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Girls Only! Prom Planning Guide

Shhhhhh...

Top Secret Prom Planning Tips and Tricks Just for Girls!

Plan your Prom down to the last detail and make it look effortless at the same time! The Girls Only! Prom Planning Guide from Anderson's will ensure you are able to get all those must-dos done in time while providing you with ways to make Prom planning fun and stress-free. Plus, check out bonus tips from the how to earn extra cash to what you must bring with you on the Big Night! It's all inside...

Look For...

The Prom Countdown Meter ticks down the months, weeks and (finally!) days until Prom!



Get the most out of this year's Prom by indulging in one of our Top Secret Tips!

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How Much Money Do I Have?

Create a Budget: Part 1

It is estimated that American girls spend approximately \$300-\$800 on Prom. The earlier you create a budget, the more time you'll have to save or earn extra cash. This section will help you determine what you need for Prom, how much money it will cost and what you'll be able to fork out for the big night.

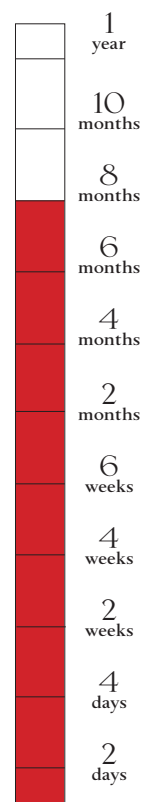
Bonus: Your completed budget worksheets will show your parents that you are organized and responsible. They will be so impressed, they may even chip in extra funds!

What I Need For Prom: Costs Worksheet

DIRECTIONS: Look over the list below. Add any other expenses you may incur. Now go shopping! (But don't buy anything yet!) Note approximate prices in the appropriate blanks. Once you determine how much money you will be able to spend, you can decide which items really matter and which ones can get a budget cut.

| ITEM | SAVE \$ | SPLURGE \$ |
|-------------------|---------|------------|
| Dress/Alterations | | |
| Shoes | | |
| Accessories | | |
| Undergarments | | |
| Hair | | |
| Makeup | | |
| Mani/Pedi | | |
| Tickets | | |
| Dinner | | |
| Transportation | | |
| Pictures | | |
| After Party | | |
| Other: | | |
| Other: | | |
| TOTAL | | |

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PROM!

Keep Reading For More Detail on What You'll Need For Prom!

How Much Money Do I Have?

Create a Budget: Part 2

Determine how much money you will have available for Prom expenses.

How Much Money I Have For Prom: Income Worksheet

DIRECTIONS: Look over the list below. Add any other sources of income you have. Note approximately how much money you have/will have from each source. Once you determine how much money you will be able to spend, you can decide if you will need to earn more money, bargain shop, or cut items from your list of purchases.

| SOURCE | AMOUNT \$ |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Job | |
| Savings | |
| Parents | |
| Additional Earnings | |
| Other: | |
| TOTAL | |



Try one of these
easy ways to
earn quick cash!

- 1.) Sell your unwanted clothes, jewelry, books, purses, shoes, CDs & more at a yard sale or second hand shop.
- 2.) Mentor a younger student in a particular subject or sport at which you excel.
- 3.) Put the word out that you will do odd jobs for friends, family and neighbors! Babysit, petsit, wash cars, mow lawns, run errands, cook, clean, etc...



What To Wear?

When to Shop

In order to find that dream dress that perfectly fits your bod and budget, time is your best friend. As you narrow down your options keep this time line in mind to help guide you on your way!

Dress Shopping Time Line Guide



5 months before Prom: Preliminary Shopping

- ☐ Start looking in magazines and online.
- ☐ Save your faves.



4 months before Prom: Information Gathering

- ☐ Check your saved favorites for trends that suit you. Are they all short? Are they all green? If yes, then you are most likely looking for a short, green dress. Knowing this in advance will save you tons of time at the stores.
- ☐ If you're still unsure about what you're looking for, check with a bestie for advice or input.
- ☐ Check your school's dress code to see if there are certain styles you should avoid before you spend your money.



3 months before Prom: Time to Shop!

- ☐ Check out dress boutiques, department stores, second-hand shops and the internet.
- ☐ Try it on. Not only will you get an indication of your size, but you may find green is not your color after all, or your legs look frightful in a short dress. Remember, it is easier to alter a dress that is too big, than one that is too small.
- ☐ If you've found a dress that fits your budget and makes you feel beautiful and confident, buy it!



2 months before Prom: Alterations vs. Returns

- ☐ If your dress is too big in some areas, but fits perfectly in others, you may want to consider alterations. Most dress stores offer this service or you may prefer a tailor.
- ☐ If your dress is too small or way too big, you'll probably want to return it for a different size.



