

Katy Prom Preview 2014



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From asking your date to a night on the dance floor, Katy students are going all out for this once-in-a-lifetime memory

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Senior year is an exciting time for students in Katy. They are preparing for graduation, applying to colleges, and thinking about life after high school. The senior prom is a long-awaited special occasion they will remember forever. It's a chance to dress up and enjoy a magical evening with friends. Here is your guide to planning the perfect prom celebration, from popping the question and fashion trends, to choosing your dining destination.

Prom Proposals

With the popularity of social media and flash mobs, students are becoming more and more creative in their methods for asking dates to prom. Assistant principal at Cinco Ranch High School Kay Lynn Fenn shares, "I looked out my classroom window one day and saw a car completely covered in sticky notes as an invitation to prom." Fenn also remembers students serenading their dates.

Other elaborate gestures include candles that spell out "p-r-o-m," scavenger hunts throughout the school building, big signs held up at pep rallies or games, asking the question on top of a pizza - even a flash mob at LaCenterra. "Last year a guy filled a girl's locker full of ping pong balls that all said 'Prom?'" shares Jarrod Aman, a senior at Taylor High School.

Making a Statement

Senior girls want to make a fashion statement. The top trends are bold colors, striking designs, sparkling details, and dresses that flow. From hi-lo to full-length styles, fabrics that dance when you do are definitely in.

Classic strapless gowns are also an elegant choice. Carissa Martinez, a student at Katy High School says, "I'm looking for a deep purple dress with a fitted top and a flowing skirt made of chiffon." Her classmate, Nicole Brixey adds, "I want a dress that is unique and completely screams my name when people see it."

"I'm really excited about dressing up," shares Taylor High School senior, Susan Elliott. "I want to look like a princess with a long dress and a full skirt." Many senior girls are planning to choose their dresses online to save time. Others enjoy the experience of dress shopping from store to store. "It's so much fun to try on all the different dresses, even if they are way out of your budget," Elliott says.

Many prom-goers are opting for dresses with sequins, lace, or bead work. Katy High School senior Maranda Ripperger says, "I want lots of embellishments that will stand out." Morton Ranch senior Sophia Arriazola agrees, "I'm looking for a solid color dress with beautiful embellishments."

Complimenting Style

While the dress may take main stage, accessories and hair are just as important to the overall prom look. Girls are choosing swept up hairstyles and understated makeup for a classic, tasteful look. "I love seeing the before and after transformation when getting hair and makeup done," says Cinco Ranch senior Blair Lewis. "I like the look of a curled, low side-ponytail."

Senior at Seven Lakes High School Caroline Chun says, "I'm getting a full updo and makeup that is simple, yet elegant." Morton Ranch senior Miranda Taylor shares, "I want a classy updo and a fresh natural look with soft berry lip color and ethereal white eye shadow."

Most of all, students look forward to making lasting memories with both their family and friends. Mayde Creek senior Erin Timothy is excited about her pre-prom preparations. "I'm looking forward to getting ready with my friends," she says. "We all get a chance to hang out and give our opinions on everything." Sophia Arriazola adds, "It's fun to get all dolled up and pampered."



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Matchy, Matchy

Morton Ranch senior Aidan Burke is looking for a simple, yet classic tux. "Getting dressed up and feeling extra snazzy is my favorite part about getting ready," he laughs. Dates will be dressed in a variety of tuxes this year from classic black to striking white. Many incorporate their own hobbies and interests into their vest or tie such as a hunting theme or college football insignias.

When coordinating with your date, be sure to ask for the colors in her dress so that you can match your attire and her corsage accordingly. Jarrod Aman, a member of the Taylor High School band, says, "I'm renting my band tuxedo, but I'll find a vest or tie to match my date's dress."

Riding in Style

Most seniors feel that attending prom with a large group of friends is the way to go. Amber Azinge, a senior at Cinco Ranch High School shares, "I'm going with my date in a big group, and we'll be getting a party bus." Her classmate Erin Willey agrees, "It's all about spending time with my best friends and sharing memories."

Depending on the size of your group and your budget, prom-goers are electing to rent either a limousine or a party bus - or even borrow dad's classic muscle car for the evening. Martinez remembers last year's prom, "There's something about being in a limo with a group of your closest friends that just makes you feel so special."

Good Advice

Prom can be a magical night, so don't let stress weigh you down. Adding the cost of dinner, clothing, and a limo, students are expecting to spend anywhere from \$150 to \$700 on prom. "Proms have become much more elaborate over the years. They're now more like galas with professional decorators and musicians," says Fenn. "Relax and enjoy it, and avoid the 'prama' or prom drama."

Martinez shares, "Secretly, it's every girl's dream to be asked to prom, but it's not the end of the world if you don't get asked." She suggests going to prom with a group of friends, whether you have a date or not.

"Don't get too caught up in the stress of all the planning," advises Lewis. "When it comes down to it, prom is about having a fun, memorable time with friends before we all go our separate ways - so make the best of it." **KM**



CHERRI NORTHCUTT is the proud mother of a Katy High School senior and is looking forward to all of the prom preparations.

