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As our economy and tourism industry rebound, there is a critical need for meetings to return as well to bring in more visitors to the commonwealth. Cities like Louisville, Lexington and Covington are well-known for their ability to host large meeting groups, but Kentucky’s smaller and mid-size cities like Pikeville and Owensboro also have a lot to offer.

Our charming small towns have a mix of historic architecture, revitalized art, shopping, dining and entertainment options. Our guests will find museums and memorials throughout the state that commemorate everything from Muhammad Ali to the Corvette. With everything from street food to fine dining, there is a Kentucky restaurant sure to delight your appetite.

Home to 95 percent of the world’s supply, bourbon is more than a drink here—it’s a lifestyle. Kentucky’s bourbon industry is booming right now, with distilleries expanding production and enhancing visitor experiences. Guests can visit more than 65 distilleries across the state.

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As the home of bluegrass music, Kentucky also has a rich music history and you can hear the tale of bluegrass music at live music venues across the state. Make sure to stop by the Bluegrass Hall of Fame and Museum in the music mecca of Owensboro to explore our incredible bluegrass heritage.

Whether aboveground or underground, Kentucky offers the perfect adventures for thrill-seekers. You’ll definitely want to check out Mammoth Cave National Park, which offers extensive underground adventures in the longest cave system in the world.

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MILEAGE LEGEND

TO LOUISVILLE
CINCINNATI: 100 MILES
INDIANAPOLIS: 114 MILES
NASHVILLE: 176 MILES

TO LEXINGTON
CINCINNATI: 83 MILES
HUNTINGTON, WV: 127 MILES
KNOXVILLE: 172 MILES

TO PADUCAH
EVANSVILLE, IN: 128 MILES
NASHVILLE: 140 MILES
ST. LOUIS: 175 MILES

TO PIKEVILLE
CHARLESTON, WV: 110 MILES
LEXINGTON: 142 MILES
KNOXVILLE: 196 MILES
BOURBON, HORSES & HISTORY

REGION

LOUISVILLE
SHELBYVILLE
SHEPHERDSVILLE
BARDSTOWN
LEITCHFIELD
and in Louisville and embark on a big-city experience softened and sweetened with Kentucky hospitality. There’s plenty to do, but don’t neglect to venture a few miles south and east to visit several of Kentucky’s most charming small towns, where horses reign and bourbon is big — and getting bigger by the day.

**LOCATION:** Central Kentucky

**CITIES:** Louisville, Bardstown, Shelbyville, Shepherdsville, Leitchfield

**ACCESS:** Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport; Blue Grass Airport (Lexington); interstates 64, 65 and 71; Bluegrass Parkway; Western Kentucky Parkway

**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES:** Bourbon and Thoroughbred racing

**WHO’S MEETING IN THE REGION:**

- International Bowl Expo
- USA Volleyball Open National Championship
- Louisville Tattoo Arts Convention
- Green Industry and Equipment Expo
- North American International Livestock Exposition
When they hear “Louisville,” people immediately think of the Kentucky Derby. The first Saturday in May is a big deal, but Kentucky’s largest city is a year-round destination, where one of the country’s largest exposition centers routinely brings in visitors by the thousands for trade shows, expositions, sporting events and conventions.

On weekends, downtown Louisville sidewalks can feel like those in Manhattan, teeming with groups going out on the town that are checking out the latest local restaurant that’s popped up on Market Street, watching a minor league game at Slugger Field, catching a show at the performing arts center or simply sipping bourbon at one of the 40 stops on the Urban Bourbon Trail. And even when the Thoroughbreds aren’t running at Churchill Downs, the track is worth a visit, especially for its museum, a popular attraction and event venue. Louisville’s location on the Ohio River blesses it with a riverboat for cruises, a pedestrian bridge for a bird’s-eye view of barges, riverfront parks and sunsets over the water viewed from atop hotels and other venues.
Bourbon City is back with 15 new hotels, 2 GBAC Star Accredited convention centers, more direct flights, and new event venues - from bourbon distilleries to an indoor track & field complex. Learn more about meetings and events in Louisville at GoToLouisville.com/Meet.
Major highways crisscross downtown: Interstate 65 thunders through, headed south from Chicago; Interstate 64 funnels travelers from West Virginia in the east and Indiana to the west. An international airport serves the region with competitive fares brought by low-cost carriers.

Louisville is a short drive from some of central Kentucky’s most dynamic small towns. Bardstown is less than an hour south. And while its Main Street bustles, it’s still a balm after days in the big city. Rand McNally and USA Today have declared it the Most Beautiful Small Town in America. Kentucky’s second-oldest city is well preserved, with 300 historic structures on the National Register of Historic Places, and the city has also been a champion at preserving and expanding its lengthy and colorful history of bourbon-making. Bourbon distilleries are popping up all around, with nearly a dozen distilleries within an easy drive of downtown, as well as nearby stalwarts like Jim Beam and Maker’s Mark.

In downtown Shelbyville, antiques remain the thing, inspired many years ago by Wakefield-Scearce Galleries, whose silver julep cups are often the prize for winners of sports competitions. Shelby County, too, is home to several distilleries, including Jeptha Creed, a family-run craft distillery with a noticeable presence within view of Interstate 64 and next to fields where its heirloom corn is grown for its bourbon. A new conference center on the edge of town makes it easier to host a meeting in the town known as the American Saddlebred Capital of the World.

Shepherdsville, with a freestanding conference center and a dozen or more limited-service hotels nearby, is budget- and family-friendly. It’s home to what purports to be the longest go-kart course in the world and is minutes from Bernheim Forest, where families and kids can hike, bike and enjoy the outdoors in 16,000 acres of forested bluegrass.

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Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) in downtown Louisville

DID YOU KNOW?

The Kentucky International Convention Center’s commitment to sustainability goes beyond its architecture and efficiency. Each year, its recycling and environmental initiatives divert 150,000 pounds of cardboard, 8,000 pounds of compost and 1,000 pounds of pallets from local landfills.

KICC was built in 1977 and underwent a major expansion in 2018.

The Kentucky Expo Center was built in 1950 and its last major expansion was in 2007.

EXHIBIT SPACE

KICC offers 200,125 square feet.

THE KENTUCKY EXPO CENTER’S South & North wings total more than 639,000 square feet.
Kentucky’s largest city is also home to the state’s two largest meeting and event venues. About six miles apart, they are managed by the same entity but typically cater to different audiences. The Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) opened in downtown Louisville 45 years ago and closed in 2016 to undergo a $207 million expansion. When it reopened two years later, it had a great deal more space to offer: 33% more exhibition space and an additional 10,000 square feet in its ballroom, as well as a new 165-tiered-seat conference theater with a 220-inch video wall. The center also stepped up its sustainability efforts and, with those measures, earned LEED Silver certification.

Expanding the center while keeping it in its current location was important to the city, and when planners visit, they quickly understand why. The center is within walking distance of 6,000 guest rooms in some 19 full-service and limited-service hotels. Within those same city blocks are 20 attractions: a half dozen distilleries or other bourbon stops; a brewery and winery; and many museums, including the Slugger Museum and its baseball bats and the Muhammad Ali Center, with its tribute to the world-famous boxer from Louisville. A major sports arena, the KFC Yum! Center and a minor league ballpark, Slugger Field,
are walking distance, as is the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts. In contrast, the Kentucky Expo Center sits on 356 acres adjacent to the popular theme park Kentucky Kingdom, surrounded by vast parking lots. It is within a mile of Louisville International Airport, now named for Muhammad Ali, and adjacent to Interstate 65 and the Watterson Expressway, the city’s major loop.

Home to the Kentucky State Fair, the National Farm Machinery Show and the North American International Livestock Exposition, the exposition center’s arenas and outdoor spaces attract many agriculture-related shows, but agriculture is not its only business. The center is highly versatile, with huge exposition halls and 52 meeting rooms. Its meeting and event space totals some 1.2 million square feet, so it can easily handle sporting events, car and boat shows, collectors conventions and large trade shows.

KICC features more than

300,000

square feet that include 52 meeting rooms, a new theater and a 40,000-square-foot column-free ballroom.

THE EXPO CENTER has more than

1.2 MILLION

square feet of meeting space, with 56 meeting rooms, two arenas, 300 acres of outdoor space and massive exhibit halls.

NEARBY HOTELS

More than

6,000

hotel rooms near KICC in downtown Louisville

17,000

hotel rooms in Louisville metro, including many near the expo center and airport

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SHELBYVILLE
CONFERENCE CENTER
SHELBYVILLE
Three farm silos that sit next to a stone and glass conference and visitors center near downtown make the new Shelbyville Conference Center easy to find. Managed by the tourism office, the 500-person conference center also has significant preconference space and a patio. Decorators used equine themes to highlight Shelbyville’s reputation as the American Saddlebred Capital of the World.

OTHER MEETING SPACES:
3,200 square feet of preconference space; patio

MEETING SERVICES: Audiovisual services, catering prep kitchen, 200 free parking spaces

PAROQUET SPRINGS
CONFERENCE CENTER
SHEPHERDSVILLE
In the 1800s, visitors swarmed to Paroquet Springs for its healing spring waters. Today, groups that want to avoid the hassles and expense of urban settings drive 10 minutes south of the Louisville airport to meet at the 40,000-square-foot Paroquet Springs Conference Center just off Interstate 65. Major stops on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail and 850 limited-service hotel rooms are minutes away.

OTHER MEETING SPACES:
2,744-square-foot ballroom, 1,736-square-foot meeting room and five breakout rooms

MEETING SERVICES: In-house catering, free parking, audiovisual services

MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME
STATE PARK
BARDSTOWN
At My Old Kentucky Home State Park, groups can tour the mansion that inspired Stephen Foster’s “My Old Kentucky Home,” then meet in a modern pavilion on the grounds that mirrors Federal Hill’s Southern style. A ballroom adjoins an open-air pavilion bordered by a white-pillared colonnade. For before- or after-meeting fun, make mint juleps or biscuits during a culinary class.

OTHER MEETING SPACES:
The 4,389-square-foot Veranda; the Rotunda, a 4,000-square-foot, open-air covered pavilion; the 551-square-foot Magnolia Room; the carriage house

MEETING SERVICES: Prep kitchen, free parking, audiovisual services, add-on activities such as tours and culinary classes

ROUGH RIVER DAM STATE
RESORT PARK
LEITCHFIELD
See bald eagles and other birds from meeting rooms that overlook a 5,000-acre lake at Rough River Dam State Resort Park. Attendees meet and stay in the 40-room lodge or the 17 two-bedroom cottages. Private planes can land at the park’s air strip. Recreation experts can organize tournaments on a new 18-hole disc golf course, fishing expeditions, pontoon tours, and kayak and paddleboarding adventures.

EXHIBIT SPACE:
4,018-square-foot, divisible Falls of Rough meeting room

OTHER MEETING SPACES:
1,200-square-foot Terrace Room; 463-square-foot conference room

MEETING SERVICES: Audiovisual services, in-house catering, 150-seat restaurant, pontoon boat tours, recreation planning staff
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DOWNTOWN LOUISVILLE
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EVENT CAPACITY: Up to 1,000 guests outdoors; receptions of up to 250 indoors
CATERING: Clients choose their own caterer.
ALCOHOL PERMITTED: Yes
MORE INFO: COPPERANDKINGS.COM

LOG STILL DISTILLERY AND DANT CROSSING
GETHSEMANE
The Log Still Distillery draws crowds to Dant Crossing, a new bourbon experience built with events in mind. A chapel aimed at weddings works just as well for presentations. A 350-person banquet hall includes a stage. A covered breezeway keeps cocktail hour cool. An amphitheater accommodates up to 2,000. Guests can arrive by private railcar at Gethsemane Station.

