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ILSNA 2026
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 15-16

Expo: October 15

Tinley Park Convention Center
Tinley Park, IL



DEAR INDUSTRY PARTNERS,

The exhibit trade show is always the core of the ILSNA Annual Conference and is full of possibilities for food, beverage, service, supply and equipment vendors like you.

Exhibits will be open from 11:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on **Thursday, October 15, 2026.**

Exhibit set up will be on **Wednesday, October 14** from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and **Thursday, October 15** from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- In the event that two companies share a booth, a separate registration will be required for each company.
- Once your registration is complete, you will receive an Exhibitor Kit with your confirmed booth number from ILSNA. Any additional booth needs will be submitted directly to the Tinley Park Convention Center, including electricity.
- Cooking demonstrations on the show floor must follow all requirements listed on page 9 of the Exhibitor Kit. Exhibitors will have access to the venue's kitchen for food preparation and cooking if needed, prior to, during and after the show.
- Space is assigned on a first-come, first-paid basis and assignment will not be made until the booth fee is received in full. Complete and return the exhibit application that is included in this packet -OR- register online [here](#).
- Included with your (8' x 10') booth:
 - 4 complimentary badges for a full booth.
 - One skirted 6' table, 2 chairs, 1 waste basket, pipe & drape, identification sign and company names listed in the program book.

Industry involvement and support have always been an essential part of our conference success. We sincerely appreciate your commitment to the Illinois School Nutrition Association.

2026 Conference Chair:

Rachelle Wuellner, ILSNA President-Elect

2026 ILSNA Executive Committee:

Katie Treece, President

Maribel Alchin, Vice President

Kevin Harris, Secretary/Treasurer

Stacy Lenihan, Immediate Past President

Dr. Kristopher Monn, Executive Director



REGISTRATION FEES:

MEMBERS:*

Gold Level Partners

Complimentary Booth

Silver Level Partners

\$775 (Half Price Booth)

Corporate Level Partners

\$1,250 (\$300 Discount)

NONMEMBERS:

\$1,550 (Full Price Booth)

*Member rates apply to current partners only. Gold Level Partners will receive one (1) complimentary booth as a benefit of their level of membership. You may purchase additional booths at the member rate, but the company will only be listed once in the conference book.

NOTE: We will only allow a maximum of two companies per booth. If you are interested in purchasing a shared booth, please contact our office.



If you are not a corporate partner of the Association and would like to **take advantage of member rates**, please contact Lynn Threewitt at the ILSNA office for a membership application.
Phone: (815) 901-4118
Email: lthreewitt@iasbo.org

Each company and broker must be a current ILSNA member to receive member rates.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Booth Application:

Please complete and return the exhibit application that is included in this packet -OR- register online [here](#). Full payment must accompany the application to secure your booth. If full payment is not received with the application, booth space will not be held or guaranteed.

Booth Cancellations:

For a full refund, you must email ILSNA (info@ilsna.net) seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the conference. If you are a "No Show" you will not be refunded and/or will still be invoiced and responsible for the charges. Please note that if the event is canceled or rescheduled, ILSNA will provide you with a full refund.

Booth Fee Includes:

Upon receipt of a completed application with payment, ILSNA will forward you an Exhibitor Kit with your confirmed booth number. The Tinley Park Convention Center will provide the following with each standard 8'x10' booth:

- (1) 6-foot table
- (2) Folding chairs
- (1) Wastebasket
- (1) Identification sign
- Pipe and drape
- Company profile listed in the program book

Loading/Unloading:

Per the Tinley Park Convention Center Policies, only items that can be carried in are permitted to be brought in through the front doors. Any items that are on wheels or require a dolly or cart must be loaded in through one of our loading areas. The loading area that has been made available for this event is the **North Dock**. The Tinley Park Convention Center does not supply any carts, dollies, flatbeds, etc. If you need to rent a flatbed, pallet jack or housemen's assistance with loading or unloading, use the Exhibit Services Order Forms.

Additional Services:

Booth registration fee does not include storage, placement, shipment or reshipment of exhibit materials. Electricity, special lighting, booth furnishings, additional tables, chairs, individual booth cleaning or any other special services must be ordered by the exhibitor. Please arrange these special services directly through the Tinley Park Convention Center. Please refer to the Exhibitor Kit for ordering details.

