

67th Annual Ohio State Convention of A.A.

August 11-13, 2023

"A.A. - The School of Life...We Never Graduate"



Hosted by Southwest Ohio Area 56

Holiday Inn Fairborn
2800 Presidential Drive
Fairborn, Ohio 45234
(937) 426-7800

Rates: \$127.00 plus tax per night...
Mention Ohio State Convention
to receive this rate.
Hotel Deadline is July 12, 2023



The weekend features: Fabulous Speakers, Hospitality Room, Banquet, Ice Cream Social, Al-Anon Programs, Panel, Roundtables, Sobriety Countdown and Entertainment!

Please send your registration and payment to:

Southwest Ohio General Service Area 56
Ohio State Convention
P.O. Box 684
Dayton, OH 45401

For More Information:
Andrea H., Area 56 Delegate
(567) 279-4146 or email
delegate@aaarea56.org
or John D., Co-Chair
(937) 313-7242
registrar@aaarea56.org

or
Register & pay online at:
aaarea56.org or QR Code Below



Ohio State Convention Registration

A.A.

Al-Anon

Name: _____ Name as you would like on badge: _____

Address: _____ Service Position: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone # _____

Email Address: _____ Accessibility Needs? _____



Registration Fee _____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____

Hospitality Donation _____ any \$\$ \$ _____ Thank You!

Scholarship Donation _____ any \$\$ \$ _____ Thank You!

Saturday Banquet _____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____

Total:..... \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Southwest Ohio General Service Area 56.....Memo: Ohio State Convention

Note: We must receive registrations no later than August 4, 2023 if purchasing banquet tickets

Directions per Google Maps:

From Columbus: From I-70 W take Exit 44 onto I-675 toward Cincinnati. Take Exit 17 and turn right onto N Fairfield Road. Turn left onto Colonel Glenn Highway and then left on Center Park Blvd. Take sharp left to stay on Center Park Blvd. to Holiday Inn on right.

From Cincinnati: From I-75 N take Exit 43 for I-675 N toward Columbus. Take Exit 17 for N Fairfield Road. Turn left onto N Fairfield Road and left onto Colonel Glenn Highway. Turn left onto Center Park Blvd. and take sharp left to stay on Center Park Blvd. to Holiday Inn on right.

From Toledo: From I-75 S take Exit 54B and merge onto OH-4 N toward Springfield. Take Exit OH-444 and merge onto OH-444. Turn left onto OH-844 S/McClerron Memorial Skyway toward I-675. Take Exit 1 for Colonel Glenn Highway toward I-675 N and turn right onto Colonel Glenn Highway. Turn left onto Center Park Blvd. Make a sharp left to stay on Center Park Blvd. to Holiday Inn on right.

From Cleveland: Take I-71 S to Exit 119B and merge onto I-270 W. Stay on I-270 and take Exit 8 to merge onto I-70. From I-70 W take Exit 44 onto I-675 toward Cincinnati. Take Exit 17 and turn right onto N Fairfield Road. Turn left onto Colonel Glenn Highway and then left on Center Park Blvd. Take sharp left to stay on Center Park Blvd. to Holiday Inn on right.

From Indianapolis: Take I-70 E to Exit 33A and merge onto I-75 S toward Dayton. From I-75 S take Exit 54B and merge onto OH-4 N toward Springfield. Take Exit OH-444 and merge onto OH-444. Turn left onto OH-844 S/McClerron Memorial Skyway toward I-675. Take Exit 1 for Colonel Glenn Highway toward I-675 N and turn right onto Colonel Glenn Highway. Turn left onto Center Park Blvd. Make a sharp left to stay on Center Park Blvd. to Holiday Inn on right.

Purpose of the Ohio State Convention

The Ohio State Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous is an open, annual service convention hosted on a rotation schedule by one of the four Ohio Service Areas.

The purpose of the convention is to carry the spirit of the General Service Conference to the districts and groups in Ohio and Southeast Michigan. This is accomplished by fostering cooperation among the four groups in Ohio Areas, highlighting and celebrating the General Service Activities of Alcoholics Anonymous in these areas and through sharing experience on A.A.'s legacies of unity, service and recovery.

The goal of the convention is to support and strengthen the General Service Conference structure in Ohio and Southeast Michigan, helping us to stay sober and to help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

Why do I have to pay?

Most associations like to hold conferences or conventions. But in A.A., a conference or convention is an important opportunity to share the A.A. experience in a broad way.

There are many A.A. conferences held throughout Ohio. One of the most common misconceptions of these gatherings is that they are A.A. meetings, and since, "There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership..." there should be no fees to attend. Conventions and conferences are special events, not regular meetings. They require months of planning, preparation, and money to present. Since most events are held in hotels or convention centers, there is a charge for the use of the facility. Along with the facility's charge, the hotel or convention center will require that the group purchase coffee and food. Other expenses include travel and lodging for conference speakers (they are never paid a fee for speaking), printing flyers, schedules, badges, plus postage and supplies. A large event requires a substantial amount of money to present.

The Ohio State Convention is self-supporting. No group monies are used to pay for the event. The cost of the event is paid through registration fees, not baskets are passed. The ideal event is to break even; therefore, the registration fee is nominal compared to a weekend's worth of entertainment anywhere else. Attendance is voluntary and as responsible A.A. members we pay our own way.