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OFFICIAL CALL
2026 UAW Health & Safety Conference
UAW Family Education Center – Onaway, MI
May 3 through May 8, 2026

March 11, 2026

To: Local Union Presidents, Recording Secretaries, and Unit Chairpersons in Region 2B, UAW

Greetings,

“Defining Health and Safety for Future Generations” begin with workplace safety as a fundamental right and a core part of strong collective bargaining agreements. Effective Contracts create safer job sites, and this conference will equip members with the knowledge and skills to negotiate and enforce strong health and safety protections along with methods to identify and mitigate hazards.

The conference aims to strengthen the bonds of solidarity among UAW members by providing training, motivation, and a call to action to demand safe worksites.

The 2026 Conference will be held at the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center (Black Lake) from Sunday, May 3, through Friday, May 8, 2026. On-site registration/credentialing will occur in the Lecture Hall on Sunday, May 3rd, from 1 to 4:45 p.m. All delegates **must attend the opening session** on May 3rd at 5 p.m. in the Lecture Hall.

This year’s conference will once again provide helpful training for Health and Safety Representatives, Health and Safety Committee members, and Local Union Representatives on subjects ranging from industrial hygiene to ergonomics and other health and safety topics, including mental health. **Please note that all first-time delegates will be enrolled in a “Core Curriculum” that will include an OSHA 10-hour class, Know Your Role What Every Health and Safety Rep Should Know and a class on Hazard Recognition.** Other classes this year include workshops from the OSHA Training Institute Education Center (OTIEC). Credits earned taking these courses can be applied toward the Health and Safety “Specialist” and “Professional” credentials issued by the Great Lakes OTIEC. This year’s courses include Ergonomics, Incident Accident Investigation, Combustible Dust, Hazard Recognition, representatives from ANSI B11, NFPA and much more.

****We highly suggest that when you go to choose the classes for your delegates that they be included in the decision. We are under Grant funds and Audits and changes to their classes will be very limited.**

REGISTRATION

Registration will be completed online. Please use an updated browser when registering. Delegates will use the following log-in information:

Web Address: <https://hs.uaw.org>

Username: hs2026

Password: safetyfirst26

The website will open for registration on **February 27, 2026**. All registrations must be completed no later than **April 10, 2026**.

If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please contact Jim Holton at 248-431-4660, email: jholton@uaw.net, or Michelle Best at 313-926-4423, email: mbest@uaw.net.

The Health and Safety Conference registration fee is \$725 per delegate; this is based on double occupancy housing. Checks should be made payable to the **International Union, UAW, or ACH payments can be made through LUIS**. It is suggested the local generate a single check to cover the registration fees for its delegates. **Please send payment to the UAW Health & Safety Department in c/o Michelle Best no later than April 17, 2026.**

In the event the delegate requests for single housing. The delegate must pay out of pocket expenses in the amount of \$330.50. This check should be made out to **UBE, INC.** and sent to the **UAW Health and Safety Department in c/o Michelle Best. Single housing is not guaranteed and is subject to availability.**

The local unions are responsible for lost time and registration fees for all delegates. There are no provisions for lost time reimbursements connected with the Health and Safety Conference.

TRANSPORTATION

Local Unions are responsible for all transportation costs for delegates who live less than 500 miles from the Family Education Center.

Delegates whose worksites are over 500 miles from the UAW Family Education Center will have their transportation covered, either flying or driving. All airline tickets will be purchased through the travel agents used by Black Lake. Participants who fly will be required to pay for their tickets in advance.

DELEGATES FLYING

Delegates must use the following link to make their flight arrangements: <https://cvent.me/028PzR>. After the conference, airline tickets will be processed for reimbursement, less \$75 per delegate.

To assure maximum savings on flight arrangements, delegates must arrive in Detroit on Saturday, May 2, 2026. The enclosed Airline Registration online process must be completed (including a cell phone number) and submitted to the UAW Family Education Center no later than April 3, 2026.

