

2026 NHLA Annual Convention & Exhibit Showcase

Schedule-at-a-Glance

NHLA Schedule as of September 10. The schedule is tentative and subject to change.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15		
8am-4pm	Day 1: 3-Day Short Course ■	HCC - Room 7
5:30-6:30pm	ITSEF Golf Tournament Players' Only Reception ■	Veterans Room 5th Floor at the Hilton

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16		
7am	Buses Depart for Golf Course ■	Hilton Hotel Foyer
8am-4pm	Day 2: 3-Day Short Course ■	HCC - Room 7
8am	ITSEF Annual Golf Tournament and Breakfast ■	Little Mountain Country Club 7667 Hermitage Rd. Painesville, OH.
9am-5:30pm	NHLA Registration Desk Open	HCC Atrium Foyer
9am-4:30pm	Exhibitor Showcase Setup	HCC Hall A
5:30-7:30pm	Opening Jam Welcome Reception <i>Sponsored by Cascade Hardwood</i>	East Terrace Rooftop
7:30-10pm	NHLA Board of Directors' Dinner ■ <i>Sponsored by Jartek</i>	Center Street BC 2nd Floor Hilton

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17		
7-8am	Full Breakfast for All Attendees <i>Sponsored by Adentra Group, DZD Hardwood, Inc., Gutches Lumber Co., Inc., and RAM Forest Products</i>	HCC Atrium Ballroom CF
7am-3pm	NHLA Registration Desk Open	HCC Atrium Foyer
8-10am	Opening Session with Keynote Connor Lokar <i>Sponsored by Baillie Group</i>	HCC Atrium Ballroom ABDE
8am-4pm	Day 3: 3-Day Short Course ■	HCC - Room 7
9:30am-4pm	Exhibit Showcase Open	HCC Hall A
10-11am	Bloody Mary Bar <i>Sponsored by Breeze Dried</i>	Booth 519
10:30am-4pm	National Inspector Connection Hub	HCC - Room 2
11am-12pm	ITSEF Board Meeting	HCC - Room 4
11am-2pm	Spouse Event: Cruise on the Lady Caroline ■ <i>Sponsored by MO PAC Lumber Company</i>	
11:30am-1pm	Lunch Buffet	HCC Hall A
1-2pm	Ed Session - Operating Savings Using Wood Energy <i>Sponsored by Wolverine Hardwoods</i>	HCC - Room 1
2-3pm	Beer at the Exhibit Hall <i>Sponsored by Messersmith Wood Boilers</i>	Booth 506
2:30-3:30pm	Ed Session - Global Markets & the Future of American Hardwood <i>Sponsored by Granite Valley Forest Products</i>	HCC - Room 1
3-4pm	2026 Canadian Hardwood Bureau Fall Meeting ■	HCC - Room 8
3:45-5pm	NHLA ITS Alumni Reception <i>Sponsored by Nyle Dry Kilns</i>	HCC - Room 3
6-10pm	Better Together Reception ■ <i>Sponsored by NWH and U-C Coatings</i>	Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18		
7-8am	Fellowship of Christian Lumbermen Meeting	HCC - Room 3
7-8am	Built to Lead: Women Shaping the Industry Breakfast ■	Suite 202
7-8am	Breakfast Buffet <i>Sponsored by LumberPro Insurance</i>	HCC Atrium Ballroom CF
7am-3pm	NHLA Registration Desk Open	HCC Atrium Foyer
8-10am	General Session <i>Sponsored by Pennsylvania Lumbermens Mutual Insurance Company</i>	HCC Atrium Ballroom ABDE
9:30am-4pm	Exhibit Hall Opens	HCC Hall A
10-11am	Bloody Mary Bar <i>Sponsored by USNR</i>	HCC Hall A Booth 433
10:30-11:30am	Rules Change Open Forum	HCC - Room 2
11:30am-4pm	National Inspector Connection Hub	HCC - Room 2
11:30am-1pm	Lunch Buffet	HCC Hall A
1-2pm	Ed Session - Thermal Modification Panel <i>Sponsored by Lunawood</i>	HCC - Room 1
2-3pm	Beer in the Exhibit Hall <i>Sponsored by Stephens Hardwood</i>	HCC Hall A
2:30-3:30pm	Ed Session: The Hardwood Industry Now: Data, Direction, & What Comes Next <i>Sponsored by Lumber Resources</i>	HCC - Room 1
6-10pm	Encore Celebration ■ <i>Sponsored by MO PAC Lumber Company and LumberPro Insurance</i>	Hilton Hall, 5th Floor Superior CD