



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

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## November Events

### **OHSAA Field Hockey State Tournament | October 31–November 2**

**Attendance:** 2,000

**Location:** Thomas Worthington High School

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/groups/ohsaa.sports](https://facebook.com/groups/ohsaa.sports)

**Group Contact:** [Emily Mason](#)

**Sports Commission Contact:** [Mason Zimmer](#)

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### **OHSAA Boys and Girls Cross Country State Championships | November 2**

**Attendance:** 6,000

**Location:** Fortress Obetz and Memorial Park

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/groups/ohsaa.sports](https://facebook.com/groups/ohsaa.sports)

**Group Contact:** [BJ Duckworth](#)

**Sports Commission Contact:** [Mason Zimmer](#)

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## Club Ohio Fall Classic | November 2–3

**Attendance:** 2,000

**Location:** Headley Park, Spindler Park, and Kilbourne Run Park

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/ClubOhioSoccer](https://facebook.com/ClubOhioSoccer)

**Group Contact:** [Sandy Poole](#)

**Sports Commission Contact:** [Jason Abady](#)

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## OHSAA Boys and Girls Soccer State Championships | November 5–11

**Attendance:** 10,000

**Location:** Historic Crew Stadium

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/groups/ohsaa.sports](https://facebook.com/groups/ohsaa.sports)

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## Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing Ohio Housing Conference | November 5–6

This Annual Conference hosted by Ohio Housing Finance Agency and Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing offers sessions and workshops focused on educating and inspiring professionals in the affordable housing industry.

**Attendance:** 1,700

**Meals:** Most meals are provided for attendees.

**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center

X: [x.com/OCCHstrong](https://x.com/OCCHstrong)

Group Contact: [Rhonda Snyder](#)

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## Future Business Leaders of America National Fall Leadership Conference | November 8–9

Future Business Leaders of America, Inc. (FBLA) inspires and prepares more than 200,000 students each year to become community-minded business leaders through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences. The National Fall Leadership Conference offers highly motivated middle school and high school students the opportunity to spend two days immersed in a learning environment where they can explore higher-education and career possibilities, network with peers from across the country, and improve their understanding of financial literacy.

**Attendance:** 2,000

**Meals:** Attendees will be on their own for dinner on Thursday. All other meals will be provided.

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

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/FutureBusinessLeaders](https://facebook.com/FutureBusinessLeaders)

X: [x.com/fbla\\_national](https://x.com/fbla_national)

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## Ohio School Boards Association Annual Capital Conference & Trade Show | November 10–12

The OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show, one of the nation's premier education conventions, offers exceptional opportunities for learning, sharing and networking. The three-day event offers general sessions, more than 150 breakout sessions and something for every member of each district's administrative team. The conference features nationally acclaimed keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and informational seminars. Other highlights include the Student Achievement Fair, boasting innovative student programs, artwork and top student entertainment groups; the Trade Show, offering more than 550 exhibits of the latest in education-related goods and services; and countless opportunities to share ideas with school leaders from across Ohio.

**Attendance:** 9,500

**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for most meals.

**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/OHSchoolBoards](https://www.facebook.com/OHSchoolBoards)

**X:** [x.com/ohschoolboards](https://x.com/ohschoolboards)

**Group Contact:** [Scott Clay](#)

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## SAE International Energy & Propulsion Conference and EV Infrastructure Symposium | November 12–14

The 2024 Energy & Propulsion Conference & Exhibition (formerly known as Powertrains, Fuels & Lubricants) is where the most promising new mobility technologies and pathways to electric propulsion and fuel efficiency will be revealed.

**Attendance:** 500

**Meals:** Attendees will be on their own for some meals.

**Location:** Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/SAEInternational](https://www.facebook.com/SAEInternational)

**X:** [x.com/SAEIntl](https://x.com/SAEIntl)

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## Ohio Star Ball 2024 Dancesport Superbowl | November 19–24

The Ohio Star Ball is the largest Pro/Am competition in the world today. Ohio Star Ball will run for 6 days with up to 12 hours of dancing per day in up to 3 ballrooms running simultaneously. Amateur and Junior competitors dancing by day, and the Open Professional Competitors dancing on Friday and Saturday night.

**Attendance:** 3,000

**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for most meals.

**Location:** Hyatt Regency Columbus

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/ohiostarball](https://facebook.com/ohiostarball)

**X:** [x.com/OhioStarBall](https://x.com/OhioStarBall)

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## Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education Research & Training Symposium | November 20–22

The AFCPE® Symposium is an annual three day conference intersecting financial education, research, and practice. It brings together a diverse and inclusive community of people working across the personal finance field. Come to connect, to learn, and to grow. Exchange ideas to help empower and impact the individuals and communities that you serve. Our diverse and inclusive community is a hallmark of AFCPE.

