



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

## Structural Building Components Association | September 12–16

The Building Component Manufacturers Conference (BCMC) has become a trusted venue for structural building component manufacturers to learn about the latest ideas, products and trends throughout their entire supply chain. This annual trade show includes a dynamic exhibit floor with machinery demonstrations, educational opportunities and the chance to enjoy the camaraderie of an industry that spans generations.

<b>Attendance:</b>	1,000
<b>Meals:</b>	Meals provided at networking events in the evenings; attendees are on their own for lunches.
<b>Location:</b>	Greater Columbus Convention Center
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://www.sbcacomponents.com/">https://www.sbcacomponents.com/</a>
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/SBCAcomponents/">https://www.facebook.com/SBCAcomponents/</a>
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## Ohio Dental Association | September 15–17

The ODA Annual Session will offer many opportunities for attendees to connect, learn and excel, including CE courses, new technology, exhibitor networking and special events. We are planning an Annual Session that is safe, fun, engaging and educational.

<b>Attendance:</b>	5,000
<b>Meals:</b>	Some meals provided.

**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center  
**Website:** <http://www.oda.org>  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ohiodentalassoc>  
**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/ohiodentalassoc>  
**Group Contact:** Suzanne Brooks, [suzy@oda.org](mailto:suzy@oda.org)  
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## International City/County Management Association | September 17–21

For 108 years, the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Annual Conference has been where thousands of local government management professionals have gathered to share and get new ideas, strategies, resources, and solutions for managing local governments in today's complex environment. With four days of learning, inspiration, and connection, attendees will leave equipped with the tools and support they need to make their communities a better place to live, work, and play. No other local government management conference offers the programming, exhibitors, or networking that ICMA's international conference offers.

**Attendance:** 3,500  
**Meals:** Lunches provided during conference days and evening events are ticketed.  
**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center  
**Website:** <https://conference.icma.org/>  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ICMAORG/>  
**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/icma>  
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## Ohio Restaurant Association | September 25–26

The Mid-America Restaurant Expo will attract thousands of industry experts, exhibitors, and operators from throughout the Midwest to discuss the latest trends and topics affecting the restaurant industry. Our exhibit hall showcases the newest equipment, and tools created specifically for restaurants, in addition to the most innovative food and beverage products available.

**Attendance:** 4,000  
**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.  
**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center  
**Website:** <http://www.ohiorerestaurant.org/>  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/MidAmResExpo/>  
**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/midamresexpo>  
**Group Contact:** Shoshanna Gross, [sgross@ohiorerestaurant.org](mailto:sgross@ohiorerestaurant.org)  
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## Endeavor Business Media | September 26–30

Firehouse Expo features a full program of hands-on training classes, pre-conference workshops, a 3-day conference program, exhibition floor and networking events designed to connect fellow fire service professionals. Partnering closely with local and regional departments, the educational opportunities in 2022 will be second to none, featuring top instructors from across the nation sharing their insights, experiences, tactics and lessons learned.

**Attendance:** 6,500  
**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.  
**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center  
**Website:** <http://www.endeavorbusinessmedia.com>  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/FirehouseExpo/>  
**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/FirehouseExpo/>  
**Group Contact:** Jennifer Lindsey, [jlindsey@endeavorb2b.com](mailto:jlindsey@endeavorb2b.com)  
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## Ohio Quarter Horse Association | September 27–October 23

The All American Quarter Horse Congress is the world's largest single-breed horse show, with 25,000 entries in 2019. Held at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus, the show attracts 650,000 people and generates \$409 million in the central Ohio economy. The All American Quarter Horse Congress is hosted by the Ohio Quarter Horse Association, a state affiliate of the American Quarter Horse Association.

**Attendance:** 10,000  
**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.  
**Location:** Ohio Expo Center  
**Website:** <http://www.oqha.com>  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/quarterhorsecongress>  
**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/qhcongress>  
**Experience Columbus Contact:** Zach Warmouth, [zwarmouth@experiencecolumbus.com](mailto:zwarmouth@experiencecolumbus.com)

## Premiere Beauty Classic | October 2–3

Premiere Columbus is a trade show for the professional beauty industry where licensed professionals connect with manufacturers and distributors of hair, nail and skincare products. With over 130 classes offered, Premiere Columbus is a venue with multiple resources for discovering new techniques, new trends and new products.

**Attendance:** 9,000  
**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.  
**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center  
**Website:** <https://premierecolumbusshow.biz/>  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/PremiereColumbus>  
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## American Health Information Management Association | October 9–12

The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) is the leading voice and authority in health information, wherever it is found. Our people work at the intersection of healthcare, technology, and business.

