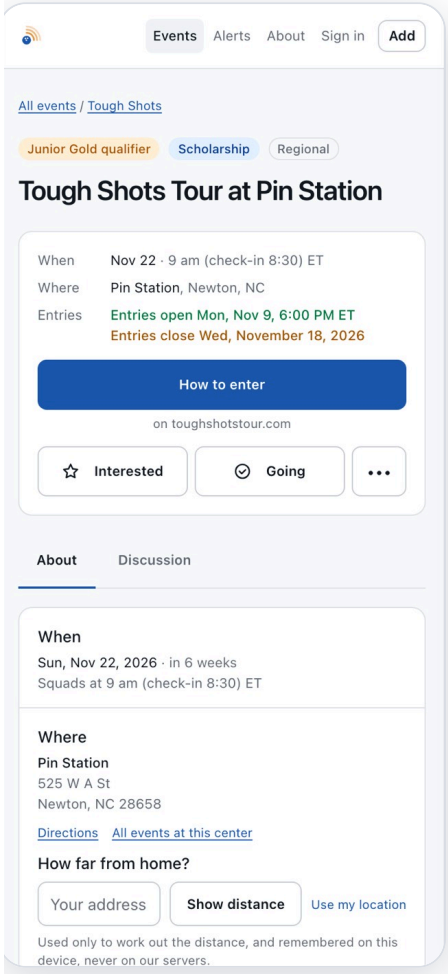
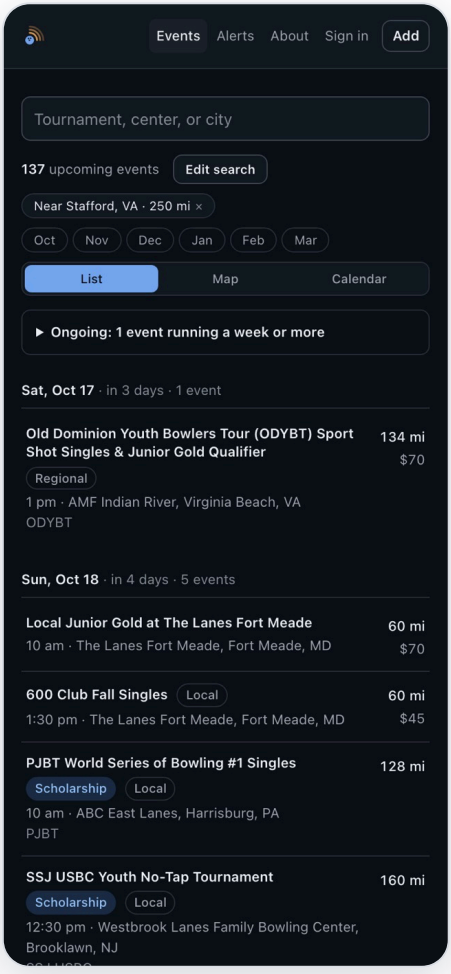
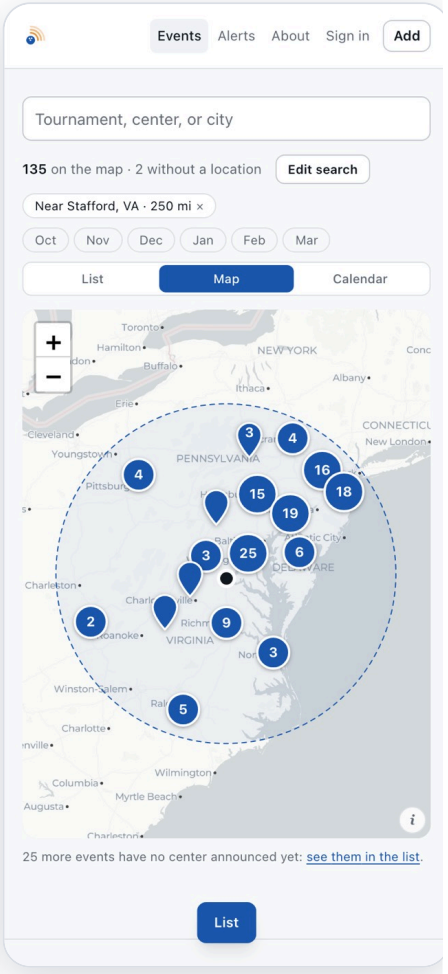
BowlRadar

