OAAS Convention Workshop & Seminar Schedule Overview - 2025

Subject to change

Thursday February 20

PRE-CONVENTION: In the Know

PRE-CONVENTION: Judging School: Field Crop

10:00am-2:30pm (pre reigstration is required)

PRE-CONVENTION: Judging School: Hobbycraft, Collections & Woodwork

PRE-CONVENTION: Field to Fair: Managing Event Risks

PRE-CONVENTION: Unlock Your Power to Influence: Learn How to Gain Support for Your Cause

Event Sponsorship Trends, Tips & Tricks *

Grant Writing 101 *

3:00pm - 3:50pm Navigating Stress in Agriculture *

Now That You've Started Online Ticketing, What's Next? *

Putting Pizzaz in your Homecraft Prize List *

Agriculture and Food Education For Fairs (AgScsape) Booking Entertainment & Understanding Contracts

4:00pm - 4:50pm Event Sponsorship Trends, Tips & Tricks *

Organizational/Goverance Planning *
The Journey to Become a Judge

Friday February 21

8:30am-9:30am

Effective Grant Writing For Fairs and Event Organizers

Organizational / Governance Planning *

Growing Opportunities: The Economic Power of Inclusive and Accessible Events Harvesting Success: Building Outstanding Volunteer Programs for Agricultural Fairs

Navigating Stress in Agriculture *

Panel Discussion: General Managers and Paid Staff

Refreshing Your Display Areas *

Grant Writing 101 *

Lottery Licensing Fundraising

Managing Cash Requirements During The Fair Season

10:00am-11:30am Panel Discusion: Youth ~ Who, What, Where, How, When & Why

Risk Management & Insurance Program updates

Roots of Inclusion: Cultivating Diversity and Equity at Agricultural Fairs

Volunteer Orientation & Training

Ag Awareness at the Fair: Strategies for Success (Farm & Food Care)

District Discussion (Districts #1,2,3)

District Discussion (Districts #11,12,14,15)

3:30pm - 4:30pm District Discussion (Districts #4,5,6)

District Discussion (Districts #7,8,9,10,13)

Fair Secretary Discussion

Panel Discussion: Ag Education at Our Fair

08:30am - 8:50am QUICK TALK: Volunteer Program Infrastructure: Building a Strong Foundation for Success

09:00am - 9:20am QUICK TALK: How We Launched Our Ambassador Program

10:00am -10:20am QUICK TALK: Becoming a Certified Volunteer Board Member, Gaming your way to success.

10:30am - 10:50am QUICK TALK: Fair for All: Building Inclusive and Accessible Experiences

11:00am - 11:20am QUICK TALK: A successful FUN-draiser.. LADIES NIGHT 03:30pm - 3:50pm QUICK TALK: What's the impact of a First Impression?

Saturday February 22

9:30am-10:30am

Al in 2025: Tools for Festivals and Events *

Online Privacy 101 *

Panel Discussion: Organizing Livestock Shows

Partnering with WSPS: Safety Tips and Tools for Your Community Events

Putting Pizzaz in your Homecraft Prize List *

Round Table Discussions

The Importance of Working with your Local Main Street (BIA)

Tools We Use Every Day at the Fair Office

AI in 2025: Tools for Festivals and Events *

Navigating Chaos: A Journey of Knowing Your Worth Now That You've Started Online Ticketing, What's Next? *

10:45am - 11:45am Online Privacy 101 *

Panel Discussion: Making the Best of a "Situation"

Refreshing Your Display Areas *

Round Table Discussions

Sharing Your Experience From the Gates to the Stage

^{*} repeated session