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CONVENTION AND SPORTS ALERT

This alert contains information on the conventions and sporting events that will be arriving in October. We hope you find the information useful for scheduling and to help welcome attendees.

Ohio Dental Association | Sept. 30-Oct. 3

The 2021 ODA Annual Session will offer opportunities for the entire dental staff to experience the best in continuing education, exhibits and special events.

Attendance: 4,000

Meals: Some meals provided

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Website: www.oda.org

Facebook: [@ohiodentalassoc](https://www.facebook.com/ohiodentalassoc)

Twitter: [@ohiodentalassoc](https://twitter.com/ohiodentalassoc)

Group Contact: Suzanne Brooks, suzy@oda.org

Experience Columbus Contact: Roger Dudley, rdudley@experiencecolumbus.com

Origins Game Fair | Sept. 30-Oct. 3

On top of the 3,000+ gaming events scheduled throughout the week, the annual event also offers a wide variety of other activities, such as True Dungeon experiences, a robust film festival, a full schedule of anime programming and even comedy and music shows.

Attendance: 5,000

Meals: On their own for meals.

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Website: <https://www.originsgamefair.com/>

Facebook: [@TheGDEX](#)

Twitter: [@TheGDEX](#)

Group Contact: John Stacy, john.stacy@gama.org

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All American Quarter Horse Congress | Oct. 1-24

The Ohio Quarter Horse Association was established in 1951, and made its mission to encourage the breeding and competition of Quarter Horses in Ohio, as well as to provide educational opportunities about the breed.

Attendance: 10,000

Location: Ohio State Expo Center and Fairgrounds

Website: www.oqha.com

Facebook: [@OhioQHA](#)

Twitter: [@OQHA](#)

Group Contact: Lisa Martin, lmartin@oqha.com

Experience Columbus Contact: Zach Warmouth, zwarmouth@experiencecolumbus.com

Materials, Science & Technology | Oct. 15-21

The Materials, Science & Technology (MS&T) technical meeting and exhibition is the long-standing, recognized forum for fostering technical innovation at the intersection of materials science, engineering and application. Each year, MS&T brings together scientists, engineers, students, suppliers and business leaders to discuss current research and technical applications and to shape the future of materials science and technology.

Attendance: 2,000

Meals: Some meals provided

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Website: [@MST21](#)

Facebook: [@MSTmeeting](#)

Group Contact: Shannon Kiley, skiley@aist.org

Experience Columbus Contact: Roger Dudley, rdudley@experiencecolumbus.com

Ohio CAT | Oct. 22-24

Headquartered in Broadview Heights, Ohio, Ohio CAT is the exclusive, authorized dealer for CAT equipment and engines throughout Ohio, northern Kentucky and southeastern Indiana.

Attendance: 2,000

Meals: Meals provided

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Website: <http://www.ohioCAT.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OhioCAT>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ohioCAT1>

Group Contact: Cathy Bican, cbican@ohioCAT.com

Experience Columbus Contact: Roger Dudley, rdudley@experiencecolumbus.com

National Association of Sporting Goods Wholesalers | Oct. 22-30

The NASGW is the organizer and sponsor of the industry's former Hunting Show, now known as the NASGW Annual Meeting/Expo Event. This annual event provides an unmatched educational, marketing and communications opportunity for the hunting and shooting sports wholesaler, manufacturer and sales professional.

Attendance: 1,500

Meals: Some meals provided

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Website: <https://nasgw.org/>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/NASGW_Pro

Group Contact: Meg Pawelski, mpawelski@nasgw.org

Experience Columbus Contact: Katie Suty, ksuty@experiencecolumbus.com

Ohio Department of Transportation | Oct. 25-27

With the mission to provide safe and easy movement of people and goods from place to place, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) supports the state highway system and promotes transportation initiatives statewide.

Attendance: 3,000

Meals: Some meals provided

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Website: <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odot/>

Facebook: [@OhioDepartmentOfTransportation/](https://www.facebook.com/OhioDepartmentOfTransportation/)

Twitter: [@ODOT_Statewide](https://twitter.com/ODOT_Statewide)

Group Contact: Lisa Hall, lisa.hall@dot.state.oh.us

Experience Columbus Contact: Roger Dudley, rdudley@experiencecolumbus.com

U.S. Men's Soccer vs. Costa Rica World Cup Qualifier | Oct. 13

The U.S. Men's National Team's third home match of the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qualifying campaign will take place at Lower.com Field, as Columbus hosts a World Cup Qualifier for the sixth-straight World Cup cycle. The match will be broadcast live on ESPN and the Univision family of networks.

Attendance: 20,000+

Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals

Location: Lower.com Field

Website: <https://www.ussoccer.com/>

Facebook: [@U.S. Soccer](#)

Group Contact: Gregory Rush, grush@haslamsports.com

Sports Commission Contact: Eric Archibald, earchibald@columbusports.org

2021 Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon and 1/2 Marathon Oct. 17

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon is one of the largest marathons in the country and it has been ranked by *Runner's World* as one of the top 20 marathons in the United States. It was also ranked by *USA Today* as one of the top 10 fall marathons. The event will be celebrating its 15th anniversary this year.

Attendance: 20,000

Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals

Location: Downtown Columbus

Website: <https://www.columbusmarathon.com/>

Facebook: [@The Columbus Marathon](#)

Group Contact: Darris Blackford, darrisblackford@columbusmarathon.com

Sports Commission Contact: Erica Williams, ewilliams@columbusports.org

2021 Ohio High School Athletic Association Boys and Girls State Golf Championships | Oct 15-16, Oct. 22-23

The 2021 Ohio High School Athletic Association golf season concludes with the 96th Boys and the 29th Girls State Golf Tournaments. Girls and Boys Division II and Boys Division III will play on Oct. 15-16 and Division I for both Girls and Boys play Oct. 22-23.

Attendance: 4,000

Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals

Location: The Ohio State University Golf Course

Website: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/golf>

Facebook: [@Ohio High School Athletic Association](#)

Group Contact: Tyler Brooks, tbrooks@ohsaa.org

Sports Commission Contact: Erica Williams, ewilliams@columbusports.org

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