



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

December Events

2025 GalaxyCon | December 5-7

GalaxyCon Columbus is more than a Comic-Con. It's a three-day festival of fandom featuring celebrities, artists, writers, voice actors, cosplayers, entertainers, creators, wrestlers, fan groups, panelists and fans.

Attendance: 20,000

Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals. Please note this crowd will be looking for late night meal options.

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: facebook.com/galaxyconlive

X: x.com/galaxyconcmh

Group Contact: [Mike Broder](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Jeremy Tipton](#)

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2025 Ohio Farm Bureau Annual Meeting | December 11-12

Ohio Farm Bureau will host its 107th Annual Meeting, bringing members, delegates and guests to Columbus for seminars, networking and policy discussions. The multi-day event includes general sessions, leadership addresses and opportunities for attendees to engage with Ohio's agricultural community.

Attendance: 1,200

Meals: Attendees are on their own for most meals.

Location: Hilton Columbus Downtown, Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: facebook.com/OhioFarmBureau/

X: x.com/ohiofarmbureau

Group Contact: [Julie Shull](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Carrie Thiel](#)

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2025 OVR Boys Molten Holiday Tournament | December 12-14

Attendance: 3,000

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: facebook.com/ovr.org/

Group Contact: [Brian Hofman](#)

Sports Commission Contact: [Jason Abady](#)

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National Council of Nigerian Muslim Organizations, USA (NCNMO) Platform 2025 | December 23-27

Platform is the annual flagship conference of NCNMO, bringing together youth and adults to deepen their understanding of Islam and strengthen community connections. The event features lectures, workshops, a career fair, young adult networking, matrimonial services and a Qur'an competition. It is open to all Muslims and those interested in the faith.

Attendance: 1,500

Meals: Attendees are on their own for breakfast. Lunch and most dinners are provided.

Location: Hilton Columbus Downtown

Facebook: facebook.com/ncnmousa

Group Contact: [Babatunde Senu](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Jeremy Tipton](#)

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January Events

Fellowship of Catholic University Students 2026 SEEK | January 1-5

SEEK/FOCUS Columbus 2026 is a large Catholic conference organized by FOCUS, and is one of three regional gatherings for the national SEEK event, bringing together college students, parishioners, clergy, and seminarians for faith formation, worship, and community. The event features keynote speakers, Mass, confession, adoration, breakout sessions, and entertainment.

Attendance: 15,000

Meals: Attendees will have breakfast and lunch provided, and will be on their own for dinner.

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: facebook.com/focuscatholic/

X: x.com/focuscatholic

Group Contact: [Tori Green](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Jeremy Tipton](#)

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American Baseball Coaches Association 2026 Convention | January 8-11

The ABCA Convention is the world's largest gathering of baseball coaches, held annually each January. It brings together thousands of coaches from all levels—youth, high school, college, and professional—for educational clinics, networking, and the nation's largest baseball trade show. The event features expert speakers, panel discussions, and hands-on sessions focused on player development, strategy, leadership, and the latest trends in the game.

Attendance: 12,000

Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals.

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: facebook.com/ABCA1945/

X: x.com/abca1945

Group Contact: [Zach Haile](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Jeremy Tipton](#)

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Ohio Fair Managers Association 2026 Annual Convention | January 14-18

OFMA is a voluntary corporation servicing state, independent and county junior and senior agricultural fairs, shows, exhibitions and festivals within Ohio. This event offers educational sessions and a trade show for fair managers to select attractions and services for their fairs.

Attendance: 4,000

Meals: Attendees are on their own for some meals.

Location: Hyatt Regency Columbus

Facebook: facebook.com/ohiofairs/

Group Contact: [Howard Call](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Jeremy Tipton](#)

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2026 The Nike Classic | January 17-18

Attendance: 6,500

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Group Contact: [Jon Curran](#)

Sports Commission Contact: [Ariana Tyler](#)

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OVR 2026 Girls Winterfest (#1) | January 24-25

Attendance: 2,500

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: facebook.com/ovr.org/

Group Contact: [Brian Hofman](#)

Sports Commission Contact: [Jason Abady](#)

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2026 Chief Executive Summit | January 26-28

Attendance: 150

Location: Hilton Columbus Downtown

Facebook: facebook.com/SportsETA/

Sports Commission Contact: [Ariana Tyler](#)

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Ohio Music Education Association 2026 OMEA Professional Development Conference | January 29-31

The OMEA PDC 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.

Attendance: 9,000

Meals: Attendees are on their own for some meals.

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: facebook.com/OMEAOhio/

Group Contact: [Jay Wardeska](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Carrie Thiel](#)

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2026 International Pride Softball Winter Meeting | January 29-February 2

Attendance: 130

Location: Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel

Facebook: facebook.com/ipridesoftball/

Group Contact: [Dallas Aldridge](#)

Sports Commission Contact: [Ariana Tyler](#)

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OVR 2026 18's Girls Qualifier and Boys Winterfest (#2) | January 30-February 1

Attendance: 1,500

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: facebook.com/ovr.org/

Group Contact: [Brian Hofman](#)

Sports Commission Contact: [Jason Abady](#)

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