BowlRadar on the web

How to find youth bowling tournaments near you, plan the trip, and keep up with the events your family is going to.







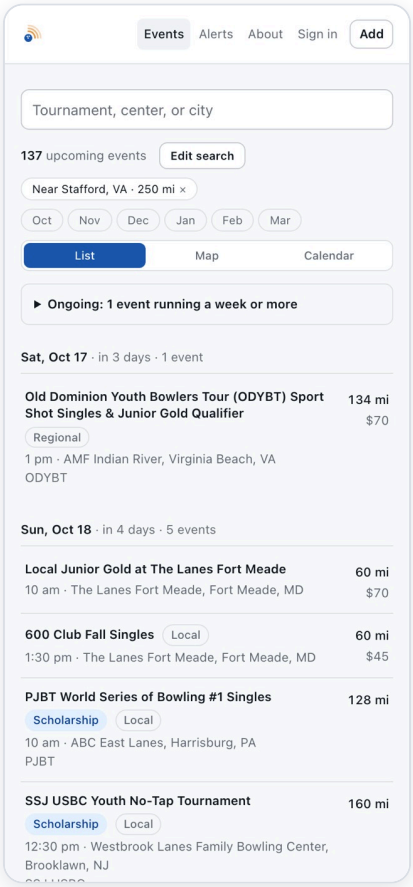
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BowlRadar lists youth bowling tournaments, Junior Gold qualifiers and scholarship events from across the US, with the dates, centers, fees and divisions as each host publishes them. Open bowlradar.com in any browser: there's nothing to install and no account needed to search. This guide walks through each part of the site, phone first, since most families check it at the alley.

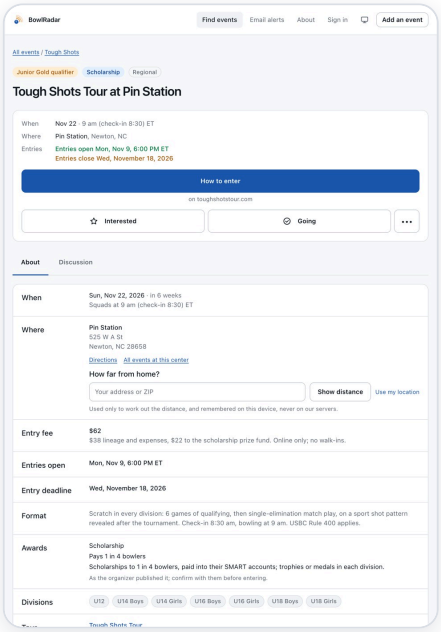
Devices

The same site on every screen, laid out for each: one column on a phone, more room on a tablet, the list beside the map on a computer. It works in any up-to-date browser (Safari, Chrome, Edge, Firefox). On a phone, use your browser's **Add to Home Screen** to open BowlRadar like an app. Once you've opened My account online, your saved events and their pages open even with no signal at the center.



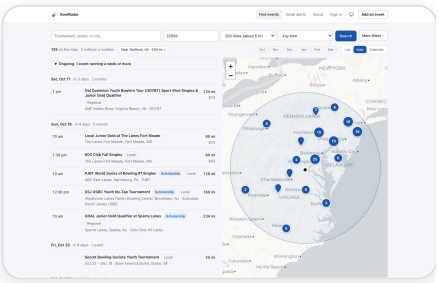
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Everything in one column, search folded behind Edit search.