Shipping:

All inbound and outbound shipping must be executed through the Tinley Park Convention Center. Please refer to the Exhibitor Kit for additional information.

Name Badges:

Exhibitors will be admitted into the exhibit hall areas by BADGE ONLY. Each full booth will receive 4 complimentary badges. If additional badges are needed, they can be purchased for \$50 before the event. The cost for additional badges on-site is \$60.



EXHIBIT HALL INFORMATION:

Tinley Park Convention Center
18451 Convention Center Drive
Tinley Park, IL 60477
(708) 342-5485
www.tinleyparkconventioncenter.net

EXHIBITOR SET-UP
Wednesday, October 14
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, October 15
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

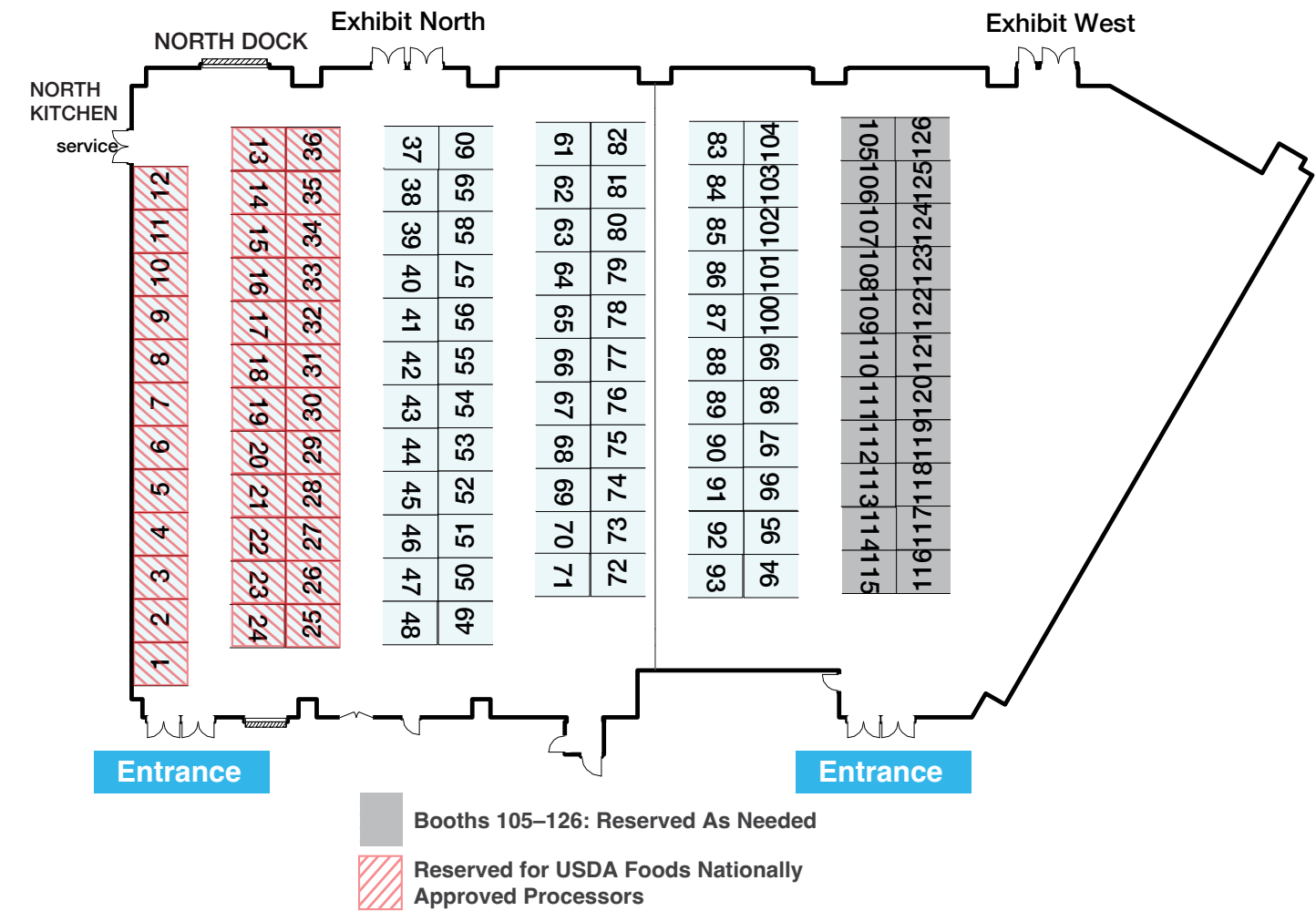
FOOD SHOW HOURS
Thursday, October 15
11:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

