

GIFT IDEAS FROM SIERRA CLUB FOR A MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS— OKC AREA

KEEP IT LOCAL, GREEN, AND USEFUL!!!

GIFT COUPONS TO PROVIDE SUCH PERSONAL SERVICES AS ... (SEE COMPANION COUPON FILE ONLINE)

- Cleaning out garage or organizing kitchen cabinets
- A week-end of pet-sitting or house-sitting services or baby-sitting
- Party catering or maid/butler service
- Hosting champagne brunch or candlelight dinner
- Giving back massages or foot rubs
- Personal shopping and wrapping services
- Several hours of garden weeding or housecleaning
- Taking kids (or friends) on adventures to zoo, amusement parks, museums, concerts, plays, movies, etc.)
- Chauffeur services (to & from parties, seniors or handicapped errands, etc.)
- Promise of special cookies, cakes or pies (baked monthly or "on demand" by special request to meet needs of recipient)

MEMBERSHIPS / LESSONS / TICKETS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES / GROUPS

- Keep It Local Card for 10% off on local businesses @ \$10 cost) <http://www.KeepItLocal.com/>
- Oklahoma Food Cooperative memberships (monthly Oklahoma grown or raised food deliveries) (<http://oklahomafood.coop/>)
- YMCA: www.ymcaokc.org (healthy living, youth programs, social responsibility)
- Yoga lessons (See directory at: <http://naturalawakeningsokc.com/>)
- Art lessons (OK Contemporary Arts Center, OKC Museum of Art, Children's Arts Network, etc.)
- Music lessons (Performing Arts Academy@OCU, OKC Philharmonic, etc.)
- Dance lessons (OKC Swing Dance Club, Aalim Belly Dance Academy, OKC Ballet, etc.)
- Season tickets, event tickets, annual memberships to museums, theaters, symphonies, sports, etc.
- National Park Pass (\$80 / seniors \$10) lifetime access to all US national parks & half price on campsites
- Heartland Flyer rail tickets to Fort Worth: <http://heartlandflyer.com/>
- SixTwelve Community Center membership: <http://www.sixtwelve.org/memberships/>
- Sierra Club Membership!!! (Includes magazine) Purchase online: <http://www.sierraclub.org/oklahoma/join-or-give>

GIFT BASKET OF ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS FOR CLEANING/BATH OR SUSTAINABLY PRODUCED FOODS

- Oklahoma Food Cooperative sells Oklahoma-made products/gift baskets - must order by Dec. 10 for delivery Dec. 17 (<http://oklahomafood.coop/>)
- Made in Oklahoma (MIO) online basket shopping: <http://madeinoklahoma.net/baskets/>
- OSU-OKC Farmers Market—Make your own basket: homemade potpourri & seeded cards, spices, baskets, soap, knitted items (proceeds go to the homeless), leather items, and more. Buy a rosemary plant to make a "Charlie Brown" Christmas tree. (Local food items are also available from OK Food Coop, Earth to Urban, Food Coop, Native Roots, etc.)
- Assemble a home energy efficiency kit: CFL or LED bulbs, water-saving shower heads, rechargeable batteries & charger, Kill-a-Watt meter, smart power strip, clothesline, etc. (ACE Hardware / Home Depot / Lowe's/ Batteries Plus, etc.)
- Environmental cleaning products (Ace Hardware, Akins, Target, Sprouts, etc.)
- Fair trade organic chocolate bars: Sprouts, Whole Foods, Akins, etc. (*Many health food stores generally stock these.*)
- Oklahoma beer-tasting basket (COOP, CHOC, Marshall, Battered Boar, Mustang, Black Mesa, Prairie Artisan, Anthem, etc.)
- Oklahoma wines (ask package store or check website: <http://www.oklahomawines.org/Oklahomawines.htm>)
- Locally-roasted organic, fair trade coffee or tea (Prima Café, Elemental Coffee, Red Cup, etc.)
- Cinnamon + locally-produced honey (<http://recipes.betterrecipes.com/what-cinnamon-and-honey-can-do-for-you.html?>)

OTHER GIFT IDEAS

- Pambe Ghana—The Global Market, a seasonal fair trade shop open Nov. 5— Dec. 23 (noon-6 p.m. Tues- Sat.) <http://pambeghana.org/global-market/> (*This was started by Alice Iddi Gubbels, former OK resident.*)
- Flowers or plants from farmers markets, OSU-OKC Extension (<http://www.hortla.okstate.edu/annual-poinsettia-sale/> OSU's poinsettia sale Dec. 3-4) or local nurseries; Purchase a cut flower gift certificate or CSA (monthly basket of veggies or flowers) from Commonwealth Urban Farms: <http://commonwealthurbanfarms.com/>
- Indoor forced bulbs in a reused pot; start NOW to provide beauty in February: narcissus, amaryllis, tulips, hyacinths, crocuses, etc.