Tablet

Larger rows and pages, portrait or landscape.

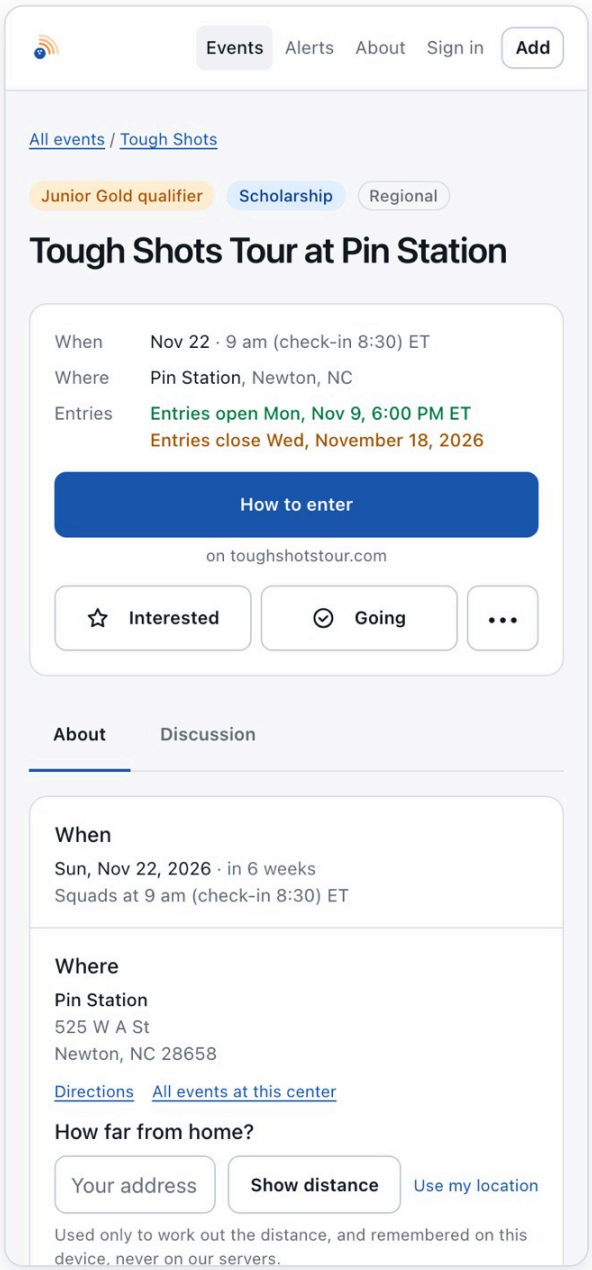


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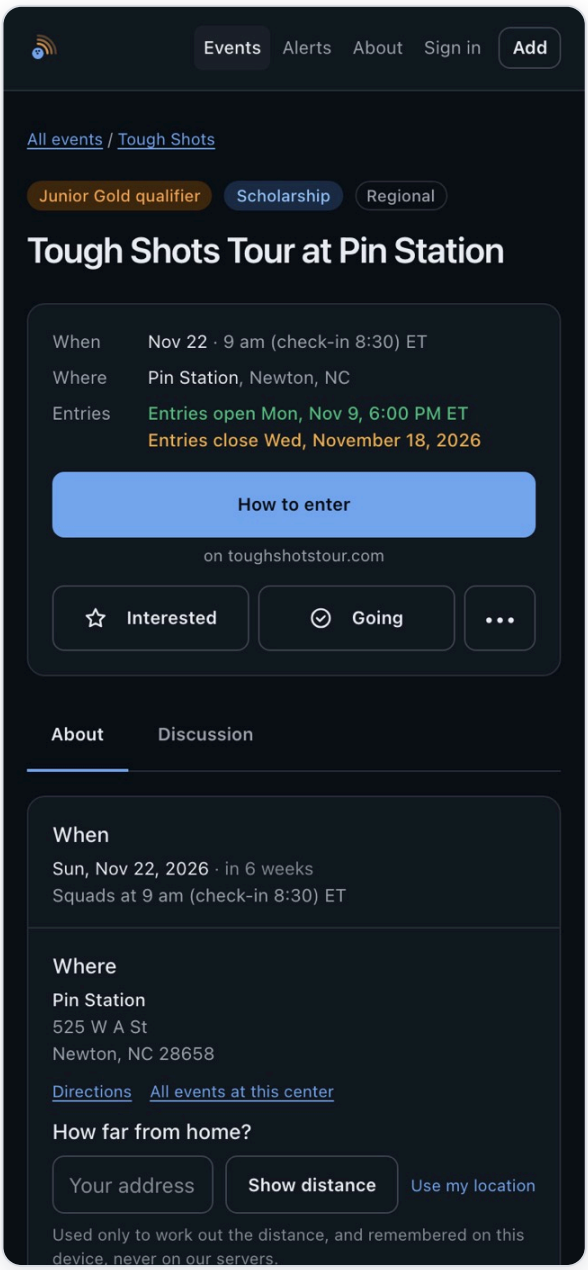
The list beside the map, and a full-width calendar.