EXHIBITOR TEAR DOWN
Thursday, October 15
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

KEY PERSONNEL
Illinois School Nutrition Association
Lynn Threewitt
Professional Development Manager
Phone: (815) 901-4118
Email: lthreewitt@iasbo.org

Tinley Park Convention Center
Convention Services Department
Phone: (708) 342-5485
Email: cs@eventpcc.com

FLOOR PLAN



RULES & REGULATIONS:

The word “Association” means the Illinois School Nutrition Association, its officers, directors, committees, agents or employees acting for it in the management of exhibition.

The firm and/or individual agrees to the following terms, conditions and regulations as set forth by the Association. This document becomes binding only after the Association accepts this application.

1. Only those foods, products and services appropriate to School Nutrition Programs, including National School Lunch and Breakfast programs, vending programs and catering programs should be shown.
2. Exhibitors will be allowed access to the trade show floor for booth set-up from **Wednesday, October 14 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. or from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 15.** It is mutually agreed that it is the duty of each exhibitor to install the exhibit prior to the opening of the exhibition and to dismantle at the close of the show. If an exhibitor dismantles their booth prior to the close of the show, they will not be invited back to future conferences.
3. All work in connection with set-up and dismantling, installation and construction of displays and merchandise must be performed in accordance with union agreement, if any.
4. Nothing shall be taped, nailed, tacked or otherwise attached to facility surfaces or fixtures (i.e. ceilings, glass, doors, columns, walls, etc.). Failure to adhere to the above rules will result in additional fees.
5. All packing containers, excelsior and wrapping paper (which must be flameproof) are to be removed from the floor and must not be stored under tables or behind displays. All muslin, velvet, silken or other cloth materials and fluids that are flammable are to be kept in safety containers. Smoking is prohibited.
6. Exhibitor agrees to protect, save and hold harmless the Association and Tinley Park Convention Center from any damage or charges imposed for violation of any law or ordinance, whether occasioned by the negligence of the exhibitor or those holding under the exhibitor, as well as to strictly comply with the applicable terms and conditions contained in the agreement between the Tinley Park Convention Center and the Association regarding the exhibition premises; and further, exhibitor shall at all times protect, indemnify, save and hold harmless the Association and Tinley Park Convention Center against and from any and all loss, cost damage, liability or expense arising from, out of, or by reason or accident or their occurrence to anyone, including the exhibitor, its agents, employees and business invitee, which arises, from or out of or by reason of said exhibitor's occupancy and use of the exhibition premises or part thereof.
7. Exhibitor's personnel will be admitted into the exhibit hall by badge only. Four (4) badges per full booth will be issued for exhibitor's personnel working in the booth only. All guests of exhibitors must pay regular attendee registration fees. Badges will be prepared in advance for the personnel listed on the enclosed Name Badge Form. Members, delegates, program participants and visitors must wear badges in accordance with the rules of the Association. The general public will not be admitted to the exhibit hall. Non-exhibiting vendors will be charged the general registration fee.
8. No children under the age of 18 will be allowed on the food show floor.
9. See the Tinley Park Convention Center Exhibitor Kit for full rules and regulations. The kit will be emailed out after you register and submit payment.

Full payment for exhibit space must accompany this contract. Booth assignments will be made based on the date of application and payment. Checks should be made payable to ILSNA.



Sponsorship Opportunities:

ILSNA offers industry members the opportunity to increase your company exposure by partnering with ILSNA during our Annual Conference. Sponsorship allows ILSNA to provide top-notch speakers, excellent educational programs and exceptional networking functions. **PLEASE JOIN US AS A SPONSOR OF THE 2026 ILSNA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**

Full Conference Sponsor \$5,000

- Signage throughout the event
- Special recognition by ILSNA leadership
- Listed as sponsor on emails, annual conference website and in the program book
- Sponsor ribbon for badge
- One free booth with 4 badges and 4 tickets to Thursday Evening Dinner and Entertainment

Breakfast Sponsor \$500 (6 available)

