

Friends of NRA Banquet 2009

Friends of NRA is a grassroots fund-raising program that fosters community involvement, raises money and gives 100% of the net proceeds to qualified local, state and national programs. Thanks to dedicated individuals across America, *Friends of NRA* is making a difference. Working with NRA's Field Staff, thousands of volunteers nationwide are participating in the program by organizing committees and planning events in their communities. In 2008 alone, *Friends of NRA* held 1,050 events and raised more than \$15.8 million for the shooting sports. Since its inception, there have been 10,000 events held and 2,000,000 attendees.

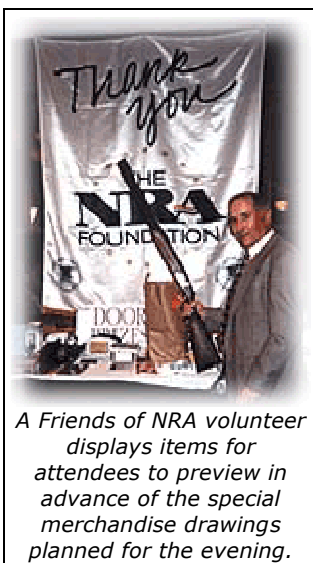
What can I expect at a *Friends of NRA* Event?

The format is simple-food, fun, family and fund-raising. Whether you are a hunter, competitive shooter or just a proud gun owner, *Friends of NRA* events have something of interest for the entire family. Events include dinner followed by exciting auctions and special drawings for unique and collectible merchandise. Attendees bid on items from the standard *Friends of NRA* merchandise package, as well as special products and services donated to specific events by local businesses and community members. "*Friends of NRA* merchandise includes very desirable limited edition firearms, wildlife art from popular artists, jewelry, and shooting sports, hunting and outdoor equipment. Events offer every participant an opportunity to take home valuable merchandise and enjoyable memories," said Rich D'Alauro, NRA Senior Field Representative for lower New York, upper New Jersey, Connecticut and Rhode Island.



At each event, participants have an opportunity to bid on a variety of merchandise, including firearms, artwork and outdoor gear.

How are event funds distributed?



A *Friends of NRA* volunteer displays items for attendees to preview in advance of the special merchandise drawings planned for the evening.

All net proceeds benefit The NRA Foundation, with half allocated to fund projects within the state where the money was raised. The NRA Foundation uses the other half to fund similar projects with a national scope. *Friends of NRA* committee volunteers are appointed to a State Fund Committee and make recommendations for local grant funding. To date, The NRA Foundation has funded more than 15,000 state fund grants for a total of \$125 million, including but not limited to: youth firearms safety and education programs; hunter education; range development and improvement; support materials for training classes; women's safety classes; and wildlife conservation efforts. Recognizing that America's young people represent the future of the shooting sports, State Fund Committee grants frequently target youth programs, allocating more than 50% of grant monies to this important area.

This year, the Color Country *Friends of NRA* Banquet will be held in the Iron County Fair Building in Parowan. Doors will open at 5:30 with dinner and auction beginning at 7:00.

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