Look Your Best In Your Dress

Begin a health and fitness regime (if you don't have one already!) at least 6 months before Prom. Consult a doctor, personal trainer or nutritionist for best results.



Transportation Information

What Should I Know?

When most of us hear the phrase “Prom transportation,” one word jumps to mind: limo. If the traditional is not for you, then be sure to check out our list of creative ways to arrive at Prom. But whether you choose to go the limo route, or partake in a different way to arrive on the scene, here are some must-knows for any transportation rental.

Transportation Time Line Guide

5 months before Prom: Preliminary Shopping

- ☐ Decide what type of transportation fits you. Turn to the next page for ideas.
- ☐ Based on the type of transportation you choose, figure out how many people will be riding with you. Remember: the more people included, the more ways you can split the bill!
- ☐ Call a few different places and ask about their services and prices. Visit their websites. Make sure to get a list of everything included so you know what you are paying for. If possible, go and see your ride in person to make sure you get what you want.

4 months before Prom: Book It

- ☐ Be informed. Request a copy of the company’s rental contract and cancellation policy.
- ☐ Confirm the amount of people who will be riding with you. Gather money if necessary. Most companies will require a deposit of 25%-35% of your total bill.
- ☐ Book your ride! Be sure to get a reservation number.

3 weeks before Prom: Confirm

- ☐ Confirm your reservation. Be ready to provide your reservation number.
- ☐ Touch base with your group of riders to make sure everyone is still in on the plan.



Influence Your Prom's Theme

Got ideas for YOUR Prom? Don't sit back and let someone else make all the decisions for you. Join your Prom Committee and let your voice be heard. Most committees start meetings about 5-7 months before Prom.



Transportation Information

Match Your Ride to Your Prom Theme!

Find out what your Prom theme is and get creative on ways to arrive in the style of the night.

Rock-n-Roll Theme

Roll up in a shiny tour bus or stretch limo

City Theme

Hail a cab or jump on the subway

Harvest Theme

Enjoy the night air on a hay ride

Hollywood Theme

Alight from a limo onto the red carpet

Western Theme

A tractor sounds crazy, but oh-so-fun

Mardi Gras

Book a historic trolley

James Bond, Agent 007 Theme

Appear in an Astin Martin or other high-end sports car

Fairy Tale Theme

Take a romantic horse-drawn carriage

50s Theme

Nothing says the 50s like a Ford Thunderbird

This is just the tip of the iceberg! We know if you put your mind to it, you can come up with tons of creative ways to get to Prom. Good luck and be safe!









Cosmetology

Hair, Makeup, Nails Time Line Guide

Now that you've picked out your dress, you can start putting together the rest of your look. Whether you decide to invest in the salon option or gather your supplies and your girls, make sure to figure it into your budget.

- *4 months before Prom: Preliminary Shopping*
 - ☐ Start looking through magazine and online.
 - ☐ Save your faves.
- *3 months before Prom: Book It*
 - ☐ Call a few salons for pricing and services. You may want to get your hair, makeup and nails done at the same place.
 - ☐ Schedule a practice appointment for your hair and makeup. Bring pictures of your favorite styles.
 - ☐ If you're happy with your practice appointment, book an appointment for the day of Prom.
- *2 months before Prom: DIY Shop & Play*
 - ☐ If you are going to do your own hair, makeup and nails, start shopping for materials and practice. It might help to enlist the help of a friend.
- *2 weeks before Prom: Confirm*
 - ☐ Confirm your appointment with the salon.
 - ☐ Purchase what you need to do your hair, makeup and nails.

Other Beauty Services

Tanning

- ☐ Try a spray tan or self tanner. Practice before the big night.
- ☐ If you use a tanning bed or the sun, start 6 months before Prom and be sure to use sunscreen.

Waxing

- ☐ If you choose to wax facial hair, schedule your appointment for a day or two before to avoid redness or swelling on Prom night.

Jewels & More

Accessories Checklist

All the little things that work together to pull off your complete Prom look. Make sure you have your dress picked out before you plunge into accessory shopping.

☐ Jewelry

☐ Tiara

visit AndersonsProm.com for tons of the hottest tiaras!

☐ Hair Clips

work with your stylist to incorporate your hair accessories

☐ Necklace

☐ Bracelet

☐ Rings

☐ Undergarments

☐ Hosiery

☐ Bra

you may need a strapless or a backless bra to go with your dress

☐ Garter

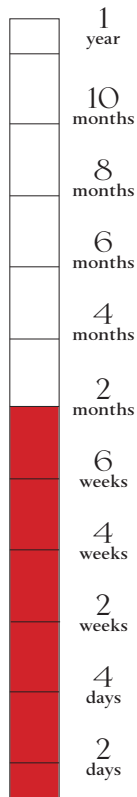
visit Andersons.com for garters!