EVENT CAPACITY: Up to 350 guests in reception hall; up to 2,000 outdoors in amphitheater
CATERING: In-house catering. A farm-to-table restaurant will open in 2022.
ALCOHOL PERMITTED: Yes
MORE INFO: DANTCROSSING.COM

BARDSTOWN BOURBON COMPANY
BARDSTOWN
Travelers along the Bluegrass Parkway do a double take when they see this mushrooming distillery. It creates a variety of products by blending bourbons distilled on-site with stock from other distilleries. Venues are as varied as the bourbons made and include a massive restaurant and bar, the visitors center, terraces and private rooms decorated with amber bottles of bourbon.

EVENT CAPACITY: Up to 60 guests seated in the Fusion Room
CATERING: In-house
ALCOHOL PERMITTED: Yes
MORE INFO: BARDSTOWNBOURBON.COM

WINDY MEADOWS
OLDHAM COUNTY
Arabian, American Saddlebred and other beautiful horse breeds greet guests at Windy Meadows, where dinners in the barn include unexpected bling: a 180-pound crystal chandelier. Nearby, there’s meeting space for up to 75 guests. Owner and author Ellie Troutman gives guided tours of the farm where Hallmark movies and television commercials have been filmed.

EVENT CAPACITY: Up to 275 at seated dinners
CATERING: Venue makes catering recommendations tailored to the client; farm-to-table meals are popular.
ALCOHOL PERMITTED: Yes
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**LOCATION:** Central Kentucky

**CITIES:** Lexington, Frankfort, Georgetown, Richmond, Berea, Harrodsburg

**ACCESS:** Blue Grass Airport (Lexington), Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport, Louisville International Airport; interstates 64 and 75, Bluegrass Parkway

**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES:** Thoroughbred racing, horse farm tours and the Kentucky Bourbon Trail
Lexington and the surrounding region are what people usually picture when they think of the Bluegrass State. Dozens of lush farms, and fields dotted with Thoroughbreds and bordered by plank fences, encircle the city and spread out to those towns around it: pretty, small places with exotic names like Paris and Versailles.

At Kentucky’s center, the region is where interstates 64 and 75 cross paths on their ways east and west, north and south, respectively. It’s no wonder that Amazon, Toyota and other major companies have located here.

Large conventions and events are centered in Lexington, a city of 325,000, where a major expansion is underway on a long-standing convention complex anchored by Rupp Arena, the University of Kentucky Wildcats’ basketball palace. On the city’s northern edge, the 1,200-acre Kentucky Horse Park is not just a home to all things equine but also a favored meeting and event venue thanks to its arenas, stadiums, museums, barns and outdoor spaces. Many equine competitions and conferences gather there every year, but other meeting segments have found their audiences well served by the diverse spaces it offers in a pastoral setting.

Beyond Lexington, nearly every small town, even tiny Midway, has a college or university, most offering facilities for meetings and conventions. Midway, too, halfway between Lexington and Frankfort, is renowned for having a lot of successful restaurants and shops for a town that’s only one block long.

The state capital, Frankfort, is a Kentucky history lesson. Visitors can wander through the original Capitol as well as its current one and visit a state history museum on the corner of a downtown street where shoppers are drawn to a coffee shop, a bookstore, a wine shop, antique shops, an arts and crafts store and multiple local restaurants. A few miles from Midway and Frankfort, Georgetown is home to Georgetown College and its conference center, as well as a vast Toyota automotive plant where the Camry and other models are manufactured. Toyota’s presence has injected energy into downtown Georgetown, where breweries, bourbon-tasting spaces and barbecue restaurants have popped up in recent years.

South of Lexington, Richmond and Berea are two very different college towns. Richmond is home to the state’s second-largest regional university; Berea is home to the small but well-known Berea College, a liberal arts school known for its sustainability efforts.

Known as Kentucky’s arts and crafts capital, Berea welcomes visitors at the Kentucky Artisan Center off Interstate 75, where the work of the many talented artists and craftspeople in Berea and beyond is not only displayed but also sold.
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An artist rendering of Lexington's Central Bank Center

Equestrian art in Lexington

The Square in downtown Lexington

DID YOU KNOW?

Rupp Arena, home to University of Kentucky Wildcats basketball, is the best-known feature of the Central Bank Center. The arena and convention center were called a “downtown dream come true,” when they opened in 1976. Thousands of people paid 99 cents each to take a tour when the complex opened.

BUILT IN

1976

major expansion to be completed in

2022

EXHIBIT SPACE

100,000

square-foot exhibit space

OTHER MEETING SPACE

24,330

square feet of ballroom space

24,000

square feet of meeting rooms

NEARBY HOTELS

Hyatt Regency Lexington (attached), Hilton Hotel Lexington (connected by pedway), Marriott/Residence Inn City Center and 21C hotel (two blocks away)
The $300 million expansion and renovation of the Lexington Center, now known as the Central Bank Center, has been called Lexington’s most important public investment in nearly 50 years. The massive project, scheduled for completion in spring 2022, will elevate Lexington’s profile in the meetings industry. The expansion grows its exhibition space by 50% and ballroom space by more than 40%. The expansion also adds 50,000 square feet of club space that groups can use in conjunction with Rupp Arena, home to the University of Kentucky Wildcats basketball team.

The expansion goes beyond adding more space. It also changes the face of the meeting and event complex, which has been a fixture in downtown Lexington for more than 40 years. Architects from Los Angeles and Lexington collaborated on a design that involves sharp angles and glass to give the center a transparent and attractive facade they believe will encourage passersby to want to be inside it. In addition to the new club spaces, Rupp’s upper seating will be upgraded and sustainability features will be added.

The center will be bordered by a park, a plaza, water features, 2,000 surface parking-lot spaces and 502 covered spaces.

When complete, the Central Bank Center will include a near-100,000-square-foot exhibit hall that can be divided into five spaces, 24,330 square feet of ballroom space, nearly 11,000 square feet of flexible event space and 24,000 square feet of meeting space. Its catering partner is Levy’s Hardwood and Oak brand.

The convention center has always been connected to downtown hotels, restaurants and parking via pedestrian walkways, and that important feature will remain. The Hyatt Regency Downtown and the Hilton Lexington Downtown have more than 700 rooms between them.
ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

**CARDOME RENAISSANCE CENTRE**
**GEORGETOWN**
Set on a hill and topped by a tower, the red-brick building is hard to miss. Since its construction in the late 1800s, Cardome has had many roles, and now the Catholic Diocese has introduced it as a memorable meeting and event venue. Spaces include Chapel Hall, with arched stained-glass windows and soaring ceilings, and Black Barn, a rustic but modernized former tobacco barn with meadow views.

**LARGEST SPACE:** 3,168-square-foot Chapel Hall

**OTHER MEETING SPACES:**
2,800-square-foot Black Barn with concrete floors, on-site restrooms and electric power.

**MEETING SERVICES:** Tables and chairs and setup, free parking. Clients choose their own caterers. Alcohol is permitted following facility guidelines.

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**EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**
**RICHMOND**
Kentucky’s fourth-largest university dominates Richmond, located south of Lexington off Interstate 75. Meetings can opt for a sports arena, a conference center, fixed-seat auditoriums or, for social gatherings, a large ballroom with a barrel ceiling and Art Deco styling. The Ravine, a natural amphitheater with a permanent stage, invites outdoor presentations and performances.

**EXHIBIT SPACE:** 960-person ballroom for up to 400 guests in the Perkins Conference Center

**OTHER MEETING SPACES:**
390-seat O’Donnell Auditorium, 1,638-person Brock Auditorium, other small meeting rooms in the Keen Johnson Building

**MEETING SERVICES:** Audiovisual services, list of EKU caterers, parking at the conference center

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**MIDWAY UNIVERSITY**
**MIDWAY**
Known for its equine studies, nursing and business programs, the leafy hilltop campus of Midway University is within walking distance of downtown Midway, one of Kentucky’s most attractive, vital and restaurant-rich small towns. Small meetings have numerous choices on-campus, among them classrooms, boardrooms, an auditorium and outdoor spaces like an amphitheater.

**LARGEST EVENT SPACE:**
400-seat auditorium

**OTHER MEETING SPACES:**
Boardrooms, classrooms, outdoor amphitheater

**MEETING SERVICES:** Audiovisual services, catering

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**BEREA COLLEGE**

**BEREA**
Berea College, known for progressive philosophies and free tuition, offers venues such as an alumni center with bright white, window-lit spaces and a vintage gym-turned-gleaming meeting space. For upscale meetings, there’s Kentucky’s first green hotel, the school-affiliated Boone Tavern. A home designed by a Frank Lloyd Wright protege invites small retreat groups to admire its architecture and the mountain views from its flagstone patio.

**LARGEST SPACE:**
1,200-seat Phelps Stokes Auditorium, built by students in the early 1900s

**OTHER MEETING SPACES:**
3,750-square-foot and 2,100-square-foot meeting rooms in the alumni building; 2,288-square-foot Woods-Penn Commons, a former gym transformed into a meeting space

**MEETING SERVICES:** Audiovisual services, transportation, meeting services, catering

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Frankfort
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Event Capacity:
Up to 350 guests. Indoor spaces include a 950-square-foot upstairs hall and a 770-square-foot bar in the Elmer T. Lee Clubhouse; 780-square-foot Single Oak Room in the visitors center

Catering:
List of recommended caterers provided.

Alcohol Permitted: Yes

More Info:
Buffalotracedistillery.com

Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill
Harrodsburg
Ideas come easier on the 3,000 acres of peaceful, rolling bluegrass devoted to the innovative and industrious Shakers, who built the community in the 1800s. Accommodations and meeting spaces are tucked into the village’s 34 restored Shaker buildings, all with simple yet striking Shaker-style furnishings. Plan a group dinner, topped with lemon Shaker pie, in a barn or outdoors next to an organic garden.

Event Capacity:
5,000 square feet in five meeting spaces; the largest, at 1,120 square feet, seats 75 guests

Catering:
In-house through the Trustees’ Table restaurant

Alcohol Permitted: Yes

More Info:
Shakervillageky.org

Kentucky Horse Park
Georgetown
A state park devoted to horses of all breeds, the Kentucky Horse Park has, since it opened in 1978, become a favored venue for meetings and events far beyond those that are equine related. Its 1,229 acres are peppered with barns, indoor and outdoor arenas, and museums, most available for bookings, not to mention outdoor spaces like a circular park with a bronze statue of Man O’ War at its center.

Event Capacity:
5,512 permanent seats and championship show ring in Alltech Arena; hundreds at outdoor events

Catering:
In-house

Alcohol Permitted: Yes

More Info:
Kyhorsepark.com
KENTUCKY CASTLE
VERSAILLES

Who wouldn’t be cool with communing in a castle? The Kentucky Castle, one man’s pipe dream, sat unfinished for decades, so all of central Kentucky is thrilled to see it finally completed and welcoming parties, receptions and small meetings. Located a few miles from Keeneland race course, the castle’s nine venues include a ballroom, a parlor, a courtyard, a terrace and its entire rooftop. Fourteen guest rooms include four suites in the castle’s towers.

EVENT CAPACITY:
Ballroom and adjoining parlor seat nearly 150 guests, the rooftop seats 66, 125 for receptions.

CATERING: In-house through the castle’s restaurant

ALCOHOL PERMITTED: Yes

MORE INFO: THEKENTUCKYCASTLE.COM

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KENTUCKY APPALACHIANS

KENTUCKY APPALACHIAN SCENES, CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Breaks Interstate Park; downtown Ashland; the Ashland waterfront; Cave Run Lake near Morehead.
As the mountains that guard Kentucky’s eastern edge rise, so does a distinctive sense of place. Here, small towns act bigger than they are. They bring crowds to downtowns for fun festivals; promote art in museums and shops and on their streets; applaud live music in performance venues large and small; and never neglect to say a friendly hello.

