

2026 IAHPERD **STATE CONVENTION**



DECEMBER 2 - 4, 2026
TINLEY PARK CONVENTION CENTER
TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS

IGNITE YOUR PASSION

Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance
December 2 - 4, 2026

Tinley Park Convention Center – Tinley Park, Illinois

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

BEGINS ON MONDAY AUGUST 17

ENDS ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18

GENERAL INFORMATION ONSITE AT CONVENTION

Registration

Wednesday, December 2

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 3

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday, December 4

7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Exhibit Hall

Thursday, December 3

7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday, December 4

7:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

IAHPERD is an ISBE Professional Development Hours Provider.

MEMBERSHIP

Everyone must be a current member of IAHPERD to attend the convention.

Members of SHAPE America must still become members of IAHPERD

You may pay membership at the same time you pre-register for convention. If your school district is paying only the pre-registration, make sure you send IAHPERD your membership FIRST.

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT INFORMATION

Don't forget to check in as early as possible to get to your first session on time.

Check-in and check-out will be electronic.

You must check-in and check-out for each day of convention attendance.

For check-out: Remember to have your barcoded badge ready. At the conclusion of convention, you will be emailed the ISBE evaluation form. When the evaluation form is completed and submitted, you will receive another email notifying you that the Evidence of Completion document can be accessed via your online portal account.

LOOK WHAT'S NEW FOR 2026

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2
WEIGHT LIFTING WORKSHOP
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

TOY STORY! TEACHER OF THE YEAR SHOWCASE
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

COMEDY SHOW
8:30 p.m.
TOM FILLINE – “THE ANGRY GYM TEACHER”

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3 & FRIDAY DECEMBER 4
EARLY BIRD SESSIONS 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

HALF HOUR SESSIONS SCHEDULED THROUGHOUT BOTH DAYS

SPECIAL GUEST – BEN HOLDEN from the United Kingdom

Additional PDHs at no extra charge – included in convention registration

TAKE AN ADMINISTRATOR TO CONVENTION

Your administrator can attend the 2026 Convention for Free !!

This is a wonderful opportunity to advocate for the profession.

Have your administrator attend sessions to see what you are learning and bringing back to your students while having some fun participating.

For more information on how you can invite and register your administrator, please contact
iahperd@gmail.com

Our 2026 Teacher of the Year Presenters

Join us in celebrating these outstanding educators. These individuals have received recognition from SHAPE America as TOYs (Teacher of the Year) at the District and National levels. They bring their passion, expertise, and purpose-driven teaching to our Convention. Don't miss the chance to learn from their inspiring sessions!

Beth Bolger	* 2021 Eastern District (New York) Elementary PE TOY
Stephen Chapin	* 2026 Central District (Minnesota) Health TOY * 2026 National Health TOY
Brad Hunter	* 2025 Eastern District (Maryland) Adapted PE TOY * 2025 National Adapted PE TOY
Courtney Lukasavitz	* 2025 Midwest District (Wisconsin) Middle School TOY * 2025 National Middle School PE TOY
Victor Spadaro	* 2025 Southern District (Virginia) Elementary PE TOY
Derek Thomas	* 2025 Western District (Nevada) High School PE TOY
Will Westphal	* 2026 Midwest District (Wisconsin) Elementary PE TOY
Leah Wheeling	* 2026 Central District (North Dakota) Middle School TOY

And, our Illinois TOYs –

Elisa Foshay	* 2022 Midwest District Dance TOY
Mark Foellmer	* 2018 Midwest District Middle School PE TOY
Tara McCarthy	* 2019 Midwest District Adapted PE TOY
Dr. Maria Pessman	* 2025 Midwest District High School PE TOY
Kelly Zerby	* 2022 Midwest District Elementary PE TOY



ALL CONVENTION SOCIAL
Thursday December 3: 8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
North & West Exhibit Areas

Dance Gala
Friday December 4
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Exhibit Hall B



THEFT OF SERVICE

- ATTENDING ANY IAHPERD AFFILIATED EVENT WITHOUT REGISTRATION
- SHARING BADGES/REGISTRATION MATERIALS AT ANY IAHPERD AFFILIATED EVENT

VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY MAY RESULT IN SCHOOL/DISTRICT PERSONNEL BEING NOTIFIED AND/OR EXCLUSION FROM FUTURE IAHPERD EVENTS

REFUND POLICY

Refunds requests due to emergency situations will be reviewed and considered for convention registration only.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE GRANTED FOR THE MEMBERSHIP FEE.

