



COCAcon 2023 Tentative Schedule

(this will be updated frequently, please check back)

Conference Registration, Check-in and Educational Sessions will be located on the 6th Floor
 *Session Titles and Times are Subject to Change, all times are in Central Standard Time Zone
 and Sessions will be held on the 6th floor of the Palmer House Hilton Hotel.

OP=Operations/Leadership, CD=Child Development, FD=Fundraising, PR=Programs,
 MD=Medical CEU's, SD=Staff Development, COCAcademy

Wednesday, November 8		
5:00 - 8:00 P.M.	Conference Registration	6 th Floor Registration Area
8:30 AM 4:30 PM	COCA Board Meeting	Hancock Parlor
Thursday, November 9		
8:00 AM- 5:00 PM	Conference Registration & Check In	6 th Floor Registration Area
8:30 AM- 12:00 PM	COCA Board Meeting	Hancock Parlor
9:00 AM	COCA Networking Session- Join your fellow COCAcon attendees for this interactive networking session focused on hot topics facing our camp community. Facilitated round-tables, large group discussions, and 1-on-1 conversations.	Adams
10:15 AM	Ice Breaker Games	Adams
11:15 AM	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
2:00-5:30 PM	Exhibitors Set Up	
1:00-4:30 PM	Afternoon Educational Sessions	

1:00 PM	MD: Understanding the Constancy of Communicable Disease: Conditions, Considerations, and Care with Dr. Raphael Landovitz and Dr. Tracey Gaslin (Part 1)	Adams
	PR, SD, CD: Gatorball! Ways to make games inclusive with Tyler Olsen	Millennium Parlor
	PR, OP: No One Understands: Developing a Childhood Cancer Podcast with Colleen McGrath Developing a Childhood Cancer Podcast"	Water Tower Parlor
2:15 PM	MD: Understanding the Constancy of Communicable Disease: Conditions, Considerations, and Care with Dr. Raphael Landovitz and Dr. Tracey Gaslin (Part 2)	Adams
	PR: Not Just Superheroes: Building an Intentional Theme Into Your Programming with Jamie Ekstrom	Water Tower Parlor
	SD, CD: Campers Make the Best Counselors, So How Do We Make That Happen? With Mindy Bean	Medinah Parlor
	PR: Got Game? Then Bring It! With Dave Smith and Holly Senn	Millenium Parlor
3:30 PM	MD: Understanding the Constancy of Communicable Disease: Conditions, Considerations, and Care with Dr. Raphael Landovitz and Dr. Tracey Gaslin (Part 3)	Adams
	OP, PR: Using Social Media to Promote Your Camp Programs! With Michael "Knuckles" Vasquez	Medinah Parlor
	SD: Nailed It! with Kail Yeaton	Water Tower Parlor
	PR, SD, OP: The Benefits of Hosting/Attending a Regional Conference with Jennifer Benton (& other region 7 camp representatives)	Grant Park Parlor
	PR: Power, Peace, Purpose: Bringing Therapeutic Martial Arts to your Camp with Leigha Shellhaas and Joe Staudt	Millenium Parlor
5:00 PM	DINNER ON YOUR OWN	
5:45 PM	New Attendee Meet & Greet	6 th Floor
6:30-8:30 PM	All Attendees Are Invited to the Conference Kick Off Reception (Formerly known as the President's Reception) Business Casual Attire Required by Club	University Club of Chicago, www.ucco.com (Club is 2 min. walk from Hotel)
9:00-11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite	TBD
Friday, November 10		

