

# EXPERIENCE COLUMBUS



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

## October Events

### The Materials Science & Technology (MS&T) Conference | October 1–4

Celebrating 20 Years of MS&T in 2023! 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. The event's unmatched technical program addresses structure, properties, processing, and performance across the materials community. Its exhibition showcases a wide variety of equipment and services to the automotive, aerospace, instrumentation, medical, oilfield, and energy industries.

<b>Attendance:</b>	3,000
<b>Meals:</b>	Some meals provided for attendees. Most meals will be on their own.
<b>Location:</b>	Hyatt Regency Columbus
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://tms.org">tms.org</a>
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://facebook.com/MSTmeeting">facebook.com/MSTmeeting</a>
<b>Twitter:</b>	<a href="https://twitter.com/Materialshowusa">twitter.com/Materialshowusa</a>
<b>Group Contact:</b>	Liz Green, <a href="mailto:lgreen@ceramics.org">lgreen@ceramics.org</a>
<b>Experience Columbus Contact:</b>	Carrie Thiel, <a href="mailto:cthiel@experiencecolumbus.com">cthiel@experiencecolumbus.com</a>

### Premiere Beauty Classic | October 8–9

Premiere Columbus is a tradeshow 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. Come join us in Columbus, October 8-9, 2023 and further your career!

<b>Attendance:</b>	9,000
<b>Meals:</b>	Attendees are on their own for meals. Most stay close to GCCC for lunch.
<b>Location:</b>	Hilton Columbus Downtown
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://premiereshows.com">premiereshows.com</a>
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://facebook.com/pages/Premiere-Beauty-Classic-Columbus-Ohio">facebook.com/pages/Premiere-Beauty-Classic-Columbus-Ohio</a>
<b>Group Contact:</b>	Ed McNeil, <a href="mailto:ed@premiereshows.com">ed@premiereshows.com</a>
<b>Experience Columbus Contact:</b>	Katie Baker, <a href="mailto:kbaker@experiencecolumbus.com">kbaker@experiencecolumbus.com</a>

## Edison Electric Institute (EEI) National Key Accounts Workshop | October 8–11

EEI's semi-annual National Key Accounts Workshop is the venue where national corporate energy users can explore the latest industry trends and discuss best practices for tackling all of their energy-related needs.

<b>Attendance:</b>	700
<b>Meals:</b>	Attendees will be on their own for some meals.
<b>Location:</b>	Greater Columbus Convention Center
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://eei.org">eei.org</a>
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://facebook.com/edisonelectricinstitute">facebook.com/edisonelectricinstitute</a>
<b>Twitter:</b>	<a href="https://twitter.com/Edison_Electric">twitter.com/Edison_Electric</a>
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## National African American Insurance Association (NAAIA) National Conference | October 10–12

The National African American Insurance Association (NAAIA) was organized to create a network among people of color and others employed in or affiliated with the insurance industry.

<b>Attendance:</b>	750
<b>Meals:</b>	Some meals are provided for attendees.
<b>Location:</b>	Hilton Columbus Downtown
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://naaia.org">naaia.org</a>
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://facebook.com/naaianow">facebook.com/naaianow</a>
<b>Twitter:</b>	<a href="https://twitter.com/naaianow">twitter.com/naaianow</a>
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## International Dyslexia Conference | October 12–14

The Annual Reading, Literacy & Learning conference is hub of information and support for anyone affected by dyslexia. Teachers, researchers, parents, advocates, and therapists are all invited to learn, network, and gain the tools they need to help those with dyslexia live successful, productive lives.

<b>Attendance:</b>	1,500
<b>Meals:</b>	Attendees will be on their own for some meals, lunch will be provided.
<b>Location:</b>	Hyatt Regency Columbus
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://dyslexiaida.org">dyslexiaida.org</a>
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://facebook.com/DyslexialDA">facebook.com/DyslexialDA</a>
<b>Twitter:</b>	<a href="https://twitter.com/DyslexialDA">twitter.com/DyslexialDA</a>
<b>Group Contact:</b>	Sonja Banks, <a href="mailto:sbanks@dyslexia.org">sbanks@dyslexia.org</a>
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## OHSAA Boys and Girls State Golf Championships | October 13–14 & 20–21

<b>Attendance:</b>	3,600
<b>Location:</b>	The Ohio State University Golf Club and NorthStar Golf Club
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://ohsaa.org">ohsaa.org</a>
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://facebook.com/OHSAA.Net">facebook.com/OHSAA.Net</a>
<b>Group Contact:</b>	Monroe Britton, <a href="mailto:mbritton@ohsaa.org">mbritton@ohsaa.org</a>
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## Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon | October 15

