

The Chicago Auto Show is probably the best fun and entertainment deal in the world, where you literally get paid to enjoy yourself and have a great time.

Take the whole family, all the kids, the relatives and your friends to see all of the new cars, buy cool stuff at vendors, get paid with cash and gift cards for test driving cars, actually win cars in multiple contests, and play all kinds of prize games and raffles.

You can also get a bunch of free reusable shopping and tote bags, see live entertainment, see radio and TV personalities, go on free rides and play free games to win stuff.

You can even get FREE or discount tickets to the show!

Load all your family and friends into the Van or SUV and go together to save on parking. Or better yet, organize a party bus trip for everyone and take a tour of the city after the show too.

1. GET YOUR FREE TICKETS or Discount Tickets

Go to a new car dealer and see if they have courtesy weekend tickets. If you bought cars from the dealer, your salesman should be able to get you some free weekend tickets. But if not, you could probably get free or discount weekday tickets.

Check out the Chevy Drives Chicago web site for a FREE ticket sign up online, print the certificate and take it to a Chevy Dealer right away before they run out of the free weekend tickets.

Sign up online in the Savings-Freebies-And-More contest for a chance to win free auto show tickets and other great prizes.

Banks, like 5/3rd bank, give free discount ticket vouchers for the weekdays.

Bring a few cans of food to the show to donate to one of the food banks, they give you a ticket discount coupon, usually for 3 cans or items of food per coupon.

Even if you pay the full ticket price, you can get more than the cost back in cash cards, gift cards and free stuff if you follow our plan. And you might even win a car or \$500, or something even better. And on top of that you get all of the entertainment, rides, games and more.

2. Organize A Party Bus Trip For More Fun & To Save Some Money

Organizing a party bus trip is a great way to go to the show. It takes a bit of planning and organizing but it is worth the effort. Everyone has to meet at a central location to board the bus to go to the city. You can combine it with a tour of the lakefront and downtown along with other attractions such as the Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum, Planetarium, Willis Tower Observatory and things like that. Those who want to go right to the auto show can get dropped off at the entrance. Then the bus can drop people who don't want to go to the show all day at other nearby attractions and pick them up later and bring them back to the auto show. And you can do that in reverse too. And at the end of the day, the party bus picks everyone up to go back to the original the central location. There is more info about how you can plan something like this at savings-freebies-and-more.com



3. Public Transportation & Parking

You can take Public Transportation to the show. You can look up information and routes at the various public transit web sites such as Metra and CTA. If you drive, there is plenty of parking at the many McCormick Place garages. You can enter the west parking lots off of Cermak road or take Lake Shore drive to 31 St. Street to get to the east Lakefront Building parking lot. In 2016 the parking fee was \$23.00 for the whole day. So it's a good idea to bring a group of people so it will be less per person.

4. Taking Test Drives At The Show Pay You With \$10 Gift Cards and Up To \$50 when you do a test drive at a dealer after the show.

Before you go into the actual show there are test drive booths on the ground floor entrance and lower levels. Ford always has a good one for a \$10 gift card, and usually, Kia, Subaru, Mazda and others have test drives for gift cards or actual gifts. When you actually go into the show, head right for the Ford exhibit and sign up for the \$50 cash card dealer test drive. It's a sure thing, not a contest. There are also dealer test drive sign ups that pay cash cards at Kia and other exhibits. Always be on the look out for these kinds of deals at various exhibitors.

5. Contests, Prize Games, Fun Games and Free Rides

You Can Win Cars

As you walk around the show, be on the look out for contests that you can sign up to win a new car such as, The Chevy Blackhawks Custom Camaro, A Buick Encore, Hyundai Elantra, \$45,000.00 toward the purchase of a new Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep or Plymouth. When you enter these you may also win other prizes and get cash card test drive offers later in the year.

You Can Win Prize Games

At Ford they raffle off a giant stuffed toy for kids every hour and every kid gets a free box of cookies. Chevy has a Raffle every day to win Blackhawks prizes and a score a goal game where every kid wins a prize. Check out the prize games like the Honda Tote Bag Grab with a chance to pick a bag with \$500 inside or at least get a free tote bag for sure. There are also prize games at 5/3rd Bank, Shell, Toyota and more. There's really too much to mention. And get free re-usable tote and shopping bags at Ford, Toyota, Honda, State Farm and many other exhibitors.

Play Fun Games, Go On Free Rides and Enjoy Great Entertainment

Play pinball games and ride the Racetrack Simulator at Ford. Hyundai has a great virtual driving ride. There's a mini electric car track for little kids to drive. Jeep takes you a mountain climb ride in a Jeep. Dodge takes you in a drag strip style car ride (with a professional driver). And there's much more.

There's music, bands and performances of all kinds, plus you can see live radio and TV personalities and broadcasts. There is so much at this show that we can't cover it all. And there is no extra cost for any of this once you get into the show.

The show is at McCormick Place, 2301 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, 60616

Show Hours: Daily: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. **Last Day:** 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Public Show: Saturday, Feb. 11 through Monday, Feb. 20

First Look for Charity: Friday, Feb. 10, 7 to 11 p.m.

