

EXPERIENCE COLUMBUS



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

August Events

Manchester City FC vs. Chelsea FC | August 3

Experience Manchester City FC vs. Chelsea FC at Ohio Stadium.

Attendance: 80,000
Location: Ohio Stadium
Website: fcseries.com/columbus
Facebook: facebook.com/FCSeries
Group Contact: [Jamie McMillan](#)
Sports Commission Contact: [Ariana Tyler](#)

Assemblies of God General Council National Youth Convention and Fine Arts Festival | August 5–9

Fine Arts Festival is a discipleship tool of the AG Youth Ministries designed to help students discover, develop, and deploy their ministry gifts and to learn about their God-given abilities and talents.

Attendance: 12,000

Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals.
Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website: ag.org
Facebook: facebook.com/agyouth
Group Contact: [Sharon Lee](#)
Experience Columbus Contact: [Katie Baker](#)

U.S. Travel Association Educational Seminar for Tourism Organizations (ESTO) | August 11–13

ESTO is a leading national forum where destination marketing professionals at the state, regional and local levels can walk away with critical tools, tips and information to help them better market and grow their destinations.

Attendance: 1,000
Meals: Most meals are provided for attendees, but they will be on their own for dinner on Monday night.
Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website: esto.ustravel.org
Facebook: facebook.com/USTravel
Twitter: twitter.com/USTravel
Group Contact: [Daystar Van Wagner](#)
Experience Columbus Contact: [Katie Baker](#)

African Methodist Episcopal Church 52nd Quadrennial Session of The General Conference | August 21–28

The African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church is the world's oldest Protestant denomination established by persons of African descent. It currently has 2.5 million members in 5000 congregations in 40 countries on five continents divided into 20 Episcopal Districts. AME Members will gather to make critical decisions that will govern the AME Church over the next four years, as well as be inspired by visionary speakers and presenters.

Attendance: 13,000
Meals: Some attendees will have most meals provided at the convention center and some attendees will be on their own for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website: ame-church.com
Facebook: facebook.com/AME
Twitter: twitter.com/AME
Group Contact: [Sharon Blaylock](#)
Experience Columbus Contact: [Amanda Kisabeth](#)

Club Ohio Fall Kickoff | August 24–25

Club Ohio Fall Kickoff, is designed to bring players together and set the stage for a successful year.

Attendance: 5,000
Location: Spindler Park
Website: clubohiosoccer.com
Facebook: facebook.com/ClubOhioSoccer
Group Contact: [Sandy Poole](#)

Maturicon 2024 Annual Convention | August 30–September 1

Maturicon – or the word “Matsuri” means festival in Japanese. We want to think of ourselves as 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 are an anime con first, but we like to include everyone else because the obvious overlap of fandoms. We strive to make this an 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 Maturicon! Of course, the staff at Maturicon think of ourselves and our attendees as one huge family that keeps growing and growing every year!

Attendance:	3,500
Meals:	Attendees are on their own for meals.
Location:	Hyatt Regency Columbus
Website:	maturicon.org
Facebook:	facebook.com/Maturicon
Twitter:	twitter.com/maturicon
Group Contact:	Nicole Buchanan
Experience Columbus Contact:	Carrie Thiel

September Events

Zion Christian Fellowship Wealth With God Meeting | September 6–8

Gathering hundreds of members from all over the world for three life-changing days of revelation, wisdom, impartation, written next-steps, strategy, worship, networking, healing and fun.

Attendance:	1,200
Meals:	Some meals provided for attendees.
Location:	Drury Plaza Hotel Columbus Downtown
Website:	zioanequip.com
Facebook:	facebook.com/zioanequip
Group Contact:	Mary Baker
Experience Columbus Contact:	Amanda Kisabeth

Ohio Association of Realtors Annual Conference | September 9–11

The must attend event for all Ohio Realtors! The 2024 Annual Convention & EXPO in Columbus gives members the opportunity to stay updated with the latest in legal, legislative, CE credit, networking, and more in Columbus.

Attendance:	800
Meals:	Some meals provided for attendees.
Location:	Hyatt Regency Columbus
Website:	ohiorealtors.org
Facebook:	facebook.com/OhioRealtors
Twitter:	twitter.com/OhioRealtors
Group Contact:	Ohio Association of Realtors
Experience Columbus Contact:	Carrie Thiel

AABP Annual Conference | September 12–14

The American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) is an international association of veterinarians serving society as leaders in cattle health, welfare, and productivity. We welcome and support any veterinarian, credentialed veterinary technician or veterinary student, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, sexual orientation or any other demographic, to participate in all opportunities that our organization provides. As leaders in the cattle industry, we encourage all veterinarians with an interest in cattle to join us and participate in our organization.

