

**NHLBCC 2023**



**August 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

# Welcome to Columbus

Columbus, Ohio, is the 14th-most populous city in the U.S., the second-most populous city in the Midwest, after Chicago, and the third-most populous state capital. Columbus is a diverse town with funky festivals, die-hard sports fans, and a world renown Zoo. Centrally located in Ohio on the Scioto River, 48% of Americans live within 600 miles of Columbus. Major cities like Atlanta, Chicago, and New York City are less than a day's drive away. The people are known for their Midwest values and are typically kind and friendly.

## Hotel Information

### Hilton Columbus/Polaris

8700 Lyra Drive, Columbus, Ohio, 43240, USA

The Hilton Columbus/ Polaris hotel is a first-class, full-service, upscale suburban hotel conveniently located on the north side of Columbus, directly off Ohio I-71 at Exit 121. Dine in the hotel's signature restaurant, the Gemini Grille, or enjoy a cocktail in the chic lobby lounge, Bar @ 8700. Exercise in the newly renovated fitness center with state-of-the-art Precor fitness equipment, each with its own 12-inch flat screen television. Take a dip in the heated indoor pool and melt your stress away in the steaming whirlpool.

Perks include ample free parking, free WiFi, indoor pool, hot tub, fitness center, and twinkling courtyard with fire pits to complete your stay.

- Right next door to Polaris Fashion Place.
- 1 mile from IKEA & Topgolf.
- 10 miles from Tanger Outlets Columbus & LEGOLAND Discovery Center.
- 15 miles from John Glenn Columbus International Airport (CMH).
- 20 minutes from Downtown Columbus and the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.
- 100+ restaurants within 2 miles



# Convention Information

Your registration fee covers your hotel for Friday and Saturday nights, dinner on Friday and Saturday, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, the annual meeting on Saturday morning, your convention package and use of the hospitality rooms during posted hours.

Any refunds due to cancellations will be considered within 14 days after the completion of the convention.

Your convention ID badge must be worn at all times while attending any NHLBCC function, including visits to the hospitality rooms during posted hours.

The legal drinking age in the state of Ohio is 21 years old.

## Contact Information

CONTACT:

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614-397-1224

Convention package and updates can be found at the  
NHLBC website: [NHLboosters.weebly.com](http://NHLboosters.weebly.com)

## Convention Package Costs

The convention package prices are as follows and include hotel accommodations for Friday and Saturday nights; dinner dances on Friday and Saturday nights and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

- Single . . . . . \$620.00 per person (US Funds)
- Double. . . . . \$455.00 per person (US Funds)
- Triple. . . . . \$410.00 per person (US Funds)
- Quad. . . . . \$380.00 per person (US Funds)
- Children under 16 years of age, staying with parents: . . . . \$180.00 per child (US funds)

### EXTRA NIGHTS

The extra nights room rate is \$169.00 plus tax and fees each night for stays beginning Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Please reserve your room early through your registration forms so we can make sure of availability. All hotel reservations (convention and extra nights) will be made thru the Jacket Backers.

# Cancellations & Refunds

We understand unforeseen circumstances might prevent you from attending at the last minute. All refunds will be considered upon the completion of the convention. All individuals will be notified within 14 days of the convention's completion regarding their refund. We will make every attempt to grant all refunds.

## Payment Schedule

- First Payment: \$125.00 deposit plus preconvention trips / due November 1, 2022
- Second Payment: \$125.00 plus preconvention trips / due December 1, 2022
- Third Payment: \$125.00 payments / due March 1, 2023
- Fourth Payment: Remaining balance / due April 1, 2023

All amounts are in US funds.

Forms and payment may be submitted through a club convention coordinator or by an individual. Payment may be made via check, Zelle or Venmo.

If paying by check, please make to check out to NHLBCC23 and send check and completed form to:

David Baker  
NHLBCC 2023  
6133 Witherspoon Way  
Columbus, OH 43081

If paying by Venmo search @NHLBCC23 (David Baker) and send complete (scanned and signed) registration form to [president@jacketbackers.org](mailto:president@jacketbackers.org).

If paying by Zelle send to [djbaker0513@hotmail.com](mailto:djbaker0513@hotmail.com) (David Baker) and send complete (scanned and signed) registration form to [president@jacketbackers.org](mailto:president@jacketbackers.org).

# Pre-Convention Activities

Pricing for these pre-convention activities will include all taxes and gratuities, beverages and snacks on the bus and are per person.

Refunds for any pre-convention trips will be provided only after we are able to either fill your spot on the trip, or we are able to receive a refund from any vendor being used.