Light and dark

BowlRadar follows your device's light or dark setting. To choose for yourself, press the theme switch (in the header on a computer, at the foot of the page on a phone): each press goes **Device**, **Light**, **Dark**. Your choice is remembered in this browser.



Light



Dark

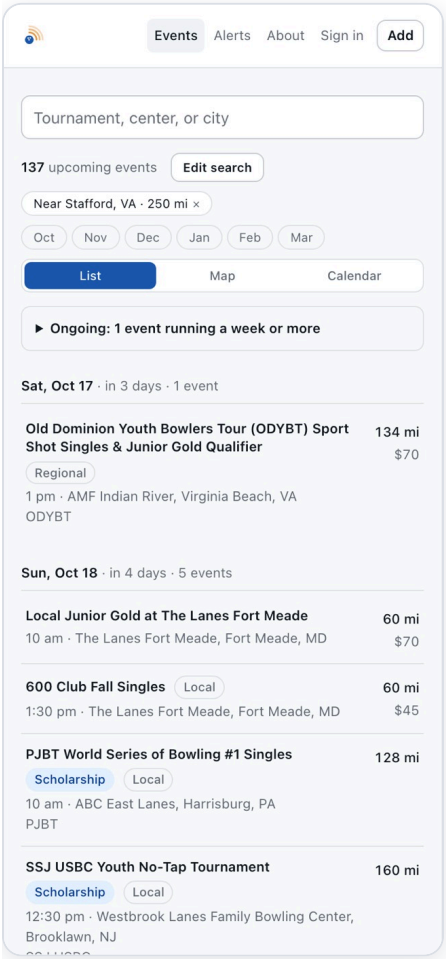
An event page, light and dark

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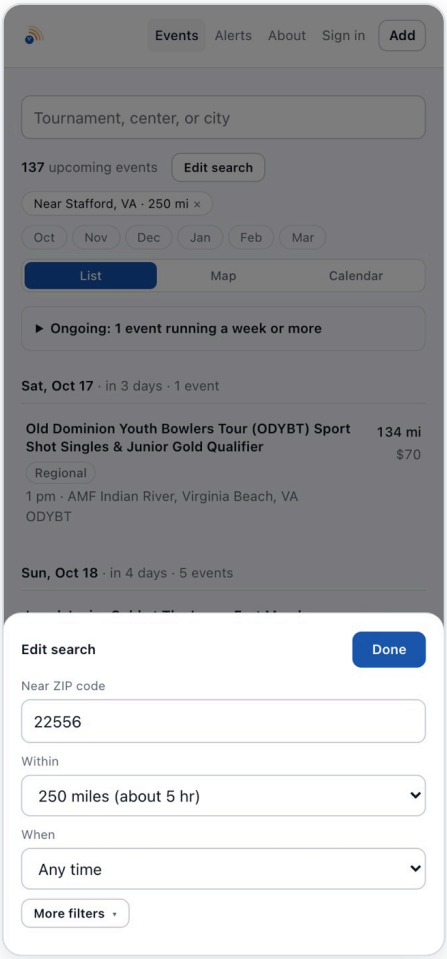
Find events near you

