

70th Ohio State Convention of A.A.

Hosted by Ohio General Service

with Al-Anon Participation

The Three-Legged Stool:

Our Foundation for Recovery

August 14-16, 2026

Cherry Valley Hotel
2299 Cherry Valley Rd
Newark, OH 43055
(740) 788-1200

Room rate \$119/night
+Tax & Fees

Reserve by:
July 24th, 2026
Mention: Area 53



PANELS, SPEAKERS, FUN & FELLOWSHIP

Online Registration for this event:

*All Attendees must be registered to attend!

area53aa.org/2026-ohio-state-convention/

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Ohio State Convention Mail In Registration Form:

Name:		AA <input type="checkbox"/>	Al Anon <input type="checkbox"/>
Name on Badge:			
Email Address:			
Do You Have a Special Dietary Restriction?		Phone:	
Registration:	\$45	x _____	Total: _____
Saturday Night Dinner Banquet:	\$55	x _____	Total: _____
Scholarship Donation:	\$45	x _____	Total: _____
Hospitality Donation:	\$__	N/A	Total: _____
Please make checks payable to: Area 53 General Service In Memo: 2026 Ohio State Convention Mail to: Area 53 General Service, PO Box 44, Belmont, OH 43718			Grand Total: _____

Postmark OR PayPal No Later July 24th, 2026, to guarantee a banquet. **Register in person at the Convention**
~ Convention Registration until Sat at noon. ** Email inquiries to: 2026osc@area53aa.org

*If you have a reasonable accommodations please contact accessibilities@area53aa.org (614)-954-4672

From Northeast Ohio (Cleveland area)

The drive from the northeast typically takes about 2 hours and 25 minutes.

- Take **I-71 S** toward Columbus.
- Merge onto **I-270 E** and then **OH-161 E** toward New Albany.
- Continue onto **OH-16 E**, which will lead you into the Newark area.

From Southwest Ohio (Cincinnati area)

Traveling from the southwest takes approximately 2 hours and 10 minutes.

- Travel north on **I-71 N** toward Columbus.
- Use the eastern portion of **I-270** to connect to **OH-161 E**.
- Follow **OH-16 E** directly to Newark.

From Northwest Ohio (Toledo area)

The journey from the northwest is about 2 hours and 35 minutes.

- Head south on **I-75 S** and transition to **US-23 S** toward Columbus.
- Merge onto **I-270 E** and then take the exit for **OH-161 E**.
- Stay on **OH-16 E** until you reach the hotel vicinity.

From Southeast Ohio (Athens area)

From the southeast, the trip takes roughly 1 hour and 25 minutes.

- Take **US-33 W** toward Columbus.
- Exit onto **OH-37 W** near Lancaster, which provides a direct route north into Newark.

From Central Ohio (Columbus area)

Coming from the heart of Columbus, the drive is a quick 35 to 40 minutes.

- Take **OH-161 E** through New Albany.
- This expressway transitions into **OH-16 E**, which takes you straight to the Newark area where the hotel is located.

Purpose of the Ohio State Convention

The Ohio State Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous is an open, annual service convention hosted on a rotating schedule by one of the four Ohio Service Areas. The purpose of the convention is to carry the spirit of the General Service Conference to the districts and groups in Ohio and Southeast Michigan. It fosters cooperation among the four Ohio Areas, highlights General Service in these Areas and shares experience on AA's Three Legacies. The goal of the convention is to support and strengthen the General Service Conference structure in Ohio, helping us to stay sober to help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

Why do I have to pay?

Most associations like to hold conferences or conventions. In AA, however, a conference or convention is an important opportunity to share the AA experience in a broad way. There are many AA conferences held around the world. One of the most common misconceptions about these gatherings is that they are AA meetings, and since there are no dues or fees for AA membership, there should be no fees to attend.

Conferences and conventions are special events, not regular meetings. They require months of planning, preparation, and money to present. Since most events are held in hotels or convention centers, there is a charge for use of the facilities. Along with this charge, the facility will require that the group purchase food and coffee, other expenses include travel and lodging for the speakers, the printing of flyers and schedules, postage, and supplies. A large event requires a substantial amount of money.

This convention is self-supporting. No group monies are used to pay for this event, nor do we accept outside contributions or donations of any kind. No baskets are passed. The cost of the event is paid through the registration fees. The ideal goal for any such event is to break even; therefore, the registration fee is modest compared to a weekend's worth of entertainment elsewhere. Attendance is voluntary and as responsible AA members; we pay our own way.

What if I can't pay?

Scholarships are available, paid for by generous members of the AA community. To request a scholarship, please email us at 2026osc@area53aa.org.

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for Directions

