

## **Convention Planning Checklist**

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14 MONTHS PRIOR	
☐ Contact Visitor & Convention Bureau for assistance	
Select conference site & date	
Select preferred lodging property	
Prepare a realistic budget	
Set tentative theme (if necessary)	
Set registration fees (if applicable)	2 MONTHS PRIOR
12 MONTHS PRIOR	☐ Send AV requirements to property
☐ Distribute promotional material at this	☐ Finalize decorations (if applicable)
year's conference	Prepare evaluation forms
Ask VCB if video and/or materials are available to help promote event	Send reminders to speakers
Begin contacting keynote speakers	3 WEEKS PRIOR
9 MONTHS PRIOR	☐ Assemble packets for conference
☐ Select conference sessions	1 WEEK PRIOR
Set conference schedule	☐ Confirm AV equipment, confirm room setup
☐ Select menu for meal functions	÷
6 MONTHS PRIOR	3 DAYS PRIOR
	☐ Give final guarantees to caterer
☐ Begin preparing registration brochure (List information)	│ □ Create name tags for attendees
	AFTER CONVENTION
4 MONTHS PRIOR	AFTER CONVENTION
☐ Distribute conference flyer	☐ Send letters of appreciation
Send publicity to media	Assess evaluation forms
Arrange for entertainment	Review all outstanding bills and pay