Start at **Events**. Enter your ZIP code and how far you'll travel, and BowlRadar lists every event in reach, grouped by the day it starts, nearest first within each day.

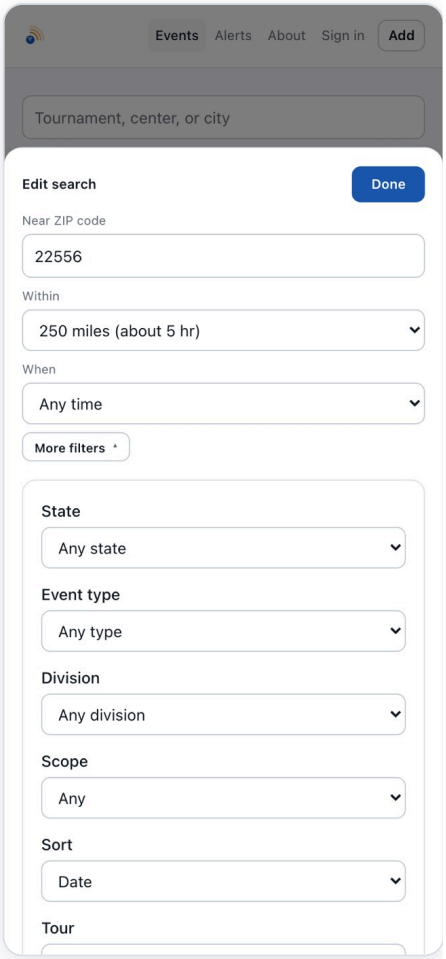
- On a phone, press **Edit search** to change the ZIP code, the distance (each with its rough drive, "250 miles (about 5 hr)") and **When**: any time, this weekend, the next 30 or 60 days, or a month.
- Press a month chip under the search to see just that month.
- **More filters** narrows by state, event type (tournament, Junior Gold qualifier, championship, scholarship, PBA Jr. qualifier, high school, adult/youth, virtual), division, how far the tour reaches (local, regional, national), tour, and the order.
- Each row shows the dates, title, center and town, distance, fee when posted, and badges such as **Junior Gold qualifier**, **Scholarship**, **Sold out** or **Entries open today**.
- Every search has its own web address, so you can bookmark it or text it to another parent.