<b>Attendance:</b>	38,000
<b>Location:</b>	North Bank Park
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://columbusmarathon.com/marathon">columbusmarathon.com/marathon</a>
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://facebook.com/ColumbusMarathon">facebook.com/ColumbusMarathon</a>
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**Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith International  
Women's Council | October 16–22**

<b>Attendance:</b>	800
<b>Meals:</b>	Most meals are provided for attendees.
<b>Location:</b>	Hilton Columbus Downtown
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://cooljc.org">cooljc.org</a>
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://facebook.com/COOLJCOfficial">facebook.com/COOLJCOfficial</a>
<b>Twitter:</b>	<a href="https://twitter.com/COOLJCOfficial">twitter.com/COOLJCOfficial</a>
<b>Group Contact:</b>	Bishop William Wilkins, <a href="mailto:elderwilliamwilkins@gmail.com">elderwilliamwilkins@gmail.com</a>
<b>Experience Columbus Contact:</b>	Katie Baker, <a href="mailto:kbaker@experiencecolumbus.com">kbaker@experiencecolumbus.com</a>

**Urban and Regional Information Systems Association – GIS Pro 2023 |  
October 16–19**

Founded in 1963, the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) is a non-profit professional society of GIS (geographic information systems) professionals who typically work in local, regional and state/provincial government. URISA hosts numerous educational programs/conferences every year.

<b>Attendance:</b>	400
<b>Meals:</b>	Attendees will be on their own for some meals.
<b>Location:</b>	Hilton Columbus Downtown
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://urisa.org">urisa.org</a>
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://facebook.com/5860353169">facebook.com/5860353169</a>
<b>Twitter:</b>	<a href="https://twitter.com/urisa">twitter.com/urisa</a>
<b>Group Contact:</b>	Wendy Nelson, <a href="mailto:wnelson@urisa.org">wnelson@urisa.org</a>
<b>Experience Columbus Contact:</b>	Carrie Thiel, <a href="mailto:cthiel@experiencecolumbus.com">cthiel@experiencecolumbus.com</a>

**Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference | October 17–18**

The Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference is a two-day conference attended by nearly 4,000 people from across the state of Ohio. OTEC is co-sponsored by the Ohio Department of Transportation and The Ohio State University, and the conference is organized to provide something for everyone interested in Ohio's transportation industry. The program tries to address the latest policy and technical information, as well as covering new ideas in transportation policy, planning, environmental, design, construction, maintenance, operation, local government, and management of transportation resources.

<b>Attendance:</b>	3,800
<b>Meals:</b>	Attendees will be on their own for some meals.
<b>Location:</b>	Hyatt Regency Columbus
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://otec.transportation.ohio.gov/attendees">otec.transportation.ohio.gov/attendees</a>
<b>Group Contact:</b>	Lisa Hall, <a href="mailto:lisa.hall@dot.state.oh.us">lisa.hall@dot.state.oh.us</a>
<b>Experience Columbus Contact:</b>	Jeremy Tipton, <a href="mailto:jtipton@experiencecolumbus.com">jtipton@experiencecolumbus.com</a>

**Association of Air Medical Services Elevate Conference | October 23–25**

AMTC attendees can expect a fresh experience featuring unmatched education including hands-on lab sessions and advanced clinical, communications, aviation safety and management sessions. The event features industry expert instruction, as well as uplifting and informative keynote sessions. Our tradeshow is chock full of the newest technologies and most innovative products and services available to the medical transport industry. Get ready for a robust variety of networking opportunities based on professional role, geographic location, personal demographics and different interests.

<b>Attendance:</b>	2,500
<b>Meals:</b>	Attendees are on their own for most meals. Sunday evening meal is provided.
<b>Location:</b>	Hilton Columbus Downtown
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://aams.org">aams.org</a>
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://facebook.com/AAMS">facebook.com/AAMS</a>
<b>Group Contact:</b>	Christina Childs, <a href="mailto:cchilds@aams.org">cchilds@aams.org</a>
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**National Association of Sporting Goods Wholesalers Annual Meeting & Expo  
| October 24–27**

The NASGW Annual Meeting/Expo 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:** Attendees are on their own for meals.  
**Location:** Hilton Columbus Downtown  
**Website:** [nasgw.org](http://nasgw.org)  
**Twitter:** [twitter.com/NASGW\\_Pro](https://twitter.com/NASGW_Pro)  
**Group Contact:** Meg Pawelski, [mpawelski@nasgw.org](mailto:mpawelski@nasgw.org)  
**Experience Columbus Contact:** Katie Baker, [kbaker@experiencecolumbus.com](mailto:kbaker@experiencecolumbus.com)

### Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses Annual Conference | October 26–28

OAAPN is committed to changing Ohio law to allow APRNs the ability to provide the best possible health care to Ohioans. Full Practice Authority is defined as the “collection of state practice and licensure laws that allow APRNs to evaluate patients, diagnose, order and interpret diagnostic tests, initiate and manage treatments – including prescribe medications – under the exclusive licensure authority of the state board of nursing.”