## Monday August 7<sup>th</sup>

### **Amish Backroads Tour ..... \$120.00** **Lehman's Hardware Store**

Lehman's is really like an old-time mercantile (a mall from the 1850s perhaps). There are a number of stores within Lehman's. The housewares section is a dream for the cook, baker and chef because it is full of kitchen gadgets, cast iron, baking, cooking and food preservation merchandise, knives, bowls and food storage solutions. Their store also has hundreds of practical goods, from planting and preserving to off-grid living.

### **Explore the backwoods of Amish Country**

A local step-on guide will join us aboard the bus to lead us on some of the most remote backroads of Ohio Amish Country. Meet artisans and craftsmen who often work in their own homes. Learn about the Amish community and their simple way of life. See the side of Ohio Amish Country that the tourists often miss.

### **Enjoy lunch in an Amish home**

Although the menu varies, you are sure to find an all you can eat, family style spread of wonderful chicken, ham and/or beef served with mashed potatoes, homemade bread and their famous peanut butter spread. End the farmhouse meal with homemade pie.

## Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup>

### **Breakfast at Der Dutchman Restaurant & Rock-N-Roll Hall of Fame or The Great Lake Science Center ..... \$110.00**

### **Der Dutchman Restaurant:**

At Der Dutchman Restaurant, you will experience the unique Amish and Mennonite culture, which is well known for traditional home-style cooking & hospitality. Enjoy the all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet with Amish Country favorites like fried mush, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, pancakes, french toast, grits, fruit slush, yogurt, fresh fruit, and fresh pastries.

The Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame and The Great Lakes Science Center are right next door to each other so **you have the choice of which venue you would like to visit.**

### **Rock and Roll Hall of Fame:**

The Rock Hall Is a Tribute to the Music of Our Lives and a One of a Kind Experience. Get Up Close and Personal with Your Favorite Artists' History and Your Own. Rock Connects us. The mission is clear: to engage, teach and inspire through the power of rock and roll. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame shares stories of the people, events and songs that shape our world through exhibits, innovative programs and concerts.

### **OR**

### **Great Lakes Science Center:**

The Great Lakes Science Center is a museum and educational facility right next door to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Many of the exhibits document the features of the natural environment in the Great Lakes region of the United States. The facility includes various exhibits such as NASA Glenn Visitor Center, Bridge of Fire, Elliptical Pool Table, Augmented Reality Sandbox, and an IMAX Dome theater. Admission includes us one show at the Domed Theater & access to the Steamship William G. Mather.

**Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **Nationwide Arena, High Bank Distillery & Anthony-Thomas Chocolates**

**Tours..... \$85.00**

#### **Nationwide Arena (Home of the Blue Jackets!)**

Located on the corner of Nationwide Boulevard and Front Street in downtown Columbus, Nationwide Arena was built on a piece of property that was the site of the historic Ohio State Penitentiary. The support of naming rights partner Nationwide Insurance paved the way for the city to acquire an NHL expansion team. Named one of the best arenas in the NHL, the facility opened to great fanfare in September of 2000 and has since hosted the NHL All-Star Game, regular season and playoff hockey, NCAA championships, local, regional and national conferences and a multitude of concerts and touring events.

#### **High Bank Distillery**

Enjoy a tour and tasting at High Bank Distillery. The name comes from the fact that Columbus, Ohio was founded February 14th, 1812 on the HIGH BANK of the Scioto & Olentangy river fork. High Bank Distillery is the home of the best blended whiskey in America as Awarded by the 2021 & 2022 San Francisco World Spirits Competition but also make vodka and gin.

#### **Anthony-Thomas Chocolates**

Anthony-Thomas' success spans 5 generations with an accumulation of over 185 years of experience between the family and is the largest family-owned-and-operated candy company in the Midwest. Experience candy making from start to finish. Walk along the comfortable, glass-enclosed suspended "Cat-Walk" and observe nine lines producing 30,000 pounds of chocolates per shift. See each process step-by-step from the kitchens to the final packaging. View



interesting sights such as the huge copper kettles where the centers of some of the candies are created and the unique silver-wrapped pipes that carry liquid chocolate throughout the factory. Best of all, everyone will leave with a free sample!!

### Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup>

#### **Arena District Pub Crawl ..... \$25.00**

There are over 20 bars and restaurants to visit in the Arena District! The bus will begin shuttling you to the Arena District at 6:30PM. From there, you are on your own to enjoy one of the great stretches of bars and restaurants.

Shuttles will begin returning you to the Hilton at 10:00PM, with the last shuttle returning at midnight.

### Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup>

#### **Sunset Safari at the Wilds .....\$125.00**

One of the largest and most innovative conservation centers in the world is right here in Ohio. Your extraordinary adventure includes encountering rhinos, cheetahs, giraffes, and other rare and endangered species living in natural, open-range habitats at this 10,000-acre center. Friendly and knowledgeable interpretive guides will help you learn about the animals and the important conservation work at The Wilds.