Katy Proms

Katy High School, **May 17**
Houston Marriott Westchase

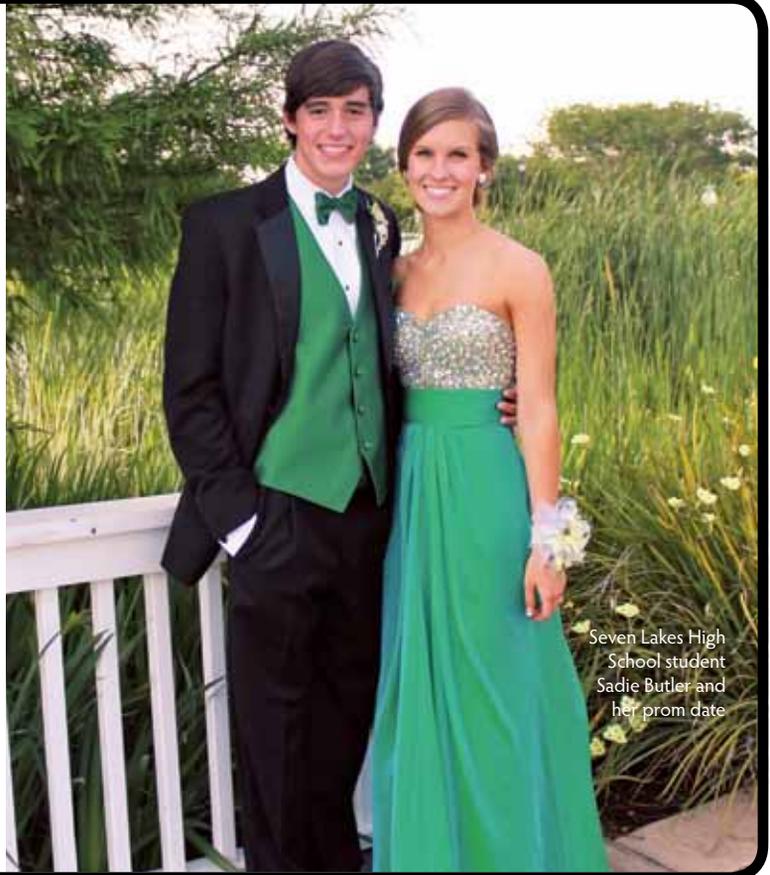
Mayde Creek High School, **May 17**
Westin Houston, Memorial City

Morton Ranch High School, **May 17**
Omni Hotel, Houston

Seven Lakes High School, **May 17**
The Bell Tower on 34th, Houston

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Seven Lakes High School student Sadie Butler and her prom date

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Top Prom Picks

What's in. What's hot. What's fun.

Gowns

- Bright Colors
- Bold Patterns
- Mermaid-style
- Hi-low Skirts
- Beaded Bodices
- Flowing Skirts
- Short Gowns



Amanda Habib and Kendall Oliver



Alex Orlando

Hairstyles

- Side Ponytails
- Messy Braids
- Loose Updos
- Sleek Waves
- Tousled Buns
- Fishtail Braids

Makeup

- Bold Lip Colors
- Natural Eyes
- Bronze Cheeks
- Lash Extensions



Dorian Brown



Sweet Rides

- Classic Cars
- Party Buses
- Limos
- Hummers



Gill Nuss, Will Ramsey, and Kyle Schubert

Ways to Ask

Ask early! Your date has a lot to buy and plan.

- Spell it out in rose petals
- Have it written in icing on a cake
- Hang a large sign in the school
- Team up with friends for a singing telegram
- Light votive candles spelling "Prom?"
 - Write it on her Starbucks order

Katy Magazine 2014 Prom Resource Guide

Hair & Makeup



BH Hair Studio

23701 Cinco Ranch Blvd., #160
281-395-5010
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Hair Zone

1636 S. Mason Rd.
281-395-2422

Highland Salon & Spa

21720 Highland Knolls Dr.
281-578-0200



Pari's Gallery Hair Salon & Day Spa

24219 Kingsland Blvd.
281-347-3177
See ad on page 44



Posh Salon & Spa

3522 S. Mason Rd., # 200
832-437-5620
See ad on page 119



Simply Irresistible Hair Salon

921 S. Mason Rd.
281-492-2222
See ad on page 113

Ulta

455 S. Fry Rd.
281-646-8808

Wen Chic Salon & Spa

6920 S. Fry Rd.
281-395-8600

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Al's Formal Wear

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Houston
281-579-2030

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5000 Katy Mills Circle
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Jos. A. Bank

LaCenterra
23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd.
281-395-9510

Kohl's

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Houston
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Men's Wearhouse

1120 Fry Rd.
Houston
281-578-7817

Gowns

Camille La Vie

303 Memorial City Way
Houston
713-468-3350

Dillard's

900 Memorial City Way
Houston
713-464-1851

Eesh Formals

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281-855-3377

Macy's

900 Memorial City Way
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713-461-0400

Muzzie's

10300 Louetta Rd.
Houston
281-251-5000

Restaurants

3 Olives Italian Restaurant

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832-437-4062

Atami Steak and Sushi

549 S. Mason Rd.
281-398-8885

Benji's

5922 Washington Ave.
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713-868-1131

Birraporetti's

500 Louisiana St.
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713-224-9494

Bonefish Grill

LaCenterra
2643 Commercial Center Blvd.
281-394-5099

Cheesecake Factory

303 Memorial City Way
Houston
713-932-6344



D'Amico's Italian Market Café

LaCenterra
2643 Commercial Center Blvd.
281-769-9682
See ad on page 57



Drix Restaurant & Lounge

1850 S. Mason Rd.
281-371-2749
See ad on page 69

The Grotto Ristorante

4715 Westheimer Rd.
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713-622-3663

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9900 Westpark Dr.
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