

The annual ICTWS/PARC meetings for 2010, will be held at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel in Boise, March 8 - 11. We are planning to have both a live and a silent auction at our evening social which will be on Wednesday night. The social will include hors d'oeuvres, beer, open bar, auctioneer and a band for dancing (maybe).

These are very important events which fund programs supported by the ICTWS. The proceeds serve to support The Wildlife Society's goal of promoting excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education. This goal is accomplished by funding student attendance at the annual meeting, college scholarships and a 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation team at the national contest.

Success, however, is contingent upon having enough items to auction. That's where you can help! Many of you have generously provided auction items in the past, and I ask you to consider doing so again. Hosting guests on fishing and hunting trips, species inventory trips, raft trips are always fun. Art prints, craft items, sporting goods, wine, clothing items and equipment are also popular. Every part of Idaho has some local businesses with unique products, some of which are known across the nation. Where ever you live, perhaps you could contact a local business and appeal to their interest in supporting a good conservation cause.

If everyone could bring one item, big or small, we would have a great fundraiser this year. This event is not only very important to our organization, but is always a lot of fun. (Did I mention the free beer?) Please let me know what you can send or bring for the auction. It would be a shame if we had too many items, then we would have to give out door prizes. Contact me with any questions. Thanks for helping out to make the fundraiser a success.

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