

2026 Campground Owners Expo

December 2-5, 2026

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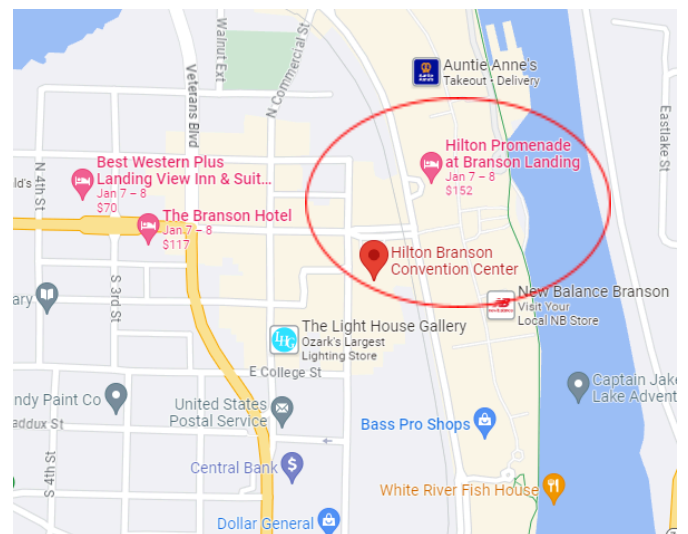
1. EXPO LOCATION

Hilton Branson Convention Center

200 E. Main Street | Branson, MO 65616

2. LODGING

- **Hilton Branson Convention Center** (Same building as event)
200 E. Main Street
Branson, MO 65616
**Group block rate ends 11/6/26 or when the block is full.*
- **Hilton Promenade at Branson Landing** (Across street from event, less than a 2 minute walk)
3 Branson Landing | Branson, MO 65616
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- **Campground Lodging Partners**

We have a list of campgrounds that are official lodging partners of COE. Find the list on our website at the link below and use the information provided to contact the campground directly for booking.

Web link: www.campgroundownersexpo.com/campground-lodging/

3. AIRPORT OPTIONS

- **Branson Airport (BKG) - 10 miles S. of Branson**

4000 Branson Airport Blvd | Hollister, MO 65672

Served by Sun Country Airlines

www.flybranson.com

- **Springfield-Branson National Airport (SGF) - 50 miles N. of Branson**

2300 N. Airport Blvd | Springfield, MO 65802 - *a 45-60-minute drive to event location, depending on time of day and driving conditions*

Served by a variety of airlines

www.flyspringfield.com

- For more airport information including additional surrounding regional airports and flying in privately, visit the Explore Branson website's flight page: www.explorebranson.com/info/fly-to-branson

4. SHOW SET-UP AND TEAR DOWN INFORMATION

The following is the set-up schedule for all exhibitors unless an alternative is scheduled in advance with the COE office directly:

- **Monday November 30, 2026**

- Large unit display set-up time available - please call (608) 525-2323 to **pre-schedule** your arrival time.

- **Tuesday December 1, 2026**

- Expo hall open from 8am to 5pm for exhibitor set-up.
- Your event badges will be in a packet on your booth table.
- If you have any questions during set-up, please see below for contact information. The COE Registration booth will be open in the main convention center lobby today from Noon to 7pm.
- Booths must be ready by 12:30pm on Wednesday 12/2.

- **Wednesday December 2, 2026**

- Expo hall open from 8am to 12:30pm for exhibitor set-up.
- If you have any questions during set-up, please see below for contact information. The COE Registration booth will be open in the main convention center lobby today at 7:30am.
- Booths must be ready by 12:30pm today.

- **Thursday December 3, 2026**
 - Teardown AFTER 2:00pm - no early teardowns without prior written approval from COE office.
- **Exhibitor Questions** - For questions, please use the following contacts:
 - **PRIOR TO EVENT:** Danielle Todd, COE Office
 - Phone: (608) 525-2323
 - Email: campgroundownersexpo@gmail.com
 - **AT THE EVENT ONLY:**
 - Ryan Lipke, COE Staff - Phone: (608) 525-0247
 - Danielle Todd, COE Staff - Phone: (608) 386-0752

5. EXPO HOURS

- **Wednesday December 2, 2026**
 - Expo open to attendees from 12:30 to 5:00pm.
- **Thursday December 3, 2026**
 - Expo open to attendees from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

6. ADMITTANCE TO EXPO

No walk-throughs are allowed. We control the entire expo hall and do not allow anyone without a badge to "walk the show". You pay for your booth and we make sure you get what you pay for.

