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Akron Canton Builds Skilled Trades Expo 2026
Full Event Schedule

Tuesday September 15th, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Check-in and Set-up

1. Check in with event staff inside the main Arena

4:00 p.m. Fire Marshal Inspection

1. All large equipment, heavy materials, and equipment requiring inspection must be set-up by 4:00pm. (Example – welding equipment and pop-up tents)
2. Exhibitor does not need to be present for the Inspection.

Wednesday September 16th, 2026

7:00 a.m. Fairgrounds and Arena open

1. Coffee Truck will be provided for exhibitors and volunteers
2. Bottled water is also provided for exhibitors and volunteers
3. Complete any modifications to set-up

7:30 a.m. Final Fire Marshal Inspection

1. All exhibitors must be present to make any necessary changes prior to event

8:00 a.m. Event announcements and materials distributed

8:30 a.m. First School scheduled to arrive

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Volunteer and Exhibitor lunches arrive

1. Announcement will be made when lunches are available
2. Exhibitors receive a set number of lunch tickets based on sponsor level

2:00 p.m. Final School Departs

Thursday September 17th, 2026

7:00 a.m. Fairgrounds and Arena open

1. Coffee Truck will be provided for exhibitors and volunteers

8:00 a.m. Event announcements as needed

8:30 a.m. First School scheduled to arrive

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Volunteer and Exhibitor lunches arrive

2:00 p.m. Final School Departs

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Open House Public Hours

3:00 p.m. Food Truck arrives

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Fairgrounds will be open for breakdown

Friday September 18th, 2026

7:00 a.m. Fairgrounds and Arena open

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Clean-up and breakdown

1. Areas must be left “swept clean”
2. All equipment must be removed by 12:00 p.m.