- Battery charger + rechargeable batteries (some are solar or USB rechargeable)
- LED flashlights with no batteries - shake to activate light; radios with hand cranks or solar chargers
- Papermaking or soap making kit (or make products with these to give)
- Solar oven – make one with pizza boxes and aluminum foil or check online
- Pottery wheel and clay with lessons or other art materials with lessons
- Bowls made from recycled newspaper, coconut shells, pine needles, etc. (World Neighbors/Pambe Ghana)
- Soy candles are sold in some local stores, through the OK Food Coop or look online: www.willowcreekcompany.com (Atoka); www.soycandlecottage.com (Edmond)
- Birding supplies such as a birdhouse or bird feeder, bird seed, binoculars, field guides (Wild Birds Unlimited, Target, etc.)
- Make homemade bird feeders with large pine cones and peanut butter or lard to hold seed
- Backyard and/or worm compost bin (See how to build plans online: <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/pubs/lpd/compostbins.pdf>)
- Make trivets or bulletin boards from wine bottle corks.
- Plant trees in someone's honor with the Oklahoma Tree Bank <http://www.okplanttrees.org/resources/organizations/tb/honor.html>
- Environmental car tag (\$35/year) Funding distributed to Oklahoma schools for environmental education via grants (See designs: <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/mainlinks/eetag.htm>) – Other specialty car tags are available as well (Native Plant Society, Wildlife Conservation, etc.)
- Need baby gifts? Green Bambino is fabulous! <http://www.green-bambino.com/>
- Save plastic bags – Order reusable sandwich bags: <http://www.lunchskins.com/>
- Gift certificate from reuse shop such as Bad Granny's Bazaar (Plaza District)
- Gift a TerraPass to offset carbon usage for auto or air travel: <http://www.terrapass.com/>

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING

- *Mother Earth News* (original guide to living wisely): <http://www.motherearthnews.com/>
- *Natural Home and Garden*: <http://www.naturalhomeandgarden.com/>
- *Co-op America* (economic action for a just society): <http://www.coopamerica.org/>
- *Urban Farm Magazine* for sustainable city living (<http://www.urbanfarmonline.com/>)
- *YES! Magazine* (journal for a positive future): www.yesmagazine.org/

DONATION IDEAS IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO HAVE EVERYTHING OR DON'T WANT ANYTHING MATERIAL

- The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma continually feeds thousands of people in central & western OK <http://www.regionalfoodbank.org/Take-Action/Donate>
- Boys & Girls Clubs of OK County incorporate a youth development approach that help young people develop self-confidence and self-esteem <http://www.bgcokc.org>
- Food for Thought Learning Institute teaches vulnerable members of the Oklahoma City Metro Area basic food preparation to help them overcome the cycle of hunger and poverty in Oklahoma: <http://www.foodforthoughtlearning.org/>
- Oscar Romero Catholic Worker House in OKC does remarkable work combining the social justice and sustainability arenas: <http://www.justpeace.org/about.htm>
- The Peace House OKC—A center for education and nonviolent action on issues relating to human rights, economic justice, environmental sustainability, and nonviolence <http://peacehouseok.org/>
- Oklahoma Sierra Club: http://oklahoma.sierraclub.org/chapter/join_or_give.html (Current issues include earthquake fighters, anti-solar tariff and anti-right-to-farm campaigns, water protection & conservation, local food promotion, etc.)
- Pambe Ghana: <http://pambeghana.org/> (Donations support a bilingual Montessori school in Ghana.)
- World Neighbors is OKC –based, but works internationally to provide lasting solutions for people suffering from hunger, poverty and disease around the world through education and training — which helps transform communities so they can become self-sufficient. www.wn.org
- Heifer International— Arkansas-based organization that helps families around the world become self-reliant by providing farm animals & more: <http://www.heifer.org> (gifts range from \$10-\$3,000-certificates provided).
- Changing the Present connects you with more than 1500 meaningful charitable gifts that change the world: <http://www.changingthepresent.org/>
- The Christmas Connection provides school uniforms, fire and crisis relief, senior citizen shopping, and general assistance to the working poor in our community <http://www.christmasconnection.org>
- Adopt-a-Foster-Family by purchasing Christmas gifts for foster children <http://www.okfosterwishes.org> or <http://sunbeamfamilyservices.org>.

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