

Convention Planning Checklist

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14 Months Prior	4 Months Prior
Contact Visitor & Convention Bureau for	Distribute conference flier
assistance	Send publicity to media
Select conference site & date	Arrange for entertainment
Select preferred lodging property	
Prepare a realistic budget	2 Months Prior
Set tentative theme (if necessary)	Send AV requirements to property
Set registration fees (if applicable)	Finalize decorations (if applicable)
	Prepare evaluation forms
12 Months Prior	Send reminders to speakers
Distribute promotional material at this	
year's conference	3 Weeks Prior
Ask VCB if video and/or materials are available to help promote event	Assemble packets for conference
Begin contacting keynote speakers	1 Week Prior
9 Months Prior	Confirm AV equipment, confirm room
_	set up
Select conference sessions	3 Days Prior
Set conference schedule	Give final guarantees to caterer
Select menu for meal functions	Create nametags for attendees
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6 Months Prior	After Convention
Begin preparing registration brochure (list information)	Send letters of appreciation
	Assess evaluation forms
	Review all outstanding bills and pay