

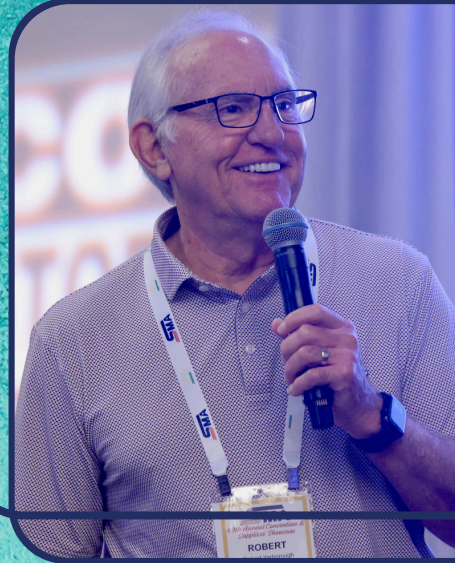


70th ANNUAL CONVENTION & SUPPLIERS' SHOWCASE

**JULY 22-25
2026**

**MOODY GARDENS HOTEL &
CONVENTION CENTER**

**GALVESTON
TX**



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GALVESTON, TX

A COSTAL DESTINATION

to Relax, Explore & Connect!

Galveston, TX is a laid-back coastal town known for its sandy beaches, ocean breezes, and welcoming atmosphere. Just a short drive from Houston, it's a popular family-friendly destination where visitors can relax by the water, explore the island, and enjoy classic beachside fun.



Moody Gardens Hotel & Convention Center

Where the Convention Comes to Life!

Located in Galveston is the Moody Gardens Hotel & Convention Center, a premier resort and event destination known for its iconic glass pyramids, family attractions, and beautiful tropical setting.



THINGS TO EXPERIENCE AT MOODY GARDENS



Aquarium Pyramid



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Discovery Museum



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Rainforest Pyramid



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SPA & CONVENTION CENTER
GALVESTON ISLAND



Education & Networking

Make the most of your membership by connecting with industry professionals and attending our educational sessions and supplier showcase.



Scholarship Fundraising

Help raise scholarship funds for the next generation of meat industry professionals while networking with fellow SMA members by signing up for the Annual Bob Ondrusek Golf Tournament! Since 2010, the SMA Foundation has awarded over \$1.1M in scholarships—join us on the course to connect, give back, and help continue that impact.



Family-Friendly Fun

SMA is committed to making this convention truly one-of-a-kind! Bring your family and enjoy all the fun amenities and activities we have planned for everyone.

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CONVENTION IMPACT

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CONVENTION BY THE NUMBERS

IN 2025

500+

Convention
Attendees

150+

Companies
Represented

80+

Supplier
Table Tops

10+

Universities
Attended

SMA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP IMPACT

\$160,000+

Scholarship Awarded in 2025

55 Students

Supported Through Scholarships

Funds raised through the SMA Convention & Suppliers' Showcase help support students pursuing career in the meat and food industries.



SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**Bob Ondrusek
Golf
Tournament**

**Card
Raffle**

**Friday Night
Dinner &
Auction**

**Suppliers'
Showcase**

**Dove
Hunt/Clay
Shoot**



This year's SMA Convention & Suppliers' Showcase is riding a Surfin' USA theme, bringing the sunny, laid-back, wave-chasing spirit of America's coastlines to our event. Join us for a lineup of bright, beach-inspired activities filled with good vibes, great food, and lively entertainment as we celebrate in true surf-season style!

2026 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, July 22

3:00 – 6:00 PM	Registration Open
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 – 7:30 PM	Welcome Networking Reception

Thursday, July 23

7:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Bob Ondrusek Memorial Golf Tournament
8:00 – 12:00 PM	Registration Open
4:00 – 6:00 PM	Registration Open
8:00 – 10:30 PM	Networking Mixer; featuring live music Sponsored by Cold Storage Construction

Friday, July 24

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Registration Open
7:45 – 8:00 AM	SMA Annual Business Meeting
8:00 – 12:00 PM	General Session 1
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Family Luncheon; featuring "The Best of the Wurst" Sponsored by Handtmann
2:00 – 4:00 PM	Suppliers' Showcase Setup
2:00 – 6:00 PM	Registration Open
4:00 – 7:00 PM	Suppliers' Showcase
7:30 – 10:00 PM	"Surfin' USA" Dinner & Auction

Saturday, July 25

7:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Registration Open
8:00 – 12:00 PM	General Session 2
6:00 – 7:00 PM	Cocktail Reception
7:00 – 11:00 PM	Chairman's Dinner & Awards Sponsored by Jim Henry Enterprises



70th Annual Convention & Suppliers' Showcase REGISTRATION & OPTIONAL FEES

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	Early Bird Pricing (April 1 - June 22)	Late Registration (June 22 - July 25th)
Member	\$575	\$675
Additional Member	\$475	\$575
Non-Member	\$700	\$800
Spouse/Guest	\$250	\$250
Student (18+ years of age)	\$200	\$200
Child (4-17 years of age)	\$125	\$125

Registration for the 2026 SMA Convention & Suppliers' Showcase will open April 1. All attendees must register for the convention in order to participate in convention activities. The registration fee includes access to the Wednesday and Thursday networking mixers, Friday luncheon, Suppliers' Showcase access, and all general sessions.

OPTIONAL FEES

	W/Registration Fee	A La Carte Fee
Bob Ondrusek Golf Tournament	\$150	\$150
Suppliers' Showcase Table	\$500	NOT AVAILABLE
"LET'S FIESTA" Dinner & Auction (Friday, July 24)	\$75	\$150
Chairman's Dinner & Awards (Saturday, July 25)	\$75	\$150

Certain events during the convention require separate registration. Optional à la carte registrations are available for the events listed above, with the exception of the Suppliers' Showcase table. In order to host a table in the Suppliers' Showcase, companies must be current SMA member. Additional Suppliers' Showcase passes may be available upon request. To purchase an à la carte ticket, please contact Lacy Bates at Lacy@southwestmeat.org

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