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PROPANE
CONVENTION 

untamed energy

JULY 21-23, 2026

KALAHARI RESORT | SANDUSKY, OHIO

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STEP INTO THE WILD SIDE OF PROPANE! At this year's Great Lakes Propane Convention, Untamed Energy takes center stage. Surrounded by the vibrant safari spirit of Kalahari Resort, we'll celebrate the people, innovations, and ideas driving our industry forward. Get ready for roaring inspiration, powerful connections, and a convention experience that's anything but tame!

LOCATION & ACCOMMODATIONS

Kalahari Resort
7000 Kalahari Drive
Sandusky, OH 44870
877-KALAHARI (525-2427)

The Kalahari Resort is offering a special rate of \$184 for this convention. Reservations must be made by June 19. To make reservations, call 877-525-2427 or visit <https://book.passkey.com/e/51185931>.

Experience the thrill of the newly refreshed Kalahari in Sandusky, Ohio, where every moment is a celebration of fun, family, and unforgettable memories.

At Kalahari, there's no age limit on summer fun so pack your bags and make a splash at indoor and outdoor waterparks. With over 250,000 square feet of water park fun, dining

options for every craving, and endless entertainment at every turn, the ultimate adventure awaits. Visit www.kalahariresorts.com to plan your stay.

Discover Sandusky, Ohio – Where Lake Erie Adventures Begin! Sandusky is a city that blends rich history, stunning waterfront views, and a vibrant community spirit. Located on the shores of Lake Erie, Sandusky is known for its world-class attractions, charming downtown, and warm hospitality.

During your visit, take time to explore scenic parks, enjoy fresh local cuisine, and experience the unique energy of the historic waterfront district. Whether you're here for networking, learning, or leisure, Sandusky offers the perfect backdrop for meaningful connections and memorable moments. Visit www.shoresandislands.com for more information about the Sandusky area.



convention information

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Registration fees include convention activities as shown below. The Propane Cup golf outing registration is separate. To register, visit www.greatlakespropane-convention.com or scan the QR code.



REGISTRATION FEES

Early registration fees are available until July 10. After July 10, an additional \$50 will be added to all registrations. On-site registration is limited. Register yourself and guests prior to the convention to ensure participation.

Convention Registration

(includes all convention events except golf)
OPGA, IPGA, MPGA Member..... \$295
Non-Member \$695

Tuesday Only Education Registration

(includes education, exhibits and lunch on Tuesday, July 21)
Tues. Only OPGA, IPGA, MPGA Member... \$150
Tuesday Only Non-Member \$300

Spouse/Guest and Children

(includes Monday hospitality and both evening events)

Member Spouse/Guest..... \$195
Non-Member Spouse/Guest \$350
Child (Age 0-10) Complimentary
Child (Age 11-17).....\$145
Adult Child..... \$195

ATTIRE

The suggested attire for the conference is outlined below.

Business Meetings and Education Sessions

Business casual or resort casual

Tuesday Evening Dinner Outside

Business casual or resort casual

Wednesday Recognition Dinner

Business or business casual

NAME BADGE REQUIRED

All attendees and guests must wear name badges to attend convention events and to be served food and beverage. If you lose your badge, please visit the convention registration desk.

Need Assistance? Call 844-454-5338 or email opga@kdafirm.com.



convention schedule

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026

4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Convention Registration

4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Hospitality Sponsored by Platinum Sponsors

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Convention Registration and Chance Auction

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Opening Session: Energy Landscape and Propane Opportunities

Tucker Perkins, President and CEO, Propane Education and Research Council

In this opening keynote presentation, Tucker Perkins will provide an update on the changing dynamics of the energy landscape, and how this impacts the growing demand and opportunity for propane. In addition, supply and demand, the national landscape and the opportunities for on-road, power generation, and diesel displacement will be discussed; including the technology available today and expected soon to meet these demands.

9:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Break

9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Panel Discussion: Supply and Logistics

Join us for this interactive panel discussion on current trends in supply and transportation. Get your questions answered by these industry professionals.

