



Southern Municipal Leadership Conference

AGENDA OVERVIEW

Lexington, Kentucky

Marriott City Center

April 22–24, 2026

SMC Signature Sponsor: Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Optional Pre-Conference Event: Keeneland – Stakes Lounge at The Lafayette Room

Experience an iconic Kentucky afternoon at Keeneland from the exclusive Stakes Lounge on the fourth floor of The Lafayette Room. This space offers panoramic views of the racetrack and the rolling Bluegrass countryside, with tiered seating and balcony access that allow guests to fully enjoy the energy and excitement of live racing.

Bus transportation provided to and from Keeneland

Registration at Marriott City Center

Welcome Reception at Marriott City Center

Dinner on Your Own

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Breakfast

Visit to Coolmore America (Versailles, KY)

We will visit the historic grounds of Coolmore America to see two of the most celebrated stallions in modern racing up close - legendary Triple Crown winners American Pharoah and Justify.

Visit to Maker's Mark Distillery

At Maker's Mark, we will have an exclusive opportunity to meet and interact with Kentucky legend Bill Samuels, Jr. In addition to exploring the distillery and learning about its bourbon-making traditions, lunch will be provided on site.

Dinner at The Kentucky Castle

Delegates will enjoy an elegant dinner at The Kentucky Castle featuring a multi-course menu thoughtfully paired with select Kentucky bourbons. This special experience, will include refined regional cuisine, curated bourbon pairings, and the unique atmosphere of one of the Commonwealth's most iconic venues.

Bus transportation provided for delegates throughout the day as well as for dinner.

Friday, April 24, 2026**SMC Board Meeting over Breakfast****State Reports**