- Signage in and around breakfast area
- Recognition by ILSNA leadership during breakfast
- Listed as sponsor on website and in program book
- Sponsor ribbon for badge

Exhibit Hall Attendee Engagement Sponsor \$200

- Includes your company logo featured on 100 branded raffle entry slips distributed to engaged attendees
- Receive recognition when a winning ticket bearing your logo is selected

☐ I would like to support the ILSNA Annual Conference as a sponsor at the following level:

☐ Full conference Sponsor \$5,000

☐ Breakfast Sponsor \$500

☐ Exhibit Hall Attendee Engagement Sponsor \$200

☐ Keynote Sponsor \$1,000

☐ Break Station Sponsor \$250

Please type or print clearly:

Company:

Contact Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Payment Information:

☐ Check

Please make checks payable and mail to ILSNA.

☐ Credit Card

If making payment by credit card, ILSNA staff will contact you to receive your payment.

See Exhibitor Form for Booth registration and added badges for your company.



Please submit payment and forms to:

Illinois School Nutrition Association

NIU (IA-103), 108 Carroll Ave., DeKalb, IL 60115

ILSNA Federal ID # 23-7393479 (W-9 available upon request)

Exhibitor Registration:

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Please submit one (1) registration form per company. Please print all information clearly; information will be used in program booklet.

ILSNA Member: ☐ Gold (complimentary booth) ☐ Silver \$775 ☐ Corporate Partner \$1,250 ☐ Nonmember \$1,550
(For information on how to become a member, email **Lynn Threewitt** at lthreewitt@iasbo.org)

Company:

Badge Name:

Badge Title:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Broker (if applicable):

Broker Representative:

Broker Address:

City/State/Zip:

Broker Phone:

Broker Email:

Authorized Applicant Signature:

Date:

Printed Name:

Title:

(Your signature is acceptance of the terms, coonditions, rules and regulations contained in the Exhibit Application/Prospectus)

Booth Selection

1st Choice: 2nd Choice: 3rd Choice:

Every effort will be made to assign space in order of your choice, providing it is available. Please view the exhibit hall map on the website to see current availability. ILSNA cannot guarantee booth placement away from competitors.

Dinner and Entertainment Tickets

Gold Level Partners receive TWO complimentary tickets to the Thursday evening dinner & entertainment. If you are not a Gold Level Partner, tickets to these events may be purchased for \$60 each.
Please note: You must purchase a ticket during registration to attend the dinner. ILSNA needs to give an accurate count to the venue.

Thursday Evening Banquet	#Tickets
Complimentary Tickets	
Additional Tickets (\$60 each)	

Total number of additional tickets needed x \$60 per ticket = \$



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ADDITIONAL BADGES: Badges are issued at no charge for exhibitor's personnel working in the booth only. Each full booth is entitled to receive four name badges. All vendors must have an official name badge for access to the show floor and the badge must be worn to access the exhibit hall. Badges will be prepared in advance for the personnel listed below. Badges may be picked up at the Exhibitor Registration area during set-up hours. No one under the age of 18 will be allowed on the Exhibit floor. **Additional badges can be requested at a cost of \$50 per badge; on-site badges will be at an additional cost of \$60 each.**

Additional Attendee Name (Please Print Clearly)

Title/Company Name (As it will appear on the badge)

1: _____
2: _____
3: _____

Sponsorship Amount \$ _____
Booth Fee \$ _____
Additional Banquet Tickets \$ _____
Additional Badges (if needed) \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

Payment Information:

☐ Check

Please make checks payable
to ILSNA and mail to the
address below.

☐ Credit Card

If making payment by credit card,
ILSNA staff will contact you to
receive your payment.

Please retain a copy of this registration form for your records.

Please submit payment and forms to: **Illinois School Nutrition Association**

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If you have any special needs that are regulated by the Americans with Disabilities Act, please list them here:

Please list any dietary restrictions or allergies:

Are you a USDA Foods Nationally Approved Processor planning to exhibit your commodity eligible products? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you be attending breakfast on Day 2 of the Annual Conference (Friday, October 16)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you be attending lunch on Day 2 of the Annual Conference (Friday, October 16)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you be donating a prize basket/gift card? Baskets/gift cards should be valued between \$25 and \$50 and will be used as prizes for Thursday evening's entertainment. ☐ Yes ☐ No



QUESTIONS?

Contact **Lynn Threewitt**

Professional Development Manager

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