

15 TIPS FOR MAXIMIZING YOUR PARTICIPATION

11	Conduct a Register to Win promotion to drive traffic to your booth. Such promotions also allow you to create an effective database for follow up sales.
12	Your staff is the most important part of your exhibit. Carefully select and train exhibit personnel. Your staff should be knowledgeable about your product or service, should be approachable and inviting, should greet and communicate with show guests, and must be enthusiastic! 85% of show guests' first impressions are based on your staff. Remember, people buy from people! Train them, share your goals and get them to engage.
13	Sample, sample, sample! Women love to touch, taste and smell products before making the decision to buy. Offer them a sample of your product! It works!
14	Schedule time on one of our stages! Stage time is available FREE of charge to those exhibitors who want additional exposure onsite. And...performing on stage is a sure fire way to drive traffic back to your exhibit space. All stage schedules are promoted on the official show website, in the official show program, on show signage and through hourly PA announcements at the show. Sign up today!
15	Smile and have fun!

Outstanding exhibits will be recognized and rewarded!

Each exhibit display is awarded 100 points and deductions are made for the following:

No floor covering	-30
Tables not completely covered	-10
Unprofessional signs or vinyl banners	-10
Uninvolved personnel (<i>eating, drinking, reading or missing from exhibit entirely</i>)	-10
Exposed boxes, excess stock, trash or other unsightly materials	-5
Company identity or product not clear	-5
Literature or product unprofessionally displayed	-5

CREATE YOUR FREE WEBPAGE AND COUPON

One of the benefits of exhibiting in a Southern Shows, Inc. event is the ability to promote your company through a free webpage tied to your listing on the show website. Along with your promotional page, you can also create a coupon to help attract show guests to your exhibit.

Your page should be designed to let show guests know what you will be doing at the show, should encourage them to look for you there, and should help them to easily find you after the show is over. This page, which you set up and control, can include:

- Your logo
- Photos of your product
- A description of your company and products
- A coupon to attract show guests to your exhibit
- Your website address

Shortly after you receive your exhibit space confirmation, you will receive an email letting you know your company has been posted to the show website. The email will provide you with instructions for setting up your page. If you have already established a webpage, it will encourage you to make sure it is up to date.

Once you create your webpage, it is yours to control and update as needed. There are several important things to know about your webpage:

- It is tied to the email address that you included on your application
- Your page, and any coupon attached to it, will post to the websites of all the Southern Shows, Inc. events that you are contracted for. Therefore, if you're in more than one show, you'll want to make sure the content (and coupon if you create one) applies to all shows. Or you will want to update it before each show.
- Even if you're only participating in one event each year, your website will re-post the next time you participate in that show. Therefore, you'll want to make sure the information is correct for the following year.