

## **Prepper Shows**

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There is much that can be said for the prepper shows which are beginning to pop up all around the country. In such shows you can be afforded an opportunity to witness first hand many of the new survival products that are hitting the market. Often the shows come with an abundance of free samples compliments of the various vendors' present. The worst-case situation will likely provide those who attend a drastic discount on the products being shown at the gathering.

All this glitter is unobjectionable at best. There are many preppers who do not see attending such events as safe for themselves or their families. Pick up a local newspaper and you are likely to find on the front-page news stories which relate to how some deranged individual had decided to visit a get together just to murder those in attendance. This is no small concern for regardless of how well the security is at such event it is still possible for a person to gain entrance with a weapon and inflict untold dangers on the people present.

Secondly, perhaps some people do not cherish the thought of traveling to a large metropolitan city to attend a show at an over-sized convention center. Unfortunately, in order for the venue to be profitable the promoters have to have the expos, shows, etc. in the larger cities. I have similar thoughts. Some locations might be too far to travel to and the cautious survivalist would not want to get in a big city when the SHTF. It isn't that they would be afraid to travel or anything but they are concerned about being in the wrong place at the wrong time hundreds of miles from home. As you can see sometimes it might not be the event but rather its location. Realistically, large convention centers are traditional built in the worse parts of a time. The rationale for this is that in those areas the real estate is much cheaper.

People should avoid those types of events that draw attention to the prepper or survival scene in general. For some people like you and I these events are an excellent opportunity to learn and experience things which we could never accomplish for ourselves in as short of time frame as a weekend.

A recent check at the Pepper Shows USA website revealed few such events scheduled in my neck of the woods. This website is the prime headquarters for prepper and survivalist to local events and shows of interest. They are the number one resource for most shows that are planned across the country. Their information includes such info as dates and times, exhibitors, promotions, the shows locations, ticket pricing (unfortunately the shows are not free), venues, and much more.

During my check I did not find any shows being scheduled for Delaware however the closest appeared to be in York Pennsylvania, or one at Lawrenceville Georgia, while the remainders were either in the Midwest or western portion of the country.

As I mentioned above these meets are not cheap. If you plan to attend make sure that you bring sufficient funds. When you attend you will encounter hundreds of vender booths each wanting to attract your attention. There will be a host of seminars conducted every day they have the show. These are included in your entry fee cost. If you are a vender you can easily rent a 10 foot by 10-foot space for less than \$400 dollars at most of the shows. These programs are not just for preppers or survivalists but often cater to self-reliance lifestyles as well.

In conclusion, if you feel that something like these shows can benefit you feel free to attend one however if you are concerned for your safety and that of your family the choice is your to decide. I always like going with my "gut" feeling. It has served me well in the past.