GREATER CINCINNATI
Convention and Sports Facilities

What sets Cincinnati apart from other cities:
More Welcoming, More Accessible, More Affordable, More Energizing,
More Compact, More Memorable
Cincinnati USA boasts major league thrills with world-class sporting venues, arts and family attractions. Cincinnati is easily accessible and compact gaining a competitive edge as an amateur sports destination 365 days a year:

- Three professional facilities and two state-of-the-art convention centers within a walking distance of a compact downtown & riverfront sports venue/hotel/entertainment cluster.
- Six regional colleges and universities (University of Cincinnati, Xavier University, Miami University, Northern Kentucky University, Thomas More College, College of Mount St. Joseph)
- Nationally acclaimed recreational parks and facilities
- More than 150 secondary sports facilities
- Three interstate highways (I-71, I-75, I-74) - 60% of nation’s population can drive. Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport only 13 miles from downtown.
- Affordable family attractions - King’s Island, Cincinnati Museum Center, Cincinnati Zoo, Kentucky Speedway, Newport Aquarium, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Creation Museum and Riverdowns & Turfway Race Parks.

Regional Hotels

As of 2012; the region consists of Cincinnati USA and Northern Kentucky (separated by the mile wide Ohio River) - 28,203 total hotel rooms with nearly 3,000 hotel rooms within a 3 block radius of the Duke Energy Convention Center and our three professional venues.

New Regional Developments

Cincinnati USA is in the midst of an exciting renaissance. There’s a convergence of new developments and projects taking shape that collectively makes this one of the most progressive, game-changing eras in our region’s history. Almost all of this progress will directly impact and benefit visitors to the region.

Cincinnati experienced a similar boom starting in 2003 when the new Reds and Bengals Stadiums, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, the renovated Duke Energy Convention Center and new Fountain Square emerged in rapid succession. But this latest surge of activity is even more exciting. These projects bring completely new experiences to the region, change the city landscape, appeal to a broad cross-section of individuals and businesses, and represent more than $1.37 billion in new infrastructure spending from the northern suburbs to the Ohio River.

The following is an overview of some of the major projects now underway or have been recently completed in Cincinnati USA:

- **The Banks** — An expansive new downtown entertainment district along the banks Ohio River, the Banks is situated between the Reds and Bengals stadiums. Phase 1 is a $500 million plus development opening this past spring 2012 and includes open green space with the ability to host outdoor ceremonies, welcome receptions, concerts and include a variety of diverse retailers, restaurants/bars, and underground parking.

- **Washington Park** — The park has been expanded to feature a plaza to better link the park with Music Hall, a civic green and performance stage, a 450-space underground parking garage, and extensive landscaping. The 49,000 square foot expansive civic lawn, the size of a football field, is a venue for outdoor performances, events, and recreation. The lawn can comfortably hold more than 10,000 people for events and is surrounded by public benches in natural shade. AVP Tour (American Volleyball Professionals) were held here in 2012.

www.TheBanksCincy.com
• **Horseshoe Casino and Broadway Commons District** — This new $400 million, 300,000 square foot casino is scheduled to open in 2013. Located on the northeast side of downtown, the new high-end casino will be just blocks from the city center, most downtown hotels and the Duke Energy Convention Center. Shuttle service will run between the casino and surrounding hotels, the Duke Energy Convention Center and the Sharonville Convention Center for at least three years.

### Regional Convention Facilities

#### 1. The Duke Energy Convention Center

Cincinnati USA’s convention center, underwent a $135 million expansion and renovation in 2003. Every element of this facility was designed with the event/meeting planner in mind, featuring:

- Gross Square Feet: 750,000, Exhibition Space: 200,000 contiguous square feet
- Grand Ballroom: 40,000 sq. feet (largest in the Midwest) and additional ball room: 17,400 sq. feet; 31 deluxe breakout meeting rooms with flexibility to accommodate 24 to 4,100
- Loading Dock: 17 berths and three semi-truck portals that lead directly to exhibition space
- Full-service banquet kitchen: 5,000 served in single seating

**Past events hosted:** World Choir Games 2012; USA Gymnastics Men’s Junior Olympic Nationals 2012/2010; USA Fencing North American Cup 2012/2009; Flying Pig Marathon Expo; AAU Karate Nationals; Reds Fest; Various Cheerleading, Dance and Gymnastics competitions.

