



2026 Ohio Public Service Institute
 September 27 - October 2, 2026
 Sawmill Creek, Huron, OH.



2026 SCHEDULE

*Schedule subject to change

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

3:30 PM - 4:45 PM
 Registration

ATTENDANCE AT ALL SESSIONS IS REQUIRED

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
ORIENTATION

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
LEADERSHIP: WHERE DO I STAND?
 Steve Ludwig

DINNER PROVIDED



7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
 Breakfast

8:00 AM - NOON
BUDGETING
 Pat McColley, ODOT

NOON - 1:00 PM
 Lunch

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
WORKPLACE & PERSONAL SAFETY
 Gary Sikorski

5:00 PM - 8:30 PM
I AM THE SOLUTION (BEHAVIORS FOR SUCCESS)
 Steve Ludwig, Ludwig Speaks, LLC

HEARTY SNACK PROVIDED DURING EVENING SESSION

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
 Breakfast

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
PUBLIC WORKS SITUATIONAL AWARENESS
 Carolyn Kinkoph, Alliance Against Human Trafficking

10:00 AM - NOON
RESILIENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE
 Keri Kaup, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Lake Forest, IL

NOON - 1:00 PM
 Lunch

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
STOP COMPETING AND START LEADING
 Sean Douglas, The Success Corps

5:00 PM - 8:30 PM
TEAM BUILDING & NETWORKING

DINNER PROVIDED

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
 Breakfast

8:00 AM - NOON
LEGAL UPDATE
 Jonathan Downes, Zashin & Rich

FREE AFTERNOON
 This free afternoon makes up for a very long day on Monday.

Participants are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this time for networking and relaxing in preparation for the rest of the week.

Participants are on their own for lunch and dinner.



7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
 Breakfast

8:00 AM - NOON
CREATING AND MAINTAINING EFFECTIVE TEAMS
 Lewis Bender

NOON - 1:00 PM
 Lunch

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
WHAT YOU REALLY SAY - EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION
 Lewis Bender

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM
 SOCIAL HOUR

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 BANQUET DINNER

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
 Breakfast

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
ETHICS
 Steve Ludwig

10:00 AM - NOON
EUREKA TO ACTION
 Steve Ludwig



Certificates will be provided to all participants after the last session on Friday. No exceptions.



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SCAN TO REGISTER



REGISTRATION DETAILS

STEP 1 - FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM

- Scan the QR code shown above. Fill out and submit the registration form.

STEP 2 - PAY YOUR REGISTRATION FEE

- \$995 BY CHECK - \$1,040 BY CREDIT CARD
- To pay by credit card there is a \$45 processing fee for each registration.
- Checks payable to the "APWA Ohio Chapter" may be submitted to:
Fishbeck Engineering
c/o Kevin Aller
28366 Kensington Lane, #3, Perrysburg, OH 43551
- Financial Assistance may be available via APWA stipends. Please visit ohpsi.org, and click on the stipend tab to view the current status of the stipend program and to apply.

Scan QR code to pay by
Credit Card \$1040



STEP 3 - RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM

- Hotel: Sawmill Creek by Cedar Point Resorts, Huron, OH
- Group rate for a standard room is \$129/night.
- Call Central Reservations at 419-627-2106 or 1-800-237-8386 OR you may book online using the information below
- GO TO WEBSITE: <https://reservations.sawmillcreekresort.com/sawmillcreek/?requesttype=invBlockCode&code=26OHPSI>
- ENTER YOUR ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE DATES: 09/27/2026 – 10/2/2026
- ENTER NUMBER OF ADULTS/CHILDREN
- UNDER "SPECIAL CODES" DROP DOWN, SELECT "GROUPS/BLOCKS"
- UNDER "CODE", ENTER "26OHPSI"
- CLICK SEARCH
- SELECT YOUR ROOM PREFERENCE AND PAY
- ****IF YOU ARE BOOKING & PAYING FOR SEVERAL ROOMS ON ONE CREDIT CARD OR CHECK, OR NEED THE ROOM COST PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO THE EVENT, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR EACH GUEST TO kelsey.bickley@cedarpoint.com:**
 - Guest Name
 - Arrival and Departure Dates
 - Number of Adults and Children
 - Room Preferences
 - Tax Exempt Form
 - Form of Payment
- KELSEY WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO CALL YOU TO EITHER GET THE CREDIT CARD THAT WILL BE USED, OR GIVE YOU A TOTAL BALANCE AND A CHECK CAN BE SENT.
- If you have not previously done so, you must submit your tax exemption letter to Kelsey at the email noted above.
- ALL HOTEL RESERVATION TASKS MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO 30 DAYS FROM ARRIVAL.

Cancellation Policy

A substitute from the same community can be arranged at any time, based upon availability. A \$50 fee will apply after the deadline (September 1) for substitutions. Cancellations received after July 1, 2026 are subject to a \$100 cancellation fee. Cancellations received after September 1, 2026 are subject to a \$450 cancellation fee. No refunds for no shows or cancellations received after September 26, 2026.

As we get closer to the event, further important information will be sent to the email listed on your submitted form.

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