Events near 22556, by day



Edit search: ZIP, distance, when



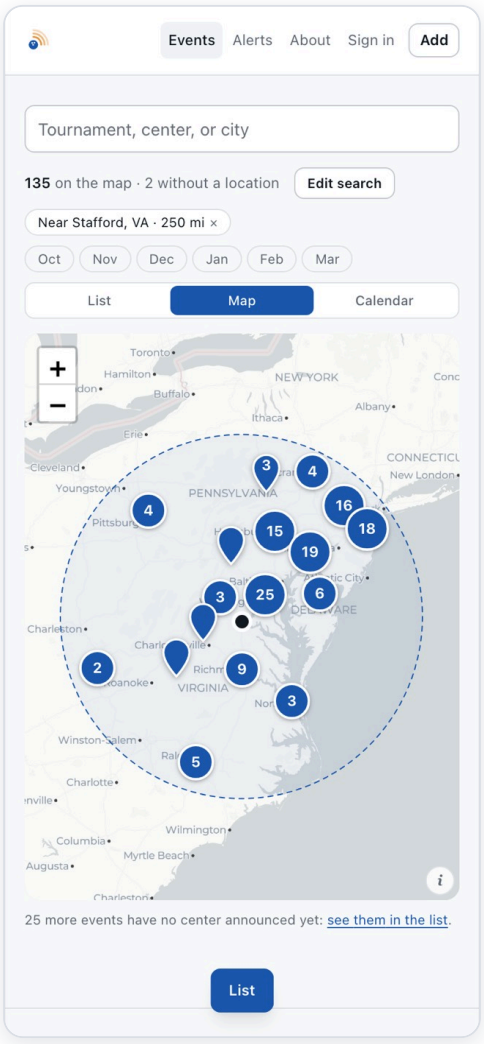
More filters

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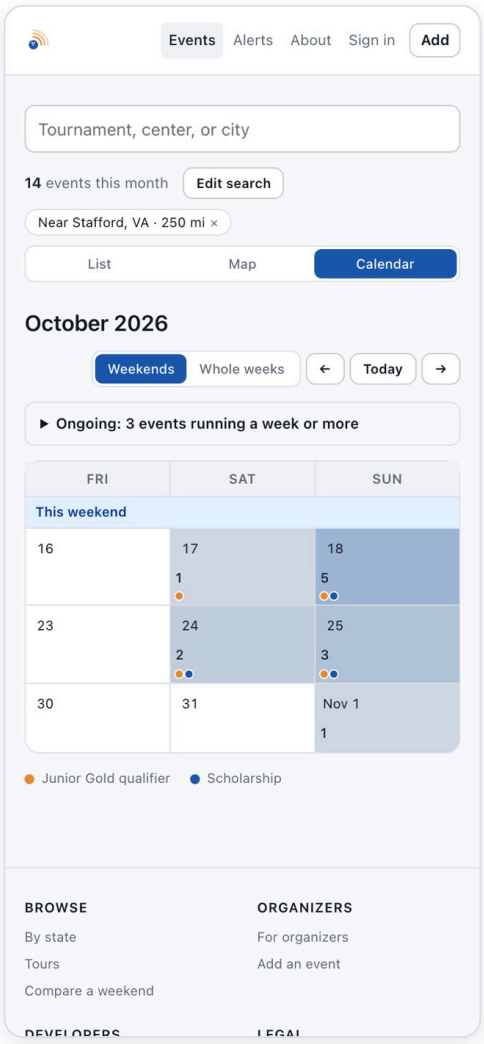
The map and the calendar

The same search three ways: **List**, **Map** or **Calendar**. Your filters stay as you switch.

- **Map**: one marker per center, numbered when several events are close together. Tap a marker for every event there.
- **Calendar**: a day to a cell, opening on weekends (Friday to Sunday). Runs of a week or more sit in their own strip at the top.
- Events whose center isn't announced yet are counted below the map rather than guessed onto it.