**Attendance:** 700

**Meals:** Most meals are provided, but attendees will be on their own for dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 20, and for lunch on Thursday, Nov. 21.

**Location:** Hilton Columbus Downtown

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/AFCPE](https://facebook.com/AFCPE)

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## December Events

## International Critical Control Rooms Alliance World Congress Alliance World Congress | December 2–6

Since its founding in 2017, ICCRA has focused on bringing the Critical Control Room community together for the improvement of everyone involved in our

industry. We believe that by supporting the connection and development of a community of like-minded professionals, no matter where you work or live or how you serve, we can move the industry forward and help create better and safer organizations and communities.

**Attendance:** 200

**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for some meals.

**Location:** Hilton Columbus Downtown

**Group Contact:** [Christopher Carver](#)

**Experience Columbus Contact:** [Jeremy Tipton](#)

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## Galaxycon | December 6–8

GalaxyCon Columbus is More Than a Comic-Con! It's a 3-Day FESTIVAL OF FANDOM with celebrities, artists, writers, voice actors, cosplayers, entertainers, creators, wrestlers, fan groups, and panelists. Join fans from across the galaxy and celebrate Comic Books, Pop Culture, Sci-Fi, Fantasy, Anime, Gaming, Cosplay, and more!

**Attendance:** 20,000

**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.

**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/galaxyconlive](https://facebook.com/galaxyconlive)

**X:** [x.com/galaxyconcmh](https://x.com/galaxyconcmh)

**Group Contact:** [Mike Broder](#)

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## Ohio Turfgrass Foundation Regional Conference & Show | December 9–12

This event brings together top state and national industry leaders who will discuss current issues impacting the Green Industry. The Conference and Show is the principal business meeting of the Association and the premier networking event of the year.

**Attendance:** 1,400

**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for some meals. Lunch is provided.

**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/OhioTurfGrass](https://facebook.com/OhioTurfGrass)

**X:** [x.com/ohioturfgrass](https://x.com/ohioturfgrass)

Group Contact: [Brittany Hardgrove](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Katie Baker](#)

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## Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Inc. Annual Meeting | December 12–14

Farm Bureau members, official delegates and guests are invited to Ohio Farm Bureau's 106th Annual Meeting. The theme is Strength in Members. The meeting kicks off Thursday with seminars and the Ohio Farm Bureau Young Agricultural Professionals Discussion meet, and begins in full with the General Session beginning at 10 a.m. Ohio Farm Bureau President Bill Patterson will give his address, and the policy session will continue throughout the day.

**Attendance:** 1,200

**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for some meals.

**Location:** Hilton Columbus Downtown and Greater Columbus Convention Center

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/OhioFarmBureau](https://facebook.com/OhioFarmBureau)

**X:** [x.com/ohiofarmbureau](https://x.com/ohiofarmbureau)

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**Experience Columbus Contact:** [Carrie Thiel](#)

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## Columbus IBEW 683 100th Anniversary | December 14

100th Anniversary for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

**Attendance:** 3,000

**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for some meals. Dinner is provided.

**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/ibew683](https://facebook.com/ibew683)

**Experience Columbus Contact:** [Zach Wellman](#)

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## Ohio Valley Region of USA Volleyball Boys Reindeer Ruckus Tournament | December 14–15

**Attendance:** 5,000

**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/ovr.org](https://www.facebook.com/ovr.org)

**Group Contact:** [Brian Hofman](#)

**Sports Commission Contact:** [Jason Abady](#)

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## Bleacher Republic Holiday Hoopla High School Basketball Showcase | December 27–29

**Attendance:** 2,000

**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/bleacherrepublic](https://www.facebook.com/bleacherrepublic)

**Group Contact:** [Matt Morgan](#)

**Sports Commission Contact:** [Jason Abady](#)

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## Generation of Youth for Christ Annual Convention | December 27–31

GYC seeks to equip and inspire young people to be Christian ambassadors in their respective places of work and study. Generation of Youth for Christ, formerly the General Youth Conference, is an annual conference and expression of Adventist theology which organizes and coordinates Bible studies, online sermons, regional youth conferences, mission trips, global networking opportunities for young people, weeks of prayer and youth camp meetings.

**Attendance:** 5,500

**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for most meals. This groups is heavily vegan and vegetarian.

**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/gycweb](https://www.facebook.com/gycweb)

**X:** [x.com/gycweb](https://x.com/gycweb)

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