Requests must be submitted in writing prior to the start of convention.

Required refund forms can be requested via email from iahperd@gmail.com

Take a look at the current list of exhibitors that will be at the IAHPERD Convention Exhibit Hall. More will be added by Convention time. You will have the opportunity to search for that special item, purchase products, or comparison shop between companies as well as talk to various company representatives. Nowhere else in Illinois will you find this opportunity.

SCHOOL HEALTH PHYSICAL EDUCATION
SKATETIME
A & M RESOURCES
ADA SPORTS AND RACKETS
ADAPTABILITY
BOUNCENET
CAMP MANITOQUA
CANDOR HEALTH EDUCATION
CATCH GLOBAL FOUNDATION
CORE PE CURRICULUM
CROWN GYM MATS
DIRECT FITNESS SOLUTIONS
ECLIPSE BALL
EVERFI
EVERLAST CLIMBING
FLOORBALL 4 ALL
FOUNDATION FOR A DRUG FREE WORLD
FOUNDATIONAL FITNESS
GAGA XP
GIBBON USA
GOPHER & SPARK
G-W PUBLISHER
HEALTH SMART
health.moves.minds

HEART ZONES
IDETEP
ILLINOIS STATE BPA
ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
INTERACTIVE HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES
JOHNSON FITNESS & WELLNESS
LORAS COLLEGE
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
OMNI / IL HUMAN PERFORMANCE
OMNIKIN
OPEN / US GAMES
OUTDOORS TOMORROW FOUNDATION
PHIL'S DRILLS
PICK-A-PADDLE
QUAVER ED
THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH MARKET
THE GET IN TOUCH FOUNDATION
USTA MIDWEST
US SOCCER FOUNDATION
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

EXHIBIT HALL HOURS

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Friday, December 4

7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
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YOUR PASSION. THEIR FUTURE.

WELCOME TO THE TINLEY PARK CONVENTION CENTER

We are excited to be at this new venue for the sixth year!

We are sure that you are going to love it as well.

All meeting rooms and activity areas are on the same level in a centralized location – no more up and down stairs and around corners to find your way!

Just a few parking hints:

- Please park in the designated convention center parking lots
 - Parking is also available at the back of the EVEN Hotel
- Please do not park in the lots of the surrounding businesses (especially LA Fitness) – you will risk being towed!
 - Consider attending an Early Bird session!

Suggested Driving Directions

Construction is still happening on I-80 so plan accordingly

From Chicago:

- I-94 to I-57 South to I-80 West
- Exit Harlem Avenue North (148B)
- Turn Right at 183rd Street (1st Stoplight)
- Continue one block and turn Right on Convention Center Drive

From Joliet:

- I-80 East to Harlem Avenue North (148B)
- Turn Right at 183rd Street (1st Stoplight)
- Continue one block and turn Right on Convention Center Drive

Two Ways to Book Your Hotel Room:

