

# Your Guide to Planning Game Day Events

Explore campus venues and services available for your next private tailgate, corporate hospitality event, alumni gathering, or VIP game day experience.



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# Exceptional Game Day Events Begin Here

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Welcome to the Ohio State Game Day Events Guide.

The Office of Events and Experiences — Ohio State Events for short — helps bring memorable events to life by connecting planners with remarkable venues and expert planning support. Whether you're hosting clients, colleagues, alumni, or friends, we're here to help make your event seamless and unforgettable.

This guide highlights 11 unique venues for private tailgates and game day events. You'll also find details about the practical yet critical items you need for event success, like food and beverage, audiovisual capabilities, parking, and on-site event support. As you explore the possibilities, our team is here to answer questions, provide guidance, and support you every step of the way.

We look forward to helping you create an extraordinary Buckeye experience!

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for more planning resources.**



# Build the Perfect Buckeye Game Day

Nothing brings people together quite like game day at Ohio State. The excitement, tradition, and energy create the perfect backdrop for unforgettable gatherings.

In this guide, you'll discover campus venues available for private events, along with key details to help you compare options and begin planning your experience.\*

**Explore the possibilities, find the setting that fits your vision, and create an experience your guests will remember long after the final whistle.**

| Venue                                   | Approximate Distance to Ohio Stadium |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Recreation and Physical Activity Center | 0.1 mile                             |
| Blackwell Inn                           | 0.3 mile                             |
| Faculty Club                            | 0.4 mile                             |
| Hamilton Hall                           | 0.5 mile                             |
| Ohio Union                              | 0.6 mile                             |
| Curl Hall                               | 0.6 mile                             |
| Vitria on the Square                    | 0.6 mile                             |
| Longaberger Alumni House                | 0.8 mile                             |
| Schottenstein Center                    | 0.8 mile                             |
| Fawcett Center                          | 0.9 mile                             |
| Jack Nicklaus Museum                    | 1.0 mile                             |

\*Private events do not include tickets for the game or parking.

0.1 mile from Ohio Stadium

## Recreation and Physical Activity Center

Overlooking Ohio Stadium, the RPAC is Ohio State's largest recreation facility. Its game day event space is as close as you can get to the action without being in the stadium itself.



### About the Space

#### Danny Price Stadium Terrace

- Outdoor terrace overlooking Ohio Stadium
- Indoor space included
- Three hours of exclusive space usage
- Minimum 100 guests
- Set-up, tear-down
- Tables and chairs
- Premium party kit
- Dedicated event day coordinator
- Indoor restroom access

 **100** The number of team **national championships** Ohio State has won across various sports

### The Details

#### Food and Beverage

Indulge in a spread of game day favorites, from grilled classics to tasty snacks provided by University Catering. Visit [go.osu.edu/universitycatering](https://go.osu.edu/universitycatering) for menu options and other details. Beverages include a selection of water, soda, beer, and wine.

Linens are included with the cost of catering.

#### Audio-Video

Our in-house technical team can support your event needs — including providing microphones and speakers — or will partner with an external production vendor. Additional fees may apply.

Complimentary wi-fi is available.

#### Parking

Discover parking options at [go.osu.edu/game-day-parking](https://go.osu.edu/game-day-parking). If you're interested in bundling parking with your event, please reach out to your event planner.

#### Additional Information

Our staff will work with you to bring your vision to life.

A wide range of additional event items are available to rent, including soft furniture, upgraded linens, stages, decor, and much more.

0.3 mile from Ohio Stadium

# The Blackwell Inn

As The Ohio State University's only full-service, on-campus hotel, the Blackwell Inn and Pfahl Conference Center blends refined hospitality with flexible meeting and event spaces.

Take a tour of the Blackwell Inn at [go.osu.edu/360-ohio-state-buckeyes](https://go.osu.edu/360-ohio-state-buckeyes).

## The Details

### Food and Beverage

The Blackwell's professional banquet, culinary, and catering staffs assist you with creating a custom event that will set your occasion apart. Game-day favorites include grilled items, our house-made chips, and hand-crafted beverages tailored for your group.

### Lodging

The Blackwell offers 151 guestrooms. Work with your event planner to learn more about availability and rates as a part of your event.

### Audio-Video

Our in-house technical team can support your event needs — including providing TVs, projectors and screens, microphones, and speakers — or will partner with an external production vendor. Additional fees may apply.

Complimentary wi-fi is available.

### Parking

Overnight valet parking for hotel guests is available for a flat nightly rate per vehicle with in and out privileges.

Discover game day parking options at [go.osu.edu/game-day-parking](https://go.osu.edu/game-day-parking). If you're interested in bundling parking with your event, please reach out to your event planner.



