We’re building the future of pediatric medicine.
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When you see what’s happening at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, you’ll see why everything matters when choosing a residency program. We are unlike any other pediatric hospital. Ever. Each scientific breakthrough made. Every investment in clinical programs. Every world-class physician recruited. It’s all for our patients – and for you. When you choose to train here, you’re choosing to be an integral part of a hospital that’s being hailed as one of the most advanced pediatric hospitals in the world. Where everything matters.

Nationwide Children’s Hospital has once again been named to U.S. News & World Report’s Best Children’s Hospital Honor Roll. This top distinction is awarded to only ten children’s hospitals with the most exceptional performance across the rankings.
On average, 40 percent of our residents choose primary care careers, and 60 percent go on to fellowships at the nation’s most competitive programs.

— Rebecca Wallihan, MD, Director, Pediatric Residency Training, Nationwide Children’s

Nationwide Children’s is a place that allows dedicated, hardworking physicians to thrive. Whether your plan is to work in private practice in an outpatient clinic, treat the sickest patients in a first-rate children’s hospital, advocate for children, teach, conduct research or all of the above, we can help you learn everything you need to know to be successful on any of these career paths. We recognize that the best possible training for pediatricians brings together:

• A remarkable array of hands-on clinical and community experiences
• Strong mentoring by a world-class faculty
• A cutting-edge, state-of-the-art facility
• The differing personal talents and aspirations of its residents

This comprehensive approach to training ensures you will become a knowledgeable, effective and caring pediatrician. Our residents prosper in private practice and succeed in subspecialties. No matter how you envision your future, you can thrive at Nationwide Children’s.

Our residents are a valued key to our success.

Nationwide Children’s is one of the largest and busiest pediatric hospitals in the country. We conduct more than 1.5 million patient visits every year from across the country and around the globe. We have one of the country’s largest ambulatory networks and the largest neonatal networks. As one of the largest pediatric hospitals in the United States our surgeons perform more than 33,000 surgeries a year. Emergency Services at Nationwide Children’s features a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center and Pediatric Emergency Department, which is staffed by board-certified/eligible pediatric emergency medicine subspecialists 24 hours a day.

The Abigail Wexner Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s, ranked fifth in the country as a recipient of NIH funds, is one of the fastest-growing, freestanding pediatric research facilities, with three buildings dedicated to research on the Nationwide Children’s campus.

Our faculty value and respect our residents and their contributions. Your autonomy in medical decision-making will be balanced with caring supervision.

You will feel comfortable asking questions and managing cases alongside our faculty, who provide valuable mentoring and support. Nationwide Children’s offers the full continuum of pediatric practice exposure:

• A large, inpatient census, with over 18,000 admissions, along with more than 33,000 total surgical cases per year
• Rotations available in all pediatric subspecialties that residents can complete as part of a specialty’s inpatient hospital rotation or as an elective; read more about the advantages of having a month-long rotation focused on a specific pediatric specialty at NationwideChildrens.org/General-Pediatrics-Resident-Education
• Extensive experience in primary care pediatrics, with experiences in private practices throughout the community and in Nationwide Children’s Primary Care Network, designed to care for underserved children
• Complete range of acute and intensive care training provided by Nationwide Children’s Emergency Department, which is certified as a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center, PICU and two NICUs
• All clinical endeavors linked by a comprehensive, electronic medical record
Resident-Centered Education
The diversity and volume of our patient population gives our residents hands-on experience during each rotation of training. Residents provide frontline patient care under the supervision of our outstanding faculty. Residents write more than 90 percent of inpatient orders at Nationwide Children’s, and are relied on for their leadership, commitment and solid professional judgment. Each resident has multiple elective months to pursue clinical and/or research interests.

Didactic Teaching
Much day-to-day learning takes place during our rich array of didactic sessions:

• Core Didactic Conference Series
  • Intern - Acute Care and Primary Care focus
  • Seniors - Specialty topics and Board Review focus
• Noon Report – Patient Cases
• Weekly Subspecialty Conference
• Grand Rounds
• Online Education Modules
• Weekly Subspecialty Conferences
• Night Time Curriculum
• Daily Inpatient Teaching Rounds

To download a full description of the didactic sessions, visit NationwideChildrens.org/General-Pediatrics-Resident-Education.