Attendance:	2,000
Meals:	Breakfast and lunch will be provided, but attendees will be on their own for dinner.
Location:	Hyatt Regency Columbus
Website:	aabp.org
Facebook:	facebook.com/AABPmembers
Group Contact:	Fred Gingrich II
Experience Columbus Contact:	Jeremy Tipton

Ohio Dental Association (ODA) Annual Session | September 12–14

The ODA Annual Session is one of the largest dental conferences in the five-state region. The 2024 event will provide an opportunity to connect with interested dentists and buyers, educate and promote your products and services, and convert those leads into sales. More than 3,000 dentists and staff from Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania and West Virginia are expected to attend this incredible event in 2024!

Attendance:	5,000
Meals:	Lunch is provided for attendees on Saturday and Sunday.
Location:	Hilton Columbus Downtown and Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website:	oda.org
Facebook:	facebook.com/ODA
Twitter:	twitter.com/ODA
Group Contact:	Suzanne Brooks
Experience Columbus Contact:	Carrie Thiel

Financial Planning Association (FPA) Annual Conference | September 18–20

The FPA Annual Conference brings together financial planners, thought leaders, service providers, and allied professionals. And, as the largest annual gathering of CFP® professionals, you'll be surrounded by the very best in the business—all under one roof.

Attendance:	1,800
Meals:	Most meals are provided for attendees. (Breakfast and lunch provided on Wednesday and Thursday, dinner provided on Thursday).
Location:	Hyatt Regency Columbus
Website:	financialplanningassociation.org
Facebook:	facebook.com/FPA
Twitter:	twitter.com/FPA
Group Contact:	Megan Tallman
Experience Columbus Contact:	Katie Baker

The Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy (ANPT) 4th Annual Conference | September 19–21

This conference will include large group and small group discussions on topics related to communication with patients and families, including delivering measurement results (“life altering information”) and shared decision-making. There will also be usual high-quality presentations on evidence-based content, with an emphasis on implementation into clinical practice.

Attendance:	550
Meals:	Breakfast, snack breaks and evening reception with appetizers will be provided for attendees.
Location:	Hilton Columbus Downtown
Website:	neuropt.org
Facebook:	facebook.com/neuropt
Twitter:	twitter.com/APTANPT
Group Contact:	Lynette Uetz
Experience Columbus Contact:	Jeremy Tipton

Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Annual Clinic | September 22–23

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association was first organized in 1947. It is the oldest high school basketball coaches association in the USA and today is one of the largest coaches associations in the country with more than 4,000+ members. Our mission is to help maintain the highest possible standards in interscholastic basketball and the basketball coaching profession, and to work together for the improvement of conditions in Ohio High School Basketball.

Attendance:	1,200
Meals:	Attendees are on their own for meals.
Location:	Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website:	ohiobkcoaches.com
Facebook:	facebook.com/OHSBCA
Twitter:	twitter.com/ohiobkcoaches
Group Contact:	Adam Hall
Experience Columbus Contact:	Jeremy Tipton

Association for Healthcare Resource and Materials Management (AHRMM) Annual Conference & Exhibition | September 22–25

AHRMM Conference & Exhibition is the leading education event and the central meeting place for providers, suppliers, clinicians, and administrators working in all facets of the health care supply chain. The conference provides a platform and a voice to weigh in on the important topics that impact you and your organization and collaborate with colleagues from across the nation.

Attendance:	2,000
Meals:	Meals are provided for attendees.
Location:	Hilton Columbus Downtown
Website:	ahrmm.org
Twitter:	twitter.com/AHRMM
Group Contact:	TaNisha Williams
Experience Columbus Contact:	Carrie Thiel

Premiere Columbus is a tradeshow for the professional beauty industry where licensed professionals connect with manufacturers and distributors of hair, nail and skincare products. With plenty of classes offered, Premiere Columbus is a venue with multiple resources for discovering new techniques, new trends and new products. Come join us in Columbus, September 29-30, 2024 and further your career!

Attendance: 9,000
Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals. Most stay close to the convention center for lunch.
Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website: premiereshows.com
Facebook: facebook.com/premiereshows
Group Contact: [Carrie Lee](#)
Experience Columbus Contact: [Katie Baker](#)

Health Connect Partners Fall Hospital Pharmacy Conference | September 30–October 2

At Health Connect Partners, our goal is to connect providers and suppliers through educational meetings and conferences. Our mission is to provide the best in healthcare education and networking so providers learn real solutions and suppliers understand their real needs.

Attendance: 970
Meals: Some meals are provided for attendees.
Location: Hilton Columbus Downtown and Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website: hlthcp.com
Twitter: twitter.com/hcp
Group Contact: [Diana Maxham](#)
Experience Columbus Contact: [Jeremy Tipton](#)

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