**LOCATION:** Eastern Kentucky

**CITIES:** Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Ashland, Morehead, Mount Sterling

**ACCESS:** Blue Grass Airport (Lexington), Huntington-Tri-State Airport (Huntington, West Virginia), Amtrak’s Cardinal line (Ashland), Interstate 64, U.S. Highway 23, Combs Mountain Parkway

**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES:** Outdoor adventures, art and live music

**WHO’S MEETING IN THE REGION:**

- **KENTUCKY ELKS ASSOCIATION**
  - 300 attendees

- **KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS CONFERENCE**
  - 350 attendees
The Kentucky Appalachians is a borderland, where Kentucky bumps up against Ohio, West Virginia and Virginia. The region’s major towns are small but mighty, from Mount Sterling and Morehead on the west to Ashland and Pikeville on the east.

Right off Interstate 64, 45 minutes from Lexington, Mount Sterling is a bridge between the mountains and the Bluegrass, with a healthy downtown and a reputation for art and agriculture. On up the interstate, Morehead has become a regional center for health care and is home to one of the state’s regional universities: Morehead State. Geared to the 9,000 students who attend school there, Morehead has plenty of dining options, ample limited-service hotels and nice surprises like a museum devoted to Kentucky folk art and a city-operated downtown conference center that gets rave reviews.

Also off Interstate 64 and on the Ohio River, minutes from Huntington, West Virginia, is Ashland, whose downtown is anchored by a roomy central park, an arts center and a refurbished theater-turned-performing arts center. Its meeting business has been invigorated by a complete renovation of its downtown convention hotel, now part of the Marriott brand. There’s also a focus on creativity, visibly expressed in public art along the riverfront and in colorful murals.

Pikeville, the unofficial capital city of the mountains, has seen its downtown resurge, the result of an impressive engineering feat that rerouted a river through a cut in a mountain. After the river channel was filled in and train tracks were rerouted, the city ended up with another 400 acres of flatland to develop. Among the developments was a major downtown arena that brings private and public events to a central business district where locals have opened shops, restaurants, bars and a brewery. It’s no wonder the city has been twice recognized as one of “The 100 Best Small Towns in America.” Like Morehead, Pikeville is a major center for medical care, and its University of Pikeville has become known for programs that train health care professionals.

During downtime, visitors can learn more about the famous Hatfield-McCoy feud that made Pikeville nationally known by visiting sites tied to the families, or they can spend time in more peaceable pursuits like canoeing, horseback riding, zip lining or hopping a shuttle to Breaks Interstate Park. On the Virginia border, this little-known park is nicknamed the Grand Canyon of the South.

And speaking of parks, this region is brimming with state-operated ones, including the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Prestonsburg, where a lake and a tradition of live summer theater bring meetings back year after year.
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Pikeville, Kentucky’s Overlook Events Center is a fully featured 350 person capacity facility with a breathtaking view of the city, and the Appalachian Mountain range. The center is ADA-compliant with a back patio that doubles as an overlook. For larger meetings and conventions, Pikeville also features the Appalachian Wireless Arena, which features meeting space that can accommodate up to 300 people, and a arena floor that can host up to 1500. Located within a short distance of our Downtown Pikeville lodging.

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The arena was built in downtown Pikeville and has helped revitalize the city because it puts visitors in walking distance from restaurants, a brewery, a distillery, a city park with its own pond and paddleboats, the Appalachian Center for the Arts, shops, parks and a newer limited-service hotel.

**Did You Know?**

- **Event Space**: 7,000-seat arena for concerts, sporting events, conventions and tradeshows
- **Other Meeting Space**: 5,000 square feet of meeting space, including a divisible ballroom and a boardroom
- **Nearby Hotels**: Hampton Inn Downtown, Holiday Inn Express two miles away

**Appalachian Wireless Arena Exterior**

**Pikeville’s Dueling Barrels Distillery**
If you aren’t familiar with Pikeville and its Appalachian Wireless Arena, talk to Alice Cooper, Martina McBride, Miranda Lambert, Larry the Cable Guy, Kid Rock or a host of other entertainers who’ve performed there since its 2005 opening. Those big-name acts definitely put a spotlight on the arena, located in downtown Pikeville. But the facility is also equipped to handle meetings, conventions, tradeshows and sporting events, and it does host its share of them.

The 7,000-seat arena is supplemented by 5,000 square feet of meeting space consisting of a ballroom that can be divided into three smaller spaces and a boardroom. A roomy lobby is often used for exhibits, receptions or dinners.

Built as an economic driver for the region, the Appalachian Wireless Arena has definitely energized downtown, where it is walking distance from the 123-room Hampton Inn and its nearly 2,000 square feet of meeting space, as well as the University of Pikeville campus, shops, restaurants, a distillery and a brewery. A city park adds a touch of green to the walk back and forth from the downtown Hampton Inn. Unlike many downtowns, Pikeville has free parking for the arena in a nearby parking structure. After a meeting, attendees can adjourn to Dueling Barrels distillery or Broken Throne microbrewery right across from the arena or dig into regional specialties at Southern Biscuit.
MOREHEAD CONFERENCE CENTER

MOREHEAD
Located downtown near Morehead State University and the Kentucky Folk Art Center, this moderate-size conference center’s single-story floor plan can be configured several ways. Full out, the center becomes an 18,000-square-foot exhibit hall with an 8,000-square-foot foyer featuring lots of natural light. It can also be divided into one or two smaller exhibit halls and three small meeting rooms.

OTHER MEETING SPACES:
Exhibit hall can be divided into as many as five meeting spaces, including three 600-square-foot meeting rooms and two 4,300-square-foot exhibit halls.

MEETING SERVICES:
Audiovisual services, list of approved caterers, free parking

OVERLOOK EVENTS CENTER

PIKEVILLE
At the top of Bob Amos Park, high above town, the city of Pikeville built a stone, timber and glass events center with enviable views. The Overlook Events Center works as well for daytime meetings as it does for evening dinners. A terrace provides a look at the city below and the mountains beyond; indoors, gas fireplaces add warmth and atmosphere.

OTHER MEETING SPACES:
None

MEETING SERVICES:
In-house catering, free parking, audiovisual services

JENNY WILEY STATE RESORT PARK

PRESTONSBURG
Cradled by hills and bordered by pines, Dewey Lake is the draw at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, where meetings settle into a flexible conference center and two other meeting rooms. Guests can stay overnight in any of 49 lodge rooms and 18 cottages. Pontoons and canoe rentals, naturalist talks, winter elk tours and summer theater can fill free time.

OTHER MEETING SPACES:
Two 1,000-square-foot meeting rooms and an event building

MEETING SERVICES:
Audiovisual services, team building, full-service catering with bar option at rentable areas in the park
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**MOUNTAIN ARTS CENTER**
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**EVENT CAPACITY:**
1,044 seats in its performing arts theater

**CATERING:**
Clients hire their own caterers.

**ALCOHOL PERMITTED:** Yes

**MORE INFO:**
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**COMMUNITY ROOM IN THE OLD TRAIN DEPOT**
**ASHLAND**
Ashland’s train depot is still a stop for city buses and Amtrak’s Cardinal line more than 100 years after trains first rolled in. The station’s Community Room is a popular events venue with exposed brick walls, timber rafters and mullioned windows. It is walking distance from Ashland’s largest convention hotel, the Delta Hotels by Marriott Ashland.

**EVENT CAPACITY:**
3,785-square-foot event hall accommodates 540 for standing receptions, 250 at rounds.

**CATERING:**
On-site prep kitchen. Clients hire their own caterers.

**ALCOHOL PERMITTED:** Yes

**MORE INFO:**
ASHLANDKY.GOV

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**GATEWAY REGIONAL ARTS CENTER**
**MOUNT STERLING**
An old church, painted a sunny yellow, is a center for visual and performing arts in downtown Mount Sterling. Stained-glass windows stream sunshine into the former sanctuary, now a performance hall and banquet space. Staff can help break the ice with 10-minute watercolor or weaving projects. An art gallery is a picturesque space for small receptions.

**EVENT CAPACITY:**
90 seated at rounds or 120 auditorium-style in performance hall

**CATERING:**
Venue provides list of caterers.

**ALCOHOL PERMITTED:** Yes

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SCENES, CLOCKWISE FROM
LEFT: Zip-lining at Jonathan Creek
Retreat Center; National Quilt
Museum; an arts experience in
Paducah; a Murray farmers market

COURTESY JONATHAN CREEK RETREAT CENTER
Be prepared to be impressed in Kentucky’s Western Waterlands, a region that continues to earn national acclaim. There’s Paducah, a riverfront charmer that’s also a UNESCO Creative City, and Murray, named the friendliest small town in America by two publications. Not to mention Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley, side-by-side lakes that have boosted the region’s reputation as a haven for retirees.

LOCATION: Southwestern Kentucky
CITIES: Paducah, Hopkinsville, Murray, Mayfield
ACCESS: Nashville International Airport (Nashville, Tennessee), interstates 24 and 69, Western Kentucky Parkway, Purchase Parkway, Pennyrile Parkway
SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES: Lakes, rivers and folk art and crafts

WHO’S MEETING IN THE REGION:

**KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION REGIONAL CONFERENCE**
150 attendees

**2019 DIPPIN’ DOTS ANNUAL MEETING**
500 attendees

**AMERICAN QUILT SOCIETY QUILTWEEK**
25,000 attendees
When helicopters based at Fort Campbell, home of the U.S. Army’s 101st Airborne Division, rise up and fly over Kentucky’s western corner, its pilots see a lot of water below. The Ohio and Mississippi rivers, sometimes muddy, always bustling with barges, slide between Kentucky and its neighbors to the west, Illinois and Missouri. The smaller Cumberland and Tennessee rivers snake through, too; the Cumberland pours into the Ohio at Smithland, the Tennessee enters the Ohio at Paducah. Then there are the lakes, giant ones for Kentucky, shaped more like New York’s Finger Lakes than the big wide Great Lakes. Lake Barkley, 134 miles long, and Kentucky Lake, 183 miles long, sit side by side, stretching down into Tennessee. The lakes bring boaters, fishermen, vacationers and tons of retirees, drawn by the region’s national reputation as a great place to settle in and enjoy life.

The lakes have also, for decades, drawn state government and associations and other meeting business to three lakefront state parks, all with lodges, cottages and meeting facilities, as well as boating, golfing and other recreation.

Cities here are thriving and striving. Paducah, a quaint riverfront town of 25,000, has capitalized on being home to the largest museum devoted to quilt-making and fiber arts. It hosts 25,000 people at a time for a semiannual conference of quilters. It has also expanded on its reputation as Quilt City USA by creating an entire neighborhood where artists can affordably live and work and welcome visitors into their studios and galleries. For all its work in the arts, Paducah has earned an honor no other Kentucky city has yet received. It is a UNESCO Creative City of Crafts and Folk Arts.

Just north of Fort Campbell, the massive U.S. Army installation on the Kentucky-Tennessee border, Hopkinsville’s growth has spurred a convention center to expand, nearly doubling its size. Since then, there’s been other development adjacent to the Bruce, as the center is known locally, including two new next-door neighbors: a limited-service hotel and a 54,000-square-foot, climate-controlled sports complex that also books spaces for meetings and events.

Murray, home to Murray State University, has been declared the friendliest small town in America by not one, but two major publishers: USA Today and Rand McNally. The college town makes the most of its downtown square, bringing citizens into town for such fun as summer movie nights, an Easter egg hunt, farmers markets and an annual holiday fest. Murray also has its share of meetings and events thanks to Murray State’s sports arena and the campus student center’s ample meeting space.
With globally-celebrated creative culture, Paducah’s amenities make it a memorable destination for meetings and your next event or trade show!

