

## **Convention Resume – March 2008**

Your Guide to this Month's Conventions and Meetings Playing in the Peoria Area

For more information on these conventions and meetings, please contact the

Peoria Area Convention & Visitors Bureau Sales Representative listed with each group at (800) 747-0302

### **Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs**

March 4 – 6, 2008

**Location/Headquarters:** Holiday Inn City Centre

**Attendance:** 360

**Meals:** Planned meals

**PACVB Contact:** Shona Schmidt, Convention Sales Manager, Ext. 3281

### **National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament (Sports)**

March 6 – 8, 2008

**Location/Headquarters:** Peoria Civic Center

**Attendance:** 1,000

**Meals:** On own for meals.

**PACVB Contact:** Chad Mentzer, Sports Sales Manager, Ext. 3283

### **IHSA Class 1A & 2A Boys State Basketball Tournament (Sports)**

March 6 - 8, 2008

**Location/Headquarters:** Peoria Civic Center/All Hotels

**Attendance:** 30,000

Meals: On own for meals. **IMPORTANT:** You should anticipate a large crowd for breakfast. For lunch you should anticipate a large crowd between 2 – 6 p.m. (especially in the downtown area).

**Comments:** The Peoria Area CVB will again sponsor an information booth located outside the Exhibit Hall. This is a great way for us to distribute your brochures, flyers or special coupons. Please deliver any information you would like displayed to: Chad Mentzer, PACVB, 456 Fulton St., Suite 300. Please deliver no later than March 1st<sup>th</sup>.

**PACVB Contact:** Chad Mentzer, Sports Sales Manager, Ext. 3283

### **Lutheran Sports Association Men's & High School Basketball Tournament (Sports)**

March 7 – 9, 2008

**Location/Headquarters:** Christian Lutheran & Peoria Bethel Lutheran Grade Schools.

**Attendance:** 1,000

**Meals:** On own for meals.

**PACVB Contact:** Chad Mentzer, Sports Sales Manager, Ext. 3283

### **IHSA Class 3A & 4A Boys State Basketball Tournament (Sports)**

March 13 -15, 2008

**Location/Headquarters:** Peoria Civic Center/All Hotels

**Attendance:** 30,000

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### **Teamsters Roadway Conference**

March 17 – 18, 2008

**Location/Headquarters:** Courtyard Marriott Hotel

**Attendance:** 12

**Meals:** Planned meals.

**PACVB Contact:** Cheryl Bockhold-Sloan, Convention Services Coordinator, Ext. 3279

### **Illinois Central College NJCAA National Women's Basketball Tournament (Sports)**

March 18 – 22, 2008

**Location/Headquarters:** Illinois Central College, East Peoria Campus.

**Attendance:** 500

**Meals:** On own for meals.

**Comments:** Tournament begins on the 19<sup>th</sup> with the Championship game ending on the 22<sup>nd</sup>

**PACVB Contact:** Chad Mentzer, Sports Sales Manager, Ext. 3283

### **Greater Peoria Contractors & Suppliers Association Occupational Safety & Health Day**

March 19, 2008

**Location/Headquarters:** Peoria Civic Center

**Attendance:** 800

**Meals:** Planned meals.

**PACVB Contact:** Lana Hermann, Convention Services Manager, Ext. 3278

### **Illinois Community Action Association**

March 18 - 20, 2008

**Location/Headquarters:** Hotel Pere Marquette

**Attendance:** 275

**Meals:** Planned meals.

**PACVB Contact:** Julie Bushell, Convention Sales Manager, Ext. 3276