

Date: Saturday, October 31, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Doors open at 9:00 AM for coffee, donuts, and networking)

Location: ODNR Headquarters – Fountain Square, Building E (1st-Floor Assembly Conference Center), Columbus, OH

Registration Fee: \$15 per person (Includes continental breakfast & lunch)

Registration Deadline: October 17, 2026

Summary of Adjustments & Featured Sessions

Based on valuable feedback from our groups, we have refined the date, schedule flow, and activity formats for this year's symposium:

- **Halloween-Friendly Timeline (Core Info by 2:00 PM):** We know October 31 is Halloween! To ensure everyone can enjoy both the symposium and evening trick-or-treat or community festivities with their families, most key updates, presentations, and agency reports will be shared by 2:00 PM.
- **Early Raffle Drawings:** We are holding our raffles earlier in the program this year, so everyone has a full chance to participate, win, and claim prizes even if you need to head out a bit early!
- **ODNR Division Updates:** While Chief Glen Cobb and the regional District Managers are unable to attend this year, we will have a featured speaker presenting direct updates from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Parks and Watercraft covering statewide park investments, initiatives, and operational priorities.
- **Practical Nonprofit Governance:** Lynette Santoro-Au from the Ohio Attorney General's Office will lead an interactive session on Charitable University, highlighting non-profit compliance, board governance, and best practices. *(Remember to bring your completion certificates if your officers have already finished modules!)*
- **Emerging Tools for Friends Groups:** A focused segment on Using AI to Benefit Your Group, demonstrating simple ways modern tools can assist with newsletters, grant applications, and volunteer flyers.
- **Dedicated Afternoon Round Tables:** Following our main presentations, the remaining afternoon time will feature open round-table discussions and networking for those able to stay and connect deeper.