All exhibitors are required to wear their show badges throughout the event. Please check to make sure you have the first and last name of your booth attendees registered with the COE office prior to the event. Each booth is allowed up to four attendees. Additional attendees are \$50 each. There is a fee of \$10 to print additional badges at the show for attendees not pre-registered.

If you see someone without a badge "strolling" the expo floor, please contact Ryan at (608) 525-0247. This is a closed show and we do not allow anyone to walk it without paying for booth space or the attendee registration fee.

7. BOOTH INFORMATION

Exposition services are provided by the Hilton Branson Convention Center. All booths are 10' x 10' in size and include the following:

- Exhibitor booth ID Sign
- 8' high drape back wall and 3' high drape side rails (black in color)
- One 6' table (draped on three sides)
- Two banquet chairs and a wastebasket
- Wi-Fi access is included for all booths. Login info provided at show.

If you have an open 20x20 space, please note that these spaces do not include any pipe and drape, but they do still include the single line ID sign, 6' draped table, two banquet chairs and the Wi-Fi access.

Booth numbers will be sent to all exhibitors two weeks prior to the show.

Placement preferences are given to sponsors first. All booth placement decisions made by the Exhibitor Committee are final.

*****Note: Electricity is available in your booth for an additional \$150 fee. We ask that you please request and pay for this in advance. There is a \$50 extra fee to add this on at the show.** If you are unsure if you added it to your initial registration, please email the COE office at the following email to inquire: campgroundownersexpo@gmail.com.

8. SHIPPING AND BOOTH SUPPLY ORDERING

As a registered exhibitor with COE, you can access the Exhibitor Store through the Hilton Branson Convention Center at the following link:

<https://exhibitors.venueops.com/exhibitorStore/account-2029-A/exhibition-993-A/category/category-2499-A> - please use this store link should you need to order any additional booth furnishings (extra/different tables, chairs, easels, lifts/carts. Reminder that electrical is ordered through the COE office only.

Shipping and Receiving Instructions:

ATTN: Company Name, Booth # *(reminder, this is not available until 2-weeks prior to the show - the HBCC is aware of this - as long as your company name is included, it will be delivered to your booth!)* and Event Name
Branson Convention Center / Legends Global
200 S. Sycamore St | Branson, MO 65616

Other Shipping Notes:

- Packages / boxes are considered deliveries which can be carried or transported by an individual with reasonable ease. Road cases are considered deliveries which come in cases with casters or wheels that can be rolled. Pallets / skids are considered deliveries which must be handled by forklift or pallet jack.
- Packages and other deliveries will not be released to the exhibitor or for outgoing shipment until payment has been made in full to BCC.
- **Deliveries will be accepted up to 10 business days prior to event load in and are charged a daily storage fee. Deliveries will be denied if arriving at BCC more than 10 business days prior to event load in.**

- Deliveries can also be stored for outgoing shipment for up to 5 business days for a daily storage fee. Packages, skids, and other items left behind more than 5 business days will be turned into lost & found and/or become forfeit.
- Outbound freight handling will be charged at the same rates as inbound freight handling. Exhibitors are responsible for arranging their own carrier, transportation, and outbound shipment services. All required outbound shipping labels, Bills of Lading (BOL), and shipping documentation must be provided by the exhibitor and verified prior to departure to ensure accurate shipment processing. BCC will stage and release freight to the designated carrier; however, any freight left without proper shipping documentation or without scheduled carrier pick-up will accrue daily storage fees at the applicable storage rates until the freight has been removed from the building.
- All cancellations must be submitted in writing. Cancellations made ten business days prior to load in will be refunded in full. Cancellations made within ten business days of load in will be refunded at a rate of 50%. Cancellations made during load in or event will not be refunded. Credit will not be given for unused service. *(This relates to charges from the BCC only and NOT the Campground Owners Expo show fees.)*
- All issues or concerns should be promptly reported to BCC. Claims will not be considered unless filed in writing by the exhibitor prior to close of the event or prior to outbound shipment pick-up after the event.

