



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

January Events

Montage Sports Nike Cup Open | January 11–14

Attendance:	3,000
Location:	Greater Columbus Sports Commission
Group Contact:	Zach Colston, events@montagesports.com
Sports Commission Contact:	Jason Abady, jabady@columbusports.org

Ohayocon Annual Convention | January 19–21

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

Attendance:	14,000
Meals:	Attendees are on their own for meals.
Location:	Hyatt Regency Columbus and Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website:	ohayocon.org
Facebook:	facebook.com/ohayocon
Twitter:	twitter.com/ohayocon
Group Contact:	Melissa Phelps, melissa.phelps@ohayocon.org
Experience Columbus Contact:	Amanda Kisabeth, akisabeth@experiencecolumbus.com

Prevagen U.S. Figure Skating Championships | January 22–28

The Championships come to Columbus for the first time in the sport's long history. From the first practice to the final free skate, we'll roll out the red carpet for fans and competitors in Ohio's capital city.

Attendance: 20,000
Location: Nationwide Arena
Website: usfigureskating.org
Facebook: facebook.com/usfigureskating
Group Contact: Bob Dunlop, bdunlop@usfigureskating.org
Sports Commission Contact: Ariana Tyler, atyler@columbusports.org

Young Ag Professional Winter Leadership Experience | January 26–27

The Young Ag Professionals Winter Leadership Experience is an annual conference with the opportunity for young professionals to build personal and professional skills, network with agricultural leaders and learn to make a difference in their community, Farm Bureau and agriculture. Conference sessions cover topics ranging from traditional agriculture and niche farming/marketing to advocacy and consumer education topics.

Attendance: 600
Meals: Some meals are provided for attendees.
Location: Hyatt Regency Columbus
Website: ofbf.org
Facebook: facebook.com/ohiofarmbureau
Twitter: twitter.com/ohiofarmbureau
Group Contact: Julie Shull, jshull@ofbf.org
Experience Columbus Contact: Carrie Thiel, cthiel@experiencecolumbus.com

OVR Girls Winterfest Tournament | January 27–28

Attendance: 4,500
Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website: ovr.org/juniors
Facebook: facebook.com/ovr.org
Group Contact: Ron Wyzynski, rwyzynski@neo.rr.com
Sports Commission Contact: Jason Abady, jabady@columbusports.org

LitCon | January 27–30

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: 1,500
Meals: Attendees are on their own for some meals.
Location: Hyatt Regency Columbus and Greater Columbus Convention Center

Website: readingrecovery.org
Facebook: facebook.com/literacyconference
Twitter: twitter.com/k8litcon
Group Contact: Lori Sobota, lsobota@readingrecovery.org
Experience Columbus Contact: Amanda Kisabeth, akisabeth@experiencecolumbus.com

February Events

OVR 18s Qualifier & Boys Winterfest Tournament | February 3–4

Attendance: 1,000
Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website: ovr.org
Facebook: facebook.com/ovr.org
Group Contact: Ron Wyzynski, rwyzynski@neo.rr.com
Sports Commission Contact: Jason Abady, jabady@columbusports.org

Ohio Township Association Winter Conference | February 7–9

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 some meals.
Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website: ohiotownships.org
Facebook: facebook.com/OhioTownshipAssociation
Twitter: twitter.com/OhioTwpAssoc
Group Contact: Michael Zaky, zaky@ohiotownships.org
Experience Columbus Contact: Zach Warmouth, zwarmouth@experiencecolumbus.com

The 9th Annual Elementary/Junior Beta Convention | February 13

Conventions feature a wide range of individual and team competitions and opportunities to run for several leadership positions.

Attendance: 650
Meals: Attendees are on their own for some meals.
Location: Hyatt Regency Columbus
Website: betaclub.org/state-conventions
Facebook: facebook.com/nationalbetaclub
Twitter: twitter.com/nationalbeta
Experience Columbus Contact: Emily Bell, ebell@experiencecolumbus.com

2024 Ohio Educational Technology Conference | February 13–15

The OETC (Ohio Educational Technology Conference) is the one of the premier Primary-20 state educational technology conferences in the country. Each year, educational technology professionals come together to explore how schools and higher education institutions are bringing teaching and technology together to enhance learning in Ohio.

Attendance: 3,000
Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals.
Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website: oetc.ohio.gov
Facebook: facebook.com/ohioetc
Group Contact: James Freeman III, Ph.D., CETL,
james.freeman@education.ohio.gov
Experience Columbus Contact: Jeremy Tipton, jtipton@experiencecolumbus.com

2024 Midwest Veterinary Conference | February 22–24

The Midwest Veterinary Conference, hosted by the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association, is a growing, regional veterinary conference packed with educational, networking and social opportunities for every member of the veterinary team.

Attendance: 5,500
Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals.
Location: Hyatt Regency Columbus and Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website: <https://www.mvcinfo.org/>
Facebook: facebook.com/mvcinfo
Twitter: twitter.com/mvcinfo
Group Contact: Ashley Sweet, CMP, CTA, ams@ohiovma.org
Experience Columbus Contact: Zach Warmouth, zwarmouth@experiencecolumbus.com

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