“Our residency program has allowed me to grow as both a pediatrician and an advocate for kids. From the first year advocacy curriculum, to organizing a day at the Ohio State House for residents, to allowing me to travel to conferences for my national leadership position in the AAP – everyone has been incredibly supportive!”

– Jenni Kusma, MD
World-Class Faculty

Our residents are taught and mentored by some of the nation’s most prestigious and acknowledged physicians. Past presidents of the American Board of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Pediatrics have been active members of our faculty. We have a dedicated medical staff of more than 1,400, representing primary care and all pediatric subspecialties earning national recognition, including our continued ranking in U.S. News & World Report Best Children’s Hospital Honor Roll. This distinction is awarded to only 10 children’s hospitals with the most exceptional performance across the rankings.

At Nationwide Children’s, you will interact with leaders in primary care, pediatric subspecialties, surgery and national health care. In addition, a distinguished group of nearly 200 basic science and clinical investigators work in The Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s.

Community pediatricians are also an integral part of our teaching mission, managing the care of their hospitalized patients alongside residents. More than 60 community pediatricians also host residents in their private practices for the PECS community experiences.

Our didactic and clinic teaching at Nationwide Children’s is provided by over 350 nationally and internationally recognized faculty that are passionate about teaching and committed to each resident’s education.

Diversity

As Ohio’s capital and the 14th largest city in the United States, Columbus boasts a diverse population that includes African-Americans, Asians, Hispanics and Somalis. Our Somali community is the fastest growing in the U.S. Residents receive valuable experiences in treating people from a variety of different cultures. It is common for our residents to treat patients from developing countries, various ethnic groups, nontraditional family structures, and provide care for patients who do not speak English.

Nationwide Children’s acknowledges and celebrates the diversity of the community we serve. In addition, the hospital is committed to providing a workplace where each person is respected and supported.

Community Experiences

Primary Care Network (PCN)

Each resident is assigned to a specific resident continuity clinic in the hospital’s Primary Care Network (PCN) for a half-day continuity clinic each week. Faculty members, employed by Nationwide Children’s, staff PCN practices on the main hospital campus and in neighborhoods throughout Columbus. These primary care sites manage nearly 200,000 patient visits per year. Most children in the PCN are from underserved populations and many have complex medical needs.

As a resident, you will spend a month each year rotating at your PCN site. As a senior on that block rotation, you will not have inpatient call responsibilities, but will take night-call from home for the primary care practice, with faculty members available for consultation, allowing you to gain valuable experience in the “art” of telephone medicine.

Pediatric Education in Community Sites (PECS)

To provide one of the nation’s most distinctive experiences in community practice, you will be assigned to a specific community pediatrician’s private practice for a half-day experience each week during your second year of residency. You’ll see patients with the same pediatrician each week, while on outpatient and elective rotations. During the second year of residency, you’ll go to your assigned PECS office for a month-long experience. This vital, one-of-a-kind training experience:

• Reinforces the basics of primary care pediatrics
• Ensures a rich diversity of experience with different patient populations and a variety of private practices
• Teaches the business aspects of pediatric practice
• Provides the experience of working side-by-side with a private pediatrician

The PECS experience can continue during your third year of residency or residents can choose to participate in a longitudinal specialty experience.

Residents in Schools Initiative (RISI)

Our Residents in Schools Initiative (RISI) is truly unique among residency training programs. This initiative gives you the chance to go to elementary schools and teach second and third grade students about health and science. You’ll spend one afternoon each week on five different residency rotations. While at your assigned school, you’ll teach students from a structured health curriculum that is designed to be fun, interactive and informative. The goals of the experience include:

• Educating children about their bodies and health, and how to make safe and healthy choices
• Giving children, primarily from underserved neighborhoods, weekly role model experiences with young health care professionals, highlighting the value of education
• Exposing residents to children in their “natural environment”
• Showing residents the challenges of teaching, and how children’s academic, social, emotional and behavioral issues impact their classroom experience
• Encouraging advocacy for children’s issues by residents and fostering the view that pediatricians are part of a bigger community

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Training the Complete Pediatrician

Residency training is fast paced and challenging, and in the quest for excellence, we remain committed to the health and well-being of our residents. At Nationwide Children’s, we care for, support and mentor our residents. One aspect of that support is a series of monthly and annual events to help you balance your responsibilities, provide mechanisms for your feedback, and just have fun.