**Attendance:** 5,000  
**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.

**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center  
**Website:** <http://www.ahima.org/>  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/AHIMAOfficial/>  
**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/ahimaresources/?hl=en>  
**Group Contact:** Yolanda Simmons-Battle, [yolanda.simmons-battle@ahima.org](mailto:yolanda.simmons-battle@ahima.org)  
**Experience Columbus Contact:** Roger Dudley, [rdudley@experiencecolumbus.com](mailto:rdudley@experiencecolumbus.com)

## Ohio Optometric Association | October 12–15

The Ohio Optometric Association serves its members and their patients by advocating for the profession to the public and policymakers, promoting the importance of and access to comprehensive eye care, and providing meaningful resources that strengthen professional viability.

**Attendance:** 1,300  
**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.  
**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center  
**Website:** <http://www.ooa.org>  
**Group Contact:** Jordan Quickel, [jquickel@ooa.org](mailto:jquickel@ooa.org)  
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## Ohio High School Athletic Association | October 14–22

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) serves its members, related professional organizations and students by providing leadership for the administration of education-based interscholastic activities, which support academic achievement, good citizenship and equitable opportunities.

**Attendance:** 3,900  
**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.  
**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center  
**Website:** <https://www.ohsaa.org/>  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/OHSAASports/>  
**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/OHSAASports>  
**Group Contact:** Tyler Brooks, [tbrooks@ohsaa.org](mailto:tbrooks@ohsaa.org)  
**Sports Commission Contact:** Jason Abady, [jabady@columbusports.org](mailto:jabady@columbusports.org)

## Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon | October 14–16

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon and 1/2 Marathon has raised more than \$11 million for Nationwide Children's Hospital since it became the title beneficiary of the event in 2012. The Columbus Marathon will be held for the 42nd time in 2022; this year will mark the 16th edition of the 1/2 Marathon and the first for both the 5K and 1 Mile races.

**Attendance:** 56,000  
**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.  
**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center  
**Website:** <http://www.columbusmarathon.com>  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ColumbusMarathon/>  
**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/cbusmarathon>

**Group Contact:** Darris Blackford, [darris@sprynet.com](mailto:darris@sprynet.com)  
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## SOLA Group | October 16–20

SOLA Group, Inc. is a business media company covering the \$700 billion business of residential design and construction. With daily content and deep industry expertise, we've built a community of architects, custom builders, remodelers and kitchen and bath designers for our clients to connect with.

**Attendance:** 500  
**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.  
**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center  
**Website:** <https://clubohiosoccer.demosphere-secure.com/>  
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## Midwest Institute for Sexuality and Gender Diversity | October 21–23

This will be the 30th annual Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Asexual College Conference.

**Attendance:** 1,800  
**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.  
**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center  
**Website:** [mblgtacc.org](http://mblgtacc.org)  
**Group Contact:** Justin Drwencke, [justin@sgdinstitute.org](mailto:justin@sgdinstitute.org)  
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## Ohio Department of Transportation | October 25–26

Now more than ever, transportation plays a vital role in connecting communities and enhancing communities' well-being. At the Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference 2022, learn and discover how together we will build a brighter tomorrow.

**Attendance:** 3,800  
**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.  
**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center  
**Website:** <http://www.otec.transportation.ohio.gov>  
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**Experience Columbus Contact:** Roger Dudley, [rdudley@experiencecolumbus.com](mailto:rdudley@experiencecolumbus.com)

## Grand Lodge Of Free And Accepted Masons Of Ohio | October 27–29

Freemasonry is one of the oldest fraternal organizations in the world. It unites men of good character who, though of different religious, ethnic or social backgrounds, share a belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of mankind. Freemasonry offers a system or blueprint for the good man to further improve his character and actions through its system of degrees, symbols, and fellowship opportunities.

**Attendance:** 1,600  
**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.  
**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center  
**Website:** <http://www.freemason.com>  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/grandlodgeohio/>  
**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/GrandLodgeOhio>  
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**Experience Columbus Contact:** Carrie Thiel, [cthiel@experiencecolumbus.com](mailto:cthiel@experiencecolumbus.com)

## American Society Of Mechanical Engineers | October 30–November 3

ASME helps the global engineering community develop solutions to real world challenges. Founded in 1880 as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, ASME is a not-for-profit professional organization that enables collaboration, knowledge sharing and skill development across all engineering disciplines, while promoting the vital role of the engineer in society.

**Attendance:** 1,700  
**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.  
**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center  
**Website:** <http://www.asme.org>  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ASME.org>  
**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/asmedotorg>  
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## Glass Manufacturing Industry Council | October 31–November 2

GMIC is a non-profit trade association representing the interests of the glass manufacturing industry. GMIC bridges all segments of glass manufacturing, including float glass, container, fiber, and specialty glass. GMIC does for individual companies what they would find difficult to do on their own; provide technical education, coordinate technical initiatives, provide industry intelligence, develop workforce, advocate with lawmakers, promote the usage and image of glass products and provide opportunities to meet and exchange ideas. Incorporated in 1998, the council is governed by a board of trustees with offices in Westerville, Ohio.

**Attendance:** 500  
**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.  
**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center  
**Website:** <https://gmic.org/>  
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