EVEN Hotel at Tinley Park Convention Center

Call the Front Desk at 708.444.1100 - reference the group code IAH

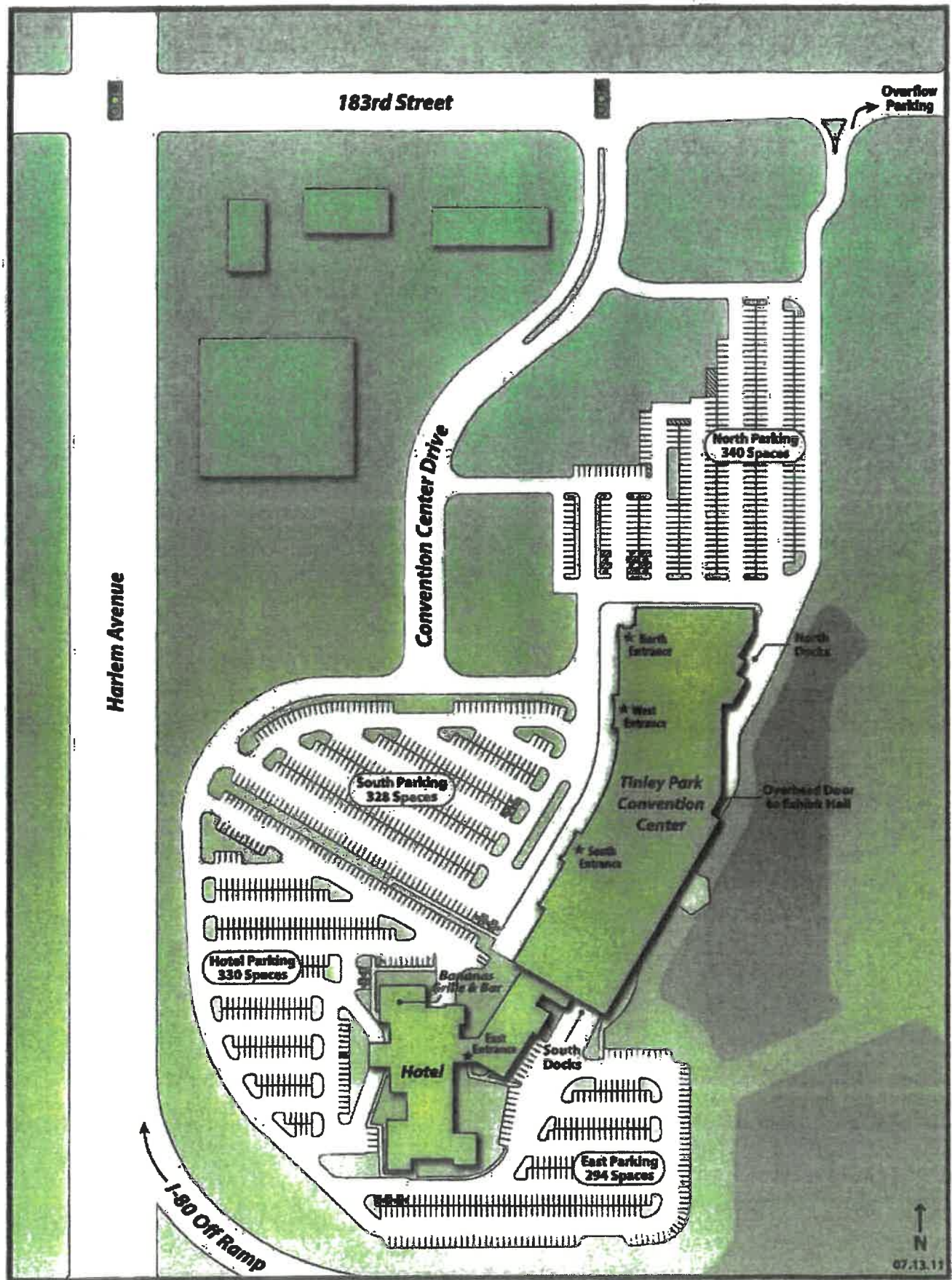
OR

**Website <http://www.evenhotels.com/chitinleypark>,
enter stay dates and group code IAH**

Rate is \$149.00 per night plus taxes

Group rate discount ends NOVEMBER 16, 2026

**The number of rooms in the block may sell out prior to this date -
Please book early**



HOW TO PRE-REGISTER FOR CONVENTION

Two ways to pre-register for Convention:

- Send the hard copy Pre-Registration form via mail or scan & email

OR

- Pre-Register through the website Online Portal

Everyone (professional/student/retired/associate) must be a current member of IAHPERD in order to attend the convention.

In order to pre-register, membership must be current through 12/5/2026. If you are renewing your membership, you may also complete Pre-Registration at the same time. Check the membership portal to see when your membership expires or e-mail us at iahperd@gmail.com

Student members are those who are full-time undergraduate students only.
If you are attending graduate school full time and are not employed by a school, you are a professional for membership (\$60.00) but will pay convention registration at the undergraduate rate. Contact IAHPERD at iahperd@gmail.com to register.

If your School District doesn't pay your membership, make sure you pay your membership fee **BEFORE** the School District sends in the Pre-Registration payment.