The Paducah McCracken County Convention & Expo Center features approximately 100,000 square feet of flexible meeting space under one roof, and a variety of off-site venues range from historic spaces, hotels and beautiful parks to high-tech performing art venues that are adaptable to your needs.

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**40,000 square-foot expo center:**
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**13 breakout rooms,** including several with access to a balcony overlooking the Ohio River

**Nearby Hotels**
Adjacent

123-room Holiday Inn and Suites

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Having an expo center and convention center on the same scenic riverfront site makes for a versatile complex that can handle a corporate annual meeting as easily as a volleyball tournament. A five-mile greenway trail that skirts the riverfront before turning toward city parks and neighborhoods starts at the center’s parking lot.
Paducah gets the most attention for handling the 25,000 attendees of the American Quilt Society’s Quilt Week, which plans to return to the western Kentucky city in spring of 2022. In the meantime, the Paducah Convention Center and Expo Center complex has plenty to offer other groups.

Next to the Ohio River, with balconies that overlook the river on several of its second-floor breakout rooms, the center is a quarter-mile from Paducah’s downtown entertainment district. It’s also a quick walk to a five-mile greenway trail that begins in the center’s parking lot. A few blocks west, the Lower Town, a neighborhood of working artists, can make for an eye-opening and mind-broadening experience as visitors meet artists in studios and galleries at their homes.

Since the center opened in 1980, it has continued to add features that benefit meetings and conventions. Five years ago, a 123-room Holiday Inn and Suites opened next to the center. During the pandemic, the Expo Center added a multipurpose sports court to better handle competitions. The court allows up to 16 volleyball courts and four basketball courts. For years, the center outsourced its catering, but two years ago it added its own kitchen and an on-site chef.

The convention center’s second floor has four large ballrooms named after the area’s rivers, and these can be combined into one 18,967-square-foot space. There are also five breakout spaces on that level. On the lower level, a 12,750-square-foot exhibit hall is bordered by as many as eight breakout spaces. On both floors, 4,725-square-foot lobbies add room for registration, receptions or additional trade show booths. The center’s largest space can handle 2,000 attendees.

Adjacent to the convention center, the expo center has 40,000 square feet of exhibit space. A 20,000-square-foot lobby has two meeting rooms.
BETTE H. BURRIS CONFERENCE CENTER AT GREEN TURTLE BAY RESORT

GRAND RIVERS
A conference center affords views of Lake Barkley at this resort, with its spa, pool, children’s play area, three restaurants, condos of various sizes and marina. Guests can whisk into Grand Rivers in rented golf carts. The conference center space can be divided, and an adjoining boardroom works well as a set-up space for buffets.

OTHER MEETING SPACES:
An executive boardroom

MEETING SERVICES:
On-site catering, audiovisual services, lodging reservations and group activities

LARGEST SPACE:
1,300 SQUARE-FOOT DIVISIBLE CONFERENCE CENTER

HOPKINSVILLE
An expansion at the Bruce Convention Center in 2019 was followed by the openings of a 104-room Holiday Inn and Suites across from the center and a 54,000-square-foot Sportsplex next door, all indicators that Hopkinsville is booming. The center’s addition includes a ballroom, adjacent meeting rooms and a new kitchen.

OTHER MEETING SPACES:
5,200-square-foot ballroom; up to 10 breakout spaces

MEETING SERVICES:
Audiovisual services, in-house catering, free parking, adjacent 104-room Holiday Inn and Suites

CFSB CENTER AND CURRIS CENTER AT MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

MURRAY
Murray State’s student center and sports arena are also meeting and conference venues for the community and beyond. The CFSB Center books its 8,600-seat arena, upper concourse and 250-person Murray Room; the student center’s spaces include a 325-seat theater, four meeting rooms, a dining room/meeting space suite and a large ballroom.

OTHER MEETING SPACES:
The Curris Center’s ballroom seats 900.

MEETING SERVICES:
Audiovisual services, catering

EXHIBIT SPACE:
8,600 SEAT ARENA AND UPPER CONCOURSE WORK WELL FOR TRADE SHOWS

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KENTUCKY DAM VILLAGE
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There are water views of the greatest of Kentucky’s lakes throughout the 72-room lodge at the Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, including from its spacious lobby, often used for receptions. A 6,336-square-foot conference center is nearby. Smaller groups with golf on the itinerary can stay near the 18-hole golf course at the 14-room Village Green Lodge, with its own 1,000-square-foot meeting room. There are also 61 one- to three-bedroom cottages.

OTHER MEETING SPACES:
Lodge lobby for receptions

MEETING SERVICES:
Audiovisual services, catering, recreation options

EXHIBIT SPACE:
6,336 SQUARE-FOOT CONFERENCE CENTER

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**EVENT CAPACITY:** 850  
**CATERING:** On-site catering  
**ALCOHOL PERMITTED:** No  
**MORE INFO:** GOCROSSINGS.ORG

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**SILO EVENT CENTER**  
**HOPKINSVILLE**

Step through a 35-foot tall silo and into the 10,000-square-foot, climate-controlled Silo Event Center, inspired by the Midwest’s dairy barns. Despite its country looks, the venue is close to Interstate 24 and several limited-service hotels. Since it opened five years ago, the Silo Event Center has been busy with corporate, military and private events.

**EVENT CAPACITY:** 400 at seated events  
**CATERING:** Clients can choose their own caterer.  
**ALCOHOL PERMITTED:** Yes  
**MORE INFO:** THESILOEVENTS.COM

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**1857 HOTEL AND EVENTS CENTER**  
**PADUCAH**

Residents of Paducah sighed with relief when a historic downtown brick storefront was saved. The site then started a new life as a 10-room boutique hotel, and its first-floor event space is a knockout, with a fireplace, a bar and big windows looking out on the lively downtown. A large adjacent brick alleyway has been festooned with plants and lights for outdoor gatherings.

**EVENT CAPACITY:** Up to 175 seated in the 1,400-square-foot indoor space  
**CATERING:** Clients can choose their own caterer.  
**ALCOHOL PERMITTED:** Yes  
**MORE INFO:** THE1857HOTELS.COM

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**YATES EVENT CENTER**  
**MURRAY**

Five years ago, longtime Murray restaurant owners who were doing a booming catering business decided it was time to build their own events center. On 27 acres, with its own pond, a large patio with a see-through stone fireplace and plentiful parking, the Yates Event Center’s three event spaces total 7,500 square feet.

**EVENT CAPACITY:** 275 in its 3,600-square-foot main room  
**CATERING:** In-house. The owners have been catering through their restaurant, The Keg, for 20 years.  
**ALCOHOL PERMITTED:** Private events can supply their own alcohol.  
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NORTHERN KENTUCKY SCENES, CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: A Maysville mural; the Belle of Cincinnati; Covington’s Roebling Suspension Bridge; crossing the bridge on foot.

COURTESY MAYSVILLE-MASON CO. CVB
Be ready for a rousing welcome in Kentucky’s northern borderland, where meeting venues migrate to the Ohio River’s banks and traditions like brewing and distilling have been revived. Meeting attendees can fill their free time with visits to a German village, a replica of Noah’s Ark, a seaworthy aquarium or a home for a retired ventriloquists’ dummies.

LOCATION: Northern Kentucky
CITIES: Covington, Newport, Maysville, Owenton
ACCESS: Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport; interstates 75, 71 and 275 and U.S. 27; Amtrak’s Cardinal line, which stops at Cincinnati’s Union Terminal three times a week.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES: First stop for bourbon and fun along the riverfront

WHO’S MEETING IN THE REGION:

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES 2019
400-500 attendees

2022 WORLD OF COAL ASH CONFERENCE
700 attendees

AUTOMOBILE LICENSE PLATE COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION
400 attendees
The Bluegrass State couldn’t ask for a better grand entrance than northern Kentucky. No matter which bridge travelers cross, whether it’s the cable-stayed William H. Harsha Bridge at Maysville on the region’s eastern edge or the John A. Roebling suspension bridge in Covington, a Brooklyn Bridge look-alike, there’s nothing boring about this strip of the Bluegrass along the Ohio River.

At its heart, the region is urban and densely populated; a collection of smaller cities like Covington, Newport and Erlanger sit edge to edge. A good many venues — including the region’s major convention center — hug the riverfront, giving attendees an eyeful of the bustling Ohio River, either from the banks or a roomy riverboat.

Because of the river, these towns have quirky personalities, a product of the immigrants who floated downriver and stayed to work in industries like pork processing and brewing. Covington’s Mainstrasse Village, its quaint streets and parklike setting a natural for festivals, showcases the area’s German heritage. Brewing and bourbon-making have been revived, with small producers popping up in Maysville, Newport, Sparta and Independence. Beer flows freely at the first American location of Germany’s famous Hofbrauhaus in Newport.

The region’s colorful personality is reflected in tourist attractions that are far from typical. Near Covington in Fort Mitchell, a small but popular museum celebrates ventriloquists’ dummies, while another in Petersburg interprets the biblical creation story. Visitors can tour a replica of Noah’s Ark or a riverfront aquarium teeming with sharks, crabs, tropical fish, otters and penguins. The region’s tour guides have plenty to talk about, from the importance of the Underground Railroad to Newport’s reputation as an early Las Vegas.

An international airport that serves the Cincinnati metro area means hundreds of airport hotel rooms and accompanying meeting space. Interstates 75 and 71 converge in the region’s southern portion, and to the north, in Cincinnati, interstates 71, 74 and 75 funnel travelers from the north and west.
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Northern Kentucky picked a winning location for its convention center more than 20 years ago, one street away from the Ohio River. The area has continued to improve, with hundreds of hotel rooms (including the connected Marriott), within walking distance, as well as an increasing number of restaurants, bars and other attractions. Meeting goers can walk across nearby bridges to downtown Cincinnati and its riverfront venues, including the Great American Ballpark and Paul Brown Stadium.
As northern Kentucky and its attractions have grown, so has business at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. Since the center opened in 1998, the riverside area around it has continued to improve and develop. In addition to two hotels at the center — the recently renovated full-service Marriott attached to the center and an Embassy Suites within a block — a mix of full- and limited-service hotels have been built within a mile, giving the center about 1,000 rooms upon which it can dependably draw. Faith-based conferences and meetings, always a top meeting segment for the area, are arriving in increasing numbers, driven in part by the nearby Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. In the past several years, a discussion has been ongoing about how the center could be enlarged, as some of the meetings long held there are starting to outgrow it. An expansion could be in the future as Covington decides how it will use 23 acres between the convention center and a bank of hotels closer to Interstate 75 that were once occupied by the IRS and are now owned by the city.

In the meantime, the center continues to be improved in small but significant ways, such as refreshing carpeting and paint and adding LED lighting, and larger ways, including reconfiguring existing space to add a 447-seat auditorium called the Learning Center. The center includes an additional 46,200-square-foot event hall, a 22,800-square-foot ballroom — both spaces can be divided into smaller rooms — and an additional 10 meeting rooms that add up to more than 13,000 square feet of meeting space.

The Northern Kentucky CVB works with planners to offer a RiverCenter hotel package that includes national chains such as Hilton, Radisson and Marriott.

Contributing to the center’s popularity is its location in Covington, one of the many cities that make up a dense metropolitan region along the Ohio River across from downtown Cincinnati. Getting around without a car is easy with the Southbank Shuttle trolley system. The trolley makes stops in historic Mainstrasse Village, which is packed with restaurants and bars and is a short walk from the center; Newport on the Levee, home to more restaurants; the Newport Aquarium; and nearby New Riff Distilling, Wood Cask Brewery and Hofbrauhaus Newport. It even crosses the river to downtown Cincinnati.
**DREES PAVILION**

**COVINGTON**

One of the best views in Northern Kentucky draws events and business meetings to the 10,000-square-foot Drees Pavilion at Devou Memorial Lookout in Devou Park. A large patio and a gazebo add outdoor options; planning staff can arrange for fire pits, bourbon tastings, cigar rolling and seasonal fun like hot chocolate stations.

