Expo Catadores 2026

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GENERAL RULES

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> English supporting translation. The official Portuguese document prevails in the event of any discrepancy.

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These guidelines are intended for participants, organizing teams, state coordinators, partners, sponsors, and the other institutions involved.

1. ABOUT EXPOCATADORES

ExpoCatadores is the world's largest gathering of recyclable material waste pickers and one of Latin America's leading inclusive circular economy events.

The event is organized by Ancat (National Association of Recyclable Material Waste Pickers), MNCR (National Movement of Recyclable Material Waste Pickers), the category's self-organization movement, and UNICATADORES (National Union of Waste Pickers), the category's representative organization.

For the 2026 edition, Instituto CataSampa is the project proponent under the Recycling Incentive Law (LIR).

ExpoCatadores promotes the exchange of experiences, the strengthening of waste picker organizations, and debate on issues that are essential to the category, such as payment for services provided, professional recognition, working conditions, socio-productive inclusion, and the participation of cooperatives and associations in selective waste collection.

2. WASTE PICKERS' CHRISTMAS: A GATHERING OF FELLOWSHIP, HOPE, AND DIGNITY

The Waste Pickers' Christmas is part of the official ExpoCatadores 2026 program and represents a special moment of fellowship, welcome, unity, and recognition of the category.

More than a celebration, the dinner is an act of love for others. It embodies the true meaning of fellowship: recognizing one another as brothers and sisters, sharing bread, offering a warm welcome, and understanding that, despite our different life stories, we are united by dreams, challenges, and hopes.

For many waste pickers who face countless socioeconomic difficulties every day, this celebration is an opportunity to experience the joy of a plentiful table, exchange embraces, reunite with fellow workers from different regions of the country, and celebrate Christmas with dignity.

Each place at the table represents a life story of resilience, work, and overcoming hardship. Each embrace carries the strength of our category, which, even in the face of adversity, contributes every day to environmental preservation and the construction of a better world.

The initiative reaffirms ExpoCatadores' commitment to food security, social inclusion, human dignity, and recognition of those who do so much for our society.

3. EVENT DATE AND VENUE

ExpoCatadores 2026 will take place on December 16, 17, and 18 at Expo Center Norte, in the city of São Paulo, State of São Paulo.

The venue has infrastructure for large-scale events and will welcome WASTE PICKERS from different regions of Brazil, as well as authorities, institutional representatives, exhibitors, partners, sponsors, and visitors.

4. MANDATORY REGISTRATION

Registration is mandatory for all ExpoCatadores 2026 participants. Individual registrations must be completed exclusively through the event's official website:

https://expocatadores.com.br

WhatsApp messages, referrals, invitations, or direct contact with the organizing teams, partners, and sponsors do not replace official registration.

MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL ANCAT, MNCR, AND UNICATADORES CARAVANS who have been previously registered by their respective coordinators do not need to complete a new individual registration.

5. PARTICIPATION IN THE OFFICIAL ANCAT, MNCR, AND UNICATADORES CARAVANS

MNCR state coordinators were responsible for nominating waste picker representatives from their respective states.

Participation confirmation and caravan organization were the responsibility of the state coordinators, in accordance with the criteria established by the event organizers.

5.1. Registration

Participants who are duly registered and confirmed on the official caravan lists do not need to complete a new registration on the website. Nomination by the MNCR state coordinator has already secured their participation.

5.2. Meals, accommodation, and kits

Access to meals, accommodation, and event kits is guaranteed exclusively to participants duly confirmed on the official Ancat, MNCR, and UNICATADORES caravan lists, subject to the conditions established by the organizers.

Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the logistical planning of the official caravans.

5.3. Travel by other means

Members of the official caravans who choose to travel by air or by other means outside the logistics established by the organizers must confirm their participation in advance with their respective state coordinator. In these cases, participants must arrange and pay for their own accommodation, at no cost to the event organizers.

6. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION AND INDEPENDENT GROUPS

Individual participants and members of groups organized outside the official ANCAT, MNCR, and UNICATADORES caravans MUST register individually through the official website: https://expocatadores.com.br

Organizing independent groups, excursions, or private caravans does not guarantee access to benefits intended EXCLUSIVELY for the official caravans.

6.1. Conditions of participation

By registering, the participant declares that they are aware of the following conditions:

Participation: registration guarantees participation in ExpoCatadores 2026 in accordance with the event program.

Meals and kits: any provision of meals and event kits is subject to availability and does not constitute a guaranteed benefit under this registration category.

Transport and accommodation: expenses related to transport, tickets, local travel, and accommodation are the sole responsibility of the participant.

The ExpoCatadores organizers will not cover transport, ticket, local travel, or accommodation expenses for participants registered under this category.

6.2. Travel planning

Individual participants and those responsible for organizing independent groups are advised to plan their trip in advance, with particular attention to the following costs:

- Round-trip transport;
- Local travel within the city of São Paulo;
- Accommodation;
- Meals during the stay in the city;
- Other personal expenses.

7. RESPONSIBILITY FOR INFORMATION

Participants are responsible for providing correct information at the time of registration and following the official guidance published by the organizers.

Information, promises, or commitments made by third parties without authorization from the ExpoCatadores organizers do not create an obligation to provide benefits or cover general expenses.

8. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Participation in ExpoCatadores 2026 presupposes awareness of and agreement with the rules established in this document. Any changes or supplementary guidance will be published through the event's official channels.

Cases not covered by this document will be assessed by the ExpoCatadores 2026 organizers.

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- December 16, 17, and 18 | Expo Center Norte | São Paulo, SP
- Yellow Pavilion - Av. Otto Baumgart, 1,000, Vila Guilherme
- Popular Recycling: Tax Justice and Recognition of Work.