7:30 AM-5:00 PM	Conference Registration & Check In	6 th Floor Registration Area
7:30 AM	Visit with Exhibitors Today!	
7:30 AM	BREAKFAST BUFFET	Adams
8:30 AM	WELCOME TO COCAcon!	Adams
9:00 AM	CD: KEYNOTE: The Healing Power of Play and Optimism with Steve Gross, MSW, Chief Playmaker of the Life is Good Playmaker Project	Adams
10:15 AM	PR, SD, COCAcademy: PLAYing with Purpose: Revitalizing Staff Training & Empowering Campers: PLAY Basics & Why It Matters with Jack Schott & Allison Krabill- SCS	Monroe
	PR: The Advantages of Adversity: Why It Can Be Healthy & How to Design Programs To Help Your Campers Grow with Jayme Bellamy & Bryan Borawski, Camp HIS Kids	Water Tower
	MD, SD: Ain't That a Kick in the Head (or Anywhere Else) with Martin Cichon, MD, MPH	Grant Park Parlor
	CD: Help Kids Heal: The 4 Key Ingredients with Ant Toombs, Senior Guide, Life is Good Playmaker Project	Adams
	PR, CD: Bringing The Joy of Camp to the Hospital with Zeff Gomes and Heather Donnella	Medinah Parlor
11:30 AM	PR, COCAcademy: Setting the Sandbox with Jack Schott & Allison Krabill- SCS	Monroe
	OP, CD: Camp Crisis Intervention with Jade Shapiro LCSW-C, and Kyralee Comeaux	Medinah Parlor
	OP; Danger, Danger Will Robinson: Tracking Our Risks and Opportunities with Dennis DePaul	Water Tower Parlor
	FD: Setting you up for fundraising success in 2024! with Jen Wasem	Grant Park Parlor
	PR, OP, SD: Siblings with Jourdan Reed and Kenzie Olson	Spire Parlor
12:30 PM	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
2:00 PM	(Repeat of 10:15 am session) CD: Help Kids Heal: The 4 Key Ingredients with Ant Toombs, Senior Guide, The Life is Good Playmaker Project	Adams
	PR, SD, COCAcademy: Playing in the Sandbox, Part I with Jack Schott & Allison Krabill- SCS	Monroe
	PR, CD: Round Table on Sibling Programming (Part 1 of 2) with Dr. Mike Amylon	Medinah Parlor

	PR, CD: Supporting Transgender Campers: Fostering Inclusivity and Understanding with EmJ Juszczyk	Water Tower Parlor
	SD, OP: The Feedback Feedback with Rich Brundige and Jennifer Cavazos	Spire Parlor
3:15 PM	PR, SD, COCAcademy: Playing in the Sandbox, Part II with Jack Schott & Allison Krabill- SCS	Monroe
	PR, CD: Round Table on Sibling Programming (Part 2 of 2) with Dr. Mike Amylon	Medinah Parlor
	MD, PR, SD, OP, CD: More Room at the Table: Supporting Campers with Additional Disabilities or Medical Conditions with Brandon Briery	Grant Park Parlor
	OP: Expanding Our Welcome with Laura Vaughn and Fiona Fisher	Adams
	SD, OP: Volunteer Retention and Appreciation with Jourdan Reed and Kenzie Olson	Water Tower Parlor
	MD, SD: Bringing Your Best Self to Camp & Microdosing Wellbeing with Janice Nuuhiwa	Medinah Parlor
4:30 PM	SD, OP: Magical Feedback, Magical Performance: How Disney Teaches Managers to Give Feedback with Ryan Campbell	Grant Park Parlor
	SD, OP: Program Volunteers- The Three Rs with Dina Dattilio and Rosemary Souza-Botten	Adams
	OP, PR: Using Social Media to Promote Your Camp Programs! With Michael "Knuckles" Vasquez	Water Tower Parlor
	SD: Nailed It! with Kail Yeaton	Spire Parlor
5:30 PM	DINNER ON YOUR OWN	
9:00-11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite	TBD

