

Top 10 Tips for Attending Wedding Shows

Attending a wedding show will be very helpful in planning your wedding. You will be able to meet and ask questions from many wedding professionals all under one roof! You will want to gather information, compare prices and services, register for prizes, see the latest fashions, get great new ideas and just have fun! Here are some tips that will help your day at the wedding show be more fruitful.

1. Purchase your tickets in advance, on line. It usually cost more to buy tickets at the door.
2. If the show is offering a major wedding prize and you can complete the entry forms on line in advance of the show, do so. It will save you having to spend valuable time at the show filling in the entry form. The completed entry form will be waiting with your tickets at the door.
3. Come prepared with peel off labels with your name, phone number, e-mail address, and wedding date printed on them. You can make them yourself using Avery labels (recommend Avery 5160...30 per page or something compatible) and any word processor. Bring a least 5 sheets (150 labels). You will be writing your name and address a lot otherwise, entering the various giveaways and promotions. This will save you a lot of time when you register for the prizes at individual booths. Some wedding shows will sell you labels when you arrive.
4. Sign up for all the giveaways. Some vendors give discounts for their services, but most have been giving prizes such as toasting glasses or gift baskets. Just because you already have a limo doesn't mean you can't use what they have chosen to give as a door prize.
5. Bring your date book with you so you can schedule your appointments for follow up.
6. Collect as much literature as you can from everyone. When you find a vendor you would like to follow up with, take a pen and write what struck you as appealing about them on their business card or literature. When you get home and are faced with brochures from 10 different photographers, your note may be the only thing you have to remember which ones you liked and why. Also, write down any good tips they might give you on THEIR literature to help you remember who was knowledgeable and helpful. Most large bridal shows will provide you with a large shopping bag when you enter. The amount of offers you receive at first may seem overwhelming, but once home, take the time to read them or you may miss out on some very good deals.
7. Bring your credit card or debit card to the show in case you want to book any services or hold a date. Some of your best discounts will be given at the show.
8. If you are attending **Wedding Fair**, it is one of Canada's largest bridal shows, so come prepared to spend at least 4 or 5 hours to include time to see a fashion show and visit with all the wedding professionals.
9. Bring your fiancé with you, at least one day, to the event, and then go again with your Mother and girlfriends. Going twice allows you to really take in everything you need to see (and to enter all the draws again).
10. Ask lots of questions, the show is filled with wedding professionals, and while you're there you should take advantage of the opportunity to learn as much as you can. These vendors want to impress you with their knowledge of their particular specialty...take advantage of .

Wear comfortable shoes and have a great time!