



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

APP Women's Open Presented by The James | October 4–6

The inaugural APP Women's Open presented by The James is coming to Columbus, OH! This first-of-its-kind event is designed to allow women to **COMPETE, CELEBRATE, and CONNECT** – Compete with top competition, celebrate and fuel the growth of the women's game, and connect in support of a common cause – breast cancer awareness.

Attendance: 1,000

Location: Pickle & Chill

Facebook: facebook.com/theapptour

Group Contact: [Ruth Milligan](#)

Sports Commission Contact: [Ariana Tyler](#)

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Metal Treating Institute Furnaces North America | October 14–16

Furnaces North America is a melting pot of the best minds in heat treating. Owners, CEOs, Presidents, and key executives from every facet of the heat treating operation will be in attendance. This provides you a "who's who" list of knowledgeable people to network with on business opportunities and solutions for daily challenges.

Attendance: 1,000

Meals: Attendees are on their own for some meals

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Group Contact: [Amanda Motes](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Jeremy Tipton](#)

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Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation Midwest Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Summit | October 17–18

This two-day in-person summit will focus on bringing together providers of suicide prevention in states across the Midwest, from coalitions and organizations dedicated to preventing suicide and promoting mental health wellness, prevention professionals, healthcare professionals, veteran-serving organizations, state and

community leaders, and others dedicated to community solutions to address the public health problem of suicide and mental health.

Attendance: 1,000

Meals: Breakfast and boxed lunches are provided; attendees are on their own for dinner

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: facebook.com/ohiospf

X: x.com/ohiospf

Experience Columbus Contact: [Jeremy Tipton](#)

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American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE) Convention and Exposition | October 18–23

Every other year, ASPE produces the ASPE Convention & Expo, attracting thousands of plumbing engineers, designers, specifiers, and contractors with the largest plumbing products and systems trade show in the country, combined with unparalleled professional development seminars and networking opportunities. ASPE's Convention & Expo is the only industry event designed to showcase innovations in plumbing system design—where attendees can learn about the latest plumbing products, services, and design techniques.

Attendance: 2,000

Meals: Attendees are on their own for some meals

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: facebook.com/AmericanSocietyofPlumbingEngineers

X: x.com/ASPEexpo

Group Contact: [Cliff Reis](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Carrie Thiel](#)

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Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon | October 20

The Columbus Marathon course features minimal elevation changes. The 24 miles are represented by a patient at Nationwide Children's, one is dedicated as an Angel Mile for the special children who have been taken too soon, and one is an "alumni mile" for Marathon Mile Champions from past years. These patients and their families will be beside every mile of the course to cheer on participants and serve as a visual reminder of how you, along with the marathon, are helping ill and injured children through your participation.

Attendance: 38,000

Location: North Bank Park

Facebook: facebook.com/ColumbusMarathon

Group Contact: [Darris Blackford](#)

Sports Commission Contact: [Jason Abady](#)

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Ohio Optometric Association EastWest Eye Conference | October 23–26

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: Breakfast and lunch are provided for some attendees, but all are on their own for dinner

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: facebook.com/EastWestEyeConference

Group Contact: [Jordan Quickel](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Jeremy Tipton](#)

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Women's Ice Breaker Tournament | October 25–26

The Ohio State women's hockey team, in partnership with the Greater Columbus Sports Commission, Western Collegiate Hockey Association and the Hockey Commissioners Association, will host the 2024 Women's Ice Breaker Tournament at the OhioHealth Ice Haus in downtown Columbus.

Attendance: 2,000

Location: OhioHealth Ice Haus

Group Contact: [Janine Oman](#)

Sports Commission Contact: [Ariana Tyler](#)

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National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Annual Convention and Expo | October 26–29

The NCPA Annual Convention is the only national business show for independent pharmacists and their teams. There's not another event anywhere on the calendar where you'll get the same peer-to-peer business education; or all the CEs you need for the year; or the networking opportunities with old friends and new connections. And the Expo Hall is filled with companies whose products and services you need to make your business more efficient and more profitable. It's a can't-miss event.

Attendance: 4,000

Meals: Attendees are on their own for some meals

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: facebook.com/commpharmacy

X: x.com/commpharmacy

Group Contact: [Ashley Canody](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Carrie Thiel](#)

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The Arc of the United States Fall Leadership Institute/National Convention | October 30 – November 3

The Arc's National Convention is an unmatched opportunity to connect and learn with advocates, professionals, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their families. If you are interested in employment, education, advocacy, housing, criminal justice, and more, our sessions are sure to challenge, inspire, and motivate! In 2024, the NCE Fall Leadership Institute and National Convention will take place back to back. Leaders across The Arc's chapter network and other disability organizations will spend two days networking, learning, and sharing at the NCE Fall Leadership Institute before connecting with the broader disability community at the National Convention.

