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

2022 OVR Terry Miller All-American Classic | Feb. 5-6

The Ohio Valley Region of USA Volleyball will host a combination of events at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The Terry Miller All-American Classic will be combined with the Boys Winterfest tournament and the National Bid Qualifier in one weekend in Columbus. As a member of USA Volleyball, the sport's governing body, the Ohio Valley Region provides opportunities for members to participate at local, regional, zonal and national competitions.

Attendance: 3,000 Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center Website: www.ovr.org Facebook: @OVR.org Twitter: @OVRegion Group Contact: Ron Wyzynski, wyzynski@ovr.org Sports Commission Contact: Erica Cornell, ecornell@columbussports.org

Ohayocon | Feb. 10-12

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

Attendance: 10,000 Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center Website: www.ohayocon.org Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Ohayocon/ Twitter: https://twitter.com/ohayocon Group Contact: Melissa Phelps, melissa.phelps@ohayocon.org Experience Columbus Contact: Hannah Henthorne, hhenthorne@experiencecolumbus.com

Midwest Veterinary Conference | Feb. 17-20

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: 4,000 Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center Website: https://www.mvcinfo.org/index.html Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/mvcinfo/ Twitter: https://twitter.com/mvcinfo Group Contact: Carmel Martin, crm@ohiovma.org Experience Columbus Contact: zwarmouth@experiencecolumbus.com

Hockey Time Productions - Buckeye Classic Tournament | Feb. 18-21

Hockey Time Productions Buckeye Classic is a USA Hockey sanctioned tournament. The tournament typically features a wide variety of teams from the United States and Canada and includes a variety of age levels from 9U to high school varsity.

Attendance: 1,000 Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals. Location: OhioHealth Chiller Ice Rinks Website: <u>https://www.itshockeytime.com/</u> Facebook: <u>@hockeytimeproductions</u> Twitter: <u>@HockeyTimeProd</u> Group Contact: Matt Rice, <u>matt@itshockeytime.com</u> Sports Commission Contact: Erica Cornell, <u>ecornell@columbussports.org</u>

Presidents' Cup Volleyball Tournament | Feb. 19-20

The Presidents' Cup is recognized as one of the most prestigious youth Junior Olympics Volleyball tournaments in the country attracting over 400 teams from around the United States and Canada annually. The event is a staple tournament for more than 100 college coaches for recruiting and will offer competitive play for Divisions 12-18.

Attendance: 6,000 Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center Website: www.presidentsdaycupvb.com/ Facebook: @OVR Twitter: @OVRegion Group Contact: Kali Mizen, djrsdirector@gmail.com Sports Commission Contact: Erica Cornell, ecornell@columbussports.org

COA Cheer and Dance | Feb. 23-27

Attendance: 2,500 Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center Website: www.coacheer.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Varsity.All.Star/ Twitter: https://twitter.com/VarsityAllStar Group Contact: LeAnne Humphrey, <u>Ihumphrey@teamtravelsource.com</u> Experience Columbus Contact: Carrie Thiel, cthiel@experiencecolumbus.com

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