## About the Space

### Pfahl Hall Conference Center Reception Space

- Indoor space options
- Minimum 30 guests
- Set-up, tear-down, standard audio-visual
- Tables, chairs, linens, and hotel centerpieces
- Professional event staff to execute event
- On-site gift shop with Ohio State gear
- Indoor restroom access

## Additional Information

Our staff will work with you to bring your vision to life. A wide range of additional event items are available to rent, including soft furniture, upgraded linens, stages, decor, and much more.



**Don't want to plan a private event?**  
**Pre-Game at Fisher is an all-inclusive**  
**tailgate event at the Blackwell:**  
[go.osu.edu/pre-game-fisher](https://go.osu.edu/pre-game-fisher).

0.4 mile from Ohio Stadium

## Faculty Club

The Faculty Club is a timeless building whose views overlooking the South Oval and Mirror Lake captivate guests and provide amazing photo opportunities.

### The Details

#### Food and Beverage

Our in-house catering team provides meals from scratch, offering served, buffet, and reception-style options.

Our full liquor license allows for both hosted and cash bars.

#### Parking

Discover additional parking options at [go.osu.edu/game-day-parking](https://go.osu.edu/game-day-parking). If you're interested in bundling parking with your event, please reach out to your event planner.

#### Audio-Video

The Faculty Club offers standard audio-visual equipment to support your event, including podium, wireless microphone, and house music.

Additional AV is available at an upgraded cost through an outside vendor.

Complimentary wi-fi is available.

### About the Space

#### Multiple Room Options

- Small rooms for up to 25 guests
- Grand Lounge for up to 120 guests seated, 200 reception
- Indoor-outdoor option
- Set-up, tear-down
- Linens, china, flatware, glassware
- Dedicated event day coordinator
- Indoor restroom access



Don't want to plan a private event? Explore the Faculty Club's tailgate events at [ohio-statefacultyclub.com](https://ohio-statefacultyclub.com).



0.5 mile from Ohio Stadium

# Hamilton Hall

Newly renovated in 2024, this versatile event venue is located in the Health Sciences District with easy access to the stadium.



## About the Space

Jeri B. Block and  
Robert H. Schottenstein  
Forum and Outdoor Quad

- Indoor ballroom with outdoor patio
- Accommodates up to 350 guests
- Set-up and tear-down
- Banquet tables and chairs
- Dedicated event day coordinator
- In-house AV and staging
- Indoor restroom access

## The Details

### Food and Beverage

Clients may select their own caterer to arrange food services for events in Hamilton Hall. A convenient catering back-of-house is located adjacent to the Forum and patio to allow for a seamless dining experience.

University Catering is the exclusive supplier of all alcohol and bar services in the facility.

### Parking

Discover parking options at [go.osu.edu/game-day-parking](https://go.osu.edu/game-day-parking). If you're interested in other parking and valet options, please reach out to your event planner.



**Columbus** is just a one-day drive or one-hour flight from half of the U.S. population.

### Audio-Video

Hamilton Hall's in-house AV technologies include two built-in retractable projectors, audio connections, microphones, and cameras. From planning to execution, our events team collaborates with you to deliver a seamless and successful experience.

Complimentary wi-fi is available.

### Additional Information

Hamilton Hall offers a wide range of resources to enhance any event.

Amenity options include a customizable stage, podiums, coat rack, and a variety of decor and banquet furniture options. Many of these items are available at no additional cost.

0.6 mile from Ohio Stadium

# Ohio Union

Situated along bustling High Street and Ohio State's iconic Oval, the Ohio Union is a full-service event center located at the heart of campus.

Take a virtual tour of the Ohio Union at [go.osu.edu/ohio-union-tour](https://go.osu.edu/ohio-union-tour).



## About the Space

### Performance Hall and Potter Plaza

- Indoor ballroom with outdoor terrace
- Three hours of exclusive space usage
- Minimum 250 guests
- Set-up, tear-down
- Tables, and chairs
- Premium party kit
- Dedicated event day coordinator
- Indoor restroom access

## The Details

### Food and Beverage

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Linens are included with the cost of catering.

### Parking

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### Audio-Video

Performance Hall is equipped with a projector and screen, podium, microphone, and in-room sound. The Ohio Union's in-house technical team can support your event needs, or will partner with an external production vendor. Additional fees may apply.

Complimentary wi-fi is available.

### Additional Information

The Ohio Union is a full-service conference center. Our staff will work with you to bring your vision to life. A wide range of additional event items are available to rent, including soft furniture, upgraded linens, stages, decor, and much more.

