

# Survival Tips and Tricks for Comic-Con

Here are our top 10 tips for enduring and enjoying the Con.

Mom-a-Con: Comic-Con Survival Guide for Moms

- 1. Get the ticket!** If you don't have a pass yet, beware: They're sold out! Beware of buying a pass on eBay or Craigslist ... they may be bogus!
- 2. Familiarize yourself with the area.** Check out maps of the area to get the lay of the land. Do a web search for Comic-Con Google Map, and study beforehand.
- 3. Wear comfortable shoes!** You will be doing A LOT of walking ... so make sure you wear comfortable shoes. Leave the heels at home!
- 4. So Cal Moms: Get on the train!** If you're driving from LA, consider taking the train. The heavy traffic to and from Comic-Con can turn the normal two-and-a-half hour drive into a five- or six-hour drive. That's no fun with kids. Check with Amtrak for details.
- 5. Bring cash.** Many vendors take cash only ... so make sure you have cash on hand. There are ATMs on the site but they charge a hefty service fee.
- 6. Get a babysitter!** If you're traveling with small kids, good news: This year, Comic-Con is providing childcare! KiddieCorp, a long-time presence at Comic-Con, is committed to providing your children with a comfortable, safe, and happy experience. They offer age-appropriate activities that include arts and crafts, group games, music and motion, board games, story time, dramatic play, and much more. KiddieCorp provides snacks and beverages, but parents must supply all meals, as well as diapers, baby formula, and a change of clothes.
- 7. Bag it!** Bring a large bag for all the freebies and schwag you will score.  
  
If you don't bring your own bag, be sure to swing by the Warner Bros. booth for the Studio's signature, oversized graphic tote bags - called the Con's "ubiquitous accessory" by Entertainment Weekly.
- 8. Bring water and snacks.** Bring a bottled water, fruit, or nuts. The best food on site is the pizza sold in the Mezzanine and the Greek Gyros sold on one of the carts.
- 9. Go postal.** There is a FedEx/Kinkos business center on site ... so if your teen buys too many things to carry around, you can always ship them home!
- 10. Meet and greet.** Make sure to designate a meeting place in case you get separated from your tweens or teens. Comic-Con is an intense experience, with mobs of people everywhere. If you have them, bring multiple cell phones so you can call each other if you get lost.