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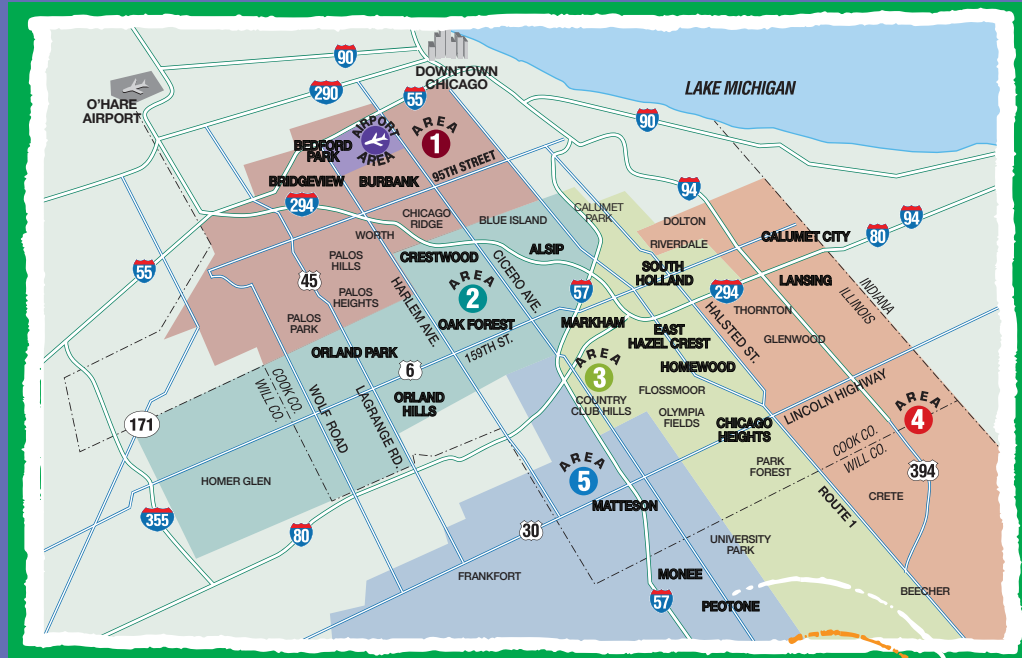
DISCOVER UNIQUE VENUES

WHERE EXCEPTIONAL EVENTS AND SEAMLESS GATHERINGS COME TO LIFE

Welcome to the Chicago Southland, the vibrant south and southwest suburbs of Chicago, where unforgettable events are born! Spanning nearly 400 square miles of vibrant urban and scenic open spaces, this dynamic region is Chicago's most affordable hotspot.

The Chicago Southland is easily accessible through both Midway and O'Hare International Airports, along with several major highways including I-55, I-57, I-80, I-94, I-294 and I-355. Plus, with a central location just a five-hour drive from 8 states, it's a convenient destination for attendees from near and far.

Meeting and event planners will find an exciting array of venues and hotels to match any occasion. From classic meeting spaces at full-service hotels, colleges and expo centers to something a little more unconventional, the Chicago Southland is home to a collection of truly unique venues that will elevate your next gathering.



Looking for a venue with a twist? We've got you covered! From a historic plane hangar to award-winning microbreweries, and even acres of scenic forest preserves, our venues offer more than just meeting rooms—they bring experiences to your event. So, if you're ready to host a meeting or social gathering that's anything but ordinary, the Chicago Southland is the place where exceptional events and seamless gatherings come to life!

ARTS & CULTURE

- **Albee House**, Blue Island, BIHistory.org

Events up to 50 guests can be accommodated. Catering, linens and place settings are available as add-on services. You can even host a tea party of your own!