0.6 mile from Ohio Stadium

## Curl Hall

This space features floor to ceiling windows and provides an open floor plan for 200 at rounds with built in technology. The space overlooks the grassy common area that connects it to other smaller spaces along Woodruff Avenue.

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### About the Space

#### Curl Viewpoint

- Indoor space flooded with natural light
- Three hours of exclusive space usage
- Minimum 200 guests
- Set-up, tear-down
- Tables and chairs
- Premium party kit
- Dedicated event day coordinator
- Indoor restroom access



Download the updated **Buckeyes Mobile App** in the App Store or on Google Play to access **everything Ohio State Athletics**.

### The Details

#### Food and Beverage

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Linens are included with the cost of catering.

#### Audio-Video

Our in-house technical team can support your event needs — including providing microphones and speakers — or will partner with an external production vendor. Additional fees may apply.

Complimentary wi-fi is available.

#### Parking

Discover parking options at [go.osu.edu/game-day-parking](https://go.osu.edu/game-day-parking). If you're interested in bundling parking with your event, please reach out to your event planner.

#### Additional Information

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0.6 mile from Ohio Stadium

# Vitria on the Square

With over 12,000 feet of flexible event space opened in 2023, consider this sophisticated, light-filled venue for elevated game day events. Outdoor terrace options overlooking High Street and campus give this spot views you won't find anywhere else.

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## The Details

### Food and Beverage

Vitria on the Square's innovative in-house culinary team prepares all courses from scratch, customizing the menu for your group. Our executive chef works closely with local vendors to allow only the freshest ingredients.

### Audio-Video

Vitria's world-class audio visual technology allows your guests to focus on accomplishing their goals and objectives. AV options include state-of-the-art built-in screens and built-in house sound. On-site audio-visual support is provided through Mills James.

Complimentary wi-fi is available.

### Parking

Discover game day parking options at [go.osu.edu/game-day-parking](https://go.osu.edu/game-day-parking). If you're interested in bundling parking with your event, please reach out to your event planner.

### Additional Information

Our staff will work with you to bring your vision to life. Our specialty is making your day come alive in the way that you envision it, down to the last detail.



## About the Space

### Grand Ballroom, Terrace Ballroom

- Two ballroom options
- Pre-function and outdoor terrace options
- Set-up, tear-down, standard audio-visual
- China, flatware, glassware
- Tables, chairs, and venue centerpieces
- Dedicated event day coordinator
- Indoor restroom access

0.8 mile from Ohio Stadium

## Longaberger Alumni House

The Longaberger Alumni House — home to The Ohio State University Alumni Association — offers 50,000 square feet of space designed to reflect the warmth of Buckeye tradition with modern functionality.



### About the Space

Multiple Indoor Spaces,  
Archie and Bonita Griffin Pavilion

- Indoor and outdoor options include Sanders Grand Lounge, Mount Leadership Room, and the Archie and Bonita Griffin Pavilion
- Three hours of exclusive space usage prior to kickoff with the capacity to add extra hours
- Up to 150 guests seated or 300 standing
- Set-up, tear-down
- Tables, and chairs
- Dedicated event day coordinator
- Indoor restroom access

### The Details

#### Food and Beverage

Longaberger Alumni House uses a university-approved catering list. Please contact your preferred caterer directly to arrange food and non-alcoholic services. See the list of caterers at [osu.edu/alumni/about/alumni-house](https://osu.edu/alumni/about/alumni-house).

Alcohol services are available by our exclusive partner Fawcett Center Beverage Services.

#### Parking

On-site parking is available. Discover additional parking options at [go.osu.edu/game-day-parking](https://go.osu.edu/game-day-parking). If you're interested in bundling parking with your event, please reach out to your event planner for availability.

#### Audio-Video

Our spacious meeting rooms feature amenities such as built-in media boards, retractable screens and executive-style seating. We also offer ancillary services such as projectors and laptops.

The Longaberger Alumni House's in-house technical team can support your event needs, or will partner with an external production vendor.

Complimentary wi-fi is available.



0.8 mile from Ohio Stadium

## Schottenstein Center

The Schottenstein Center is a premier, multi-purpose venue that's home to Buckeye men's and women's basketball, men's ice hockey, as well as concerts, family shows, and major touring productions.



### About the Space

Numerous event and hospitality spaces

- Indoor spaces include Block O Lounge, Geiger Lounge, Huntington Club South Lounge, and more
- Outdoor patio options
- Three hours of exclusive space usage
- Set-up, tear-down
- Tables, and chairs
- Red coat event staffing to guide guests
- Indoor restroom access

## The Details

### Food and Beverage

Ohio State Athletics is pleased to have Levy Restaurants as our exclusive in-house caterer. From game day themed buffets to exquisite sit down meals, enjoy locally inspired cuisine by their esteemed chefs.

