



This alert contains information on the conventions and sporting events that will be arriving in December 2022 and January 2023. We hope you find this information useful for scheduling and to help welcome attendees.

Approaching more quickly than ever is [PCMA's 2023 Convening Leaders](#), bringing the world's business events professionals to Columbus. As PCMA'S flagship education and networking event (Jan. 8–11, 2023), Convening Leaders has the potential to impact Columbus' meetings and conventions industry in the years to come! You can find out more about this event's effect on local restaurants and businesses below.

PCMA 2023 Convening Leaders | January 8–11

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Experience Columbus will provide:

- Window clings to display and welcome attendees
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Attendance:	3,700
Meals:	Breakfast and lunch are provided at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, but suppliers will be looking to entertain their customers for breakfast, lunch, dinner and happy hours at nearby restaurants. PCMA is a highly social group, so please have your restaurant open every day and evening for the duration of the event. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday will be the busiest days. Many attendees may arrive on Saturday, January 7 to enjoy Gallery Hop in the Short North Arts District and other Saturday night activities.
Location:	Greater Columbus Convention Center and Hilton Columbus Downtown
Website:	https://www.pcma.org/event/2023-pcma-convening-leaders/
Facebook:	https://www.facebook.com/PCMAHQ
Twitter:	https://twitter.com/pcmahq
Experience Columbus Contact:	Roger Dudley, rdudley@experiencecolumbus.com

December 2022 Events

Ohio Association of County Boards Serving People with Developmental Disabilities 2022 Annual Convention | November 30–December 2

The OACB 39th Annual Convention of the Ohio Association of County Boards of DD, will be held from November 30–December 2 at the Hilton Columbus at Easton.

Attendance: 1,000
Meals: Attendees are provided lunch.
Location: Hilton Columbus at Easton
Website: www.oacbdd.org
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/oacbdd>
Group Contact: Beatrice Nyero, bnjero@oacbdd.org
Experience Columbus Contact: Katy Baker, kbaker@experiencecolumbus.com

Galaxycon Columbus | December 2–4

GalaxyCon is a public festival of fandom with celebrities, artists, writers, voice actors, cosplayers, entertainers, creators, wrestlers, fan groups, and panelists. Attendees will enjoy over 300 hours of programming with celebrity Q&As, costume contests, cosplay wrestling, comedy, autograph signings, professional photo ops, fan panels, tabletop & video gaming, and so much more!

Attendance: 5,000
Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals.
Location: Hyatt Regency Columbus
Website: <https://galaxycon.com>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/galaxyconlive>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/galaxyconlive>
Group Contact: Mike Broder, mike@galaxycon.com
Experience Columbus Contact: Amanda Chiodo, achiodo@experiencecolumbus.com

2022 Hockey Time Productions Buckeye Classic Series | December 2–4

Attendance: 600
Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals.
Location: OhioHealth Chiller
Website: <https://www.itshockeytime.com/tournament>
Group Contact: matt@itshockeytime.com
Sports Commission Contact: Jason Abady, Jabady@columbusports.org

2022 OTF Regional Conference & Show | December 5–8

This event brings together top state and national industry leaders who will discuss current issues impacting the green industry. The conference and show is the principal business meeting of the Association and the premier networking event of the year.

Attendance: 1,400
Meals: Attendees are on their own for most meals, but lunch is provided.
Location: Hilton Columbus Downtown
Website: <http://www.ohioturfgrass.org>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OhioTurfgrass/>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ohioturfgrass>
Group Contact: Lori Landry, lori@bennett-management-llc.com
Experience Columbus Contact: Katy Baker, kbaker@experiencecolumbus.com

2022 ECONOMIX | December 7–8

ECONOMIX is a blending of economic development professionals, coming together to stir additional insights and practical tools to enhance work in their respective communities. ECONOMIX is designed for economic developers by economic developers. Plan to mix things up as attendees will add critical ingredients to their personal leadership recipe. And, to add some spice, ECONOMIX will feature over 24 site consultants who are getting deals done and are ready to connect with you.

Attendance: 225
Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals.
Location: Hilton Columbus Downtown
Website: <http://www.consultantconnect.org>
Twitter: https://twitter.com/Consultant_CNCT
Group Contact: Cynthia McMullin, cynthia@consultantconnect

Experience Columbus Contact: Hannah Henthorne, henthorne@experiencecolumbus.com

2022 Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting | December 9–11

The Ohio Farm Bureau is a grassroots membership organization that is committed to supporting our farm and food community.