- **Bevely Theatre Guild Chicago**, Chicago, MorganParkAcademy.org/Rentals

Chicago's longest-running community theatre, BTG produces high-quality live musicals and plays for your enjoyment. Downtown-caliber productions without downtown prices! FREE PARKING

- **Christopher Art Gallery**, Chicago Heights, PrairieState.edu/Christopher-Art-Gallery

Located at Prairie State College, the gallery hosts eight shows annually, featuring works by Midwestern and national artists, as well as students. Programming varies by media, theme and artists represented.

- **Country Club Hills Amphitheater**, Country Club Hills, CCHTheater.com

The Country Club Hills Amphitheater is an intimate 2,500 seat outdoor amphitheater located just 35 miles south of Chicago.

- **The Drama Group**, Chicago Heights, DramaGroup.org

The Best Community Theatre! The Drama Group has been producing six fabulous yearly shows in the Chicago Southland for over 80 years.

- **Fox Pointe**, Lansing, FoxPointe.org

Fox Pointe is a new premier outdoor venue offering concerts, festivals and special events with a capacity of 2,500.

- **Freedom Hall**, Park Forest, FreedomHall.org

Freedom Hall offers a diverse series accenting dance, music, theatre, popular attractions, children's theatre and outreach activities in the intimate 280-seat Nathan Manilow Theatre.

- **Governors State University Center for Performing Arts**, University Park, GovSt.edu/About/Center_for_Performing_Arts

The Center for Performing Arts presents high-quality and affordable national touring acts, Chicago-based artists and community programs in genres from jazz to opera, dance, theatre and family favorites.

- **Governors State University – Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park**, University Park, GovSt.edu/Sculpture



Sited across 100 acres of rolling prairie landscape, this 34-piece collection features monumental works by di Suvero, Hunt, Puryear and others. Arrangements can be made for wheelchair accessible tours.

- **Historic Ford Hangar**, Lansing, FordHangar.org

Built in 1926 by Henry Ford, this architectural wonder will help create memories as a unique, bright and spacious venue (13,000 square feet) for celebrations and gatherings of all kinds.

- **Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra**, various locations, IPOMusic.org

The renowned Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra, performs a full season of classical masterpieces and American music.

- **Interactive Art** The Chicago Southland is home to multiple Paint & Sip locations.

- **Lyric Theater**, Blue Island, LyricTheater.com

The beautiful Lyric Theater in historic Blue Island is the premiere live music and private event venue, boasting contemporary audio and lighting in a stunning setting.

- **McCord Gallery & Cultural Center**, Palos Park, McCordGallery.org

The McCord Gallery and Cultural Center offers art classes, music lessons, cultural events and workshops.

- **Moraine Valley Community College Fine & Performing Arts Center**, Palos Hills, MoraineValley.edu/FPAC

The FPAC presents quality cultural programs and popular entertainment in the 600-seat Dorothy Menker Theater, 150-seat Oremus Theater and the Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery.



- **Orland Park Humphrey House and Stellwagen Farm**, Orland Park, OrlandPark.org

The Orland Park Humphrey House and Stellwagen Farm preserves local history, provides monthly educational programs, and offers engaging exhibits year-round.

- **Pullman National Historical Park**, Chicago, NPS.gov

The NPS Visitor Center is a perfect starting point to explore the historic Pullman District. View new exhibits, shop at the park store and attend a ranger program.

- **Union Street Gallery & Art Studios**, Chicago Heights, UnionStreetGallery.org

Union Street Gallery hosts a minimum of 10 art exhibits per year, along with classes and workshops. There are 16 artist studios to compliment the experience.

- **Zachary's Red Barn & Farm Events**, Homer Glen, ZacharysRedBarn.com

Set against the backdrop of Tilsy Barn, which was built in 1870 and thoughtfully restored in 2010, the beautiful farm provides a rustic charm that only a working farm can offer, ensuring that every private event is unforgettable.

TEAMBUILDING

- **Irons Oaks Environmental Learning Center**, Olympia Fields, IronsOaks.com

Irons Oaks offers a 1,300 square foot conference room and can be coupled with a fun, safe environment to take your attendees to the next level of achievement. Irons Oaks features 38-acres of team building atmosphere including a high ropes course, climbing wall and crate stacking.