**Attendance:** 500  
**Meals:** Some meals are provided for attendees.  
**Location:** Hyatt Regency Columbus  
**Website:** [oaapn.org](http://oaapn.org)  
**Facebook:** [facebook.com/OAAPN](https://facebook.com/OAAPN)  
**Twitter:** [twitter.com/OAAPN](https://twitter.com/OAAPN)  
**Group Contact:** Angela Flynn, [angela@assnoffices.com](mailto:angela@assnoffices.com)  
**Experience Columbus Contact:** Zach Warmouth, [zwarmouth@experiencecolumbus.com](mailto:zwarmouth@experiencecolumbus.com)

### National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT) 2023 Annual Conference and Trade Show | October 27–31

The NAPT Annual Conference has strengthened the student transportation industry by providing curated, thought-provoking content and a solution focused trade show designed to advance how we transport our nation’s students.

**Attendance:** 725  
**Meals:** Attendees will be on their own for lunch on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.  
**Location:** Hyatt Regency Columbus  
**Website:** [napt.org](http://napt.org)  
**Facebook:** [facebook.com/NAPTHQ](https://facebook.com/NAPTHQ)  
**Twitter:** [twitter.com/NAPTHQ](https://twitter.com/NAPTHQ)  
**Group Contact:** Angela Kelly, [angela@napt.org](mailto:angela@napt.org)  
**Experience Columbus Contact:** Amanda Kisabeth, [akisabeth@experiencecolumbus.com](mailto:akisabeth@experiencecolumbus.com)

### November Events

### Ohio Optometric Association East West Eye Conference | November 1–4

The EastWest Eye Conference is the premier conference in the Midwest for eye care professionals. This year, EastWest has the same high-quality CE and fun events along with a new location – Columbus!

**Attendance:** 1,300  
**Meals:** Attendees will be on their own for most meals.  
**Location:** Hilton Columbus Downtown  
**Website:** [ooa.org](http://ooa.org)  
**Group Contact:** Jordan Quickel, [jquickel@ooa.org](mailto:jquickel@ooa.org)  
**Experience Columbus Contact:** Zach Warmouth, [zwarmouth@experiencecolumbus.com](mailto:zwarmouth@experiencecolumbus.com)

### Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) Annual Conference | November 2–3

The Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) serves more than 240 member schools, offering accreditation services, professional development, and opportunities for networking in thirteen states. Their mission is to lead schools in providing exemplary education. They are committed to fostering and furthering equitable, affirming, safe and just environments for schools and in the ISACS workplace.

**Attendance:** 900  
**Meals:** Lunch is provided to attendees.  
**Location:** Hilton Columbus Downtown  
**Website:** [isacs.org](http://isacs.org)  
**Facebook:** [facebook.com/independentschoolsassociationofthecentralstates](https://facebook.com/independentschoolsassociationofthecentralstates)  
**Twitter:** [twitter.com/ISACSnews](https://twitter.com/ISACSnews)  
**Group Contact:** Karen Zeitlin, [karen@isacs.org](mailto:karen@isacs.org)  
**Experience Columbus Contact:** Carrie Thiel, [cthiel@experiencecolumbus.com](mailto:cthiel@experiencecolumbus.com)

### OHSAA Boys and Girls State Cross Country Championships | November 4

**Attendance:** 5,000  
**Location:** Fortress Obetz  
**Website:** [ohsaa.org](http://ohsaa.org)  
**Facebook:** [facebook.com/OHSAA.Net](https://facebook.com/OHSAA.Net)  
**Group Contact:** Dustin Ware, [dware@ohsaa.org](mailto:dware@ohsaa.org)  
**Sports Commission Contact:** Mason Zimmer, [mzimmer@columbusports.org](mailto:mzimmer@columbusports.org)

### Club Ohio Fall Classic | November 4–5

**Attendance:** 1,500  
**Location:** Spindler Park & Kilbourne Run Sports Park  
**Website:** [clubohiosoccer.com/tournaments](http://clubohiosoccer.com/tournaments)  
**Facebook:** [facebook.com/ClubOhioSoccer](https://facebook.com/ClubOhioSoccer)  
**Group Contact:** Sandy Poole, [sandy.poole@clubohiosoccer.com](mailto:sandy.poole@clubohiosoccer.com)  
**Sports Commission Contact:** Mason Zimmer, [mzimmer@columbusports.org](mailto:mzimmer@columbusports.org)

### Glass Manufacturing Industry Council – 84<sup>th</sup> Conference on Glass Problems | November 6–9

The Conference on Glass Problems is organized by the Glass Manufacturing Industry Council and Alfred University. It is endorsed by The American Ceramic Society. Glass Worldwide is the official journal.

