

NC STATE UNIVERSITY

# Maximizing the College Fair Experience

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## What is a College Fair?

**Representatives from many different colleges are gathered together in one place**

## What to Expect:

- Rows of tables staffed by representatives to answer your questions
- Some may take your name and address in order to send you materials after the fair
- Many fairs offer sessions about financial aid, admissions testing, etc.
- Expect lots of people and limited time

# How to BEST Prepare

Think about what you want in a college.

Look through the list of colleges attending.

Are there any you are already considering?

Are there others that meet your criteria?

List schools that interest you most.

Create a spreadsheet with questions in advance.

## Preparation (cont'd)

**If possible, make labels including:**

**Name & Address**

**Email Address**

**High School Name**

**Phone Number**

**Year of Graduation Areas of Interest**

**Create PROFESSIONAL email address.**

**Dress appropriately and comfortably.**

# Sample Questions

## Admissions Related:

- Admitted Profile
- Required courses/tests
- Deadlines
- Factors considered

## Academic:

- Popular majors
- Timing of major selection
- Class sizes

	College #1	College #2	College #3
<b>Questions regarding Admissions</b>			
Admissions Profile for admitted students			
What courses are required?			
Are there specific tests that I need to take?			
What is/are your application deadline(s)?			
What is your scholarship deadline?			
Other than grades & tests, what other factors are considered?			
Is there an interview requirement?			
<b>Questions about Academic Environment</b>			
What are the most popular majors?			
What is the deadline for declaring a major?			
What is your average class size?			
What is your student/faculty ratio?			
<b>Questions about Campus Life</b>			
What is the male/female ratio?			
What percentage of students are ethnic minority?			
Does your campus offer fraternities and sororities?			
Will I be able to bring my car to campus as a freshman?			
Are freshmen required to live on campus?			

# **What to Bring to the Fair**

**List of colleges and questions**

**Pen and Notebook to take notes**

**Pre-printed labels**

**Book bag**

**OPEN MIND**

## **When You Arrive**

**Check the floor plan & map your route.**

**Note when & where special sessions are being offered.**

**Ditch your friends.**

**GO FOR IT!!!**

# **At the Fair:**

**Speak for YOURSELF!**

**Start off by introducing yourself**  
(Hi, my name is ...I'm a junior interested in..." )

**Stick to your scripted questions.**

**Fill out info cards, if available.**

**Eavesdrop.**

**Thank College Representative.**

# After the Fair:

**Look through the materials & your notes.**

**Eliminate colleges that do not fit.**

**Follow up with colleges of interest:**

**Return information cards**

**Email the representative with questions**

**Research visit options**

**Do more research**

# Ways to Involve Parents

**Discuss programs of interest before fair**

**Assist with preparation questions**

**Serve as recorder during the fair**

**Discuss “good fit” options after the fair**

**Attend the campus visit**