#### 2. The Northern Kentucky Convention Center

Located in Covington, Kentucky along the banks of the Ohio River at the heart of a rapidly expanding business and entertainment district just one mile across a picturesque 19th Century suspension bridge from downtown Cincinnati. This 204,000 total square foot multi-purpose facility has 110,000 sq. ft. of meeting, exhibition and social function space and is directly connected to the Marriott at RiverCenter and across the street from the Embassy Suites River Center.

**Past events hosted:** US Judges Gymnastics Cup, JAMfest Super Dance Nationals, Cincinnati Gymnastics.
The Sharonville Convention Center

Conveniently located 15 miles north of downtown Cincinnati, just off I-75 and I-275. The recently renovated and expanded center (2012) provides a beautiful and contemporary relaxed suburban location for meetings, conventions, banquets, and public events, with 65,000 square feet of space and state of the art amenities.

University Facilities in the Region

1 Cintas Center at Xavier University

Opened June 1, 2000. Centrally located in Cincinnati and easily accessible from all local major interstates with plenty of free adjacent parking. Consists of a new scoreboard and ribbon board installed in 2010; 10,250 seats; 22 suites; VIP Club; 12,000 sq. ft. banquet room; 5 conference rooms; Executive Board Room (total of 5,750 sq. ft.); 7,800 sq. ft. practice gym; 4 locker rooms; media room; 4 green rooms; state of the art AV throughout; 4,500 parking spaces.

Past sporting events include Xavier University Athletics; HBO Boxing; Indiana Pacers training Camp; NBA Exhibition Games; NCAA women’s basketball tournament games; Atlantic 10 volleyball championships; Atlantic 10 women’s basketball championships; OHSAA boys and girls state tournament basketball games; Numerous cheerleading and dance competitions; Dell Black Coaches Association Classic; USA wrestling event; Jim Rome Tour stop.

Hayden Field, named after J. Page Hayden (1898-1979), is the home of the Xavier University baseball team. Following the 2010 season Hayden Field was upgraded with the installation of new dugouts, a brick backstop, and a new a natural grass surface. Its current dimensions are 310’ to left, 380’ to center and 310’ to right.

2 Fifth Third Bank Arena at The University of Cincinnati

The $32 million arena was originally completed in 1989 and has been the site of 230 collegiate volleyball matches and 611 basketball games, and numerous youth tournaments. The arena, with 14,000 seats, 16 private executive suites, new Daktronics video boards and restaurant and lounge area overlooking the court, also has a new portable playing surface, the All-Star Plus which is used by several NBA teams, was installed for the 2003-04 season.

Fifth Third Arena stands at the center of the newly completed Richard E. Lindner Varsity Village.
**University of Cincinnati’s Varsity Village**

Richard E. Lindner Varsity Village, a $105 million project, created three new sports venues and made significant upgrades and enhancements to two others. This extensive renovation and upgrade of all of UC’s athletics facilities, and the construction of some new venues, positions the Bearcat sports to compete among the nation’s best.

**Nippert Stadium**, home to UC football, and the activities of just about every outdoor sport since 1902, has undergone significant improvements in seating (35,000 in total) and other accoutrements for the spectators, such as expanded concourse, 9,000 cushioned seats installed in 2009, new concessions areas and a new video board. Teams benefit from field-level game-day locker rooms and the grass-like FieldTurf artificial playing surface.

**Schott Baseball Stadium**, opened in 2004, features fully-lighted field, FieldTurf playing surface with 3,085 seating capacity, indoor batting cages and pitcher’s mound, fully equipped press box with private viewing areas, player’s clubhouse and lounge, dressing rooms for coaches, laundry and equipment facilities, state-of-the-art training room. Dimensions are 325 down the lines, 370 to the power alleys and 400 to center field.

UC’s tennis program benefits from a new on-campus tennis center features six courts in three different sections with lighting and grandstand seating for 500. **The Keating Aquatics Center**, features an eight-lane, 50-meter swimming course with an integrated diving well and 375 seats. The pool contains 12,000 square feet of water surface and includes a moveable bulkhead that will provide a high degree of flexibility in training course configuration. UC’s track and soccer complex, Gettler Stadium, has 1,400 seats, a press box, and artificial turf.

Landscaping has created a major walkway green space, O’Varsity Way, that leads visitors through the heart of Varsity Village. The Raymond D. Sheakley Lawn and Victory Plaza provides gathering and activities space for thousands of fans attending various events.