Workshops

Workshops and retreats are held during specific times of residency training to focus that group of residents on topics that are pertinent to their education at that time, and to allow the residents to connect as a class. Current retreats/workshops include:

- **Five-Day Orientation** – An orientation program helps first-year residents transition smoothly from medical school to the hands-on training of residency. Residents learn about the hospital system and what is expected of a first-year resident. Residents participate in team-building activities and meet peers and faculty at numerous social activities, including a resident happy hour and a family picnic. Residents also complete certification in procedural skills, Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) and the Neonatal Resuscitation Program.

- **PL-1 Retreat** – In late winter, a two-day overnight retreat is held offsite for first-year residents. This retreat focuses on stress reduction, team building and covers a variety of topics, including personality types, teaching skills, communication skills and professionalism.

- **PL-1 Supervisory Workshop** – In late spring, a one day workshop for first-year residents focuses on the upcoming challenge of being a supervisory resident, teacher and team leader.

- **PL-2 Workshop** – In the winter, a one day workshop incorporates teaching techniques and a variety of specialized programs to enhance your training.

- **PL-3 Workshop** – In the fall, a one-day workshop for third-year residents focuses on information needed to transition into medical careers after residency. Discussions include information about licensure and credentialing, CME, billing and coding, and managed care.

All residents participate in competency assessments in our Clinical Skills Center and maintain a computerized procedure log. Required courses for the residents include:

- Skills Competency Session
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support
- Pediatrics Advanced Life Support
- Basic Life Support
- Neonatal Resuscitation Program

**Enhanced Communications**

We stay informed about our residents’ activities and needs in a number of ways:

- **House Staff Advisory Committee (HSAC)** – An advisory board to the program director, this committee is composed of three residents from each class, elected each year by their peers. The HSAC represents the overall views of the residents and discusses issues that affect them in monthly meetings.

- **The Fellow Resident Advisory Council (FRAC)** – A group of peer-elected residents and fellows who serve a crucial role in communication among residents, fellows and institutional leaders. FRAC helps to advise the GME office and institutional leaders on issues that matter to residents/fellows, hear grievances brought forward by residents/fellows and make recommendations to the institution.

- **House Staff Business Meeting** – Residents meet regularly for business meetings chaired by the chief residents. This informal meeting is used to pass along useful information, including upcoming events, guest speakers, curriculum changes, job opportunities, social events and discuss issues important to the residents.

“The thing that I appreciate the most about Nationwide Children’s is how the services are run by the subspecialists. I love being taught by experts in the field and find they really can tailor my experience back to primary care (my biggest passion).”

– Kylene Draeger, MD
Advanced Competency Program
The Pediatric Resident Advanced Competency Program is designed to foster and encourage interest in special skills that can help define the successful pediatrician and provide special meaning and accomplishment to a pediatric career. While these skills may not be core for all pediatricians, those who develop and pursue one or more of these skills in their professional life will manifest more career satisfaction and accomplishments.

- Global Health
- Community and Child Advocacy
- Medical Education
- Quality Improvement
- Pediatric Research
- Additional competency pathways to be added

Global Health
At Nationwide Children’s, we facilitate international training opportunities for residents:

- Advanced Competency in Global Health – Offered to residents during the second and third year of residency, our two-year program provides residents with a better understanding of the medical challenges faced in other countries and prepares them for careers and activities that involve the field of global health. The program offers an in-depth global health didactic series, mentorship from international scholars and faculty with global health experience, global health journal clubs, workshops, projects and a global health elective.

- Stecker International Scholars Program – Established to improve children’s access to quality health care throughout the world, the program provides fully licensed physicians and nurses with postgraduate, individually tailored education at Nationwide Children’s. More than 100 scholars from 50 countries have participated in the program to learn the latest clinical and research advances in pediatric health care. These scholars are available to help residents arrange elective experiences in their countries.

- Additional Opportunities – Residents who are interested in global health but do not want to pursue the full two-year curriculum can complete a month-long international health elective in the country of their choice. We have recently had residents complete rotations in Peru, Africa, India and Roatan. Some organizations that have assisted are Baylor University and World Medical Mission.

- Academic Funds – Each resident has an academic enrichment fund that can be used to pay for travel and other expenses associated with an international health elective.

