## **NEWS RELEASE**

## From the Brodhead Watershed Association

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## Starting Sept. 16: Online auction for the outdoors

Brodhead Watershed Association is bringing the outdoors online for its annual auction fundraiser, to be held virtually Sept. 16-26, 2020.

Each year during BWA's annual Members & Friends Celebration, generous donors duke it out over the best stuff in the ever-popular Silent Auction. It's one of BWA's biggest fundraisers of the year, and does so much to help protect water quality in the Poconos.

While the in-person celebration and auction have been moved online this year because of COVID-19, the event carries the theme of "Get Outdoors Poconos," featuring exciting experiences, outings, gift certificates from restaurants and more! The prizes – more than 60 items – have a retail value of approximately \$8,000.

Up for bids will be Longwood Gardens tickets, a rain barrel hand-painted by John James, a one-night stay with breakfast at Skytop Lodge, a three-season garden tour and native plant landscape consultation, guided flyfishing experiences, river paddling and more!

Bidding is open 11:59 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, and closes at 11:59 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26. BWA will mail prizes such as gift certificates to winners via postal mail. If the size of the prize precludes mailing, pickup will be arranged in East Stroudsburg.

To see the prizes and for information, visit biddingowl.com/Auction/home.cfm?auctionID=22263.

For information, email info@brodheadwatershed.org or call 570-839-1120.

Supporting the BWA's mission with their generous sponsorship are Vigon International, Sanofi, Mike & Patty Stein and Mark Dodel & Patricia Rylko and Edie Stevens.

BWA, a nonprofit environmental organization, formed in 1989 as a group of individuals and business owners dedicated to ensuring clean water in Monroe County. For more than a quarter of a century, BWA's volunteer Streamwatchers have been testing water quality in the Brodhead, Cherry, Marshalls, McMichael, Paradise and Pocono creeks and their tributaries.