ATTENTION!!! You know that some School Districts don't adhere to deadlines --- check with them to make sure your material gets sent in **on time!** It is your responsibility to get your request in to your School District office to give them ample time to meet deadline dates. **IAHPERD DOES NOT ACCEPT PURCHASE ORDERS.**

Please pay attention to the deadline dates:

- If you are sending your Pre-Registration via mail, scan & email, or Fax, the deadline is **November 13th**
- If you are Pre-Registering via the IAHPERD Online Portal, the deadline is **November 25th**

WALK IN ATTENDANCE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!

**THE ONLINE PORTAL WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 1
ON SITE REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2**

Professional Member	\$210.00
Non member professional	\$270.00
Full time Graduate student member	\$ 60.00
Full time Graduate student non member	\$120.00
Undergraduate student member	\$ 60.00
Non member undergraduate student	\$ 85.00
Retired Member	\$ 35.00
Retired non member	\$ 55.00

NOTICE OF TIMELINES FOR

2026 IAHPERD CONVENTION

PROFESSIONAL PRE-REGISTRATION

Make sure you or your district follows the timelines. No one wants to receive their registration materials back requesting additional fees because the deadlines weren't met.

Early Bird Pre-Registration deadline is September 18th

If your membership is current through December 5, 2026, registration is **\$150.00**
Memberships must be current before the Early Bird Registration can be processed.

Pre-Registration with membership included is **\$210.00**

Pre-Registration Deadlines:

If your membership is current through December 5, 2026, registration is **\$175.00**
Memberships must be current before the Pre-Registration can be processed.

If you are sending your Pre-Registration in via mail or scan & email– **Deadline is November 13th**

If you are Pre-Registering via the IAHPERD online portal – **Deadline is November 25th**

Registration with membership included is **\$235.00**

Phone registrations will not be accepted.
Purchase orders are not accepted

REMEMBER - EVERYONE MUST BE A MEMBER!

2026 IAHPERD CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION MAIL-IN APPLICATION

DO NOT SEND THIS MAIL-IN APPLICATION AFTER NOVEMBER 13

NAME _____

IEIN REQUIRED BY ISBE _____

SCHOOL
DISTRICT _____

SCHOOL _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____

Home Address (Print Clearly)

STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

Waiver:

By completing this application, I agree and acknowledge that I am undertaking participation in the 2026 IAHPERD Convention events and activities by my own free and intentional act, and I am fully aware that possible physical injury might occur to me as a result of my participation in these events. I give this acknowledgement freely and knowingly and that I am, as a result, able to participate in the IAHPERD events, and I do hereby assume responsibility for my own well-being.

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Memberships must be current through December 5, 2026 to receive the member rate

PAYMENT:

Early Bird
Until September 18

Mail-In Pre-Registration
Until November 13

CIRCLE AMOUNT SUBMITTED

Professional Member / Non Member	\$150.00 / \$210.00	\$175.00 / \$235.00
Full Time Grad Student Member / Non Member		\$ 40.00 / \$ 100.00
Retiree Member / Non Member		\$ 30.00 / \$ 50.00
Undergraduate Student Member / Non Member		\$ 40.00 / \$ 65.00

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

Check Payable to IAHPERD

Circle one: Visa MasterCard Discover Amex

IAHPERD will detach & shred below this line after credit card information has processed

Print Name of Card Holder as it appears on Card _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Credit Card Billing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Signature _____

MAIL APPLICATION TO: IAHPERD
P. O. Box 865
Alton, IL 62002

SCAN & EMAIL TO: iahperd@gmail.com

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTH,
PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION & DANCE
P. O. Box 865 - Alton, IL 62002
(618) 433-9276
iahperd@gmail.com

HOTEL RESERVATION

Even Hotel Chicago – Tinley Park Convention Center
18501 Convention Center Drive
Tinley Park, Illinois 60477
Phone 708.444.1100

Book Your Hotel Early:

Reservations must be made by November 16, 2026
(It is possible that the number of rooms in the block may sell out prior to
this date)

Special Rate of \$149 per night plus taxes.

**Tinley Park
Convention
Center is
located on I-80
at the Harlem
Avenue exit.**

Over 1,500 FREE Parking Places ON SITE!!