

# CHICAGO BRIDE

## Bachelorette Party Dos and Don'ts

Throwing a fun bachelorette party is as much about the bride's personality as it is about the party. If you are in charge of planning the big "farewell to being single" bash, there are some basic dos and don'ts that you should follow.

### DO

- **Honor your bride's wishes.** Make sure to get a list of preferred guests from your bride and listen to what she wants from her bachelorette. If you have a bride that loves a good party, then go out on the town. If your bride is a homebody, make sure it is more about relaxation and girl time.
- **Get creative.** You don't have to decorate with male body parts for the party – make the day memorable with something different. Try some Hen party inspiration and where fun wigs to the club or if you are doing a spa day, make fun t-shirts for the girls to wear at the retreat.
- **Splurge on your bride.** I.E. cover her costs and make her feel special. You got into this knowing that you will be spending money so don't complain about it or get cheap – it turns the party into a dud before it even starts.
- **Give party favors for your attendees.** For a weekend away, create a hotel gift bag for your guests. Some key items:
  - [Hangover Sucks](http://www.hangoversucks.com/) – <http://www.hangoversucks.com/> the lollipops and drops are a great addition to be prepared for the day after the party. These candies are specially made to ease nausea, headaches and dry mouth after a night of fun. You want your girls to be looking good and feeling good for your daytime activities after all.
  - [A BIG water](http://www.favorsandflowers.com/bachelorette-personalized-water-bottle-label.htm) <http://www.favorsandflowers.com/bachelorette-personalized-water-bottle-label.htm> – women want nothing more at the end of the night than a tall drink of...water! Staying hydrated will keep everyone feeling fresh.
  - The bride's favorite treats – another way to honor your bride, be sure to include some of her favorite foods in the goodie bag.
- **Designate a picture taker.** We all have one person in our group of friends that is always catching our priceless moments. Get her on the job to document the memories in the making.

## DON'T

- **Overplan.** Too many activities can be overwhelming to everyone, especially the party planner. Take a step back and let some things happen naturally.
- **Sacrifice girl time.** Checking in too often with all significant others can really put a damper on the fun – make sure to keep your bride and all the attendees in check with texting their beaus.
- **Go crazy on social media.** A check in here or there or a post to honor your bride is fine, but do it like the celebs and keep the social media to minimum while you party.
- **Put too much pressure on the night.** Bachelorettes tend to be like New Year's Eve – if you take it too seriously you won't have that much fun. So take the pressure off and make sure your guests do too so you can let the night take you where it needs to go.
- **Throw the party the night before (or even days before) the wedding.** Just don't do it.

Chicago Bride Magazine

[www.ChicagoBrideMagazine.com](http://www.ChicagoBrideMagazine.com)