

SPOUSE, GUEST & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Space for day trips is limited. Although advance registration was required, inquire at the MLC Registration & Information Desk about availability. Lunch will be provided on all day trips. Attire for all events is casual; comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Please inform conference staff at the registration desk if you have special needs or other requirements.

Youth Events: An adult must accompany children ages 5 and under. Please have children wear their MLC-provided T-shirts for the day trips on Monday and Tuesday. Adults can only attend evening youth activities if they are accompanying their child and have paid the registration fee.

Spouses/Adult Guests: In addition to the special day trips listed below, you are welcome to attend any session on the business program. You must be 21 or older to take part in events for spouses and adult guests.

SUNDAY, JULY 10

6 to 9:30 p.m.

FOR ALL AGES

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION AT BOTANICA AND LIGHTING CEREMONY AT THE KEEPER OF THE PLAINS

A feast for the senses, Botanica — a botanical garden and regional horticultural center — is nestled in the heart of Wichita. It features more than 30 themed gardens designed to emphasize collections in display settings particularly well-suited to south-central Kansas. In addition, Botanica features a carousel pavilion and children's garden. During the reception, Wichita War Dancer Greg Victors, a Native American who specializes in the education and preservation of cultural dance, will perform on the grand lawn. Following dinner, attendees will have the chance to stop at Exploration Place to see the Keeper of the Plains sculpture and lighting of the Ring of Fire at 9 p.m., as well as enjoy additional desserts and beverages.

Buses will start loading at the Hyatt Regency at 5:45 p.m. and will loop between the hotel and Botanica every 30 minutes. Starting at 8:15 p.m., buses will make a brief stop to drop off guests at Exploration Place for the Keeper of the Plains lighting ceremony. Buses will then continue to the Hyatt. The last bus will depart Botanica at 9:30 p.m., picking up remaining guests at Exploration Place and returning to the Hyatt.



6 to 8:15 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

YOUTH MEET AND GREET AT BOTANICA GARDENS

Welcome to Wichita! Enjoy an evening of fun and making new friends at the youth meet and greet at Botanica. We will meet up at the Koch Carousel Gardens to take a ride on the historic carousel. Then, we will move to the Downing Children's Garden to walk the Rainbow Trail, explore the Monster Woods and cross Salamander Stream. Reflective of Kansas' roots and landscape, Botanica is the perfect place to kick off the week!

Parents: Please drop off your child and check in with a youth volunteer at the Carousel Pavilion at Botanica during the opening reception. Please pick up your child by 8:15 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 11

9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

WICHITA EXPLORATION PLACE

Welcome to the premier children's science center in Kansas — Exploration Place! Situated along the picturesque Arkansas River, Exploration Place inspires the next generation of scientists and engineers. The interactive museum emphasizes aviation and Kansas geography, and hosts traveling exhibits that showcase the importance of math and science in the world around us. You will have the opportunity to participate in a live science show and enjoy an IMAX dome theater experience!

Children and teens: Please wear your MLC-provided aquatic blue T-shirt.

Parents: Please drop off your child and check in with a youth volunteer at the Youth Room (Walnut Room, Century II) between 9:30 and 9:45 a.m. Please pick up your child from the Walnut Room no later than 3:30 p.m.



10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FOR SPOUSES & OTHER ADULT GUESTS

A CULINARY EXPERIENCE

Enjoy a cooking demonstration by renowned chef Natasha Gandhi-Rue, owner of The Kitchen and participant on the Food Network's "Guy's Grocery Games." Natasha will demonstrate a meal highlighting Kansas agricultural products. Following the presentation, enjoy a luncheon buffet of the demonstrated menu items. In addition, local winery owner Jenny Dawn will provide some background on the budding wine industry in Kansas, with tastings available. Following lunch, participants will shuttle to the Nifty Nut House to enjoy a personalized tour by the owner, Steve John. Nifty Nut House has been a Wichita tradition since 1937; it offers more than 4,500 classic and modern candies, nuts and snacks. Afterward, enjoy some shopping and take home some goodies for yourself.

Buses will start loading at the Hyatt Regency at 9:45 a.m. and depart promptly at 10 a.m., returning at 3 p.m.

SPOUSE, GUEST & YOUTH PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)

6 to 9 p.m.

FOR ALL AGES

FAMILY NIGHT AT SEDGWICK COUNTY ZOO

It's the seventh-largest zoo in the United States, and all ours for the evening! Sedgwick County Zoo is home to more than 3,000 animals, with exhibits that immerse guests in these animals' worlds and inspire thoughts of respect and conservation for wild animals and places. These exhibits also provide maximum opportunity for the animals' natural behavior, and feature components that allow visitors to walk freely among the animals. Named one of the best attractions in Kansas, this award-winning zoo is fun for the whole family.

Buses will start loading at the Hyatt Regency at 5:30 p.m. and will loop between the hotel and the zoo every 30 minutes. The last bus will depart the zoo at 9 p.m.



TUESDAY, JULY 12

9:25 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

FIELD STATION: DINOSAURS, AND LUNCH AT CHICKEN N PICKLE

Are you ready to walk among the dinosaurs? Then come with us for a one-of-a-kind, prehistoric experience featuring more than 40 life-sized, moving and realistic dinosaurs at Field Station: Dinosaurs! Following the thrilling and educational dinosaur expedition, we will travel to Chicken N Pickle where you will enjoy lunch and put your pickleball skills to the test!

Children and teens: Please wear your MLC-provided lime green T-shirt.

Parents: Please drop off your child and check in with a youth volunteer at the Youth Room (Walnut Room | Century II) between 9:10 and 9:25 a.m. Please pick up your child from the Walnut Room no later than 3:30 p.m.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FOR SPOUSES & OTHER ADULT GUESTS

IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

Enjoy a fun day starting at the Wichita Art Museum and all of the experiences that it has to offer. The museum houses one of the country's finest collections of American art, spanning three centuries of paintings, sculptures and other works. Following a short introduction and tour of the main gallery, you will be able to explore areas of interest and awaken your senses to the gift of art. The next stop is River City Brewery for a buffet lunch. The brewery is located in Wichita's Old Town, a bustling shopping and entertainment district with a ton of charm. After lunch, we'll walk across the street to the Museum of World Treasures — one of Wichita's most popular places to visit. Its eclectic collection includes one of the most complete T. rex fossils in the world,



along with other ancient specimens, Egyptian mummies, signatures of all the American presidents, a section of the Berlin Wall and a genuine shrunken head.

Buses will start loading at the Hyatt Regency at 9:45 a.m. and will depart promptly at 10 a.m., returning at 3 p.m.

5:45 to 10:15 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

MOVIES AND MORE

Redbud Ballroom A | Century II

Come join us for a night of entertainment, including pizza, sweet treats, movies and games. There may even be a magical surprise!

Parents: Please drop off your child and check in with a youth volunteer at the Redbud Ballroom A, Century II, starting at 5:45 p.m. Please pick up your child from the Redbud Ballroom A, Century II, no later than 10:15 p.m.

5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

FOR ATTENDEES, SPOUSES & OTHER ADULT GUESTS

MICHIGAN 2023 RECEPTION

Redbud Ballroom BC | Century II

Members of the Michigan Legislature invite you to a reception highlighting plans for the Midwestern Legislative Conference's 77th Annual Meeting, which will be held in Detroit next summer.

7 to 10 p.m.

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STATE DINNER

Eagle Ballroom

Enjoy the traditional State Dinner with your Kansas hosts in the elegant Grand Eagle Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The evening will include music from the Aerotones Big Band, featuring arrangements from the Roaring Twenties through today.



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