Attendance: 750
Meals: Attendees have some meals provided.
Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center/Hilton Columbus Downtown
Website: <http://www.ofbf.org>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OhioFarmBureau/>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ohiofarmbureau>
Group Contact: Julie Shull, jshull@ofbf.org
Experience Columbus Contact: Carrie Thiel, cthiel@experiencecolumbus.com

2022 OVR Boys Molten Holiday Tournament | December 17–18

Attendance: 950
Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals.
Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website: <https://www.ovr.org/index.php>
Group Contact: rwyzynski@neo.rr.com
Sports Commission Contact: Jason Abady, Jabady@columbusports.org

January 2023 Events

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Ohio Fair Managers Association 2023 Annual Convention | January 12–15

The Ohio Fair Managers Association located in the Great Agricultural State of Ohio is a voluntary, not-for-profit Corporation, serving State, Independent and County Agricultural Fairs, shows, exhibitions,

and several festivals within Ohio. The theme, "Communication is Key, Please Please Talk to Me" was chosen for the 98th Annual gathering of Ohio's Fairs, Service Members and government officials.

Attendance: 4,000
Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals.
Location: Hyatt Regency Columbus
Website: <http://www.ohiofairs.org>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ohiofairs>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ohiofairs>
Group Contact: Howard Call, ohiofairs@att.net
Experience Columbus Contact: Katie Baker, kbaker@experiencecolumbus

Hockey Time Production Buckeye Classic Tournament Series | January 13–16

Attendance: 600
Meals: Attendees have some meals provided.
Location: Chiller Ice Rinks
Website: <https://www.itshockeytime.com/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hockeytimeproductions/>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HockeyTimeProd>
Group Contact: Matt Rice, matt@itshockeytime.com
Sports Commission Contact: Jason Abady, jabady@columbusports.org

2023 Ohayocon Annual Convention | January 19–21

Ohayocon is a 3-day event that focuses on the art, culture and community surrounding Japanese animation.

Attendance: 11,000
Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals.
Location: Hyatt Regency Columbus
Website: <http://www.ohayocon.org/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Ohayocon/>
Group Contact: Melissa Phelps, melissa.phelps@ohayocon.org
Experience Columbus Contact: Amanda Chiodo, achiodo@experiencecolumbus.com

Ohio Township Association 2023 Winter Conference | January 25–27

The Ohio Township Association is a statewide organization dedicated to promoting and preserving Ohio townships and township government through educational materials, forums, and lobbying efforts.

Attendance: 3,000
Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals.
Location: Hyatt Regency Columbus
Website: <http://www.ohiotownships.org>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OhioTownshipAssociation>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/OhioTwpAssoc>
Group Contact: Michael Zaky, zaky@ohiotownships
Experience Columbus Contact: Zach Warmouth, zwarmouth@experiencecolumbus.com

Reading Recovery Council of North America 2023 Lit Con | January 27–31

LitCon is a National K-8 Literacy & Reading Recovery Conference that is the homecoming of leaders in childhood literacy! Attendees will be among the first to know about current research findings, critical news, and leading practices in K-8 literacy education that go beyond theory to actual practice.

Attendance: 1,800
Meals: Attendees have some meals provided.
Location: Hyatt Regency Columbus
Website: www.readingrecovery.org
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ReadingRecovery>
Twitter: https://twitter.com/rrcna_org
Group Contact: Lori Sobota, lsobota@readingrecovery.org
Experience Columbus Contact: Amanda Chiodo, achiodo@experiencecolumbus.com

Ohio Valley Region Volleyball – Mizuno Girls Winterfest | January 28–29

Attendance:	2,500
Meals:	Attendees have some meals provided.
Location:	Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website:	https://www.ovr.org/index.php
Facebook:	https://www.facebook.com/ovrbeach
Twitter:	https://twitter.com/OVRegion
Group Contact:	Ron Wyzynski, rwyzynski@neo.rr.com
Sports Commission Contact:	Jason Abady, jabady@columbusports.org

2023 OMEA Annual | January 31–February 4

The 2023 OMEA (Ohio Music Education Association) Professional Development Conference is the third largest music conference in the United States with nearly 300 sessions presented by nationally recognized master teachers demonstrating research-based, best practices in the field of music education. Registration includes access to the largest trade show in east of the Mississippi. Around 250 exhibitors from across the United States will be displaying new products available in the music industry.

Attendance:	2,900
Meals:	Attendees have some meals provided.
Location:	Hyatt Regency Columbus
Website:	http://www.omea-ohio.org
Group Contact:	Jay Wardeska, executive_director@omea-ohio.org
Experience Columbus Contact:	Carrie Thiel, cthiel@experiencecolumbus.com

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