**OTHER MEETING SPACES:**
Ballroom can be divided into three spaces; gazebo area seats 200

**MEETING SERVICES:**
Audiovisual services, list of preferred caterers, planning assistance, complimentary parking

**RIVER’S EDGE AT NEWPORT LANDING**

**NEWPORT**

BB Riverboats’ newest event option is perfect for those who like a water view but aren’t crazy about boats. The company turned a former floating casino into its offices, a catering facility and an events center with floor-to-ceiling windows facing across the river to Cincinnati. A deck wraps around the facility, which works as well for sit-down meetings and dinners as it does for stand-up receptions.

**MEETING SERVICES:**
Audiovisual services, in-house catering, parking on site
**GENERAL BUTLER STATE RESORT PARK**

**CARROLLTON**

Halfway between Louisville and Cincinnati, General Butler State Resort Park’s freestanding conference center suits groups of up to 700. The 53-room lodge looks out over the Ohio River Valley; there are also 22 cabins. Miniature golf scrambles, corn hole tournaments, paddleboat races or croquet on the lawn of a historic home in the park can keep attendees active.

**OTHER MEETING SPACES:**
Two 546-square-foot and one 725-square-foot meeting room in the lodge

**MEETING SERVICES:**
Audiovisual services, in-house catering, recreation planning staff

**LARGEST SPACE:**
7,500 SQUARE-FOOT CONFERENCE CENTER CAN BE DIVIDED INTO THREE EQUAL SPACES. A TERRACE ADJOINS THE CENTER; A GAS FIREPLACE ADDS WARMTH AND AMBIANCE INDOORS.

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**COX BUILDING CONVENTION CENTER**

**MAYSVILLE**

Downtown Maysville is blessed with handsome and historic buildings, and the city government is making great use of an elegant 1870s Richardsonian Romanesque structure, now restored and repurposed as the Cox Building Convention Center. The third floor is dedicated meeting space, including a large ballroom, several small meeting rooms and a catering kitchen. There’s an additional meeting space on the second level.

**OTHER MEETING SPACES:**
Two additional meeting spaces, each about 1,200 square feet, as well as several small meeting rooms

**MEETING SERVICES:**
Audiovisual services, catering kitchen, staging, elevator access

**EXHIBIT SPACE:**
2,560 SQUARE-FOOT BALLROOM

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**EAT. STAY. EXPLORE.**

**OWEN COUNTY, KY.**

Just an hour’s drive from Lexington, Louisville, and Cincinnati, Owen County lives up to its motto of “Pretty, Quiet, Close,” where visitors are always welcome to experience the attractions, nature, and beauty in the heart of Kentucky’s Golden Triangle.
**CARNegie COVINGTON**

A circular balcony, twin winding staircases, a rotunda and an amber glass dome make for a grand entrance at this Beaux Arts beauty. Upstairs art galleries welcome receptions; an unexpected bonus is the Otto Budig Theatre, splashed with murals and ornate plaster and outfitted with production-quality sound and lighting.

**Event Capacity:**
150 guests in the art gallery, available September through May. The theater has 447 seats on two levels.

**Catering:**
A list of approved caterers is provided.

**Alcohol Permitted:** Yes

**More Info:**
TCARNEGIE.COM

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**NEWPORT AQUARIUM NEWPORT**

Swimming sharks, eerie eels and tropical fish liven up after-hours events in 14 galleries at this aquarium on the Ohio River. A dedicated meeting room and its deck offer some of the best views around of the river and Cincinnati’s skyline. Encounters with penguins or dive shows can add fun to any event.

**Event Capacity:**
After hours, book the entire aquarium for events of up to 1,500; the 6,000-square-foot Riverside Room has an adjoining terrace and river views.

**Catering:**
A list of approved caterers is provided.

**Alcohol Permitted:** Yes

**More Info:**
NEWPORTAQUARIUM.COM
**Elk Creek Vineyards**

**OWENTON**

Elk Creek was among Kentucky's early wineries when it opened 25 years ago. It has a commanding view from a tasting room set on a hilltop. French and American oak barrels surround diners in a wine cellar; a large patio and a stone pavilion are roomy outdoor spaces. Two lodges house up to 12 overnight guests each.

**Event Capacity:**
Up to 95 guests on the patio; several hundred in other outdoor spaces; 30 in the wine cellar, 50 in the winery’s mezzanine

**Catering:** In-house catering

**Alcohol Permitted:** Yes

**More Info:** ELKCREKVINEYARDS.COM

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**BB Riverboats**

**NEWPORT**

BB Riverboats has plied the Ohio River for 40 years. Its Belle of Cincinnati and River Queen make for relaxing receptions; sightseeing tours; and breakfasts, lunches and dinners. Experts at entertainment, the staff can suggest fun additions from live bands to balloon artists. Groups can book by the deck or commandeer an entire boat.

**Event Capacity:**
Up to 500 for the Belle of Cincinnati; up to 150 for the River Queen

**Catering:** In-house caterer

**Alcohol Permitted:** Yes

**More Info:** BBRIVERBOATS.COM
BLUEGRASS, BLUES AND BARBECUE

BLUEGRASS, BLUES AND BARBECUE SCENES, CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: ROMP Fest in Owensboro; the Owensboro riverfront; Ole South Barbeque; kayaking in Madisonville
Roll down the car windows. Catch a whiff of pork or mutton smoking over a wood fire or hear a riff of bluegrass or blues music floating above a riverfront festival. Rooted in flat, fertile land along the Ohio River, south of Louisville and across the river from metro Evansville, Indiana, this region is one flavorful place.

LOCATION: Western Kentucky

CITIES: Owensboro, Henderson, Madisonville, Central City

ACCESS: Evansville Regional Airport (Evansville, Indiana), Nashville International Airport (Nashville, Tennessee), Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport; Interstate 165 (formerly William H. Natcher Parkway), Western Kentucky Parkway, Audubon Parkway, Pennyrile Parkway, U.S. 60

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES: Bluegrass music and barbecue restaurants and festivals

WHO’S MEETING IN THE REGION:

KENTUCKY WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

250 attendees

KENTUCKY BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION

250 attendees
Kentucky’s Bluegrass, Blues and Barbecue region follows the Ohio River south of Louisville and spreads east into flat farmlands and mining regions. Owensboro is its largest city and the fourth-largest in the state, and its ambitious downtown redevelopment project along the south bank of the Ohio River has turned a lot of heads in recent years. The project includes a convention center; three convention-district hotels; a rambunctious and playful park that has won multiple awards for its ingenuity; and the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and Museum, which not only salutes a genre with exhibits but offers visitors live performances on a regular basis. Restaurants have opened in the city center, including the Miller House, in a restored Sears, Roebuck and Company house with a basement bar brimming with 600 bourbons, and the Brew Bridge, Owensboro’s first brewery in over 100 years, just off the Ohio River, with a restaurant and patio.

No trip to Owensboro, or the region for that matter, would be complete without barbecue, especially the hickory-smoked mutton version indigenous to the area. There’s plenty of barbecue to taste during Owensboro’s International Bar-B-Q Festival, but even on a normal day, longtime purveyors of smoked meat, like the famed Moonlite or Old Hickory, pass out platters of smoked meats and sides.

Ease out of Owensboro and into smaller towns and the local color continues. In nearby Henderson, a series of parks front the riverfront, music festivals are frequent, and Main Street teems with dining and other local businesses. Like Owensboro, Henderson takes full advantage of its views of the Ohio as it celebrates the famed artist John James Audubon, who lived and worked there, with a state park and museum dedicated to him that is a popular event venue. Henderson is also home to the noted Farmer and Frenchman winery, where a traditional Kentucky tobacco barn has become a sought-after event space.

Farther south and away from the river, Madisonville shows that you don’t have to venture far from downtown to have outdoor adventures at its Mahr Park, a former farm donated to the city by a devoted local couple and now home to trails, canoeing, biking and dynamic new event venues.

The love of music isn’t confined to Owensboro. From the Lu-Ray outdoor amphitheater in Central City, where a summer concert lineup might spotlight a blues band or a youthful fiddle player to the homeplace of music legend Bill Monroe in sleepy Rosine, there’s music in the air most everywhere.
The Owensboro Convention Center is the perfect fit for all of your meeting, tradeshow and convention needs. With over 100,000 square feet of meeting space, the Owensboro Convention Center can handle multiple size events and provides large outdoor space opportunities. The center offers beautiful views of the Ohio River and is surrounded by two riverfront hotels and is a short walk away from several local restaurants, breweries, bars and boutique shopping. Want something unique? Just across the Owensboro Convention Center is the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and Museum. This concert venue/museum puts your meeting right in the heart of bluegrass music.
In its relatively short history, the Owensboro Convention Center has had some impressive visitors: former President Bill Clinton, campaigning for a fellow Democrat; actress Ashley Judd, speaking at a conference for children’s appointed court advocates; child safety advocate Elizabeth Smart; and baseball great Darryl Strawberry, to mention a few.

**Nearby Hotels**
The 120-room Holiday Inn Owensboro Riverfront and the 150-room Hampton Inn and Suites Downtown Owensboro/Riverfront are adjacent to the center; a third hotel is in development.
Owensboro’s convention center is the centerpiece of its revitalized riverfront, with a design so well-conceived that the center has won the Facilities and Destinations Prime Site Award every year since it opened. Its angular front faces the river, three stories of glass in tiers, with a terrace across the third level that allows attendees to spend breaks watching river barges along the busy Ohio River. The center goes a step further in integrating the major waterway into its design. It turned a concrete pad that was once the foundation of a former convention hotel’s showroom into a massive river patio of sorts. The 8,900-square-foot Kentucky Legend pier juts out into the river, good for receptions, dinners and a summer concert series.

A simple design makes the center easy to navigate for groups as large as 3,000, with 102,000 square feet of meeting space mainly on two floors. A 44,000-square-foot exhibition hall on ground level can be divided into three equal parts. A second-floor mezzanine has several small meeting rooms; the third floor’s two 13,000-square-foot ballrooms can be divided into as many as five smaller spaces. The 3,500-square-foot Riverview Room lives up to its name.

Attendees find Kentucky favorites at the center’s cafe and its Bulleit Bourbon Bar, which was crafted by a local woodworker and developed in cooperation with a Kentucky distillery. The bar showcases 40 bourbons, including Bulleit Rye, the country’s top-selling rye whiskey.

Two new limited-service hotels with 270 guest rooms combined are adjacent to the hotel, and a third convention center hotel is being developed. Downtown Owensboro and its restaurants, bars and other offerings are a short walk or free trolley ride away.
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**JOHN JAMES AUDUBON STATE PARK**
**HENDERSON**
Be inspired, as John James Audubon was, in a park that bears his name. John James Audubon State Park preserves his art and story, as well as woodlands Audubon explored during a decade in Henderson. A rotating art exhibit enlivens a conference space in the French-inspired building; a garden invites receptions and dinners. Groups can play a nine-hole golf course, try a low-ropes challenge course or hike through old-growth forest.

**LARGEST MEETING SPACE:**
1,500-square-foot conference room with rotating art exhibits

**OTHER MEETING SPACES:**
47-seat tiered theater with state-of-the-art sound and audiovisual capabilities

**MEETING SERVICES:**
Audiovisual services, free parking, planning assistance, teambuilding

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**MCPARKS.ORG**
**BALLARDCONVENTIONCENTER.COM**
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**PARKS.KY.GOV**
PRESTON ARTS CENTER  
**HENDERSON**

Henderson’s performing arts center is beloved by the community for live performances but is also frequently booked for private events, with its large, professional equipped theater, a 3,000-square-foot stage for dinners and receptions for up to 681 guests, a 2,500-square-foot foyer and a small conference room, all on a 100-acre community college campus.

