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AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

**October 1 - 5, 2023**

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| **Sunday, October 1st** | **Activity** | **Location** |
| 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. | Registration table open | Medallion Foyer |
| 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Vendor Load-in | Medallion Ballroom |
| 11:00 a.m. | Vans load for Top Golf | Meet in lobby |
| 2:00 p.m. | Return from Top Golf |  |
| 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. | Registration table open | Medallion Foyer |
| 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. | **Icebreaker** | Rathskeller Room |
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| **Monday, October 2nd** | **Activity** | **Location** |
| 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. | First Time Attendee Meet & Greet Breakfast | Mezzanine Salon D |
| 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Registration table open | Medallion Foyer |
| 8:00 a.m. | Welcome Remarks | Medallion Ballroom |
| 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. | Session 1 – Keynote: Integrated Design for the Built Environment – Matt Vansweden | Medallion Ballroom |
| 9:35 – 10:25 a.m. | Business Meeting & Elections  2024 Host Presentation – Audubon Zoo | Medallion Ballroom |
| 10:25 – 10:40 a.m. | **Break** |  |
| 10:40 – 11:00 a.m. | Vendor Introductions | Medallion Ballroom |
| 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Vendor Trade Show | Medallion Ballroom |
| 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Session 2A: Controls Modernization & Data Management – Stephenie Ritchey, Cincinnati Zoo | Mezzanine Salon A |
|  | Session 2B: AZA Accreditation is Everyday – John Walczak & Erica Lipanovich, DVM | Mezzanine Salon B-C |
|  | Session 2C: Hands-On Workshop – Keys & Locks | Walnut Room |
| 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. | **Lunch** – Sustainability Roundtables | Medallion Ballroom |
| 1:05 – 2:05 p.m. | Session 3: Presenting Sponsor Brightly – Marissa Lambert and Elayne Hudson | Medallion Ballroom |
| 2:15 – 3:15 p.m. | Session 4A: Writing the Sustainability Rule Book – Where Do We Start? – Stephenie Ritchey + Panel | Mezzanine Salon A |
|  | Session 4B: LSS – Building a Life Support Program: A Water Quality Approach – Lonnie Lamb, Louisville Zoo | Mezzanine Salon B-C |
|  | Session 4C: Hands-On Workshop – Hotwire | Walnut Room |
| 3:15 – 3:30 p.m. | **Break** |  |
| 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. | Session 5A: Sustainability Panel – Balancing Tradeoffs by Region – Bob W, John B, Enrique, Sean | Mezzanine Salon A |
|  | Session 5B: World of Aerial Ropeway Transportation – Ted Blazer, Doppelmayr Ski Lift | Mezzanine Salon B-C |
|  | Session 5C: Hands-On Workshop – LSS | Walnut Room |
| 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. | **Vendor Mixer – Headshot Happy Hour** | Medallion Ballroom |
| 6:00 p.m. on | Dinner on your own – Meetups on Whova |  |
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| **Tuesday, October 3rd** | **Activity** | **Location** |
| 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. | Vendor Breakfast | Mezzanine Salon D |
| 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. | Session 6 Keynote: GRAZE Mental Health – Erin McNally | Medallion Ballroom |
| 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Vendor Trade Show | Medallion Ballroom |
| 9:10 – 10:10 a.m. | Session 7A: Concrete’s Role in Sustainability – Phil Kresge, NRMCA | Mezzanine Salon A |
|  | Session 7B: Exhibit Design & Safety – Erin McNally  Session 7C: Hands-On Workshop – Netting | Mezzanine Salon B-C  Walnut Room |
| 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Vendor Load-out (early departure option) | Medallion Ballroom |
| 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. | Session 8A: Kulture City - Sensory Inclusion | Mezzanine Salon A |
|  | Session 8B: OSHA Training – Walking/Working Surfaces – Laura Witt | Mezzanine Salon B-C |
|  | Session 8C: Hands-On Workshop – Exhibit Epoxy | Walnut Room |
| 11:15 – 11:25 a.m. | **Break** |  |
| 11:25 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. | Session 9A: Freight Farms | Mezzanine Salon A |
|  | Session 9B: OSHA Training – Confined Spaces – Laura Witt | Mezzanine Salon B-C |
|  | Session 9C: Hands-On Workshop | Walnut Room |
| 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. | **Lunch** – Sustainability Roundtables | Medallion Ballroom |
| 1:35 – 2:35 p.m. | Session 10: Presenting Sponsor 2 | Medallion Ballroom |
| 2:40 – 3:40 p.m. | Session 11A: LSS John Gaudaur or Brian Brawner? | Mezzanine Salon A |
|  | Session 11B: Building a Supplier Diversity Program – Candace Bingham, St. Louis Zoo | Mezzanine Salon B-C |
|  | Session 11C: Hands-On Workshop | Walnut Room |
| 3:40 – 4:00 p.m. | **Break** |  |
| 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Session 12: Closing Presentation – Mark Fisher, Cincinnati Zoo | Medallion Ballroom |
| 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Vendor Load-out | Medallion Ballroom |
| 6:00 p.m. on | Dinner on your own – Meetups on Whova |  |
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| **Wednesday, October 4th** | **Activity** | **Location** |
| 8:00 a.m. | Buses load for Zoo Day | Meet in lobby |
| 8:30 a.m. | Welcome Breakfast | African Outpost |
| 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | BTS tours or explore on your own |  |
| 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch & Group Photo | Oasis Tent & Band Shell |
| 2:00 p.m. | Buses load for hotel return |  |
| 2:30 p.m. | Arrive at Seelbach hotel |  |
| 6:00 p.m. | Buses load for Riverboat Cruise | Meet in lobby |
| 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. | **Closing Banquet** | Belle of Louisville |
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| **Thursday, October 5th** | **Activity** | **Location** |
| 8:00 a.m. | Buses load for Cincinnati Zoo | Meet in lobby |
| 9:15 a.m. | Welcome, Group Photo, and Breakfast |  |
| 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Explore on your own or optional tours  Lunch anytime | Meal vouchers provided |
| 2:00 p.m. | Buses load for Louisville return | Meet at zoo exit |
| 3:30 p.m. | Arrive at Seelbach hotel |  |
| 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. | Boo at the Zoo event option for those still in the area | Louisville Zoo |

**Note: For those joining the post-conference tour, DO NOT book flights departing earlier than 6:00 p.m. on October 5th. Also consider departing from Cincinnati airport instead of returning to Louisville.**