



This alert contains information on the conventions and sporting events that will be arriving in July 2022. We hope you find this information useful for scheduling and to help welcome attendees.

CRPD Columbus Classic presented by White Castle | July 1-3

The Columbus Recreation and Parks Department will hold the annual Columbus Classic youth baseball/adult softball event July 1-3.

Attendance: 3,000
Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals
Location: Lou Berliner Sports Park
Website: <https://crpdsports.org/>
Facebook: [@RPDSports](#)
Twitter: [@CRPDSports](#)
Group Contact: Jack Castle, JRCastle@Columbus.gov
Sports Commission Contact: Jason Abady, jabady@columbusports.org

Church of God in Christ Auxiliaries in Ministry | July 3-9

The Auxiliaries in Ministry (AIM) Convention, the annual summer convention of the Church of God In Christ, Inc., is geared toward spiritual enrichment, training, education and fellowship. The goal of AIM is effectiveness in ministry. This Convention is a family involvement experience, brings together five auxiliaries of the Church: Music, Youth, Missions, Evangelism and Sunday School, this collection of experiences create what we call the AIM Convention.

Attendance: 7,000
Meals: Attendees are on their own for most meals. They have programming throughout the day and night, so expect late dining.

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website: <https://www.cogic.org/aim/>
Group Contact: Christopher Payton, cpayton@cogic.org
Experience Columbus Contact: Zach Warmouth, zwarmouth@experiencecolumbus.com

Buckeye Elite Showcase Tournament | July 7-10

This is a high exposure event that is attended by many college and professional scouts. It also is one of the most competitive tournaments in the Midwest, with teams from 15 states as well as Canada. Since its inception in 2005, the Prep Baseball Report has evolved into one of the country's biggest and most respected independent scouting services, with a singular focus of providing comprehensive coverage in every state. More than 450 colleges and pro scouts subscribe to the Prep Baseball Report services.

Attendance: 7,500
Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals
Location: Multiple high school and college baseball/softball fields
Website: <https://www.buckeyeelite.com>
Facebook: [@Buckeye Elite Showcase Tournament](#)
Twitter: [@BuckeyeElite](#)
Group Contact: Brandon Gessner, bgessner@helmsbriscoe.com
Sports Commission Contact: Erica Cornell, ecornell@columbusports.org

Fastpitch Showdowns Buckeye RecruitFest | July 8-10

The Fastpitch Showdowns Buckeye RecruitFest is a USA Softball sanctioned tournament for 14U, 16U, and 18U. Colleges and university scouts register to attend this tournament.

Attendance: 3,500
Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals
Location: Lou Berliner Sports Park
Website: <https://www.fastpitchshowdowns.com>
Facebook: [@Fastpitch Showdowns](#)
Twitter: [@FPshowdowns](#)
Group Contact: Ash Beckham, ash@fastpitchshowdowns.com
Sports Commission Contact: Jason Abady, jabady@columbusports.org

Fastpitch Showdowns North American All Sanctioned World Series 16U, 18U, 18+ | July 15-17

The 2021 North American All Sanctioned World Series 16U, 18U, 18+ is open to any team sanctioned USA Softball, USSSA, PONY, Triple Crown, NAFA, AAU, AFA, USFA or any other sanctioning body. The 16U and 18U divisions will play Friday, Saturday Sunday. The 18+ divisions will only play Saturday and Sunday.

Attendance: 3,000
Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals
Location: Lou Berliner Sports Park
Website: <https://www.fastpitchshowdowns.com>

Facebook: [@Fastpitch Showdowns](#)
Twitter: [@FPshowdowns](#)
Group Contact: Ash Beckham, ash@fastpitchshowdowns.com
Sports Commission Contact: Jason Abady, jabady@columbusports.org

AmericanHort Cultivate | July 16-19, 2022

Educational seminars, workshops and tours, plus nearly 700 exhibiting companies make this the country's top horticulture educational and trade show event. Exhibitor entertaining and hosting are a key component during this event. Trade show ends at 2 p.m. on Tuesday.

Attendance: 10,000
Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals. Please anticipate heavy demand for lunch and dinner July 17 and July 18.
Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center, utilizing all downtown hotels and several OSU hotels
Website: <https://www.cultivateevent.org/>
Group Contact: Bill Behrens, Billb@americanhort.org
Experience Columbus Contact: Hannah Henthorne, henthorne@experiencecolumbus.com

Thirty-One Gifts | July 21-25

Thirty-One Gifts is a direct-selling organization specializing in purses, totes, and bags convene for their annual convention.

Attendance: 5,000
Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals
Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website: <https://www.mythirtyone.com/>
Group Contact: Jessica Leadingham, jleadingham@thirtyonegifts.com
Experience Columbus Contact: Carrie Thiel, cthiel@experiencecolumbus.com

Fastpitch Showdowns North American All Sanctioned World Series 14U | July 22-24

The 2021 North American All Sanctioned World Series 14U tournament will be held on the weekend of July 22-24 and is a 5-game guarantee. This event provides a great opportunity for young players in the Midwest to be seen by many college coaches and assistants. All teams will play Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Attendance: 4,000
Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals
Location: Lou Berliner Sports Park
Website: <https://www.fastpitchshowdowns.com>
Facebook: [@Fastpitch Showdowns](#)
Twitter: [@FPshowdowns](#)
Group Contact: Ash Beckham, ash@fastpitchshowdowns.com
Sports Commission Contact: Jason Abady, jabady@columbusports.org

Fastpitch Showdowns North American All Sanctioned World Series 8-12 | July 29-31

The 2021 North American All Sanctioned World Series 8U, 10U, and 12U tournament will be the last weekend of July.

Attendance:	3,300
Meals:	Attendees are on their own for meals
Location:	Lou Berliner Sports Park
Website:	https://www.fastpitchshowdowns.com
Facebook:	@Fastpitch Showdowns
Twitter:	@FPshowdowns
Group Contact:	Ash Beckham, ash@fastpitchshowdowns.com
Sports Commission Contact:	Jason Abady, jabady@columbusports.org

Fraternal Order of Eagles | July 29 – August 4

The Fraternal Order of Eagles is an international non-profit organization uniting fraternally in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice, and equality, to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills and promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope.

Attendance:	2,500
Meals:	Some meals provided
Location:	Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website:	https://www.foe.com/News/Convention
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