

This alert contains information on the conventions and sporting events that will be arriving in August 2022. We hope you find this information useful for scheduling and to help welcome attendees.

# Fraternal Order of Eagles | July 29-August 4

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, an international nonprofit organization, unites fraternally in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice and equality, to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills, and by promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope.

Attendance: 2,500

Meals:Attendees are on their own for most mealsLocation:Greater Columbus Convention Center

Website: https://www.foe.com/

Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/foegrandaerie/">https://www.facebook.com/foegrandaerie/</a>
Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/FOEGrandAerie">https://twitter.com/FOEGrandAerie</a>

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## Masturicon 2022 Annual Convention | August 12-14

The Masturicon 2022 Annual Convention is a festival of everything geeky and otaku, from anime to video games, Doctor Who to Marvel, My Little Pony to Homestuck, and everything in between. We strive to make this event that the entire family can go to, and we encourage the entire family to attend. We like to think that there is something for everyone at Matsuricon!

Attendance: 3,500

Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals

**Location:** Hyatt Regency, Greater Columbus Convention Center

Website: https://matsuricon.org/

Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Matsuricon/">https://www.facebook.com/Matsuricon/</a>

Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/matsuricon">https://twitter.com/matsuricon</a>

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# Graphic Media Alliance | August 17-18

Graphic Media Alliance will provide programs, offer services, and promote an environment which assists members to improve profitability, adapt to the future and support the printing industry.

Attendance: 10,000

Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals

**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center

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 https://www.graphicmedia.org/aws/PIAKO/pt/sp/h

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### SHARE COLUMBUS 2022 Summer Meeting | August 21-26

SHARE Inc. is an independent, volunteer-run association providing enterprise technology professionals with continuous education and training, valuable professional networking and effective industry influence.

Attendance: 1,100

Meals: Some meals provided

**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center

Website: <a href="https://www.share.org/">https://www.share.org/</a>

Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SHAREonSocial">https://www.facebook.com/SHAREonSocial</a>

Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/sharehq">https://twitter.com/sharehq</a>

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### National Black Alumni Reunion HBCU Classic for Columbus | August 25–28

Classic For Columbus will be a weeklong celebration of educational, existential, cultural and entertainment events that complement a rivalry football game showcasing Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Attendance: 10,000

Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals

Location: TBD

Website: <a href="https://classicforcolumbus.com">https://classicforcolumbus.com</a>

Facebook:Classic For ColumbusTwitter:@classicforcbus

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#### National Guard Association of the United States | August 26–29

Join us for our 144th General Conference & Exhibition. More than 2,000 Army and Air National Guard officers from all 50 states, three territories and the District of Columbia gather to connect, party and get down to business setting the NGAUS upcoming legislative agenda.

Attendance: 4,500

Meals: Most meals provided

**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center

Website: <a href="https://www.ngaus.org/">https://www.ngaus.org/</a>

Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/NGAUS1878">https://www.facebook.com/NGAUS1878</a>

Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/ngaus1878">https://twitter.com/ngaus1878</a>

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### Club Ohio Fall Kickoff | August 27-28

The 5th annual Fall Kickoff is a pre-season tournament that will be held August 27–28. The tournament is for boys and girls U8-U15 and will be held at Spindler Park.

Attendance: 5,000

Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals

**Location:** Spindler Park Outdoor Fields

Website: <a href="https://clubohiosoccer.demosphere-secure.com/">https://clubohiosoccer.demosphere-secure.com/</a>

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