To find out more about our global health offerings and read some of our residents’ international travel experiences, visit NationwideChildrens.org/International-Health-Residency.

Advocacy
Residents are challenged to become active child advocates during residency.

- Advanced Competency in Advocacy – The Advanced Competency in Pediatric Advocacy for pediatric residents fosters and encourages interest in child advocacy by early involvement and exposure to its many aspects such as addressing social determinants of health, community collaboration, health finance, health policy and legislative advocacy. This will be accomplished through seminars, mentoring, and completion of an individual project tailored to the resident’s area of passion. This project will include exposure to the academic lifestyle of pediatric advocates through meaningful scholarly activity associated with their advocacy efforts.

Additional Advocacy Experiences
- PL-1 Advocacy Experience – All first-year residents are required to complete a week-long experience with Nationwide Children’s Government Relations Department. The curriculum consists of discussions, selected readings, a visit to the Statehouse and community sites, and preparing a persuasive letter on a children’s health topic that can be sent to a local newspaper or legislator.

- Advocacy Elective – Second- and third-year residents have an opportunity to complete an advocacy elective with Nationwide Children’s Government Relations Department. Residents identify and start an advocacy project during this elective. At the end of the year, all residents who have completed an advocacy elective present their projects at a resident conference.

- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Legislative Advocacy Conference – Residents have the opportunity to participate in the AAP Legislative Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C. During this national event, participants learn how to meet and build relationships with legislators and how to convey key medical messages. Participants go to Capitol Hill and lobby their congressional members on the importance of funding for pediatric coverage and services.

Medical Education
The Advanced Competency in Medical Education for pediatric residents fosters interest and skills development in medical education through meaningful seminars, direct teaching experience, medical education scholarship activities, mentoring, and camaraderie. The goals are to develop residents with advanced teaching skills and exposure to medical education scholarship and to prepare residents for future success as an educator within an academic medical setting.

Quality Improvement
The Advanced Competency in Quality Improvement (QI) is an addition to a required senior resident QI experience. It fosters and encourages interest in QI by early and sustained involvement and exposure to many aspects of QI, including QI education, involvement in QI projects, presentation of QI results, and observation of effects of QI initiatives in such areas as patient outcomes, staff function, and educational activities.
Research Opportunities

Nationwide Children’s is ranked fifth in the country for National Institutes of Health funding among freestanding children’s hospitals, providing a variety of research opportunities for residents. Our residents have opportunities to participate in bench and/or clinical research projects under the direction of faculty members eager to have resident involvement. Research is supported and encouraged during residency and every resident who is interested in research has ample opportunities to explore.

• **Advanced Competency** – This defined program helps interested residents engage in research early and effectively through exposure to research mentors and research skills development. Residents who complete a project and present at regional/national meetings earn a certificate for their research.

• **Research elective** – Residents are encouraged to take an elective month to start a small research project. Research mentors are easily accessible at The Abigail Wexner Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s.

• **Present at a regional/national meeting** – Residents selected to present their research at a regional and/or national meeting have an opportunity to apply for funding to attend the meeting.

• **Integrated Research Pathway** – This program is designed to provide significant research time and experience for selected residents committed to a career in academics. Residents must declare interest in this ABP-pathway during their first nine months of training. During the second and third years, residents in this pathway have 12 months of protected research time.

Pathway participants must complete a subspecialty fellowship after residency and may only need two years in a fellowship for fellowship board eligibility.

“Nationwide Children’s does an amazing job of choosing intelligent, caring and fun residents to staff this beautiful hospital. The intern year has been super difficult but having these amazing people as my coworkers and support system has been invaluable, and I don’t know how I would have done it without them!”

– Tori Vinsant, MD
More About Nationwide Children’s

Founded by a determined group of women in 1892, Nationwide Children’s began as a local charity to serve a dozen very ill children. Throughout the following century, this tiny, community-funded mission matured into a health care system that spans America as one of the preferred providers of pediatric health care. Once again listed on U.S. News & World Report’s Best Children’s Hospitals Honor Roll, Nationwide Children’s Hospital is one of the nation’s largest not-for-profit freestanding pediatric health care networks providing wellness, preventive, diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitative care for infants, children and adolescents, as well as adult patients with congenital disease.

Nationwide Children’s remains true to the original mission since its founding in 1892 of providing care regardless of a family’s ability to pay.