Overnight lodging will be provided based on double occupancy **at the Courtyard Detroit Metro Airport Romulus, 30653 Flynn Dr., Romulus, MI 48174**; 734-721-3200. Delegates will depart the hotel on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at 9 a.m. via charter bus for the trip to Black Lake.

The local union will arrange flights through Travel Solutions International (TSI USA). Due to airline regulations, delegates who fly must provide their legal name as it appears on a driver's license or other government-issued identification recognized by the Transportation Security Administration. Failure to do so could result in up to a \$150 charge to correct an airline ticket. **The UAW will not reimburse that charge.**

AIRLINE PROCEDURE

If paying for airfare with a local union check, you must mail the payment within 24 hours after TSI contacts you. Please make check payable to **UBE and send the payment to UBE/Air**, UAW Family Education Center, 2000 Maxon Road, Onaway, MI 49765. You must include a copy of the invoice with the check. For questions call the UAW Family Education Center at 989-733-6311.

DELEGATES DRIVING

The Walter and May Reuther Family Education Center is located at 2000 Maxon Road, Onaway, MI 49765. All delegates are expected to arrive at the UAW Family Education Center by 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 3 (except for those arriving by flight) and remain until the conference concludes at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 8. Arrivals and departures should be arranged accordingly.

For those who live more than 500 miles (one-way) from the Center, delegates may travel by passenger vehicle, or air transportation. Passenger Vehicle: After 1,000 miles (round-trip), all drivers will be reimbursed the IRS rate for each mile. Mileage is not reimbursed for the first 1,000 miles of a round-trip (500 miles one-way).

On trips to and returning from the Center, delegates who drive are also entitled each way to one night's lodging for 500 miles or more; two nights' lodging for 1,000 miles or more. Motel rates should not exceed \$65 per night for single occupancy; or \$80 per night for double occupancy.

Delegates must save motel receipts and submit them to the Center for processing. Upon program completion, delegates will receive mileage and/or motel refunds. Reimbursement is not provided for meals, highway tolls, or other expenses incurred during the trip.

Delegates who elect to drive to the Family Education Center should be aware of the “multiple of three” rule. When a local sends more than one delegate to a session, delegates should travel in multiples of up to three per vehicle. The International Union reimburses mileage only to one driver per local, per multiples of three.

WALTER AND MAY REUTHER UAW FAMILY EDUCATION CENTER VEHICLE POLICY

Vehicles allowed to park in the FEC must be union-made and have a vehicle identification number (VIN) beginning with 1, 2, 4, or 5 (i.e., made in the USA or Canada). VINs are located in the dashboard or door jamb of vehicles. Upon arriving at the FEC, security guards check each vehicle's VIN. If the vehicle's VIN is anything other than 1, 2, 4, or 5, parking accommodations are available in a lot adjacent to the FEC's front gate. An FEC bus will transport those delegates to the hotel registration desk.

DEADLINES

Registration is due by noon on **April 10, 2026**. As we expect a full Health and Safety Conference, ***no late registrations will be accepted.***

ELIGIBILITY

Delegate's eligibility is limited to active members of your local union, including members on layoff or strike that have been approved to attend by the local union Executive Board. ***NO GUESTS OR SPOUSES ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND.***

LOST TIME

The payment of lost time is the sole responsibility of the local union unless a subsidy has been authorized by the regional director.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Cancellations must be received no later than April 17, 2026. Registration fees are non-refundable. Local unions should select alternates to replace delegates no later than April 24, 2026, who cancel and notify their regional office as well as the Health and Safety Department. The conference is an investment in the future of your local union.

THEMES FOR THE WEEK

Monday	"UAW Local Pride" Wear your local union apparel
Tuesday	"Favorite Sports Team" Wear a Sports Team Jersey or Shirt
Wednesday	"Red Shirt"
Thursday	"Hawaiian Shirt"

Thank you each for your continued support. This conference is an investment in the future of your local union.

In solidarity,



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