

Keep It Simple, Make it “Famous”

The mission of Texas Rural Chief Appraisers, Inc. is to bring education, information, and industry networking to appraisal district employees. The idea was that if the time away from the office was less and the cost was less, then more people from smaller districts could attend. The annual conference means missing only 2 days from the office. (Actually, one day is a holiday this year.) The cost of the conference registration is also the association membership fee for the following year.

In an effort to keep your costs down, the steering committee decided, in 2005, to take items donated for door prizes and auction them to the attendees. The idea grew from there. More items are donated each year as the auction becomes more ‘famous’.

In 2006 one item donated was picked to raffle. The raffle has continued since. So for a \$1 ticket or 6 tickets for \$5, the prize could be yours. The auction and raffle together have brought in more than \$23,000 to offset conference costs over the years. Items are donated by districts, vendors and individuals. All donations are welcome and appreciated. The auction lasts until the last item goes.

Come one, come all! It's ‘famous’ auction time again!

When: Monday, November 14, 2011,

Where: The Omni Southpark Hotel, Austin Texas

Bring items to donate and money to spend.

Bring something so good you will want to buy it back. We don’t care who wins the bid.

There is something for everyone.

Too shy to bid out loud or raise your hand in a crowd?? Not to worry, we have a silent auction too. You just have to write your bid down on the paper.

There is also a raffle. For the purchase price of a \$1 ticket or 6 for \$5, (or however many tickets I can sell you) the prize can be yours.

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