**Northern Kentucky University**

**The Bank of Kentucky Center**, located on the campus of Northern Kentucky University, is our regions NEWEST state-of-the-art sports and entertainment destination, features 10,000 seats, 14 luxury suites, 2 party suites, 5440 square feet of meeting space and is easily accessible from any point in the Tri-State with ample parking.

Past events hosted include NCAA Men’s Division II Basketball National Championships/Elite Eight, WWE RAW, AMA Supercross Nationals and in 2012-13 will host NKU’s first Division I competitions as a member of the Atlantic Sun Conference.

**NKU Soccer/Lacrosse Stadium**, a fully lighted World Cup style 120x80 yard field includes seating for 1,000 with an artificial playing surface. Other amenities include concessions and coaches’ offices, four team locker rooms plus officials’ dressing rooms, full athletic training facilities, a press box and media work area to facilitate radio and television broadcasts, laundry and equipment storage. The stadium houses the “Founders’ Suite,” a 1,000 square foot luxury box that includes a walk-out deck, which overlooks the field.
Miami University

Two NHL-size (200’x 85’) sheets are the focal point of the Goggin Ice Center, including a 3,200-seat arena, Steve Cady Arena, and includes 2,800 reserved lower-bowl seats, 102 club seats, four opera boxes, six private suites, two radio booths, 15 locker areas and state of the art press box. The second sheet of ice, with seating for 250, will mainly be used for practice but will see extensive use through youth hockey, intramural activities and other community-related events.

Yager Stadium, built in 1983 and consists of 24,200 seating capacity. FieldTurf was added to the stadium in 2002. The stadium includes home and visitor football locker rooms as well as varsity soccer locker rooms. Located on the south side of the stadium, the Cradle of Coaches statues honor the accomplishments of former Miami University coaches.

Corwin M. Nixon Aquatic Center, the world-class home of RedHawk swimming, is housed in Miami’s $22 million Recreational Sports Center. The Corwin M. Nixon Aquatic Center is highlighted by an eight-lane, 50-meter pool and a separate 25-meter well, containing one-, five-, seven- and 10-meter platforms.

The diving facilities at the Corwin M. Nixon Aquatic Center have been the site of several major national competitions and a training facility for Olympic divers. The Nixon Aquatic Center offers equipment for divers to practice spotting-belt work and dry-land training without immersing themselves in water.

Professional & Additional Facilities in the Region

U.S. Bank Arena


Great American Ball Park

Built in 2003/ $28 5 million, features a 42,060 seating capacity, 4192 clubhouse seats 550, machine room pub seats 275, diamond club seats 350, press dining room hosts 90 and several other smaller meeting rooms/entertainment suites. Home to the Cincinnati Reds, professional baseball’s oldest team’s new ball park pays tribute to Cincinnati’s beloved baseball history, including Crosley Field and the Big Red Machine. The one-of-a-kind celebration machine, called the Pepsi Power Stacks, can be found in right field between the Sun/Moon Deck and the Batter’s Eye Pavilion.
Paul Brown Stadium

Built in 2000/$450 million, state-of-the-art facility spanning 40 acres with more than 65,000 seats, 114 private suites, 7700 premium club seats and club lounges with striking views of the Cincinnati skyline and Ohio River. Home to the Cincinnati Bengals and named after NFL great, late Paul Brown, the pro football Hall of Famer who brought pro football to Cincinnati in 1968 as the Bengals founder, general manager and head coach. Events range from the Ohio State vs UC football game, Riverfront Classic (Collegiate African American Football Week), the Billy Graham Mission and the state semi-final football double-header.

Florence Freedom Stadium

Florence Freedom Stadium was built in 2004 and is conveniently located close to downtown Cincinnati in Florence, KY. Home of the Florence Freedom, a minor league baseball team in the Frontier League, it seats 4,500 and has free parking. It also contains concessions, lighting for night games, a press box, VIP suite, pro shop and an updated electronic scoreboard.

Sawyer Point on Cincinnati’s Riverfront

Cincinnati’s mile long riverfront park. Along with a unique design, it features award winning landscaping, a performance pavilion, concessions, an outdoor skating rink, eight outdoor tennis courts, three sand volleyball courts, a world class playground, a dynamic water feature, and many other attractions. Past events include: Mobile Skatepark Series (international extreme sports pro competition), Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon, Race for the Cure, Arthritis Walk, Freedom Challenge Triathlon, Cincinnati Off-Shore Grand Prix (powerboats).