BREWERIES, WINERIES & DISTILLERIES

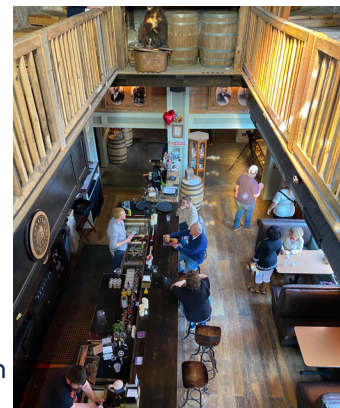
The Chicago Southland is home to eight craft breweries, three craft distilleries, three tasting rooms, four winery/restaurant locations and a meadery.

CRAFT BREWERIES

- **Blue Island Beer Company**, Blue Island, BlueIslandBeerCo.com
- **Evil Horse Brewing Company**, Crete, EvilHorseBrewing.com
- **Flossmoor Station Restaurant & Brewery**, Flossmoor, FlossmoorStation.com
- **Homewood Brewing Co.**, Homewood, HomewoodBrew.com
- **One Allegiance Brewing**, Chicago Ridge, OneAllegiance.com
- **Rabid Brewing**, Homewood, RabidGod.com
- **Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery**, Orland Park, RockBottom.com
- **Trail's Edge Brewing Co.**, Frankfort, TrailsEdgeBrewing.com

CRAFT DISTILLERIES

- **Copper Still Martini Lounge & Speakeasy**, Homewood, CopperStillMartini.com
- **Mid-Oak Distillery**, Posen, ModSpirits.com
- **Thornton Distilling Co.**, Thornton, ThorntonDistilling.com



MEADERY

- **Wild Blossom Meadery Winery & Brewery**, Chicago, WildBlossomMeadery.com



WINERIES, WINE BARS, WHISKEY LOUNGES & COCKTAILS

- **Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant**, Orland Park, CHWinery.com
- **The Exclusive Pour**, Oak Forest, TheExclusivePourCocktailLounge.com
- **Labas Seafood, Steak & Wine Bar**, Monee, LabasLatteVino.com
- **The Phoenix Kitchen & Cocktails**, Homer Glen, ThePhoenixKitchen.com
- **S.L Wine Bar**, Lansing, SLWineBar.com
- **Vintage Oak**, Crete
- **Vintrendi Wine Company**, Olympia Fields, VintrendiWines.com
- **The Wine Thief**, Frankfort, TWTProvisions.com

COOPERAGE

- **Crozehead Cooperage and Whiskey Experience**, Monee, Crozehead.com

DINING

Visit Chicago Southland can assist with setting up Dine Arouds or Progressive Dinners.

CASINO

- **Wind Creek Chicago Southland**, East Hazel Crest, WindCreek.com/ChicagoSouthland

The 70,000-square-foot casino and resort features over 1,400 slot machines, 56 table games, entertainment, dining, a spa and a 255-room luxury hotel.

ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS

- **Ball Fore Mini Golf & Batting Cages**, Worth, ChicagoRidgeParks.com
Play 18 holes of championship golf on our miniature golf course, see how many home runs you can hit in our batting cages, or just come and have a soft-serve ice cream cone or pizza. Book a party or rent a batting cage for an hour.
- **Brookfield Zoo Chicago**, Brookfield, CZS.org
Brookfield Zoo Chicago is open every day of the year, delighting guests with indoor and outdoor naturalistic animal exhibits, shopping, dining and special event/catering options.
- **Dave & Buster's**, Orland Park, DaveandBusters.com
A 24,000 sq. ft. restaurant and entertainment facility.

- **Haunted Trails Family Entertainment Center**, Burbank, HauntedTrailsBurbank.com
Family amusement park featuring 100s of games, rides, award-winning miniature golf, go-karts & batting cages. October Haunted House, restaurant/party room featuring karaoke. Birthday party and group packages available.

