

## Maxsold Online Auction for Oak Grove Band Boosters

Clean out your closets and unclutter your life—OGBB needs your good, useable items for an online auction. Or donate local team sports tickets, gift certificates from local sites and restaurants, concert tickets, or other items donated from local businesses. We'll be putting them all up for sale in an online auction through Maxsold and bringing in the dough for the band and color guard.

### What is a Maxsold Auction?

Maxsold is an online fundraising, estate sale, and downsizing auction site that produces auctions across the US and Canada. Visit [www.maxsold.com](http://www.maxsold.com) to get more information and view current and past auctions.

The auctions work like this:

1. Every item, or lot of items, starts at a \$1.00 bid. Whether it is a Cadillac or a teacup, everything starts at a \$1.00 bid. This is what lures people in—the excitement of getting a great deal.
2. An auction remains open for bidding for 7-10 days generally. Though the time frame can be modified. All bidding is done online and bidders can bid 24 hours a day until the auction closes.
3. When the auctions are closing, if anyone bids within 2 minutes of the item closing, that item automatically gets an extra 2 minutes of bidding time so that the competing bidder has time to put in a higher bid. In other words, it works like a real auction—the item does not close until no one is willing to bid any higher for it.
4. All items are sold locally. No items are shipped. Highest bidders, or buyers, of the lots come on one day to pick up their items. The best part is that anyone who is local can bid on these items, not just band boosters. If they can drive to pick up their item, they can bid.

We will need volunteers to help collect, organize, photograph, and catalog the items, and provide assistance on the pick up day after the auction closes. Volunteers need digital cameras, iPhones, and/or iPads for cataloging and photography. You can also help by bidding on items and advertising the sale to friends and family through social media and email.

We are planning to have the auction in **February 2017**, so start collecting your items now. Encourage your kids to go through their closets and clear out all those video games, Legos, games, books, bikes, skateboards, and everything else that is cluttering up their rooms and closets. Please test items to ensure they are working. (Save used clothing, large furniture items, and other items that are more than lightly used for the Goodwill truck fundraiser in April. )

We do not want to duplicate donated items for the Swing and Sway event, but please let us know if you can donate something from your company or are willing to call for donations from local businesses.

## What can I donate?

Yes	No
Legos, games, puzzles, toys (in good condition)	Taxidermy, antlers, ivory (cow and sheep products are ok)
Mink, rabbit, farm raised furs	Furs from endangered animals or big cats
Gold, silver, silver plate, copper, and brass items	Confederate flags, Nazi items (books are ok)
Video game consoles and video games (in working condition)	Alcohol (gift certificates for wine tasting are ok)
CDs and DVDs (in working condition)	Food (gift certificates to restaurants are ok)
Clothing, purses, or shoes (new with tags)	Tube TVs
Collectibles with no or minimal flaws, even better with Certificates Of Authenticity	Helmets
Sports equipment in good, useable condition (surf boards and scooters, too)	Large furniture items (too complicated to move and store)
Books	Live plants (they will not survive)
Costume and other jewelry and watches in working condition	Used clothing, purses or shoes (save for Goodwill donation days)
Electronics in working condition	Used cosmetic items
Vehicles	VHS tapes (save for Goodwill day)
Kitchenware and appliances in working condition	Guns of any sort (Nerf guns are ok)
Decorative items and Holiday decor	Tobacco products
Original art or prints	Cribs
Gardening equipment in working condition	Car and booster seats
Vintage items	
Lamps in working condition	
Tools in working condition	
Sealed cosmetic items and perfume (collectible opened perfume bottles are ok)	
Tickets to sporting events, local museums, concerts, amusement parks, etc.	
Restaurant, store, spa, hair/nail salon, event gift certificates	
New, donated items from local businesses	
Rugs in good condition	
Camping gear in working condition	
Art supplies, craft items in good condition	
Records, LPs, 45s	
Instruments, sheet music, and other music items in good condition	
Sport teams fan gear, collectors cards, etc.	

Anything else that is in good, working condition that is not too large, we add to the auction!

We will be sending out a form as the date gets closer for you to describe the items you are donating that will make creating the auction catalog easier and let you know the dates we will be collecting donations.

We want to get a storage space donated. If you know of someone who works for or owns a local storage company and would be willing to donate space for us to use for a month or two, please let us know. Thank you, in advance, for participating. This is a great way for you to declutter and help the band at the same time!