9. CAMP EXHIBITOR MIXER

This event is open to all registered COE exhibitors! Held on Tuesday December 1st from 5:30 to 7:30pm on Tuesday 12/2 - Join us for an upbeat, high-energy social hour designed just for you. Connect with CAMP members (Campground Association Management Professionals) from across the country, swap ideas and resources, and explore new ways to grow together. Enjoy drinks, network with leaders from multiple states, and discover opportunities to elevate the outdoor hospitality industry. Spots are limited—don't miss it! Your \$20 cost includes drink tickets. Purchase your tickets online at <https://pci.jotform.com/form/262356357558165>

10. FOOD, BEVERAGE & ENTERTAINMENT

There are many food and beverage options in Branson! Here are a few details that pertain to the expo time itself, and see below for information on options outside of the hotel and convention center for your time outside show hours!

***PLEASE NOTE:** All Hilton Branson Convention Center bars and concession outlets are now cashless as of July 1, 2025.

- **Tuesday December 1, 2026**

- **5:30 to 7:30pm** - CAMP Mixer in Cooper Creek room on the second level of the convention center - \$20 per person

- **Wednesday December 2, 2026**

- **7:00am to 12:00pm (Noon)** - Food & Coffee cart open. Located on the second level (just at the top of the escalators in the main convention lobby). Includes items for purchase like breakfast, snacks, coffee, drinks, etc. Water stations available here as well.

- **Please Note:** *There is a breakfast buffet for the campground owners on Wednesday morning in the main ballroom, but this is NOT included for exhibitors in your registration fees.*

- **12:00 (Noon) to 2:00pm** - Paid lunch available to grab-and-go on the expo show floor. The concession stand inside the expo hall is also open during this time. (Show starts at 12:30pm)
- **5:00 to 8:00pm - Evening Program and Dinner - *This dinner is included in your event registration!*** Exhibitors are welcome and encouraged to attend our evening program in the Ballroom for time to network with the campground owners, industry awards, charity auction, drinks, appetizers, and dinner! Another excellent opportunity to connect with campground owner attendees in a laid back and fun atmosphere!

****SPONSOR NOTE:** If you are a sponsor at the following levels, you will have a reserved table (for 8 people) at the front of the room:

- **Presenting** (\$12,500), **Grand** (\$10,000), **Supporting** (\$7,500)

Please feel free to use this table for your booth attendees and/or to invite campground owners you meet at the expo you'd like to network with further.

Timeline for the evening program:

- 5:00pm - Networking Time - appetizers served until 6pm.
- 5:30pm - Industry awards, recognition and a short charity auction - includes many items donated by exhibitors!
- 6:30pm - Dinner served with time for networking over a good meal! The Ballroom and a cash bar open until 8pm!
- **7:00pm - Giveaway - all exhibitors included! If selected, get your choice of a \$500 VISA gift card, or a FREE booth at the 2027 Campground Owners Expo!**

- **Thursday December 3, 2026**

- **7:00am to 12:00pm (Noon)** - Food & Coffee cart open. Located on the second level (just at the top of the escalators in the main convention lobby). Includes items for purchase like breakfast, snacks, coffee, drinks, etc. Water stations available here as well.
- **11:00am to 1:00pm** - Paid lunch available to grab-and-go on the expo show floor. The concession stand inside the expo hall is also open during this time. (Show runs from 10am to 2pm)

- **Friday December 4, 2026**

- **7:00am to 12:00pm (Noon)** - Food & Coffee cart open. Located on the second level (just at the top of the escalators in the main convention lobby). Includes items for purchase like breakfast, snacks, coffee, drinks, etc. Water stations available here as well.
- **3:30pm - Ticketed 'Behind The Scenes' event** - This is a separately ticketed event, and is open to exhibitors as another networking opportunity with campground owners/managers and as an educational session for your company attendees as well! More information and tickets coming soon for this event!