Map



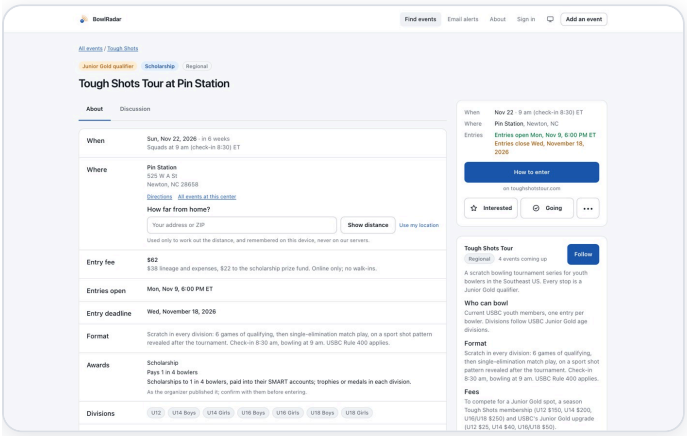
Calendar, weekends first

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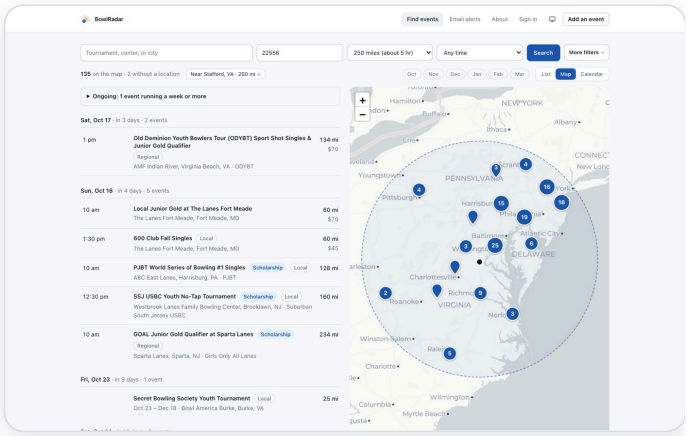
On a bigger screen

On a computer the map shows the list beside it, the calendar spreads across the page, and an event's summary and actions sit in a side column.

- On an event's page, the summary, **How to enter** and **Interested** · **Going** · ••• sit in the side column and stay in view as you read.



An event on a computer: the summary and the row in the side column



Map and list side by side

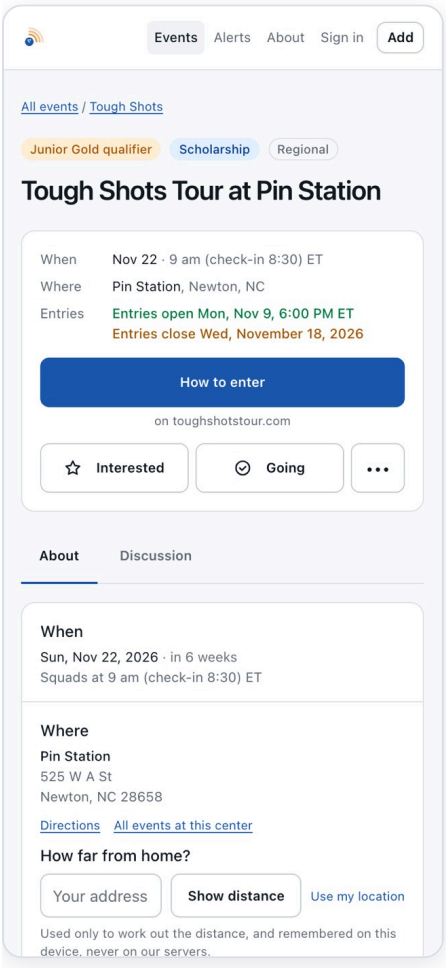
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An event's page

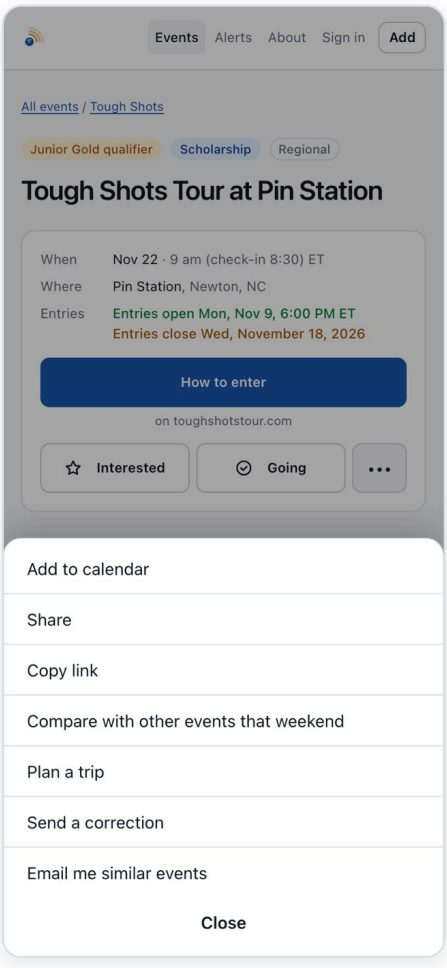
Everything the host has published about one event, facts first. What the host hasn't posted says **not posted**, so you know to ask.