10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Education Sessions:

- **Safety and Compliance Best Practices**
Jerry Schimmel, Vice President of Sales, P3 Propane Safety
An overview of safety and compliance best practices for propane operations. This presentation will cover policy and procedure manuals; monthly safety meetings; DOT compliance assessments; digital safety documentation management; Duty to Warn, and more.

GREAT LAKES PROPANE CUP

Wednesday, July 22 | 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Registration 9:45 a.m.)

Participate in the Great Lakes Propane Cup 18-hole Golf Outing at Plum Brook Country Club. Experience Plum Brook's par-71 course winding through lush, tree-lined fairways, gently rolling hills and a multitude of colorful flowering trees and shrubs. Represent your state and compete for bragging rights over the other Great Lakes States. The winning state association will take home the coveted Propane Cup trophy.

Registration will begin at 9:45 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Registration is \$145 per person or \$525 per foursome. The fee includes 18-holes of golf with cart, lunch and drink ticket. Advance registration required by July 10. To register, visit the golf outing page at greatlakespropaneconvention.com or scan the QR code.



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- **Polyethylene Pipe and Connections**

Chris Wolfe, Manager of Technical Support and Training, Ray Murray, Inc.

This session will discuss polyethylene pipes and the different densities used in the gas industry. We will also review the different connections that can be made for fittings and to complete the installation above ground. Perfection fittings and X-riser mechanical installations will also be reviewed. Codes and installation practices of the gas line will also be covered, along with a comparison of the cost of using copper tubing or poly pipe for the underground gas line installation.

- **What to Know About Reinforced Thermoplastic Pipe**

Joe Montroy, Vice President of Sales, Bergquist, Inc.

Reinforced Thermoplastic Pipe (RTP) is a polyamide pipe designed for use with liquid propane. Installation is fast, easy, and less corrosive than steel pipe, but there are some things you should consider before using it. This presentation will cover what RTP is, why you should consider using it, and what you should know about its recent inclusion in NFPA 58.

- **Women in Propane and Young Professionals Council**

Jennifer Jackson, Director of Territory Operations, AmeriGas

Join representatives from the National Propane Gas Association's Women in Propane Council and the Young Professional's Council learn more about the benefits and programs available from both councils.

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Lunch and Vendor Displays

1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m.

Education Sessions:

- **Fueling Your Financial Future: Retirement Planning in the Era of the Great Wealth Transfer**

Daniel Rishel, Wealth Advisor, Beyond Financial Planning

A discussion of The Great Wealth Transfer and potential impacts to your business, your employees, your financial future, and how to help navigate a future of uncertainty.

- **Common Dispenser Pumping Issues**

Gary Bozigar, Director of Propane Technologies, Bergquist, Inc.

The session will discuss common pumping, wiring and piping issues for dispensers.

- **Cathodic Protection**

Matt Miller, Customer Service Manager, Quality Steel and Colin McClurkin, Sales Representative, LP Industry Reps

This in-depth presentation will address how to test for cathodic protection, what is a passing test, and the steps to take if the test is a failure.

1:45 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Break

2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m.

Education Sessions:

- **Branding, Technology and Customer Experience: A Practical Guide**

Saul Cohen, Product Specialist, Cargas

Marketing technology can be overwhelming. From texting to marketing automation to social media, the list of tools you can use to promote your business is extensive. Where is the best place to start? This session offers practical tips and tricks for incorporating technology into your marketing strategy. Start with the basics and learn how you can grow your marketing tech stack over time.

- **Regulator Safety and Pipes Sizing**

Mike Tartaglia, Technical Support Training Manager, OPW Propane Energy Solutions

Essential principles for designing, installing, and maintaining safe and efficient propane systems. Gain practical insight into proper regulator selection, correct pipe sizing methods, common installation errors, to ensure that systems meet safety and performance standards in real-world applications.

- **Hidden Hazards: Identifying Drug Residue Risks in Service Environments**

Erie County Sheriff's Office

This session will address residual from drug use in service areas, what to be on the lookout for, what dangers we as propane personnel may encounter, and maybe when we should NOT continue to service locations.