Experience the magic of the Wilds at sunset! Take in the sweeping views of the Wilds' beautiful landscape bathed in the late evening sun. Enjoy a buffet style dinner on the deck of the Overlook Café before boarding an Open-Air Safari for a guided tour through the open-range when the animals are most active at feeding time. This tour includes a stop at the Carnivore Center and other destinations for up-close experiences. **This trip will leave at mid-afternoon, so please plan accordingly if you plan to participate in this trip.**

### Friday August 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force ..... \$70.00**

The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force galleries present military aviation history, boasting more than 360 aerospace vehicles and missiles on display -- many rare and one-of-a-kind -- along with thousands of historical items and powerful sensory exhibits that bring history to life and connect the Wright brothers' legacy with today's stealth and precision technology. The trip will also include a boxed lunch.

# Convention

## Friday August 11<sup>th</sup>

### **Friday Dinner Party – Get Wild in Columbus**

Plan on getting Wild in Columbus. We'll start off with cocktail hours, move on to dinner and end with dancing the night away. Plan to wear your finest Safari wear, animal prints or rock-n-roll paraphernalia. And this is one cocktail hour you won't want to miss. 😊

## Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Breakfast & General Meeting**

Breakfast will be available between 8:00AM and 9:30AM, followed immediately by the General Meeting where each NHLBCC club will give a short presentation about their activities during the past season and what is planned for next season. We will then get an update from next convention committee and find out who will be bidding on the 2024 convention.

### **Delegates Meeting**

The delegate meeting will begin approximately 30 minutes after the General Meeting concludes.

### **Catholic Mass**

Attendees will be given the opportunity to attend a Catholic Mass at a local church a few miles away. Arrangements will be published as they become available.

### **Saturday Dinner Party – Alternative Jersey Night**

Celebrate our NHLBC family and the individual hockey team families. Wear your favorite **non-NHL jersey** (could be AHL, junior hockey or a non-hockey related hockey style jersey) and be ready to dance the night away.

### **Survivors Night**

Saturday festivities conclude with our annual Survivors night for those who don't want convention to end. You will be kept awake with games, activities and munchies until early morning. End with breakfast on Sunday morning at 7AM, say your good-byes and get some shut eye!

## Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Breakfast**

As the convention comes to a conclusion, we will wish all a safe journey home and look forward to seeing you all next August. Breakfast will be provided 7:00AM to 10:00AM.



# Registration

## CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM - NHLBC 2023 - COLUMBUS

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH ATTENDEE

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list other club affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_

Name for ID Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Previous Conventions: \_\_\_\_\_ Age on 08/01/2023: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information (This must be someone NOT attending convention):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

### ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Travel: \_\_\_\_\_

Flight Information (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

### ROOM TYPE

All amounts in U.S. dollars: Single - \$620/ Double - \$455 / Triple - \$410 / Quad - \$380

Children age 16 and younger sharing with parent - \$180 each

Do you need a roommate? Yes / No

Do you need a handicap accessible room? Yes / No

Are you in need of assistance or priority seating for bus transportation? Yes / No

### ROOMMATE INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Information for program: Include all / Omit Address / Omit Phone / Omit Cell / Omit E-mail

# Liability Waiver

## **51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE BOOSTER CLUB CONVENTION The Hilton Polaris – Columbus, Ohio / AUGUST 11 - 13, 2023**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby accept all responsibility for my actions and the actions of others within my control. I also accept responsibility for my actions and the actions of others with in my control arising out of any act or failure to act as a direct and proximate cause of my consumption of alcoholic beverages. I hereby absolve and hold without responsibility, the Jacket Backers Booster Cub and its Board of Directors or any other social host. I accept full and complete responsibility for my actions and their results by my voluntary consumption of acholic beverages.

I understand the legal drinking age in the state of Ohio is 21 years of age.

Registrant's  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **MINORS:**

I am the parent or guardian for the following minor(s) – under the age of 21 years old attending the NHLBCC 2023 convention.

Minor's name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I accept responsibility for the actions and behavior of the above minors.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Pre-Convention Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SELECT THE TRIPS YOU WILL BE TAKING.**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup>**

☐ Amish Backroads Tour ..... \$120.00

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☐ Breakfast at Der Dutchman Restaurant & Rock-N-Roll Hall of Fame **or** The Great Lake Science Center ..... \$110.00

Select One:        \_\_\_\_\_ Rock-N-Roll Hall of Fame        \_\_\_\_\_ Great Lakes Science Center

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Total Trip Cost        \$ \_\_\_\_\_