

Name of Event Event Date

SAMPLE EVENT TIMELINE

FINANCE	
Determine and confirm the budget	ASAP
Manage the budget	Continuous
Collect/pay any outstanding event bills/reimbursements	After event

LOGISTICS/ INVITE LISTS/RSVPs	
Book/confirm room reservations	ASAP
Add event info to program calendar	ASAP
Confirm content for invitations, RSVP cards, posters, signage, etc.	10 weeks out
Work with communications to draft invitations – printed and electronic	10 weeks out
versions	
Create invitation list including mailing addresses and/or emails	9 weeks out
Review proofs – (3 people)	8-9 weeks out
Finalize invitation list	8 weeks out
Provide mailing list to communications for distribution	8 weeks out
Assign staff to process RSVPs and confirmations - phone, email, website	6 weeks out
Send invites - mail and/or email	6 weeks out
Request photographer	4 weeks out
Confirm photographer's schedule	1 week out
After event, get link to photo's for social media pages and website	1 week after

PRESS & PR		
Determine if any outside press or publicity will be necessary for this event and	9 weeks out	
schedule a meeting with Media Relations		
Confirm plan with Media Relations	8 weeks out	

CATERING, A/V, IT, PUBLIC SAFETY	
Confirm room reservations, A/V request, layouts, setup requests, event	4 weeks out
start/end time, etc.	
Meet with Metz to review catering and room setup	3 weeks out
Follow up with Media Resources	2 weeks out
Review event catering order and provide final counts to the events team	1 week out

BRIEFINGS/SCRIPTS/PROGRAM/DEBRIEFINGS	
Submit Presidential appearance request form, if needed	ASAP
Event staff briefing	ASAP
Draft program	4 weeks out
Draft script	4 weeks out
Finalize program/QR code	2 weeks out
Finalize script for printing	1 week out
Final briefings	1 week out
Event debriefing	after event



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ADMINISTRATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE	
Order event supplies	4 weeks out
Print staff/volunteer badges	2 weeks before
Print guest nametags	
Create/activate check-in list	1 week before
Organize supplies for day of event needs	day before
Follow up with thank you emails and event photos	after event

GIFTS & PURCHASES		
Request/Purchase all SWAG items	ASAP	

DAY OF EVENT TASKS	
Check on catering, deliveries, room setups, etc.	
Place event signage	
Walk-thru all event spaces - check set-up, A/V, catering, etc.	
Brief photographer on desired pictures	
Have on hand extra event briefings, scripts, programs, RSVP lists, etc.	
Tech run through – sound check, brief tech on event flow, speaker list, etc.	