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### **Augusta's River Region welcomes October conferences and sports events**

Augusta, GA – The Augusta Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) and the Augusta Sports Council (ASC) are pleased to announce that visitors attending meetings, reunions, events and sporting events in Augusta's River Region will generate at least **\$7,490,391.77** in total estimated economic impact (EEI) during the month of October. A portion of the total number of sporting events, conventions and meetings in Augusta's River Region this month are listed in the chart below for more event detail. These are groups the Augusta CVB or ASC have worked with at some point in the site selection and/or planning phase. Groups meeting in Augusta's River Region, that have available websites, have been hyperlinked for those who would like additional information.

Total EEI is calculated based on research commissioned by both the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) and Destinations International in conjunction with globally recognized research vendors, the U.S. Travel Association and Tourism Economics. Tourism Economics, a partner company of Oxford Economics, created the industry standard in event economic impact analysis using localized metrics that are updated annually.

#### **Arrivals for the Month of October**

<b>Meeting/Event:</b>	<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Total Est. Economic Impact (EEI):</b>
<a href="#">Augusta Westobou Festival, Inc.</a> 2018 Westobou Festival	10/03-10/07	12,000	\$1,122,292.52
<a href="#">Omega Psi Phi Fraternity</a> 2018 55 <sup>th</sup> Georgia State Meeting	10/04-10/07	300	\$128,198.13
<a href="#">American Business Women Association</a> 2018 National Women's Leadership Conference	10/10-10/14	750	\$1,262,152.88
<a href="#">SORBA-CSRA</a> 2018 FATS Flow Master	10/12-10/14	125	\$78,509.76
<a href="#">Together Georgia Provider Alliance</a> 2018 Georgia Conference on Children and Families	10/17-10/19	500	\$384,139.25
<a href="#">Stolkin Shriners Temple 22 and Stolkin Court 173</a> 2018 Annual Joint Charity Ball	10/18-10/21	700	\$397,810.54
<a href="#">Council on Auxiliaries/Volunteers – GA Hosp Assoc.</a> 59 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	10/22-10/24	500	\$349,543.13
<a href="#">Carolina Bowling Alliance</a> 2018 Carolina Blind Bowling Tournament	10/25-10/28	122	\$212,495.16

<a href="#">Family Weekend</a> 2018 Weekend to Remember	10/26-10/28	900	\$411,284.13
<a href="#">TIME Task Force of Georgia</a> TIME Task Force of Georgia Annual Conference	10/28-10/30	120	\$86,782.58
<a href="#">American Chemical Society</a> 2018 Southeastern Regional Meeting	10/29-11/04	1,800	\$2,355,557.10

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