Town & Country Sports & Health Club  Wilder, Kentucky

Town & County’s outdoor World Cup size soccer stadium features the newest synthetic turf surface in the area, an electronic scoreboard and lights for night games. The outdoor area also sports four regulation size grass soccer fields, which are located behind the complex. Additionally features two indoor fields.

Greater Cincinnati Surrounding Suburbs

More than 150 exceptional sports facilities such as:

Linder Family Tennis Center (ATP Stadium)

- 10 Deco-turf tennis courts
- 10,500-seat center court
- 5,000- seat grandstand court
- 2,000-seat court #3
- 4 lighted courts
- Player locker rooms
Kings Island Golf Center
31 holes of golf designed by Jack Nicklaus and Jay Moorish that include:
• The Grizzly- An 18 hole championship course that has hosted events for the PGA, LPGA, and Champions tour.
• The Bruin- A 9-hole course with the ability to play 18 holes using two sets of tees.
• The Academy Course- A set of 4 championship golf holes that can be played repeatedly for that extra practice.

Cincinnati Gardens Arena
• 10,091 permanent seats
• Floor Size 200 X 85 (with dashers in)
• Clear-com communication system
• Outdoor sound system available for crowd control
• Four team dressing rooms with restroom and shower facilities
• Secondary practice ice arena

Wall2Wall Soccer Complex
• State-of-the-art 110,000 sq. ft facility houses three field venues
• Full-size outdoor soccer field specs (195 ft x 315 ft)
• Regulation indoor soccer field (82 ft x 190 ft)
• Synthetic field turf

St. Xavier High School Stadium
• 120x75 field for football, elite level soccer, and lacrosse
• Seating capacity up to 7000
• State of the art synthetic turf
• Locker room facilities for participants
• Newly renovated press box

Rumpke Park
• Premier ballpark for men’s, women’s, and co-ed softball along with youth baseball
• 9 lighted diamonds
• Annually plays host to regional and national tournaments including USSSA and WSL events
• Covered dugouts, concessions and free parking

Sports Plus
• 6 full size basketball courts
• Electronic scoreboards all courts with a championship court of 500 seats
• 2 ice hockey rinks and 1 inline hockey rink
• 225,000 sq., ft including a bar and grill in establishment
• Electric score board and locker rooms in all rinks
**VOA Park**
- 11 soccer/ lacrosse fields
- 6 baseball diamonds
- Restroom facilities located on premises

**Courts 4 Sports**
- 2 NCAA length & 4 High School length state-of-the-art hard wood basketball courts
- State-of-the-art shot clocks & scoreboards
- 6 full size volleyball courts
- Ceiling mounted and height-adjusted regulation goals with tempered glass back boards & break away rims
- Ample courtside seating featuring padded backed chairs

**Joyce Park**
- 36 soccer fields (can vary in sizes)
- Restroom facilities on premises

**High School Facilities**

Cincinnati has over 85 high schools in the region with soccer fields and 25 soccer complexes that house multiple field usage (2-30).

Cincinnati has over 90 high schools in the region with baseball/softball fields and over 15 baseball complexes that house multiple fields (2-18).

Cincinnati has more than 100 high schools in the region with basketball courts and 15 complexes that have multiple courts (3-6).
Attractions & Sports Venues

Attractions
1. Kings Island
2. Premium Outlet Malls
3. Newport on the Levee/Newport Aquarium
4. Cincinnati Zoo
5. Banks on the River
6. Horseshoe Casino
7. Hollywood Casino
8. Kentucky Speedway
9. Linder Family Tennis Center
10. Cincinnati Gardens Arena
11. Wall 2 Wall Soccer Complex
12. St. Xavier High School Stadium
13. Rumpke Ball Park
14. Sports Plus
15. Courts 4 Sports
16. VOA Park
17. Joyce Park
18. Town & Country Sports and Health Club
20. Sawyer Point
21. US Bank Arena
22. Great American Ball Park
23. Paul Brown Stadium
24. University of Cincinnati Sports Facilities
25. Xavier University Sports Facilities
27. Florence Freedom Field

Sports Facilities

Conventions Centers
26. Duke Energy Convention Center
28. Sharonville Convention Center
30. Northern Kentucky Convention Center

*Map used for illustrative purposes only.