- **Level 2 Steakhouse** - Onsite dining option at the Hilton Branson Convention Center - Located on the 2nd Level Concourse near elevators.

- **Website:** www.level2steakhouse.com
- **Reservations:** www.level2steakhouse.com/reservations
- **Phone:** (417) 243-3433
- **Breakfast Hours:**
 - Monday through Friday: 6:30am to 9:30am
 - Saturday and Sunday: 6:30am to 10:30am
- **Dinner Hours:**
 - Sunday through Thursday: 5:00 to 9:00pm
 - Saturday and Sunday: 5:00 to 10:00pm

- **Branson Landing** - Located less than a 2-minute walk across the street from the Hilton Branson Convention Center. Where Shopping, Dining, and Entertainment Take Center Stage! You will have a whole new world to explore with over 100 specialty shops and restaurants. Don't miss Branson Landing's \$7.5 million water and fire spectacular located in the middle of Town Square!

- **Website:** www.bransonlanding.com

- **Other Dining and Entertainment Options** - See the Explore Branson website (www.explorebranson.com) for the countless dining and entertainment options available while you're in town!

11. EVENT MARKETING

If you will be featuring any show specials or giveaways in your booth during COE, we want to let our attendees know about it before the show! Please send a graphic no larger than 5" x 5" containing all the show special information in JPEG or PNG format to campgroundownersexpo@gmail.com **no later than November 20, 2026**. This will be sent to our attendees via email along with other show information and updates.

Additionally, please let your customers know you'll be attending the show! Send an email, post on your website blog, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn or other social media pages. We appreciate your support of our show and would love for you to invite your customers who may not know about our show yet!

If you're able, here is a great link to include in your email to campground owners and managers for them to find more information about our show: www.campgroundownersexpo.com/campground-owners/ - If you'd like to include our logo, please email campgroundownersexpo@gmail.com and we'd be happy to send that to you as well!

12. AUCTION ITEMS

During our evening program on Wednesday 12/2, we host a short charity auction, benefitting The Gilbert Brown Foundation, which supports over 156 children's charities. Gilbert Brown is a former nose tackle for the Green Bay Packers and our organization has worked closely with his foundation for many years and are proud to support the work he does in supporting children and their families through some of life's toughest challenges!

In addition to this auction, we also host many giveaways as incentive programs for the attendees to attend certain events, purchase products and services from exhibitors in the expo hall, and more.

If you would like to donate items, service gift certificates, gift baskets, etc, to this effort and to give your business additional visibility, we would greatly appreciate it! Please email any photos or information on your donation prior to the event to campgroundownersexpo@gmail.com - you can bring your donation to the COE registration desk upon your arrival. We thank you in advance for your donation and support!

13. BUYING INCENTIVES

We understand our exhibitors are a vital piece of making our show a success. Additionally, we understand that for you to justify the costs associated with attending, you need to leave with orders, or at the very least, some incredible

leads! This is why we work hard to educate our attendees on the importance of supporting our exhibitors, and incentivizing them to make purchases at the show. **We have multiple ways for our attendees to be entered to win cash and prizes, simply by making purchases with you!**

If campgrounds make purchases, they just need a receipt to show us in order to get their prize entry tickets. If you could please plan to have some sort of receipt for folks who order from you, or if you are a service-based business, some sort of acknowledgement that they are doing business with you, that would be super helpful so we can get them their entry tickets!

14. CONTACT INFORMATION

- **General event information:** Danielle Todd, COE Office - (608) 525-2323
****This line is answered prior to and on-site during the event as well.***
- **Exhibitor Questions (at event only):** Ryan Lipke - (608) 525-0247
- **Registration Desk (at event only):** Laurie Smith - (608) 399-4817
- **Hotel Branson Convention Center:** (417) 336-5400
- **Hilton Promenade at Branson Landing:** (417) 336-5500



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