- **Haunted Trails Family Amusement Park & Picnics**, Joliet, HauntedTrailsJoliet.com

Year round family amusement park featuring go-karts, laser tag, rides, games, miniature golf, batting cages, restaurants and picnic grove. Birthday parties and group packages for up to 2,000 guests!

- **In The Game Hollywood Park Family Fun Center**, Crestwood, HollywoodFunPark.com

All new facilities for food, fun and celebrations! Chef-crafted menu, arcade games and attractions that currently include Go-Karts, bumper cars, mini bowling, rides, axe throwing and Giant Fun Slide. Specializing in parties and group outings. Private Terrace event room available.



- **Marcus Theatres**, Chicago Heights, Country Club Hills & Orland Park MarcusTheatres.com

Looking for a fun new theatre experience? Spice up that meeting space, private screening, birthday party, group shows and sports viewing! Marcus Theatres has it all.

PARK DISTRICTS

- **Chicago Ridge Park District**, Chicago Ridge, ChicagoRidgeParks.com
Frontier Fieldhouse is a 20,000 square foot facility, with three volleyball courts, two basketball courts and fitness center.
- **Lan-Oak Park District**, Lansing, LanOakParkDistrict.org
The Lan-Oak Park District manages 23 park sites, the Eisenhower Fitness & Community Center and the Pennsy Greenway (Bike Trail) which is part of the 475-mile Grand Illinois Trail.
- **Matteson Community Center**, Matteson, MattesonCommunityCenter.com
REVITALIZE your BODY, MIND and SPIRIT at the Matteson Community Center. Our dedicated and friendly staff will help you achieve your goals! Make Matteson Community Center the DESTINATION for your important events, business meetings, family functions and major sporting events.
- **Oak Forest Park District**, Oak Forest, OakForestParks.org
Oak Forest Park District operates 20 park sites, a Fitness Center, 18-hole Miniature Golf Course and provides programs, events and trips for all ages and abilities.

SPORTS

- **Chicago White Sox, Chicago, WhiteSox.com**

Spectacular baseball, season ticket plans, group outings, party areas, family entertainment, business entertainment, great food, friendly staff and exciting fireworks!



- **Homewood Bat Co., Homewood, HomewoodBat.com**

Homewood Bat Co. manufactures and sells professional grade, wood baseball bats made from ash, yellow birch & maple.

- **Pinstripes, Chicago, Pinstripes.com**

Pinstripes offers group friendly dining options, flexible seating, semi-private, private rooms for large groups and fun activities. Two-story Italian-American restaurant that also offers bowling and bocce ball.

- **Roma Sports Club, Frankfort, RomaSportsClub.com**

Roma is an indoor sports complex in the South Chicagoland area that offers rentals, leagues, tournaments, events and more!

- **SeatGeek Stadium, home to the Chicago Hounds & Chicago Stars FC, Bridgeview, SeatGeekStadium.com**

SeatGeek Stadium is a world-class stadium and concert venue located southwest of Chicago, near I-294 & I-55.

- **Ozinga Field, home to the Windy City ThunderBolts (Baseball - Frontier League), Crestwood, WCTThunderBolts.com**

The Windy City ThunderBolts baseball brings affordable family entertainment all summer long at Ozinga Field. Call to reserve groups or parties today!

- **Wintrust Sports Complex, Bedford Park, WintrustSportsComplex.com**

Wintrust Sports Complex, a 116,000 square foot venue, hosts the Midwest's best in sports, events and recreation. The complex offers eight high school hardwood basketball courts/one championship court or 16 volleyball courts. On-site amenities include a Redemption Arcade, Laser Tag/Laser Frenzy, Flexible Meeting & Event Spaces, Bar & Lounge with Full Kitchen Service and Free Parking.

- **30 Public and Semi-Private Golf Courses, VisitChicagoSouthland.com/Golf**

- **10 Disc Golf Courses, VisitChicagoSouthland.com/Disc-Golf-Courses**

OUTDOORS

- **The Center, Palos Park, TheCenterPalos.org**

Experience life down on the farm! Enjoy farm animals, nature and fresh air!