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2:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m.
Break

3:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.
**Indiana Propane Gas Association
Membership Meeting**
All attendees are invited to attend.

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception and Dinner
This evening sets the tone for adventure, connection, and bold ideas. Enjoy great food, lively conversation, and a relaxed atmosphere under the open sky.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026

7:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Convention Registration and Chance Auction

7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Breakfast and General Session: NPGA and PERC Update

9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Enjoy the resort and Sandusky!

10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Registration 9:45 a.m.)
Great Lakes Propane Cup at Plum Brook Country Club
Represent your state and compete for bragging rights over the other Great Lakes States! Additional information on page 4.

6:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m.
Reception and Chance Auction
Last chance to purchase tickets!

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Dinner and Recognition
Join us as we recognize outgoing and new leaders, install new officers and directors, and honor those individuals that have made a significant contribution to the propane industry during the past year.

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.
Breakfast

8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
**Michigan Propane Gas Association
Membership Meeting**
All attendees are invited to attend.

10:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
Break

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
**Ohio Propane Gas Association
Membership Meeting**
All attendees are invited to attend.

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
Ohio Propane Council Meeting

GREAT LAKES PROPANE CHANCE AUCTION

Don't miss the opportunity to support association scholarships and PACs by participating in the Great Lakes Propane Chance Auction. Attendees purchasing tickets will have the opportunity to choose the state programs to support. A variety of auction items are desired, so there will be something for everyone to be interested in winning. Examples of past items include sports tickets, gift certificates, sporting goods, gift items, themed gift baskets etc. Of course, items showcasing the propane industry are a great addition! Monetary donations are also welcome. The committee will purchase an item on your behalf.



If you wish to donate, please complete the Great Lakes Propane Chance Auction section on your attendee registration form or email Lauren Concannon, lauren@kdafirm.com. Sponsoring the Convention? You can also donate from the sponsorship registration form.

sponsor opportunities

Promote your products and services at the Great Lakes Propane Convention! The Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan Propane Gas Associations are asking for your support of this special collaborative event.

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

To participate as a sponsor of this year's convention, scan the QR code to complete the Sponsorship Commitment Form. The deadline to be included in printed items is June 30, 2026. Questions? Call 844-454-5338 or opga@kdafirm.com.



Sponsorship Recognition/Benefit	Bronze \$500	Silver \$1,000	Gold \$1,500	Platinum \$2,000
Exhibit Table		🔥	🔥	🔥
Monday Hospitality Suite				🔥
Tuesday Welcome Dinner	🔥	🔥	🔥	🔥
Wednesday Breakfast	🔥	🔥	🔥	🔥
Wednesday Golf Outing Tee Sponsor	\$125 <i>(optional)</i>	\$125 <i>(optional)</i>	\$125 <i>(optional)</i>	🔥
Wednesday Recognition Dinner				🔥
Thursday Breakfast	🔥	🔥	🔥	🔥
Sponsor Recognition in Convention Communications			🔥	🔥
Company Logo Recognition in Onsite Program	🔥	🔥	🔥	🔥
One industry registration at 50% discount <i>(non-members receive \$147.50 discount on one industry registration)</i>		🔥		
One complimentary industry registration <i>(non-members receive \$245 discount on one industry registration)</i>			🔥	
Two complimentary industry registrations <i>(non-member receives \$295 discount each on two industry registrations)</i>				🔥
Half-Page Ad in Onsite Program (7.5"x4.75")			🔥	
Full-Page Ad in Onsite Program (7.5"x10" or 8.5"x11" plus .125" bleed)				🔥

EXHIBIT TABLE

Silver, Gold and Platinum Level Sponsors are provided the opportunity to set up a table-top display. This is optional. If you would like a table reserved for you, please check the appropriate box on the commitment form. Each sponsor will be provided with one 6' table with tablecloth and two chairs. Electricity is available at the hotel fee of \$100. Tables will be available for set-up on Monday evening and Tuesday morning. On Tuesday, July 21, a strolling lunch will be available in the vendor area from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You may leave your table set-up throughout the convention.

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