Attendance: 800

Meals: Attendees are on their own for some meals

Location: Hilton Columbus Downtown

Facebook: facebook.com/thearcus

X: x.com/TheArcUS

Experience Columbus Contact: [Jeremy Tipton](#)

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November Events

OHSAA Field Hockey State Tournament | October 31–November 2

Attendance: 2,000

Location: Thomas Worthington High School

Facebook: facebook.com/groups/ohsaa.sports

Group Contact: [Emily Mason](#)

Sports Commission Contact: [Mason Zimmer](#)

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OHSAA Boys and Girls Cross Country State Championships | November 2

Attendance: 6,000

Location: Fortress Obetz and Memorial Park

Facebook: facebook.com/groups/ohsaa.sports

Group Contact: [BJ Duckworth](#)

Sports Commission Contact: [Mason Zimmer](#)

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Club Ohio Fall Classic | November 2–3

Attendance: 2,000

Location: Headley Park, Spindler Park, and Kilbourne Run Park

Facebook: [facebook.com/ClubOhioSoccer](https://www.facebook.com/ClubOhioSoccer)

Group Contact: [Sandy Poole](#)

Sports Commission Contact: [Jason Abady](#)

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OHSAA Boys and Girls Soccer State Championships | November 5–11

Attendance: 10,000

Location: Historic Crew Stadium

Facebook: [facebook.com/groups/ohsaa.sports](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ohsaa.sports)

Group Contact: [Kelly Schoenly](#)

Sports Commission Contact: [Mason Zimmer](#)

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Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing Ohio Housing Conference | November 5–6

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: Most meals are provided for attendees.

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

X: [x.com/OCCHstrong](https://twitter.com/OCCHstrong)

Group Contact: [Rhonda Snyder](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Carrie Thiel](#)

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Future Business Leaders of America National Fall Leadership Conference | November 8–9

Future Business Leaders of America, Inc. (FBLA) inspires and prepares more than 200,000 students each year to become community-minded business leaders through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences. The National Fall Leadership Conference offers highly motivated middle school and high school students the opportunity to spend two days immersed in a learning environment where they can explore higher-education and career possibilities, network with peers from across the country, and improve their understanding of financial literacy.

Attendance: 2,000

Meals: Attendees will be on their own for dinner on Thursday. All other meals will be provided.

Location: Hyatt Regency Columbus/Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: [facebook.com/FutureBusinessLeaders](https://www.facebook.com/FutureBusinessLeaders)

X: x.com/fbla_national

Group Contact: [Shari Weinstein](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Cherai Lewis](#)

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Ohio School Boards Association Annual Capital Conference & Trade Show | November 10–12

The OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show, one of the nation's premier education conventions, offers exceptional opportunities for learning, sharing and networking. The three-day event offers general sessions, more than 150 breakout sessions and something for every member of each district's administrative team. The conference features nationally acclaimed keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and informational seminars. Other highlights include the Student

Achievement Fair, boasting innovative student programs, artwork and top student entertainment groups; the Trade Show, offering more than 550 exhibits of the latest in education-related goods and services; and countless opportunities to share ideas with school leaders from across Ohio.

Attendance: 9,500

Meals: Attendees are on their own for most meals.

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: facebook.com/OHSchoolBoards

X: x.com/ohschoolboards

Group Contact: [Scott Clay](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Jeremy Tipton](#)

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SAE International Energy & Propulsion Conference and EV Infrastructure Symposium | November 12–14

The 2024 Energy & Propulsion Conference & Exhibition (formerly known as Powertrains, Fuels & Lubricants) is where the most promising new mobility technologies and pathways to electric propulsion and fuel efficiency will be revealed.

Attendance: 500

Meals: Attendees will be on their own for some meals.

Location: Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel

Facebook: facebook.com/SAEInternational

X: x.com/SAEIntl

Group Contact: [Kristie Saber](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Amanda Kisabeth](#)

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Ohio Star Ball 2024 Dancesport Superbowl | November 19–24

The Ohio Star Ball is the largest Pro/Am competition in the world today. Ohio Star Ball will run for 6 days with up to 12 hours of dancing per day in up to 3 ballrooms running simultaneously. Amateur and Junior competitors dancing by day, and the Open Professional Competitors dancing on Friday and Saturday night.

Attendance: 3,000

Meals: Attendees are on their own for most meals.

Location: Hyatt Regency Columbus

Facebook: [facebook.com/ohiostarball](https://www.facebook.com/ohiostarball)

X: x.com/OhioStarBall

Group Contact: [Sam Sodano](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Amanda Kisabeth](#)

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Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education Research & Training Symposium | November 20–22

The AFCPE® Symposium is an annual three day conference intersecting financial education, research, and practice. It brings together a diverse and inclusive community of people working across the personal finance field. Come to connect, to learn, and to grow. Exchange ideas to help empower and impact the individuals and communities that you serve. Our diverse and inclusive community is a hallmark of AFCPE.

Attendance: 700

Meals: Most meals are provided, but attendees will be on their own for dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 20, and for lunch on Thursday, Nov. 21.

Location: Hilton Columbus Downtown

Facebook: [facebook.com/AFCPE](https://www.facebook.com/AFCPE)

X: x.com/afcpe

Group Contact: [Sara Martin-Fuller](#)

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