Nationwide Children’s has a medical staff of over 1,400 and more than 12,000 employees providing state-of-the-art pediatric care for 1.5 million patient visits annually. As home to the Department of Pediatrics of The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Nationwide Children’s physicians train the next generation of pediatricians and pediatric specialists.

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Located in downtown Columbus, Nationwide Children’s is one of the nation’s most progressive and sophisticated health care institutions. Specialty areas include surgery, heart transplant/cardiac care, cancer, trauma, rehabilitation, dialysis, bone marrow transplant, lung transplant, kidney transplant, neurosciences and research.

Nationwide Children’s is also the region’s only pediatric Level 1 Trauma Center. Additionally, The Center for Family Safety and Healing brings abuse investigation, assessment and treatment under one roof, and provides services to all victims of domestic violence. This freestanding center presents a core model that is nationally unique.

Social Life

There are a variety of annual, leisure activities for residents. As a Nationwide Children’s resident, plan to attend:

- House Staff Recognition Dinner – a formal departing resident appreciation dinner
- Shrimp Extravaganza – an entertaining dinner sendoff honoring departing residents
- Medical Staff Holiday Social – a holiday gathering for the medical staff and trainees
- Welcome Family Picnic – a family picnic to welcome interns
- Sport Teams – resident softball, flag football, kickball and volleyball teams, among others
- Parties – Super Bowl, Halloween and others

Resident Center

The Resident Center is the heart of resident activities, offering a well-appointed place to socialize and build relationships with fellow residents. It features a fully equipped meeting space with areas dedicated to rest and relaxation. The conference room is used for noon report, conferences and weekly didactic lectures. Overnight residents have two floors of private sleeping rooms, with private or shared bathrooms. The Resident Center has a kitchen, large-screen television, leather couches, computers and pediatric on-call rooms with computer access. In the basement, there is an exercise space that residents can use when they have some down-time.

Benefits

Our residents receive a comprehensive package of benefits:

- Competitive salary
- Relocation assistance to help pay your costs to move to Columbus for residency
- Meal allowance, license fees, parking and health insurance
- Paid time off for vacation
- Paid leave (for personal/family illness, bereavement, birth or adoption of a child)
- Academic enrichment fund
- Moonlighting opportunities and more

To learn more about our residency programs, visit: Nationwidechildrens.org/for-Medical-Professionals/Residency--Fellowship
Experience Columbus

With a population of 780,000, Columbus is the 14th largest city in the United States. The city is perfect for active lifestyles, having recently invested $20 million to develop a growing system of bike and fitness trails that connect the suburbs and river trails to downtown’s $44 million riverfront park system restoration. Columbus is recognized for its neighborhoods ranging from historic to hopping, for its fabulous casual and fine dining venues, shopping experiences, museums and more. If you are a sports enthusiast, there is no off season in the Columbus area with a wide variety of events and venues.

One of the most open and smart cities in the country, Columbus is diverse and home to one of the largest young professional networks in the country. There are several young professional organizations that regularly hold networking events, social and philanthropic activities.

One of our city’s proud achievements is the diversity of its economic base. Columbus is at the heart of the largest concentration of population and economic activity in North America. Government, service, distribution, retail and manufacturing companies all make Columbus their headquarters. Columbus also fosters an emerging tech-start-up and retail scene as well.

Because of the diversity of educational and employment opportunities in Columbus, there are many options for a resident’s spouse or partner. We are happy to provide your spouse or partner with professional assistance finding employment.

Some facts about Columbus:

- It’s one of the world’s leading centers for scientific and technological research with facilities at The Ohio State University, Chemical Abstracts Service, Online Computer Library Center, Battelle Memorial Institute and the Abigail Wexner Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s.

Not to brag, but there’s more—way more. Visit www.Columbus.gov, www.ExperienceColumbus.com and ColumbusRegion.com to learn more about Columbus.

Columbus is centrally located within a day’s drive of Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Toronto, New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.
We’re Accessible
Columbus is within 550 miles of nearly half the nation’s population. Weekend getaways are easy. Also, John Glenn Columbus International Airport, which is just minutes from the central business district and less than ten minutes from Nationwide Children’s, offers many daily nonstop departures to 40 airports. During the work week, the average Columbus commute is just 20 minutes, and depending on where you choose to live, it can be significantly less.

