

Bridesmaid Duties

BEFORE THE WEDDING DAY

- ☐ Help to plan and organize the bridal shower and bachelorette's party with the maid of honor
- ☐ Try to keep the peace between everyone by staying calm and not having any negative opinions or conflict
- ☐ Help the maid of honor to keep the bride calm and happy by taking on all tasks directed to you
- ☐ Make sure to assist the maid of honor in handling suppliers and vendors, guest lists, etc. She might not be able to do everything on her own and will appreciate your effort
- ☐ Keep your calendar open for all pre-wedding activities like the bridal shower, bachelorette's party, engagement party, dress fittings, shoe shopping, etc.
- ☐ Be positive and excited about the bride's wedding – try to keep her in a good mood
- ☐ Remember to save some money to buy your bridesmaid dress and shoes and accessories, unless the bride and groom offers to pay
- ☐ Also save some money to help pay for the bridal shower and bachelorette party
- ☐ Buy a wedding gift for the couple
- ☐ Ask if you and the other bridesmaids and maid of honor can host a DIY party – this is a party for making stuff for the wedding, including invitations, decor items, favors, etc.

ON THE WEDDING DAY

CEREMONY

- ☐ Eat a hearty breakfast and drink plenty of water – many bridesmaids faint because of dehydration
- ☐ Check that the maid of honor is handling everything well and that she stays hydrated. She looks after the bride, and you look after her...
- ☐ Be on schedule for your hair and make-up!
- ☐ Get dressed when you are supposed to.
- ☐ Unless transport has been arranged, it is your duty to make sure you get to the wedding venue, and on time
- ☐ Line up with the other bridesmaids before entering the church
- ☐ Help the other bridesmaids to straighten the bride's dress when she turns around - the maid of honor takes the bride's bouquet
- ☐ Stand at the front with the wedding couple, until it is okay for everyone to take their seats
- ☐ Check with the maid of honor if the bridesmaids and groomsmen should sit down or stand at the front during the ceremony
- ☐ When walking out with a groomsman, stop him from fooling around.
- ☐ The bridesmaids and groomsmen should also throw confetti at the newly wed couple.

RECEPTION

- ☐ Dance at the reception – the bride will appreciate it, especially if no one is on the dance floor
- ☐ Double check with the maid of honor who's responsibility the gifts are – it is usually one of the bridesmaids' duties
- ☐ Be part of the catching of the bouquet, also encourage other single/unmarried ladies to join in
- ☐ Remember to not go overboard with the open bar – you don't want that kind of embarrassment of the bride having to babysit you
- ☐ If you have to speech, leave all of the dirty details out – no mentioning of exes or embarrassing stories of the bride
- ☐ Check in with the couple's parents during the reception - the maid of honor will be busy attending to the bride and her needs
- ☐ After the wedding, help the bride to gather all of her things from the reception, such as the bouquet and her purse, etc.
- ☐ Check in with the maid of honor to find out if you have to stay and help clean up after the wedding