Saturday, November 11

7:30 AM-5:00 PM	Conference Registration & Check In	6 th Floor Registration Area
9:00 AM	PR, SD, OP: Getting Siblings to Camp: Camper Recruitment with Becca Adleberg and Matt Shollenberger	Medinah Parlor
	OP: View From The Executive Chair- Challenges and Opportunities- A Round Table Discussion with Michele Vernon, Jan Bresch	Adams
	MD, OP: Medical Staff Recruitment: Current Challenges, Creative Solutions with Susie Burke, Kellie Reece, Sally Hale	Grant Park Parlor

	OP, COCAcademy: “Partner With” Leadership with Allison Krabill and Jack Schott- SCS	Monroe
	SD, OP, FD: AI in Action: Growing Your Camps through Smart Marketing, Staff Development and More with AI Tools with Chris Strom	Spire Parlor
10:15 AM	SD, COCAcademy: Building Connections to Advocate & Adapt (Part 1 of 2) with Jack Schott & Allison Krabill- SCS	Monroe
	OP, FD: Dignity Fund with Terry Greene	Spire Parlor
	OP: Leading for the Future: Succession Planning with Sally Hale, Chris Beckwith and Dennis DePaul	Water Tower Parlor
	PR: Let There Always Be a Song! with Dave Smith and Holly Senn	Medinah Parlor
	SD: Does Your Feedback Need Some Feedback? With Max Claman	Adams
11:30 AM	SD, COCAcademy: Building Connections to Advocate & Adapt (Part 2 of 2) with Jack Schott & Allison Krabill- SCS	Monroe
	PR: The Other patient: Siblings Journey with Jaclyn Greeson	Water Tower Parlor
	MD, OP: Facilitating last wishes: Providing end of life care in the camp setting with Deb Echtenkamp, Rene Lehman and Kammie Tessitori	Spire Parlor
	OP: First-Generation Families: Who They Are, What They Want, & How To Connect With Them with Max Claman	Adams
	SD, OP: Burnout: How to see it coming, how to avoid it (for you and your staff), and how to reset and move ahead with Erin Ulmer	Grant Park Parlor
12:30 PM	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
2:00 PM	SD, COCAcademy: Youth: The Why, The How, and the What Now with Jack Schott & Allison Krabill- SCS	Monroe
	MD: Pediatric Oncology Camp Healthcare Provider Round Table I with Dr. Kaye Wagner and Mary Ellen McKnight	Adams
	PR, OP: Gender Grouping: Fostering Inclusivity and Empowerment with Emily (EmJ) Juszczuk	Medinah Parlor
	PR: Lessons learned from SIBS Camp with Barbie Ricken	Grant Park Parlor
	PR: Second Star on The Right: Why Your Camp Needs a Makerspace and How to Make it Happen with Chad Lawson	Water Tower Parlor

3:15 PM	PR, CD: Helping Families Journey Through Grief in a Camp Environment with Kimberly Allen, Stephanie Grayson, Avery Allen	Grant Park Parlor
	OP: Gold Ribbon Accreditation Training for Visitors and Camps with Dr. Mike Amylon	Adams
	MD: Expect the Unexpected: Managing Medical Emergencies at Camp with Tammy Jenkins	Water Tower Parlor
	OP: Mission, Money, and Marketing with Eddie Bobbitt (Part 1)	Spire Parlor
	PR, SD, OP, FD: Care Camps Innovation Huddle with Gwynn Sullivan, MSN:	Monroe
4:30 PM	MD, SD, OP: Common Dental Emergencies at Camp with Charles Czerepak	Grant Park Parlor
	PR, OP: Camp Directors Unite! with Derek Bycraft	Adams
	OP: Mission, Money, and Marketing with Eddie Bobbitt (Part 2)	Spire Parlor
	FD: 2023 Best of COCA Fundraising Events with Becky Felak and Fundraising Panel	Monroe
6:30 - 9:00 PM	Silent Auction, Bead Game, Cash Bars, Buffet Dinner & Best of COCA Awards Presentation	Lobby Level-Empire Room
9:00-11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite	TBD
Sunday, November 12		
	Pack Up & Depart- Safe travels home & thank you for attending COCAcon 2023	