

15 Ways to Save Money at Kids' Live Events

Eat Before

1. Eat before the event. Concessions can get very expensive. I'd rather spend the money on a cool shirt or toy for my children!
2. Eat immediately before the event! But, it's so hard to say no when your kiddos want a souvenir!
3. Tell the kids in advance we are not buying the expensive snacks so we make sure they are not hungry before we go.
4. I try to make sure the family has had a BIG meal right before we go. Then I bring an empty water bottle in my purse to fill up with water from the vendors for free.

Pack Your Own

5. Bring lolly pops to keep little mouths happy!
6. Buying our own "souvenirs" at a cheaper store and bringing them in to keep the kids from getting the gimmees.
7. Bringing our own glow sticks and flashy wands from the dollar store.
8. Tell the kids in advance we are not buying the expensive snacks so we make sure they are not hungry before we go.
9. I pack a few small treats, like blow pops or ring pops, in my purse to help satisfy the candy craving. If I'm really on my game, I'll stop by the dollar store and get a pack of glow sticks to stash in my purse!

Create a Budget

10. Telling the kids only one thing.
11. We plan how much we can afford to spend for a souvenir and stick to it.
12. Don't buy the snacks and toys that are offered at the event.
13. I'd rather spend our family's money on a book or DVD we can enjoy for more than the night.
14. Limiting myself and kids to one item per child at the event, so that I am not over spending.
15. We put a limit on the spending before we go, but we do buy some of the stuff.