



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

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. They 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, they 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 three-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

X: x.com/galaxyconcmh

Group Contact: [Mike Broder](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Jeremy Tipton](#)

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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

X: 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

X: x.com/ohiofarmbureau

Group Contact: [Julie Shull](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Carrie Thiel](#)

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Columbus IBEW 683 100th Anniversary | December 14

This is the 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

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

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

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

X: x.com/gycweb

Group Contact: [Kelsey Unruh](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Jeremy Tipton](#)

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January Events

Ohio Fair Managers Association Annual Convention—100th Anniversary | January 2–5

OFMA is a voluntary corporation servicing state, independent and county junior and senior agricultural fairs, shows, exhibitions and festivals within Ohio. This event features educational sessions and a trade show for fair managers to select attractions and services for their fairs.

Attendance: 4,000

Meals: Attendees are on their own for some meals.

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: facebook.com/ohiofairs

X: x.com/ohiofairs

Group Contact: [Howard Call](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Jeremy Tipton](#)

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Ohio Valley Region of USA Volleyball National/American Winterfest | January 11–12

OVR National/American Winterfest is a premier event showcasing the finest youth volleyball teams from across the nation! This tournament is a cornerstone of the winter sports season, bringing together athletes, families, and fans for unforgettable competition.

Attendance: 5,000

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: facebook.com/ovr.org

Group Contact: [Brian Hofman](#)

Sports Commission Contact: [Jason Abady](#)

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Montage Sports The Nike Classic | January 18–20

This premier tournament showcases top-tier talent from across the region, with boys' and girls' teams competing in thrilling matchups that highlight skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Attendance: 10,000

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Group Contact: [Zach Colston](#)

Sports Commission Contact: [Jason Abady](#)

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K&M Tire Dealer Conference & Tradeshow | January 20–24

The K&M Tire Dealer Conference and Trade Show is a two-day event that brings together tire dealers from across the country to learn about industry trends and network with vendors.

Attendance: 1,000

Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals.

Location: Hyatt Regency Columbus & Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: facebook.com/KandMTire

X: x.com/KandMTire

Experience Columbus Contact: [Jeremy Tipton](#)

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Ohio Valley Region of USA Volleyball American/Regional Winterfest | January 25–26

Attendance: 5,000

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: facebook.com/ovr.org

Group Contact: [Brian Hofman](#)

Sports Commission Contact: [Jason Abady](#)

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Ohio Craft Brewers Association 2025 Ohio Craft Brewers Conference | January 27–29

Join the Ohio Craft Brewers at the Greater Columbus Convention Center for its 10th annual conference. Enjoy educational seminars, featured speakers, industry vendors and networking opportunities. Whether you work for an operating brewery, have a brewery in-planning or are a craft beer industry vendor, there's sure to be something for everyone... and a few craft beers too!

Attendance: 700

Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals.

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: facebook.com/ohiocraftbeer

X: x.com/OhioCraftBeer

Group Contact: [Mary MacDonald](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Zach Wellman](#)

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Ohio Township Association Winter Conference | January 29–31

The Ohio Township Association's theme for 2025 is "Leading the Way." They are focusing on methods for you to lead your township with over 100 educational workshops, numerous networking events and one of the largest trade shows for local governments in Ohio.

Attendance: 3,000

Meals: Attendees are on their own for most meals.

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Facebook: facebook.com/OhioTownshipAssociation

Group Contact: [Michael Zaky](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Lindsey Wolfe](#)

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