



Greetings!

As you already know, the **2010 Illinois Governor's Conference on Tourism** will be held at The Fairmont Hotel in Chicago, February 17-19, 2010. A popular feature of the conference is the Silent Auction, which takes place on the trade show floor throughout the days of the conference. This year, we wish to really emphasize travel and tourism as that is what our industry is about. Specifically, we are asking for getaway packages to encourage your industry peers to visit your area and keep use their vacation time in 2010 to stay in Illinois!

As Co-Chairman of the Silent Auction this year, I am asking the CVBs and RTDOs to collect donations of overnight stays with attraction tickets and dining certificate and create Getaway Packages for the conference. We ask that in addition to the certificates, you collect brochures of the items in your package so people bidding on them know what they are. You may also donate baskets or items of value and of interest.

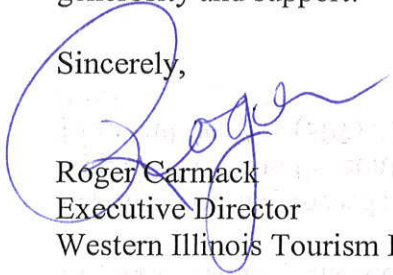
A portion of the proceeds from the silent auction will go towards scholarships to allow students to attend the conference. To submit your packages, simply fill out the attached form and fax it to (309) 833-4754 attn: Roger Carmack. The deadline for submissions is **January 15, 2010**.

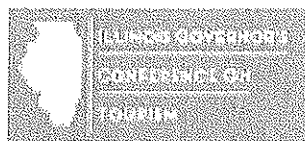
Please mail all Silent Auction donations to:

Roger Carmack
Western Illinois Tourism Development Office
581 South Deere Road
Macomb, IL 61455

If you have any questions please call me at (309) 837-7460. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Sincerely,


Roger Carmack
Executive Director
Western Illinois Tourism Development Office



Silent Auction Donation Form

(one donation per form, please duplicate form for additional submissions)

Package/Donation _____

Retail value: \$ _____ Donated by: _____

Brief description of item to be published in auction catalog: _____

Web site: _____

Contact person: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - ____ Fax: (____) ____ - ____ Email: _____

Please fax this completed form by January 15, 2010

Fax: (309) 833-4754

Or you may e-mail completed forms to: aschulz@macomb.com

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