

Oh What Fun it is to Play!

The Quarter Mania Paddle Party is so much fun and appear to be the “new thing”!! It’s a little hard to explain – but once you go to one, it makes sense. I’ll do my best to explain it....

Quarter auctions (also termed “Quarter Mania” or “Paddle Party”), are a venue to bid and win items of your choice; bidding only in quarter increments, thus the name.

A group of home-based businesses (lia sophia, Mary Kay, Celebrating Home, Linen World, Northern Lights at Home, etc) run the event. They each bring items from their businesses for the auction & door prize raffles. All bids range from \$.25 to \$.75. So it’s a fun way to win many different types of items for **less than a \$1.00!**

As a quarter auction participant/player, you’ll want to arrive at least half an hour in advance of the start time, loaded with tons of quarters, so you have the opportunity to view all the items being auctioned off.

You’ll receive a paddle with an auction number on it and 10 raffle tickets for \$5. You may purchase addotopma; paddles for a \$1 each and 10 raffle tickets for \$4. There will be extra quarters for sale, however, it is best to bring your own quarters to start. The paddles will be your bidding numbers. (You’ll return the paddle at the end of the auction.) The person selling the paddles will put a corresponding numbered chip into a bucket.

When the auction begins, each item will be displayed to the crowd and auctioned off, one by one. At this time, you will use your quarters and paddle(s) to bid. The retail value and auction price (number of quarters required per paddle to bid) will be announced. *We will start out with a sample for our first bid to help everyone that has not attended before understand this fun auction.*

Once you deposit the required number of quarters per paddle to bid (quarters are dropped into mini buckets on the tables and collected) you raise your paddle(s) in the air. The announcer will begin calling numbers from the chips in their bucket. If the announcer calls a number that wasn’t played (the person didn’t bid and raise their paddle), that person with the number will yell out, “No bid.” The announcer will continue calling numbers until there is a winner amongst those who bid and had their paddles risen in the air.

HERE'S AN EXAMPLE

Jane really wanted this beautiful new necklace. Its retail value was \$50 and it required 2 quarters to bid. Jane had two paddles, numbers 6 & 104, and since she REALLY wanted the necklace she put four quarters in the bowl (two quarters per paddle) and raised both. The announcer called her first number, “2.” Joe had 2. He didn’t bid on the necklace so he hollered out, “No bid.” The announcer called the next number, “104.” “Right here!” yelled Jane. The necklace was hers! So, for a \$50 item, Jane won it for mere quarters.

To sum it up, quarter auctions are good, clean fun for the **entire family**, and they don’t require a lot of money to play!

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