# 2024 - 30th Annual Montana Shares Raffle!

**PLEASE READ!!!**

 Thank you for your great support in making the Montana Shares annual fundraiser a success each year. Funds raised from this raffle help to keep Montana Shares a sound and sustainable organization. We appreciate your help in collecting ticket to meet the annual budget goal. Last year YOU helped raise almost **$27,000,** this year the raffle income goal is **$29,000.**

**Short version:**

* **March 15th** Raffle prize ***Exact Description*** for raffle due.
* **August 23rd** Raffle prize ***MUST BE TURNED IN***. If we do not have the EXACT prize we were told your group would be getting WE WILL BUY IT AND CHARGE YOUR GROUP.
* **September 9th** Turn in all tickets by now.
* **September 11th** Raffle drawing held at Fall meeting. No tickets will be accepted at the meeting.

**Raffle Prize requirements:**

* **One high-quality $100 prize is required from each group;** earn a point for each extra prize valued at $100 or more. One prize worth more than $100 does NOT get extra points.
* **IDEAS:** Hotel stays, gas cards, store certificates, gift certificates to restaurants, jewelry or art. If it’s a certificate make sure expiration is at least 6 months after drawing on September 11. A group membership may be included in a prize but does not contribute to the total value of the prize.
* **WEIGHT –** Tickets get sold around the US. Some prizes need to be shipped or delivered. Please try to keep the **total prize weight under 30 pounds.**
* ***PLEASE GET YOUR OWN PRIZE (see ideas above)*** If a prize is not confirmed by March 15, Montana Shares will obtain a prize for your group and $100 will be deducted from the August distribution check.
* **Remember, if it’s not something you would want to win, then it’s probably not a good prize!**

**March 15 – Prize Description Due (we do not need the actual prize until August 23)**

* Use a***short* description** – ***not to exceed 20-25 words***, it will not fit on raffle sheet otherwise.
* **Do you want tickets printed for you?** If so, how many? Groups that include raffle sheets in their newsletter often **meet and exceed** their $450 requirement.
* Kristi will make each group a PDF of the raffle ticket and will email it to your groups raffle contact person.
* You must be ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that the prize described on the ticket will be what is offered on 09/11/2024 at the drawing. You’re committed to that item and are responsible for getting it to us by August 23. To save all of us stress, if you can secure the prize immediately contact us and we’ll make arrangements to get it from you. We will store it until the drawing.

**April 24 -** Tickets and/or pdf of tickets will be ready. There will be six tickets per sheet and a sheet of 18 will

 be available, too.

 Tickets are: $10 for 1 ticket, $25 for 3 tickets, 6 tickets for $40, or 18 for $100.

**April 24 – September 9–** Raffle promotion underway. Turn all your tickets in by September 9th so we can get them into our database. No tickets will be accepted at the meeting.

**September 11 –** Drawing held at the Montana Shares Fall membership meeting.

**Montana Shares Membership Policy related to raffle.** Produce a prize valued at $100 minimally each year for the Montana Shares raffle. Commit to raising $450.00 by the Fall Meeting of each year for the core budget of Montana Shares. Groups are not required to participate in the raffle, but it is the recommended activity to raise the revenues to meet this commitment. Points are available to member groups for recognition of contributions above the required amount in increments of $100.