

CONVENTION ALERT – March 2014

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Simply Youth Ministry Conference

Facts: Keynote speakers, workshops, worship, music and entertainment, and fellowship are offered to

attendees of this youth workers conference. All attendees are adults.

Meals: Attendees are on their own for all meals. Meal schedule: Friday, 3-7 p.m., Saturday and

Sunday, 12:30-2:30 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, conference ends at 12:30 p.m.

General Session and Worship will be held Friday-Sunday 7-9pm, and Saturday-Monday mornings

11:30am-12:30pm.

Exhibits: Not open to the public

Attendance: 2,500

HQ: Greater Columbus Convention Center, Hyatt Regency and downtown hotels

Website: www.youthministry.com/conference

Twitter: @SYMConference

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OHIO ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS/OHIO DECA March 13-15, 2014

State Leadership Conference / Career Development Conference

Facts: These two associations are made up of high school students who are interested in furthering their

professional opportunities. Education, presentations and competitions are planned during the

conferences.

Meals: Attendees are on their own for all meals.

Exhibits: None Attendance: 1,500

HQ: Arena District Hyatt Regency

Website: www.ohiobpa.org or www.ohiodeca.org

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OHIO CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION March 14-16, 2014

Ohio Beef Expo

Facts: The 27th annual expo is the largest annual cattle event in the Midwest and will draw attendees

from 20 states and Canada to enjoy a large tradeshow, cattle show and sale, and a Junior event.

Meals: Attendees are on their own for all meals.

Exhibits: 300 booths, open to the public

Attendance: 30,000

HQ: Ohio Expo Center-Voinovich Building

Website: www.ohiobeefexpo.com

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OHIO DEER AND TURKEY EXPO March 14-16, 2014

Facts: The largest hunting-only show in Ohio will include a trade show, seminars and a hands-on shooting

range.

Meals: Attendees are on their own for all meals.

Exhibits: 350 booths, open to the public

Event hours: Friday, 2-9 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Attendance: 25,000

HQ: Ohio Expo Center-Bricker Building

Website: www.deerinfo.com

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OHIO SAFETY CONGRESS & EXPO March 25-27, 2014

Facts: Ohio's largest and most established occupational safety and health event draws business

representatives from around the state. Attendees experience workshops and sessions. Exhibitors

display workplace safety services, industrial supplies, safety equipment and gear.

Meals: Attendees are on their own for all meals.

Exhibits: 200 exhibitors. Open to the public. Wednesday 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Event hours: Tuesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesday, 8 a.m.- 4:45 p.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Attendance: 6,500

HQ: Greater Columbus Convention Center, Hyatt Regency and downtown hotels

Website: www.ohiobwc.com

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AMERICAN CHEER POWER March 29-30, 2014

Midwest World Bid National Championship

Facts: This National Championship offers competitions for All Star Cheer, All Star Prep, and Dance Teams.

Meals: Attendees are on their own for all meals.

Events: Competitions are all day Saturday and Sunday. Open to the public.

Attendance: 11,000 (7,500+ athletes)

HQ: Greater Columbus Convention Center, Hyatt Regency and area hotels

Website: www.cheerpower.com
Twitter: @CheerPower ACP

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