- **Lake Katherine Nature Center, Palos Heights, LakeKatherine.org**

Naturally a great place to explore, learn and discover some of nature's wonders. Let nature be your guide, come visit and we'll show you why they call it the great outdoors!

- **Monee Reservoir, Monee, ReconnectWithNature.org**

Monee Reservoir offers a 46-acre fishing lake. Free shoreline fishing is available. Boat rental allows on-water fishing.

- **Plum Creek Nature Center, Beecher, ReconnectWithNature.org**

An educational and recreational facility, featuring hands-on exhibits and interactive play elements. Family programs are offered throughout the year. Picnic facilities and camping by reservation.

- **Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland, FPDCC.com**

Sand Ridge Nature Center offers live native animals, natural history exhibits, hiking trails, naturalist led nature programs and festivals throughout the year.

- **Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, WillCountyFair.org**

The Will County Fairgrounds offers rental facilities for wedding receptions, trade shows, auctions and banquets. Seating up to 900.

CUSTOM OUTDOOR EVENT COORDINATION

- **SUM, Chicago, Sum.fun**

SUM brings the benefits of time spent outside - focus, calm, insight and connection - to people and groups who need it. SUM curates and leads wellness outings, trainings, leadership and team retreats, and more - all outside, and close to Chicago.

SHRINE

- **The Shrine of Christ's Passion, St. John, IN, ShrineofChristsPassion.org**

The Shrine is a multimedia destination located just 35 miles from Chicago, situated on 30 acres featuring 40 life-sized bronze sculptures artfully placed in dramatic landscaped gardens that look & feel like the Holy Land. Newly opened - Our Lady of Guadalupe and The Family Plaza! Banquet/conference room can accommodate up to 54 people.



TRAVEL CENTER

- **Peotone Travel Center, Peotone**

The Peotone Travel Center's second-story bar and lounge offer a creative, open space for meetings. With ample parking for tented events, it's perfect for unique, flexible gatherings.

ON-SITE ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT

If you're just looking for entertainment or an activity to enhance your next event taking place at one of our traditional meeting spaces, the Chicago Southland offers mobile activities such as teambuilding and paint and sip options, as well as on-site hotel activities.

ON-SITE HOTEL ACTIVITIES

Cake Decorating Contest
Culinary Experience
Group Yoga

MOBILE ACTIVITIES

Axe-Throwing
Bingo
Caricature Artist
Casino
Comedian
Dance Lessons
Dance Show
DJ/Music
Escape Room
Game Show
Line Dancing (Country, Irish, Polka)
Magician
Murder Mystery
Paint & Sip
Psychic
Teambuilding
Teambuilding with Ice
Virtual Reality
Wine Tasting



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY & COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Events can practice social responsibility by donating money, products or services to social causes or partake in programs that can benefit charities and local community programs.

DRIVES & DROP OFFS

Visit Chicago Southland can coordinate a **donation drop off** for your event (i.e. glasses, food, ink cartridges, cell phones, clothes, etc.)

- **April Food Day**
- **Blood Drive**
- **A Pocket Full of Blessings** (makeup/toiletry drive for battered women)
- **Shoes for Souls**

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Visit Chicago Southland can coordinate a community service project benefitting a Chicago Southland non-profit organization ranging in focus from children, youth support groups and special needs recreation to animals, religious and environmental groups. The projects range from building items, cleaning up a designated area, making fleece blankets or delivering meals to those in need. Ask a Chicago Southland Market Manager for a current list of local community service projects.

Give our event experts a call at 888-895-8233 to customize your next meeting or event. We take great pride in being a one stop resource for all your needs. Whether it's sourcing your request to our hotels or coordinating site inspections, the Visit Chicago Southland Sales Team is here to assist! Also, ask about our complimentary event services and the perfect place to hold your next meeting or event.

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