

# Handbag Bingo M-Event Kit



- 1 Plan your date, time and location.
- 2 Prospect! Invite 4 times the guests as you wish to have attend. (If you want to sign four new members you must have 6-7 guests attend. To have 6-7 guests attend, invite 4 times that number or 24-28 guests.) There are 2 parts to the enclosed invites. The first page should be cut in half down the center. Then these invites are folded in half so that the Backwards BBQ is at the bottom/front of the invite. The second page has 4 invites; copy these and cut apart. Glue these inside your cards. You can either put them in a small invitation envelope or fold and mail – if you just fold and mail, it may require additional postage, check with the post office.
- 3 Invite your guests! Personally! Written invitations are fine, but it is the personal contact that will get them there. If possible, drop off the invitation in person. Always call them 2-3 days prior to the event and ask if you can give them a ride! Compliment them by telling them you think they will be a fun member. Would they like to come?
- 4 **PLANNING YOUR EVENT:**  
Activities:
  - a. Make bingo cards on full size sheets of paper (attached for you to print out). All squares will be left blank except for the center FREE square.
  - b. Cut up some small squares of paper. You'll need 200 or more (*each guests will get 24 slips-so multiply 24 X the number of people you expect to have at the event*).
  - c. Give 1 bingo card and 24 squares of paper to each of your guests.
  - d. Have them take items from their handbag and lay them on the bingo squares and then write each of the items on the squares of paper and pass them to you.  
*Items might include: A penny, pencil, dollar bill, lipstick, credit card, gum, driver's license, library card, brush, candy, bobby pin, etc.*
  - e. Some people don't carry as much as others in their handbags. It may be a stretch for them to come up with 24 items. Encourage them to use a penny, a nickel, a dime etc as separate items. Be sure they write down dime and not coin. If they still do not have enough, have them borrow from others in the group.
  - f. When everyone's cards are ready, throw the pieces of paper in a bowl or hat and start drawing and calling out the items. As someone's item is called they can remove it from their bingo card. First person with an empty row wins!
  - g. There will probably be a lot of duplicate pieces of paper in your draw bowl/hat. Eliminate them as they are handed to you or as you draw them from the bowl.
  - h. Have some prizes for those going bingo. You might want to consider having several prizes and keep playing until almost everyone has gone bingo! As each person goes bingo, they can pick a prize.
- 5 Have fun! Getting guests to your Membership Night does not assure they will join. To assure you they will join, make this night so much fun they would hate to miss out on anything else! Take a 5 minute "information" break and talk a little about Women of Today. Have the members attending take turns and share why they joined and why they continue to renew. (Make sure you tell them about your dues.) Go back to having fun.
- 6 Personally ask each guest if they would like to join tonight. If they choose to learn more first, this allows you to follow up with them for your next meeting.
- 7 Follow up with those guests who do not join. Send them a note thanking them for coming. If they have not said they absolutely are not interested, invite them to your next meeting and/or social. Do not quit until they say "no!"

## Handbag Bingo Card

		<b>FREE</b>		

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**When:**

**Time:**

**RSVP/Info:**

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