**EVENT CAPACITY:** Up to 951 in its theater  
**CATERING:** Clients provide their own caterers; there’s a catering kitchen on-site.  
**ALCOHOL PERMITTED:** Yes  
**MORE INFO:** PAC.HENDERSON.KCTCS.EDU

FARMER AND FRENCHMAN WINERY  
**HENDERSON**

French flair meets Kentucky farm traditions at the Farmer and Frenchman Winery on Henderson’s outskirts. Crystal chandeliers dangle where tobacco once hung in a repurposed barn, creating an elegant venue that can be paired with the lawn and a covered promenade. Up to 14 people can dine in a wine cellar designed with reclaimed materials from Churchill Downs and other historic Kentucky sites.

**EVENT CAPACITY:** Up to 400  
**CATERING:** In-house catering by the winery’s restaurant  
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**MORE INFO:** FARMERANDFRENCHMAN.COM

GREEN RIVER DISTILLING  
**OWENSBORO**

On Owensboro’s edge, Green River Distilling is an 1885 distillery brought back from ruins five years ago to become the westernmost stop on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail. Its 9,000-square-foot Bottling House infuses dinners and receptions with historic flavor; picnics, concerts and other outdoor events can spread out on the distillery’s 28-acre campus.

**EVENT CAPACITY:** 350 indoors; more than 1,000 outdoors  
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**MORE INFO:** GREENRIVERDISTILLING.COM

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**EVENT CAPACITY:** About 250  
**CATERING:** Clients hire their own caterers; catering kitchen on site  
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**MORE INFO:** MAHRPARKARBORETUM.COM

**BY MARK HERBRON**

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SOUTHERN KENTUCKY VACATIONS

SCENES, CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:
Lake Cumberland near Somerset; Green River Lake; downtown Campbellsville.
Pack sunscreen, water shoes and a swim-suit because there’s water everywhere in Kentucky’s Southern Shorelines region, a land of beautiful — and big — lakes. Having more shoreline than some coastal states means lots of visitors, a boon for meetings that enjoy the restaurants, accommodations and entertainment brought by a flourishing tourism economy.

**LOCATION:** Southcentral Kentucky

**CITIES:** Somerset, Campbellsville, Jamestown

**ACCESS:** Blue Grass Airport (Lexington), Tyson McGhee Airport (Knoxville, Tennessee), Interstate 75, Cumberland Parkway, U.S. 127

**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES:** Outdoor adventures on the water and off

**WHO’S MEETING IN THE REGION:**

- **2019 KENTUCKY GREEN LIVING FAIR**
  - 2,000 attendees

- **KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
  - 250 attendees

- **KENTUCKY SOCIETY OF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES**
  - 70 attendees
o say this region has liquid assets is an understatement. Three major lakes, including Lake Cumberland, the second-largest in the state, spread across 100,000 acres. All that cool, blue water edged by deep green forest is alluring, and visitors pour in, especially in the summertime, from around Kentucky and surrounding states.

Having all those guests has made locals adept at making people feel welcome, including the thousands who come for meetings and conventions. There are venues of all sizes and descriptions. There’s the sleek, technology-forward Center for Rural Development in Somerset and two state park resorts with meeting space in peaceful settings. Small venues in the area include a restored tobacco barn and a newly constructed event space designed to look like a barn but with modern conveniences that barns typically don’t have, like climate control.

None of the region’s destinations are large, but they tend to have pretty downtowns brightened by locally owned bars, breweries and boutiques. Dining can be surprisingly adventurous, from a farm-to-table find along a main street to a waterfront meal at one of Lake Cumberland’s five marina restaurants. An order of fried catfish, one of the species that populate the massive lake, would be in order there.

The trio of lakes brings other opportunities for meeting groups. Marinas at each lake rent pontoons, fishing boats, canoes and kayaks. Houseboats are big, both in size and number. Lake Cumberland has earned the title Houseboat Capital of the World, and at the State Dock at Lake Cumberland State Resort Park, small meetings can take to the water for the day or several on its line of Platinum Series luxury houseboats — think mini cruise ship with marble, stainless-steel appliances, great rooms, king-size beds, full baths and hot tubs. The state dock has the largest fleet of rental houseboats in the United States.

Landlubbers find plenty of places to lodge and plenty of things to do that don’t involve the water. Chain hotels cluster around towns, but the region is also rife with rental cabins and cottages, some large enough for a small executive meeting, and small family-owned resorts that might be more vintage in flavor.

The area features more than a dozen golf courses, including the Brian Ault Signature Series course on Cumberland’s Burnside Island. There are farm stands, orchards and wineries, and historic stops like Civil War sites wait to be discovered along scenic two-lane highways. The Daniel Boone National Forest and the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area can keep hikers walking for days.

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**DESTINATION OVERVIEW**

**SOMERSET**

**PRIMARY MEETING FACILITY:**

Center for Rural Development

800 total hotel rooms

**JAMESTOWN**

**PRIMARY MEETING FACILITY:**

Lake Cumberland State Resort Park

450 total hotel rooms

**CAMPBELLSVILLE**

**PRIMARY MEETING FACILITY:**

Swan’s Landing

245 total hotel rooms

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The center does diverse work to improve the lives of the Kentuckians it serves, from free leadership programs for middle school and high school students to retraining programs for out-of-work miners.
In 1996, the opening of the Center for Rural Development brought education, training and the arts to southcentral Kentucky, serving not only Somerset but also the surrounding region, about one-third of Kentucky’s 120 counties. It has also become a popular place for conventions and conferences, no surprise given the layout and design of the three-story redbrick and glass building. Its entire main floor is dedicated meeting spaces.

To the left of the center’s entrance is a 760-seat performing arts theater, which stages local and national acts. Its 2,170-square-foot stage can accommodate a 100-piece orchestra as well as a dinner or a reception. The remainder of the floor is meeting space, including a 23,160-square-foot exhibit hall that can be divided in two. Along one side of the hall, a 3,000-square-foot ballroom can be divided into as many as five breakout spaces. The center’s technological capabilities include full internet access. It has been a leader in the state in videoconferencing.

To the right of the center’s entrance, a swath of lawn about the size of the exhibit hall can be used for outdoor events. Food and beverage needs are handled by an in-house catering staff that works in a full-service kitchen under the direction of a chef.

Located on U.S. 27, Somerset’s busy bypass, the center is near restaurants and about a dozen hotels, including the 105-room Courtyard by Marriott Somerset next to the center.

Central Kentucky Ag/Expo Center

This 160-acre site, located just south of Liberty, Kentucky, is perfect for all your indoor and outdoor events. It features a 70,000 sq. ft. covered open-air arena and a 4,000 sq. ft. indoor climate-controlled meeting facility. Other features include an outdoor show ring with gazebo, two concession stands, handicap accessible restrooms, two animal barns with over 400 stalls, an animal wash rack, a truck/tractor pull track, and a 50-hookup RV park.

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DALE HOLLOW LAKE STATE RESORT PARK/RAY MULLINIX CONVENTION CENTER

BURKESVILLE

Scuba diving and spearfishing are options at Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park, its lodge situated on a bluff with commanding views of the clear waters of 28,000-acre Dale Hollow Lake. Its 3,800-square-foot conference center is connected to the 60-room lodge and restaurant. A foyer and a terrace outside the meeting space have views of the lake, which straddles the Kentucky-Tennessee border.

OTHER MEETING SPACES:
Private dining room for 50; small meeting room for 30 to 50

MEETING SERVICES:
In-house catering, audiovisual services, teambuilding, planned recreation, outings at park’s highly rated 18-hole golf course

LAKE CUMBERLAND STATE RESORT PARK
JAMESTOWN

Lake Cumberland is the star of the 3,400-acre Lake Cumberland State Resort Park. Rooms at Lure Lodge and its restaurant perch on a cliff and overlook the lake and forest; the main meeting space, the two-level Activity Center, has views of the woods. The park is known for its massive marina, which has the largest collection of rental houseboats in one location in the United States.

OTHER MEETING SPACES:
Three meeting rooms on lower level of Activity Center, two adjoining a patio; a 50-person meeting space next to the Pumpkin Creek lodge rooms; two private dining rooms

MEETING SERVICES:
Audiovisual services, in-house catering, boat rentals, lodging in traditional hotel-style rooms in park lodges or cottages
SOMERSET

Somerset’s original library is now a showplace for area artists and an events venue. Groups can enjoy the latest exhibit of local art as they mingle in the center’s gallery; groups of 35 or fewer can arrange a dinner in a new European-style cafe on the lower level that serves favorites gleaned from the chef’s family recipes.

**EVENT CAPACITY:** Up to 100 guests for a reception in the art gallery

**CATERING:**
Clients can use the in-house or an outside caterer.

**ALCOHOL PERMITTED:**
Clients can supply their own alcohol, but cash bars are not allowed.

**MORE INFO:**
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CAMPBELLSVILLE

A restored, red tobacco barn and a bank barn are seasonal event spaces at the Homeplace on Green River, officially designated as Kentucky’s outdoor classroom. A nonprofit runs the farm and is busy restoring the farmstead and 220 acres around it to remind Kentuckians of agriculture’s importance. More than seven miles of trails crisscross the property.

**EVENT CAPACITY:**
200 at seated events in the tobacco barn; 125 seated in the bank barn

**CATERING:**
Clients are provided with a list of area caterers.

**ALCOHOL PERMITTED:** No

**MORE INFO:**
HOMEPLACEFARM.ORG

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COLUMBIA

Diners enjoy a view of Green River Lake and its green hillsides when the wide back doors of Lakeview Barn and Lodge are flung open. In addition to breakout space inside the purpose-built barn, groups can sit on a gravel patio adjacent to the barn or around a fire pit in Adirondack chairs or on tree stumps repurposed for seating.

**EVENT CAPACITY:**
Just over 5,000 square feet of indoor space

**CATERING:**
A preferred vendor list is available. There is a catering kitchen and a bar on-site.

**ALCOHOL PERMITTED:** Yes

**MORE INFO:**
LAKEVIEWBARNANDLOD.WIXSITE.COM

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LAKEVIEW BARN AND LODGE

Dale Hollow Lake Cumberland River

Lakeview Barn and Lodge

Burkesville, Kentucky

Kentucky cumberlandcounty.com
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CAVES, LAKES AND CORVETTES

CAVES, LAKES AND CORVETTES SCENES. CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Lost River Cave in Bowling Green; a Glasgow mural; National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park; Bowling Green Ballpark
There’s action aboveground and below in southcentral Kentucky’s Caves, Lakes and Corvettes region. Be inspired by America’s sports car, the Corvette, made in Bowling Green and lauded in a museum there that’s geared toward events. Be awed by the world’s largest known cave system at Mammoth Cave National Park. Between blue lakes, deep caves and racy cars, this is a cool place to be.