☐ Purse

☐ Shoes

try on your shoes and walk around your house for a while to make sure they're comfortable enough to dance the night away!

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Prom Night Purse Must-Haves

phone
camera
mints

lip gloss
hair pins
nail polish

cash
perfume
bandages

deodorant
compact
mirror



Dining Guide

Need Reservations?

Choosing the right cuisine and atmosphere are the fun parts, but you also need to make sure the prices fit your budget and you will be able to get a table at the right time on the Big Night.

Dining Time Line Guide



4 months before Prom: What's For Dinner

- ☐ Figure out how many people will be dining with you. Group of friends or intimate dinner for two?
- ☐ Discuss and choose your cuisine. Make sure it fits your budget and those of your fellow diners.



3 months before Prom: Information Gathering

- ☐ Read restaurant reviews in your local newspaper or online. Make sure to check out some reviews from real people, not just critics. Ask some recent grads where they went before Prom. Get recommendations from your parents and their friends.
- ☐ Go to some places that got good reviews and recommendations and have your choice of cuisine. Make sure it is clean and accommodating with the atmosphere you are seeking.



2 months before Prom: Book It!

- ☐ Once you find a restaurant that meets your criteria, make a reservation.
- ☐ Be prepared with information on when you'd like to arrive, when you need to leave and how many people will be in your party. Mention any other special accommodations your group may require.
- ☐ Ask for and listen to their advice. If you have to leave the restaurant at a certain time, perhaps they can suggest a more appropriate time for arrival. Ask if gratuity is included on the bill so you can be prepared.



2 weeks before Prom: Confirm

- ☐ Call the restaurant to make sure they are still holding your reservation. Ask any last minute questions you may have.



Dining Guide

Skip the Restaurant!

8 creative ways to enjoy a pre-Prom dinner!

1. *A Romantic Picnic*

Pack a basket and head to the park

2. *Elegant Home Dining*

Create a gorgeous ambiance with candles and decorations

3. *Dinner Party*

Enjoy cooking (and eating) with your friends and their dates

4. *Fast Food Fun*

Show up at your favorite fast food restaurant dressed to the nines

5. *Private Party*

Rent some space and a caterer for some invite only fun

6. *Barbecue*

Grill by the pool or on the patio

7. *Appetizer Social*

Get friends together for a social with an appetizer buffet

8. *Drive-in*

Bring the romance of the 50s to your Prom dinner

Not into these? Put your creativity to the test and come up with your own way to dine outside of the standard restaurant.



Keep Your Parents Informed

Your parents are more likely to let you proceed with your plans and maybe even chip in a little extra cash if you keep them updated. Here are a few ways in which your parents may want to be informed or involved:

- 1.) Let them meet your date.
- 2.) Offer to host pre-Prom pictures.
- 3.) Ask for permission.
- 4.) Tell them where you are going and who you are going to be with.
- 5.) Allow them to be involved in picking out your dress and accessories.



Prom Planning Checklist

At A Glance Prom Planning Checklist

8 months before Prom

- ☐ Create your Prom budget.

5 months before Prom

- ☐ Start preliminary dress shopping.
- ☐ Start preliminary transportation shopping.

4 months before Prom

- ☐ Gather dress information.
- ☐ Book transportation.
- ☐ Start preliminary shopping for hair/makeup.
- ☐ Start making dinner decisions.

3 months before Prom

- ☐ Purchase dress.
- ☐ Book hair, makeup and nail appointments.
- ☐ Gather restaurant information.

2 months before Prom

- ☐ Purchase Prom tickets.
- ☐ Bring your dress in for alterations or exchanges.
- ☐ Shop for hair/makeup/nails if your doing them yourself.
- ☐ Make dinner reservations.
- ☐ Shop for accessories.

3 weeks before Prom

- ☐ Confirm transportation reservation.
- ☐ Coordinate your group for picture-taking.

2 weeks before Prom

- ☐ Confirm salon appointments.
- ☐ Confirm restaurant reservation.
- ☐ Order boutonniere for your date.

1 day before Prom

- ☐ Charge your phone and camera.
- ☐ Pack your purse.
- ☐ Get spray tan and/or waxing.
- ☐ Try everything on to make sure your look is complete.
- ☐ Get a good night's sleep.

Prom Day

- ☐ Eat a healthy breakfast.
- ☐ Do some light exercise.
- ☐ Get ready!
- ☐ HAVE FUN!!!