Education
There are also plenty of suburban and private school options for great K-12 education in Columbus. Columbus, Ohio is home to nearly 60 college and university campuses offering a variety of learning options for every student. Leading the way is The Ohio State University, which is regularly honored as one of the nation’s top 20 public universities.

Housing
You will find more affordable housing options in Columbus than in most comparable metropolitan areas. From newly developed to well-established neighborhoods, there are distinct and charming areas close to Nationwide Children’s, including neighborhoods that offer great diversity in the arts, cultural events, restaurants, sports and nightlife:

- German Village – The largest privately-funded preservation district on the National Register of Historic Places. The brick-paved streets are lined with charming early to mid-19th century homes.
- Short North – An eclectic home to art galleries, independent retail shops, restaurants and nightlife that spans 14 blocks along High Street.
- Victorian Village – Grand mansions and “painted ladies” from the Victorian Era edge the walkable streets. Nestled between downtown and The Ohio State University, offering access to Goodale Park, a dog-friendly neighborhood park.
- Arena District – Surrounding Nationwide Arena, Huntington Park and the LC Pavillion and within walking distance of downtown and the Short North, offering affordable, newly developed flats, studio apartments and condominiums.
- Grandview and Marble Cliff – Very desirable areas because of their historic character and popularity with young professionals who want to be close to downtown Columbus.
- Clintonville – A wonderful family neighborhood just north of the OSU campus, featuring a variety of appealing, older-style homes.
- Suburban neighborhoods – Tremendous suburbs, such as Dublin, Gahanna, New Albany and Upper Arlington offering a mix of environments from historic, quaint neighborhoods to new smart-growth developments.
- Charm Worth the Commute—Delaware, north of Columbus, is the fastest growing community in Ohio and looks like the quintessential small town. Also north of the city, nearby Amish communities add to the appeal of Marysville and Plain City. To the east, you’ll find the Village of Granville, a quaint, New England style community.

“Columbus’s sizable millennial population need never be bored. Between the green and floral Franklin Park Conservatory, creative food venues, unusual art, and good old ball games, young people have plenty of choices for energetic entertainment in the city. In addition, Columbus is convenient—and surprisingly walkable—which means you don’t necessarily need a car to get around.”

– Money, Time.com
Arts and Entertainment
Give your right-brain its due and spark your creativity with Columbus’s incredible range of visual and performing arts. A hub of arts and culture, Columbus offers a symphony orchestra, grand and light opera companies, one of the nation’s top ballet companies and several top-notch art museums. Theaters thrive and eclectic live music can be found every night of the week. Annual festivals celebrate Columbus’ past and present, including the nationally renowned Ohio State Fair, diverse Columbus Arts Festival, delicious Jazz and Rib Fest, the Dublin Irish Festival, culturally rich Asian Festival, Latino Festival, Indian Festival, robust German Village Oktoberfest and the largest Independence Day celebration in the Midwest, “Red, White and BOOM!”

Getting Away
Central Ohio offers many exciting weekend getaways, including Hocking Hills State Park for camping, rock climbing and hiking, Kings Island and Cedar Point amusement parks, lakes for fishing and boating, and the ever-popular Put-in-Bay on Lake Erie are within hours of Columbus.

Sports
As any fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes can tell you, Columbus is a sports town. The Ohio State University’s home football games regularly attract more than 100,000 fans. Columbus also is home to the National Hockey League’s Columbus Blue Jackets, Major League Soccer’s Columbus Crew and the Columbus Clippers, the Triple-A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians. Each May, the world’s top golfers gather in Columbus for the Professional Golfers’ Association’s Memorial Tournament.

Outdoor Activities
Columbus maintains one of the country’s largest systems of metropolitan parks, beautiful citywide green space with numerous wooded trails for hiking and hiking, and cross-country ski trails and sledding hills in the winter. Downhill skiing is within one hour of Columbus. With many lakes and rivers nearby, residents enjoy canoeing, boating, swimming, fishing and camping. Columbus is the hometown of Jack Nicklaus and golf is tremendously popular, as well. The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium is home to nearly 10,000 animals and over 600 species from around the globe. It also is well known for animal enthusiast and director emeritus “Jungle” Jack Hanna.

To learn more about Columbus, visit ExperienceColumbus.com and their social media sites: Twitter.com/ExpCols and Facebook.com/ExperienceColumbus.