LOCATION: Southcentral Kentucky

CITIES: Bowling Green, Glasgow, Cave City, Smiths Grove

ACCESS: Nashville International Airport (Nashville, Tennessee), Bowling Green-Woodhurst Airport (Bowling Green), Interstate 65, Interstate 165 (formerly William H. Natcher Parkway), Cumberland Parkway

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES: Cave tours and Corvette museum tours

WHO’S MEETING IN THE REGION:

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF GENERAL BAPTISTS 2022

900 attendees

VINTAGE CHEVROLET CAR CLUB 2022

600 attendees

KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY TREASURERS AND FINANCIAL OFFICERS

350 attendees
Bowling Green is the healthy heart of this region, fueled by Western Kentucky University (WKU) and its 20,000 students, fertile farmland and major manufacturing operations like General Motors’ Corvette assembly plant. The historic downtown, just down the hill from Western’s campus, borders Fountain Square, a shady park with a splashy fountain at its center, made even more attractive by a recent refurbishment. Local restaurants, the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center and minor league baseball at the BG Ballpark bring people downtown. Meeting planners can choose from a convention center with easy access to Interstate 65, a conference center operated by WKU and an agriculture-oriented arena. Work is underway on an Embassy Suites with significant meeting space, and the National Corvette Museum is gearing up for a two-story, 30,000-square-foot expansion. In the meantime, groups can choose from among some dazzling event spaces at the Corvette museum or take teams to its adjacent Motorsports Park, where they can drive a Corvette.

For a different kind of cool, parties can go down under in roomy Lost River Cave, a couple of miles from campus, long a place for parties as well as boat rides through the cave. North on Interstate 65, some 30 minutes away, Cave City is within sight of the interstate, and its collection of limited-service hotels house groups meeting at the Cave City Convention Center. Visitors can spend spare time exploring nearby Mammoth Cave National Park as well as other caverns and family-oriented attractions such as the Jesse James Riding Stables, Dinosaur World, the Mammoth Cave Wildlife Museum and Kentucky Down Under, a bit of Australian outback in the Bluegrass State.

Fifteen minutes from Cave City, a downtown square anchors Glasgow, known for the annual Highland Games that celebrate its Scottish namesake. Handsome downtown storefronts have been reimagined as event spaces, restaurants and a brewpub; the area’s agricultural roots are obvious in the drive to the county’s main meeting venue and major visitor attraction: Barren River Lake State Resort Park.
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SLOAN CONVENTION CENTER

BUILT IN
1995

A major renovation completed in September 2020 included a lobby redesign; a new roof; new signage, carpet and lighting; and mechanical improvements.

EXHIBIT SPACE
19,500
square-foot divisible ballroom

OTHER MEETING SPACE
5
meeting rooms, from 350 to 1,350 square feet

DID YOU KNOW?
The Sloan Convention Center is between downtown and Interstate 65, adjacent to a golf course in the Hartland District, which includes hotels, a few shops and some restaurants. It is just off Scottsville Road, the city’s main dining, entertainment and retail corridor.

NEARBY HOTELS
Holiday Inn University Plaza, which is connected; Hilton Garden Inn Bowling Green and Courtyard by Marriott Bowling Green Convention Center, which are both across the street.

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The Sloan Convention Center exterior

Holiday Inn University Plaza Bowling Green

A ballroom at Bowling Green’s Sloan Convention Center

The Sloan Convention Center exterior

A ballroom at Bowling Green’s Sloan Convention Center
When it built its Sloan Convention Center in 1995, Bowling Green realized that meeting planners wanted more than ballrooms and boardrooms, so it developed the Hartland District, a convention enclave with everything an attendee needs close at hand, and it built it between downtown and Interstate 65 along Scottsville Road, the city’s busiest corridor. The center, with 35,000 square feet of meeting space, is next to or across an access street from three limited-service hotels with 444 guest rooms between them: the adjoining Holiday Inn University Plaza, with 218 rooms; the Hilton Garden Inn, with 133 rooms; and the Courtyard by Marriott, with 93 rooms. The district also has retail shops, restaurants and an 18-hole golf course. A simple floor plan, all on one level, makes it easy for attendees to navigate the center, with easy flow from 10,200 square feet of preconference space into a 19,500-square-foot divisible ballroom with five small meeting rooms that can be combined in varied configurations. There’s also a boardroom. Meeting space at nearby hotels, including the connected Holiday Inn’s 4,500 square feet of meeting space, provides additional space.

Because the convention district operates as a unit, convention center sales staff serve as the points of contact for everything from booking hotel rooms to planning golf outings.

A two-acre overflow parking lot can be used for events of all type: as a display area for cars to construction equipment, as a training ground for firefighters and as an outdoor event space.

The Sloan Convention Center underwent a major renovation before the pandemic began, with its second phase completed in September 2020. The lobby was redesigned; and the roof, signage, carpeting and lighting were replaced.
**CAVE CITY CONVENTION CENTER**

The 10,000-square-foot Cave City Convention Center inspired other small towns when it opened in 1980, the first convention center outside a major metro area in the state. Located within sight of Interstate 65 and 95 miles from Louisville and Nashville, Tennessee, it is going strong thanks to an uncomplicated but effective layout that suits groups of up to 600.

**EXHIBIT SPACE:** 6,160-square-foot auditorium for up to 600

**OTHER MEETING SPACES:**
- 3,480-square-foot divisible West Hall
- 1,716-square-foot meeting room
- 4,000-square-foot open-air pavilion

**MEETING SERVICES:** Professional events staff, broadband access for 200 devices, free parking, alcohol service, catering, audiovisual services

CAVECITYCONVENTIONCENTER.COM

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**KNICELY CONFERENCE CENTER AT WKU**

**BOWLING GREEN**

The Knicely Conference Center on Western Kentucky University’s South Campus can handle larger events with a 9,600-square-foot ballroom that can be divided into as many as 10 spaces. The center has a 160-seat auditorium, flexible conference rooms and a boardroom. Limited-service hotels are nearby, including a 124-room Staybridge Suites hotel within a short walk.

**EXHIBIT SPACE:** 9,600-square-foot flexible ballroom

**OTHER MEETING SPACES:**
- 160-seat auditorium, classrooms, 200-person ballroom

**MEETING SERVICES:** In-house catering, audiovisual services, free parking, WKU Training Resources and Event Planning Services to assist with planning

WKU.EDU/CONFERENCE/KNICELYCENTER

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**L.D. BROWN AGRICULTURAL EXPO CENTER**

**BOWLING GREEN**

Set on WKU’s 780-acre agriculture complex south of the main campus, the L.D. Brown Agricultural Expo Center is inclined toward agriculture-related events: livestock shows, horse shows and sales, and rodeos. But it can also accommodate conferences and training in a conference room, a classroom, a sales arena and a 2,075-seat show arena.

**LARGEST MEETING SPACE:**
- 2,075-seat arena with a 100-by-200-foot dirt-floor show ring

**OTHER MEETING SPACES:**
- 320-fixed-seat sales auditorium
- 1,875-square-foot divisible conference room
- 22-person conference room

**MEETING SERVICES:** In-house catering, audiovisual services

WKU.EDU/EXPO

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**BARREN RIVER LAKE STATE RESORT PARK**

**LUCAS**

When meetings adjourn from the conference space in this handsome lodge at Barren River Lake State Resort Park, attendees can walk across the lobby to a Scottish-themed bar or a full-service restaurant with views of the park’s 10,000-acre human-made lake. Lower-level meeting rooms adjoin a poolside patio. A golf course, boat rentals and nature trails help fill free time.

**EXHIBIT SPACE:**
- 3,300-square-foot conference room

**OTHER MEETING SPACES:**
- 1,537-square-foot and 864-square-foot meeting rooms
- 850-square-foot lake-view meeting space
- Private dining room for up to 32

**MEETING SERVICES:** In-house catering, audiovisual services, 51 lodge rooms adjacent to lodge, 22 cottages, marina with boat rentals, beach, outdoor pool, trails and 18-hole golf course

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**NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM  
BOWLING GREEN**

The National Corvette Museum is a facility that’s as cool and sleek as the car it pays homage to. Venues include a 8,297-square-foot conference center; Corvette Boulevard, lined with cars and exhibits; and the Skydome, the Corvette display area made famous by a sinkhole that opened beneath it, swallowing eight vintage Corvettes. Some spaces, especially in exhibit areas or the 165-seat Chevrolet Theater, are available only after hours.

**EVENT CAPACITY:**
600 for receptions, 500 for banquets

**CATERING:**
A long list of approved caterers includes the museum’s in-house Corvette Café.

**ALCOHOL PERMITTED:** Yes.

**MORE INFO:**
CORVETTEMUSEUM.ORG

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**SOUTH UNION SHAKER VILLAGE  
AUBURN**

Step back to the 1800s at South Union Shaker Village, a collection of historic Shaker structures standing firm in a sea of grain fields, then venture a mile and a half to the Victorian-style South Union Hotel, opened by the Shakers in 1869 as a moneymaking venture, for a meeting, reception or catered meal.

**EVENT CAPACITY:**
60 people in three dining rooms

**CATERING:**
Clients hire their own caterers.

**ALCOHOL PERMITTED:** Alcohol may be served but only by a licensed bartender. Special accommodations are required if alcohol is to be sold.

**MORE INFO:**
SOUTHUNIONSHAKERVILLAGE.COM

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**HIDDEN HOMESTEAD  
SMITHS GROVE**

Two years of planning went into constructing the event barn at the Hidden Homestead, photographer Scott Skaggs’ 10-acre farm. A 4,000-square-foot, climate-controlled barn with 16-foot doors that open to the lake and adjacent patio are just the start. A lakefront lawn can be a backdrop for receptions, dinners or presentations; a small gazebo makes a nice accent piece for outdoor events.

**EVENT CAPACITY:** 320

**CATERING:** Clients hire their own caterers; a list of caterers and other vendors is available.

**ALCOHOL PERMITTED:** Clients can supply alcohol, which must be served by a certified bartender. Cash bars are not allowed.

**MORE INFO:**
THEHIDDENHOMESTEAD.COM

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**LODGE AT MAMMOTH CAVE  
MAMMOTH CAVE**

Discover the beauty aboveground at a national park best known for its gargantuan cave system. The restaurant and meeting room at Mammoth Cave National Park are undergoing upgrades, but in the meantime, groups can enjoy a stay in its motor court-style accommodations and vintage cottages as they hike, canoe or explore the depths of Mammoth Cave at this World Heritage Site.

**EVENT CAPACITY:**
The lodge has one meeting room, which will reopen after a building renovation.

**CATERING:** In-house catering

**ALCOHOL PERMITTED:** Yes

**MORE INFO:**
MAMMOTHCAVELODGE.COM

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**LOGO AND LOGO LABELS**

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DANIEL BOONE COUNTRY

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MOUNT VERNON
LONDON
CORBIN
WILLIAMSBURG

DANIEL BOONE COUNTRY SCENE:
The mist of Cumberland Falls near Corbin
If Daniel Boone stumbled into the southeast corner of Kentucky today, he’d find the deep forests and enduring mountains he trod now protected by state parks and national forests. Of course he’d be stunned by the traffic, hotels, restaurants and attractions along Interstate 75, which winds its way through mountain foothills to Knoxville, Tennessee. But, like modern visitors, he’d find plenty of dining and overnight options and savor the sight of Cumberland Falls, Cumberland Gap and other natural wonders.

**LOCATION:** Southeastern Kentucky

**CITIES:** Corbin, London, Mount Vernon, Williamsburg

**ACCESS:** Blue Grass Airport (Lexington), McGhee Tyson Airport (Knoxville, Tennessee), Interstate 75, Cumberland Parkway, Daniel Boone Parkway

**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES:** Live music and adventures in the woods and on the water

**WHO’S MEETING IN THE REGION:**

2021 SAVING OUR APPALACHIAN REGION (SOAR) CONFERENCE

3,000 attendees projected

2022 SOUTHEASTERN KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

400 to 500 attendees projected
A lot has happened since pioneers found a way to cross the Appalachian Mountains at the Cumberland Gap in what became the southeastern corner of Kentucky. Much later, leaders realized that the region’s mountains, valleys and rivers had mass appeal, and the Civilian Conservation Corps began felling logs and hauling stone to build state park lodges on mountaintops and near Cumberland Falls, Kentucky’s best-known natural water feature. Those parks continue to preserve the forests and streams around them, and they also have become tranquil meeting places.