### Parking

Discover parking options at [go.osu.edu/game-day-parking](https://go.osu.edu/game-day-parking). If you're interested in bundling parking with your event, please reach out to your event planner.



**Don't want to plan a private event? The Extra Point Package includes entry to a tailgate at the Schott:**  
[go.osu.edu/extra-point-package](https://go.osu.edu/extra-point-package).

### Audio-Video

The Schott's in-house technical team can support your event needs, or will partner with an external production vendor. Additional fees may apply.

Complimentary wi-fi is available.

### Additional Information

Energize your attendees by offering Buckeye Experiences.

Options include planning tours of the Schott, scheduling court time to shoot hoops, offering on-court group photos, or having your organization's logo and messaging on the videoboards throughout the facility and the center hung jumbotron. Our team can work with you to bring these Ohio State experiences into your event.

0.9 mile from Ohio Stadium

## Fawcett Event Center

Known for its easy access off I-270 and 315, on-site parking, and professional catering and events team, Fawcett Center is the ideal location for your next game day event.



### About the Space

#### Multiple Indoor and Outdoor Spaces

- Indoor space options include the Alumni Lounge, Ballroom, multiple smaller rooms
- Two indoor-outdoor options
- Three hours of exclusive space usage
- Set-up, tear-down
- Tables and chairs
- Dedicated event day coordinator
- Indoor restroom access

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The number of team **varsity sports** Ohio State fields, making it one of the **most comprehensive collegiate athletic programs in the country.**

### The Details

#### Food and Beverage

An executive chef and on-site catering team provide creative, customizable food and beverage options, ranging from snacks and light fare to elegant multi-course meals, tailgate parties, special occasions and full seven-day bar service. See the Fawcett Center catering menu at [go.osu.edu/fawcett-catering](http://go.osu.edu/fawcett-catering).

#### Audio-Video

Our in-house technical team can support your event needs — including providing microphones and speakers — or will partner with an external production vendor. Additional fees may apply.

Complimentary wi-fi is available.

#### Parking

On-site parking is available. Discover additional parking options at [go.osu.edu/game-day-parking](http://go.osu.edu/game-day-parking). If you're interested in bundling parking with your event, please reach out to your event planner.

#### Additional Information

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1.0 mile from Ohio Stadium

## Jack Nicklaus Museum

A versatile event space in Ohio State's Athletics District that offers one of the greatest collections of golf memorabilia in the world and space for up to 150 guests.

### The Details

#### Food and Beverage

Levy Restaurants is the exclusive in-house caterer at the Jack Nicklaus Museum. From Buckeye-themed buffets and exquisite sit-down meals, to deliciously convenient box lunches and irresistible dessert tables, enjoy locally inspired cuisine by their esteemed chefs.

#### Parking

Discover parking options at [go.osu.edu/game-day-parking](https://go.osu.edu/game-day-parking). If you're interested in bundling parking with your event, please reach out to your event planner.

#### Audio-Video

The Jack offers standard audio-visual equipment to support your event. Options include podium, wireless microphone, screens, projectors, and speakers. Additional AV is available at an upgraded cost through an outside vendor.

Complimentary wi-fi is available.



Jack Nicklaus, considered by many to be the **greatest golfer to ever play the game**, began his fabled career at Ohio State.

### About the Space

#### Reception Area and Theater Meeting Room

- Indoor event space
- Three hours of exclusive space usage
- Set-up, tear-down
- Tables and chairs
- Dedicated event day coordinator
- Indoor restroom access



## Additional Options

# Signature Buckeye Experiences

Want to add more Scarlet and Gray to your event? Consider providing branded merchandise, in-game food and beverage credits, and more for your group. The Ohio State Events team will collaborate closely with you to coordinate experiences that enhance your game day event.



### Ohio Stadium Tours

A guided tour with one of our beloved Red Coat ambassadors will give your guests a behind-the-scenes look at the history and magic of one of the most iconic venues in all of college athletics.



### On-Field Pre-Game Experiences

Gather your guests on Ohio Stadium's legendary turf for games, photos, and fun before the match-up. We can even put your group's name in lights for the ultimate photo opp.

## Bring the Buckeye Spirit to Your Event

Want to bring Ohio State directly into your event? We'll help coordinate a visit from our beloved mascot, Brutus, or the Ohio State Marching Band, aka TBDBITL.



# Ready to plan your perfect game day event?

Ohio State Events is here to partner with you every step of the way, from venue selection, to menu planning and logistics.

**Contact us to get started today.**

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