**Attendance:** 500  
**Meals:** Attendees will have lunch provided in the exhibit hall.  
**Location:** Hilton Columbus Downtown  
**Website:** [gmic.org](http://gmic.org)  
**Group Contact:** Andrea Ross, [aross@ceramics.org](mailto:aross@ceramics.org)  
**Experience Columbus Contact:** Carrie Thiel, [cthiel@experiencecolumbus.com](mailto:cthiel@experiencecolumbus.com)

### 2023 NAWLA Traders Market | November 8–10

NAWLA Traders Market includes exhibitions, education sessions, and a multitude of networking opportunities for those in the forest products industry.

**Attendance:** 1,500  
**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.  
**Location:** Hilton Columbus Downtown  
**Website:** [nawla.org](http://nawla.org)  
**Facebook:** [facebook.com/NAWLA1893](https://facebook.com/NAWLA1893)  
**Twitter:** [twitter.com/NAWLA1893](https://twitter.com/NAWLA1893)  
**Group Contact:** Sarah Gornik, [sgornik@nawla.org](mailto:sgornik@nawla.org)  
**Experience Columbus Contact:** Amanda Kisabeth, [akisabeth@experiencecolumbus.com](mailto:akisabeth@experiencecolumbus.com)

### OHSAA Boys and Girls State Soccer Championships | November 10–11

**Attendance:** 5,000  
**Location:** Lower.com Field and Historic Crew Stadium  
**Website:** [ohsaa.org](http://ohsaa.org)  
**Facebook:** [facebook.com/OHSAA.Net](https://facebook.com/OHSAA.Net)

**Group Contact:** Kate Barnett, [kbarnett@ohsaa.org](mailto:kbarnett@ohsaa.org)  
**Sports Commission Contact:** Mason Zimmer, [mzimmer@columbusports.org](mailto:mzimmer@columbusports.org)

## Ohio School Boards Association Annual Capital Conference & Trade Show | November 12–14

There are many reasons to attend the 2023 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show, and “Leadership for Learning” is what the conference is all about — professional development that prepares school district management teams for an ever-changing array of important education issues. The second-largest education convention in the nation runs Nov. 12-14 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

**Attendance:** 9,500  
**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for most meals.  
**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center  
**Website:** [conference.ohioschoolboards.org](https://conference.ohioschoolboards.org)  
**Facebook:** [facebook.com/OHSchoolBoards](https://facebook.com/OHSchoolBoards)  
**Twitter:** [twitter.com/OHSchoolboards](https://twitter.com/OHSchoolboards)  
**Group Contact:** Scott Clay, [sclay@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:sclay@ohioschoolboards.org)  
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## Ohio Star Ball Dancesport Superbowl 45th Anniversary | November 14–19

The Ohio Star Ball is the largest Pro/Am competition in the world today. They are celebrating their 45th Anniversary this year! Amateur and Junior competitors dancing by day, and the Open Professional Competitors dancing on Friday and Saturday night.

**Attendance:** 5,000  
**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for most meals.  
**Location:** Hyatt Regency Columbus  
**Website:** [ohiostarball.com](https://ohiostarball.com)  
**Facebook:** [facebook.com/ohiostarball](https://facebook.com/ohiostarball)  
**Twitter:** [twitter.com/OhioStarBall](https://twitter.com/OhioStarBall)  
**Group Contact:** Sam Sodano, [ohstarball@aol.com](mailto:ohstarball@aol.com)  
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## National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) 2023 Annual Convention | November 16–19

The NCTE Annual Convention is the premier annual event for English language arts and literacy educators.

**Attendance:** 7,000  
**Meals:** Some meals provided for attendees.  
**Location:** Hilton Columbus Downtown  
**Website:** [ncte.org](https://ncte.org)  
**Facebook:** [facebook.com/ncte.org](https://facebook.com/ncte.org)  
**Twitter:** [twitter.com/ncte](https://twitter.com/ncte)  
**Group Contact:** Matt Burruss, [mburruss@ncte.org](mailto:mburruss@ncte.org)  
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## Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing Conference | November 28–29

This Annual Conference hosted by Ohio Housing Finance Agency and Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing offers sessions and workshops focused on educating and inspiring professionals in the affordable housing industry.

**Attendance:** 1,700  
**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for some meals.  
**Location:** Hilton Columbus Downtown  
**Website:** [housingpartnership.net](https://housingpartnership.net)  
**Facebook:** [facebook.com/OhioCapitalCorporation](https://facebook.com/OhioCapitalCorporation)  
**Twitter:** [twitter.com/OCCHstrong](https://twitter.com/OCCHstrong)  
**Group Contact:** Rhonda Snyder, [rsnyder@occh.org](mailto:rsnyder@occh.org)  
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