Of course, not all stayed so quiet as small towns like Corbin and London began to grow, thanks to their proximity to tourist attractions like the falls. Attractions to entertain visitors soon popped up along roadsides. Colonel Harland Sanders, realizing that travelers coming to Cumberland Falls would be hungry, opened his first fried chicken restaurant in Corbin. It’s now a newly renovated museum with a restaurant with 120 seats.

Corbin also boosted its economy by building a large, multipurpose arena, and 15 years later, its impact is showing up in a revitalized downtown where empty storefronts are in short supply and businesses like a pinball museum and an ice cream shop bring families downtown.

Between London and Corbin, Laurel Lake draws boaters and fishermen; the Cumberland River below the falls is busy with rafting trips and a riverboat ride.

Like Corbin, downtown London is looking good, as locals open restaurants and bars along a Main Street perked up by parks and colorful flowerpots. No less busy is the city’s bypass, where chain restaurants, hotels and retailers dominate.

South of Corbin in Williamsburg, rapid growth caused the University of the Cumberlands to turn its university hotel and conference center into student housing, opening up more business for the city’s modest convention center. Hopes are for another hotel soon, to better handle visitors in town for reunions or meetings that might want to spend some extra time with their family at the city’s expanded water park, within sight of the interstate.

Not long after the CCC started its work, a country music promoter turned tiny Renfro Valley, a spot in the road 45 miles south of Lexington, into the state’s country music capital. Not far from Mount Vernon, the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum pays tribute to the musicians who played at Renfro Valley as well as talented Kentuckians across musical genres. It’s just one of the places that captures the spirit of this pioneering region.
Looking for a place to host your next meeting, conference or convention? Look no further than Corbin, KY. Conveniently located off of I-75 exit 25 in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, Corbin is home to 2 premier meeting and conference centers. The Corbin Arena features a 31,250 square foot floor and a 19,261 square foot concourse, making it perfect for conferences and tradeshows. Directly below the Arena is the Corbin Center, a 20,000 square foot facility complete with an executive board room, five classrooms and an 85 x 63 square foot multipurpose space. After the meeting get out and enjoy the Original KFC, Cumberland Falls State Park, the Laurel Lake and our vibrant and eclectic downtown! We can’t wait to host you…..Corbin LOVES Company!
The arena, with fixed and floor seating, can accommodate nearly 7,000 square feet of divisible multipurpose room. The arena works in tandem with the Corbin Center for Technology just down the hill, which has five meeting rooms and a 1,800 square-foot meeting room.

The top of a hill overlooking Interstate 75 was flattened to make room for the arena and its 3,650 parking spaces. Its first event was a Montgomery Gentry concert.

**NEARBY HOTELS**
Holiday Inn Express and Suites Corbin, Best Western Corbin, Econo Lodge and Red Roof Inn and Suites Corbin
By pairing the $28 million Corbin Arena with an existing conference center, Corbin has created a venue that brings large conventions and other events to this southeastern Kentucky city, halfway between Lexington and Knoxville, Tennessee.

Since the arena opened 15 years ago, many people have come for public performances, such as Disney on Ice, .38 Special in Concert, Pro Bull Riding, Corbin schools’ band concerts, Indoor Motocross events and a show by comedian Jeff Foxworthy.

But the Corbin Arena also attracts major conferences, including Saving Our Appalachian Region, which in fall 2021, drew several thousand Kentuckians for three days to discuss ideas for Appalachia’s future. The conference’s large assemblies were at the arena, and the Corbin Center for Technology, down the hill from the arena, provided breakout spaces. The 19,000-square-foot conference center’s largest meeting space can seat up to 360 people and has five meeting rooms for groups of 35 to 85 people.

Though the arena and the conference center aren’t that far apart, it’s a steep uphill climb to the arena, which sits at the top of a flattened mountaintop near Interstate 75. Groups that use the two facilities typically arrange for a shuttle — Corbin even has a trolley that can be enlisted — or attendees can drive from one venue to the other.

Although it opened in 2009, just after the housing collapse, the arena is now fulfilling the goal that the Corbin leaders and lawmakers penned for it when they conceived the idea on a napkin in 1999. The arena’s location within sight of the U.S. 25 exit off Interstate 75 brings people to stay at hotels, eat at restaurants there and in downtown Corbin four miles away and visit nearby tourist attractions like Cumberland Falls and the first Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant.
WILLIAMSBURG CONVENTION CENTER

WILLIAMSBURG

Reunions of all sorts return year after year to the Williamsburg Convention Center, a straightforward small-town venue just off Interstate 75 and adjacent to the University of the Cumberlands campus. Two large meeting halls, both originally gymnasiums, accommodate up to 600 people. In between them are a lobby, tourism offices and a catering kitchen. About 100 hotel rooms are nearby, as well as fast-food restaurants.

OTHER MEETING SPACES:
A second slightly smaller gymnasium

MEETING SERVICES:
Audiovisual services, catering kitchen, free parking

LARGEST SPACE:
Large meeting hall with a stage for around 500

PINE MOUNTAIN STATE RESORT PARK

PINEVILLE

Set on a mountaintop, the Pine Mountain State Resort Park lodge is a natural beauty. A small conference center adjacent to the 30-room lodge and restaurant names its rooms after the flowering plants that bloom each spring. Events can go outdoors in Laurel Cove, an open-air amphitheater in the park that can seat 500 to 1,000. Golfers enjoy the park’s 18-hole golf course; 15 miles of trails keep others occupied.

OTHER MEETING SPACES:
Two smaller meeting rooms and a private dining room

MEETING SERVICES:
Audiovisual services, on-site catering, free parking

LARGEST SPACE:
2,520 square-foot divisible

NATURAL BRIDGE STATE RESORT PARK

SLADE

A hike up to the 63-foot-tall, 78-foot-wide Natural Bridge can be an invigorating break when groups meet at the 35-room Hemlock Lodge and its free-standing Woodland Center meeting room at Natural Bridge State Resort Park. The park’s restaurant affords views of a lake below and of the Daniel Boone National Forest that surrounds the park near the Red River Gorge.

OTHER MEETING SPACES:
1,140-square-foot Trillium Room off main dining room

MEETING SERVICES:
Audiovisual services, in-house catering, free parking, 35-room lodge and a number of one- and two-bedroom cabins

LARGEST SPACE:
2,520 square-foot divisible
**DUPONT LODGE AT CUMBERLAND FALLS STATE RESORT PARK**

**CORBIN**

Built in the 1930s by the CCC and rebuilt after a fire in the 1940s, the DuPont Lodge echoes the great national park lodges of that era. Its placement on a bluff affords views of the Cumberland River from its lobby, patio, dining room and meeting rooms. A couple of miles uphill from Cumberland Falls, the hotel offers options like a small meeting room 30 yards from the lodge and guided hikes to a restored fire tower.

**EVENT CAPACITY:** Up to 125 for receptions in the 1,120-square-foot Moonbow Room adjacent to the patio, with seasonal views of the Cumberland River

**CATERING:** In-house catering

**ALCOHOL PERMITTED:** Clients can supply their own alcohol.

**MORE INFO:** PARKS.KY.ORG

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**CLIFFVIEW RESORT**

**CAMPTON**

Raytheon, GlassDoor and other corporate high-flyers have discovered the small Cliffview Resort in the Red River Gorge. There’s a large conference space in a timber-style, 18-room inn, but groups can also opt to book two large homes or choose among 80 smaller cabins. The resort excels at activity-packed agendas; zip lining, underground kayaking and guided hikes are among the options.

**EVENT CAPACITY:** 80 in the 1,800-square-foot conference room; up to 200 in the freestanding reception hall

**CATERING:** In-house catering through an approved caterer

**ALCOHOL PERMITTED:** Groups may bring their own alcohol.

**MORE INFO:** CLIFFVIEWRESORT.COM

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**KENTUCKY MUSIC HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM**

**MOUNT VERNON**

A restored horse stable is home to the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum, which honors Kentucky’s many gifted musicians. In addition to a boardroom, the lobby includes a small stage for live performances. A large back lawn with a stage is a pretty place for fundraisers, concerts and picnics. On breaks, meeting attendees can check out Sam Bush’s custom-made mandolin, Dwight Yoakam’s skinny jeans and other items in the collection.

**EVENT CAPACITY:** Lobby space with small stage for 100; large lawn with stage

**CATERING:** No on-site catering facilities. The venue can recommend local caterers.

**ALCOHOL PERMITTED:** Check with facility.

**MORE INFO:** KENTUCKYMUSICHALLOFFAME.COM

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**The Heritage Farm**

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ROOMS: 369
MEETING SPACE: 20,000 sq. ft. of flexible meeting space
BREAKOUT ROOMS: 13 versatile meeting space
CATERING/DINING: Triangle Grille, Crossroads Café, Bigg Blue Martini

Kentucky Exposition Center

Our two venues, the Kentucky Exposition Center and Kentucky International Convention Center, are centrally located and within driving distance for almost anyone in the United States. From small meetings to major trade shows, our venues provide expansive meeting and outdoor space with exhibit halls for every client’s needs. halls for every client’s needs.

MEETING SPACE: 1.2 million sq. ft. of contiguous exhibit space, 56 flexible meeting rooms, two arenas and 356 acres of outdoor exhibit space.
CATERING/DINING: In-house catering
AV: Prestige AV

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ROOMS: 252
MEETING SPACE: 29,014 square feet
BREAKOUT ROOMS: 29 flexible event space combinations
CATERING/DINING: On premise Catering / Charr’d Bourbon Kitchen and Lounge / Starbucks Lobby Café

Overlook Events Center

350 person capacity center located at Bob Amos Park overlooking the Pikeville Cut-Through and a portion of downtown. The center is ADA-compliant with a back patio that doubles as an overlook. Overlook Events Center is the ideal place for your special moments. Contact us about full-service options, including catering!

MEETING SPACE: 350 person capacity
CATERING/DINING: Elite Catering
COMPLIANCE: ADA Compliant
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MEETING SPACE: 200,125 sq. ft. of contiguous Class A exhibit space, 40,000 sq. ft. column free ballroom, 52 meeting rooms and 165 seat conference theatre.

CATERING/DINING: In-house catering

AV: Prestige AV

Contact Information
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Lexington Marriott Griffin Gate

Nestled in the Bluegrass Country hills near downtown Lexington, Kentucky, Griffin Gate offers extensive venues that set the scene for memorable business meetings and social gatherings, each complemented by its world-class services and breathtaking scenery.

ROOMS: 408

MEETING SPACE: Griffin Gate offers 28,901 square feet of total indoor and outdoor space.

BREAKOUT ROOMS: 21

CATERING/DINING: Choose from our customizable American-fare catering menu for all meeting needs.

Contact Information
Sarah Thacker
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MARRIOTT.COM/LEXKY

Owensboro Convention Center

The award-winning Owensboro Convention Center is Western Kentucky’s premier multi-purpose venue. The Center overlooks the scenic Ohio River in revitalized downtown Owensboro, KY.

MEETING SPACE: A full-service facility with just under 102,000 sq. ft. of available space, including a 44,000+ sq. ft. exhibition hall, the 8,900+ sq. ft. Kentucky Legend® Pier outside over the river, plus additional ballroom, meeting, and pre-function space.

BREAKOUT ROOMS: 4 with the capability of creating up to 14 with the ballroom space

CATERING/DINING: Complete in-house catering plus Kentucky Legend Café

AV: In-house AV

Contact Information
Laura Alexander, General Manager
270-687-8800
OWENSBOROCENTER.COM

Paroquet Springs

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MEETING SPACE: 22,000 square feet

BREAKOUT ROOMS: 9

CATERING/DINING: No outside food or drinks—full time Executive Chef. Menu selections available online.

AV: In house AV

Contact Information
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