewelry, dresses
15. Picnic — basket, plates, silverware, napkins, glasses, salt/pepper shakers, wine, cheese tray, cheese knife, corkscrew, tablecloth, blanket
16. Holiday Baking — different chips/morsels, vanilla, sprinkles, frostings, baking powder, baking soda, cookie cutters, measuring cups, spoons, oven mitt, flour, sugar, brown sugar, powdered sugar, oil, baking pans, apron, baking cookbook
17. Dog Lover's — leash, collar, food dish, food/dish mat, bowls, toys, pillow/blanket, lint roller, brush/grooming tools, treats, shampoo, bones, sweater, food, pet frame/photo album, gift cards to PetCo
18. Breakfast — pancake mix, waffle mix, preserves, syrup, coffee, creamer, mugs, wire whisk, omelet pan, mixing bowl, sugar and cinnamon, honey, oatmeal, coffee, creamer, juice
19. Camping — camping dishes, pans, flashlights, matches, marshmallows, chocolate, graham crackers, marshmallow skewers, batteries, radio, cards, games, tent, and air mattress
20. Sport Fan — blanket, sweatshirt, t-shirt, poster/picture, glasses, hats, accessories
21. Get Well Soon – breakfast tray, books/ magazines, crossword puzzle, mug, soup, juice tea/coffee, soup mixes, slippers, plant – kids could all write get well wishes on a plastic breakfast tray

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22. Cards for All Occasions — Card organizer, address book, pens, stamps, cards (i.e., thank you, sympathy, congratulations, new baby, happy birthday, seasonal, new home, retirement, wedding, anniversary, just because, encouragement, etc.) Kids could each make a card for the basket.
23. Costume/Dress-Up Trunk — capes, dresses, shoes, ties, gloves, jewelry, costumes, hats, glasses, boas, accessories
24. American Girl — doll, clothes, accessories, books
25. Lego Lover — building sets, accessories, books and storage bin
26. Coffee/Tea — Flavored coffees, mugs, different teas, flavored spoons, teabag holders, serving tray, tea or coffee, canister, carafe, cappuccino mix, coffee scoop, gift certificate to Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks, biscotti
27. K-Cup Fanatic Coffee/Tea — assorted K-Cup flavors and counter top storage accessories
28. Arts & Crafts — Paints, brushes, markers, stamps & pads, clay, gift certificate to craft store, gel pens, stickers, paper punches, scissors, beads, colored pencils, stencils, scrapbooking supplies, notepads, stationary
29. Mexican Fiesta — Salsas, dips, terra cotta bowls, margarita mix, salt, margarita glasses, refried beans, chili peppers, chip & dip bowl, plates or napkins with a fiesta theme, lime juice
30. Car Care — Car wash supplies, Armor All, car wax, car care cloths, window cleaner, tire gauge, snow scraper, emergency kit, small tool kit, bucket, sponges, air fresheners, gift certificates for car wash
31. Sports — Golf balls, tees, hockey pucks, balls, tennis balls, Gatorade, water bottles, sweat socks (adult or child), baseballs, Nerf balls, energy bars, football tee, sweat bands (head or wrist), ball pump or needles.
32. BBQ T — BBQ tools, skewers, sauces, meat subs, marinades, spices, apron, grill brush, oven mitt, plastic dishes or tray
33. Bath/Spa — Bath gels, soaps, lotions, massage oil, mineral water, loofah sponge, nail care, candles, bath pillow, aromatherapy, eye covers, bath towel or robe
34. Game Theme — Playing cards, travel games, Uno, small board games, such as Yahtzee, Brain Quest, books of card and travel game ideas, Sudoku, crossword puzzles or word game books
35. NFL theme — Sports chip bowl with game time beverages, and delicious snacks
36. UConn theme — licensed UConn apparel and items
37. Fun Day in the Sun — Tickets for enjoyable tourist activities around town
38. Holiday Road trip — Bookstore gift card (for reading in the car or book on tape) small travel toys: travel bingo, magna doodle, coloring books, crayons, small travel desk for coloring, electronic toys-window cling-ons, Etch-a-Sketch, color wonder markers with paper
39. Costume — Halloween costumes, etc.
40. Sleepover Party — everything you need for a sleepover party
41. Music — concert tickets, instrument(s), CDs, MP3 player, etc.
42. Sports Décor — decorate the Man Cave or kids room with a particular team's logo items
43. Tablet or iPad with accessories
44. Teen Girls — gift cards from American Eagle, PacSun, Forever 21, room accessories
45. Exercise for Health — items to promote physical fitness: sweat band, pedometer, stress ball, water bottle, jump rope, etc.
46. iPod basket with accessories
47. Xbox basket with accessories
48. Winter fun — sled, snowman kit, hot chocolate, mittens or a pair of lift tickets
49. Crystal Vase — to be passed at the event where everyone puts in \$1 and the raffle winner gets to keep the money and the vase!
50. Thanksgiving — free turkey voucher at local grocery, tablecloth and napkins, silk flower arrangement, non-perishable meal ingredients like stuffing and secret family recipe's