

# 8 Preparation Tips for Writers' Conferences

*This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:*

[Should You Attend a Writers' Conference?](#)

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1. Choose a conference that aligns with your needs and goals. Don't just go for the big name conferences. Register for the conference that will help you become a better writer.
2. Prepare your pitch. Be ready to "sell" your manuscript in 30 seconds or less, even if it's not fully written yet.
3. Print out business cards. Order 100 business cards and be ready to pass them out like candy at Halloween.
4. Create a website. Don't be at the mercy of your personal Facebook profile. Create a professional website for yourself as an author.
5. Be ready to buy books. Browse the bookstore. Support other writers and find great new books! Also, make sure to get the author to sign it.
6. Research the conference speakers. Find out something interesting about the speaker or something that you may have in common. This will be an excellent conversation starter.
7. Pack your comfortable shoes. You'll be doing a lot of walking and standing at the conference. Be prepared.
8. Make sure that your phone battery is charged and ready for inputting new numbers and saving website bookmarks.