- **The summary**: when (dates, and the first start time in the center's time zone), where (and how far from home, once you've given an address), when entries open and close, and how many families are going.
- **How to enter** opens the host's own entry page, named under the button ("on toughshotstour.com"). BowlRadar lists events; it doesn't take entries.
- **Interested** and **Going** keep the event on your list (sign in to save them). ••• holds the rest: Add to calendar, Share, Copy link, Compare with other events that weekend, Plan a trip, Send a correction, Email me similar events.

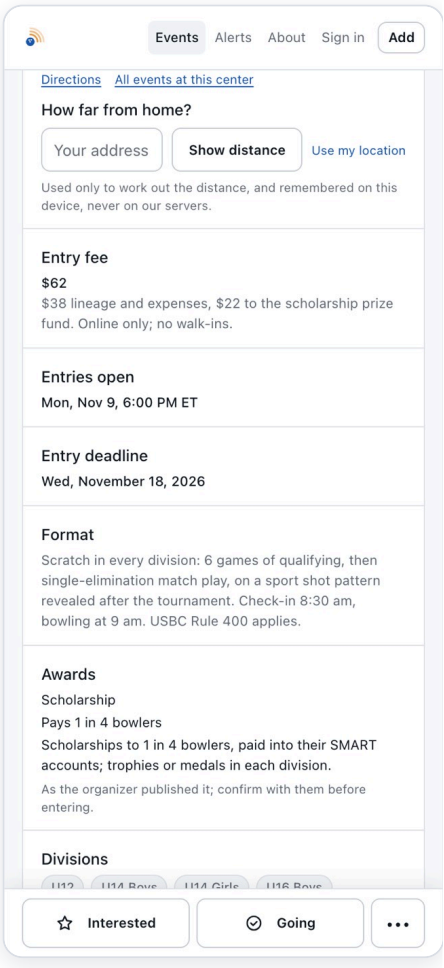
> Popular tours fill within minutes of opening. When an event shows **Entries open**, put the time in your calendar and be ready at that minute.



The summary, How to enter, the action row



••• : the rest, in one place



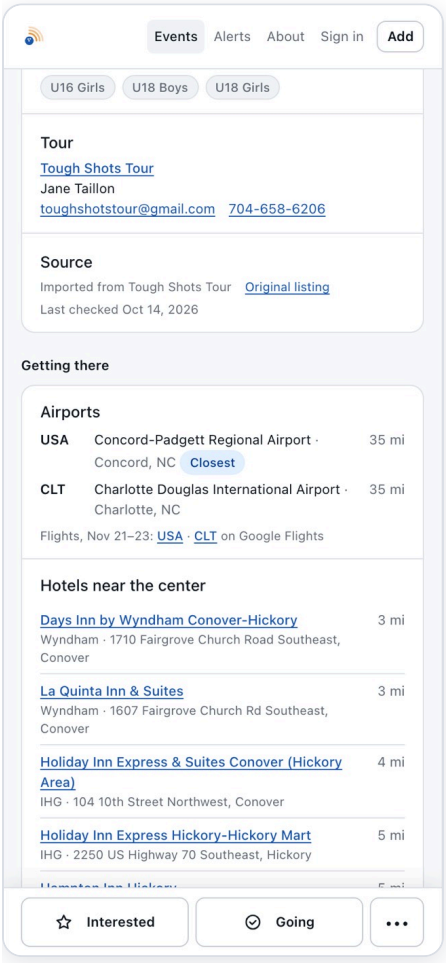
About: fee, deadline, divisions

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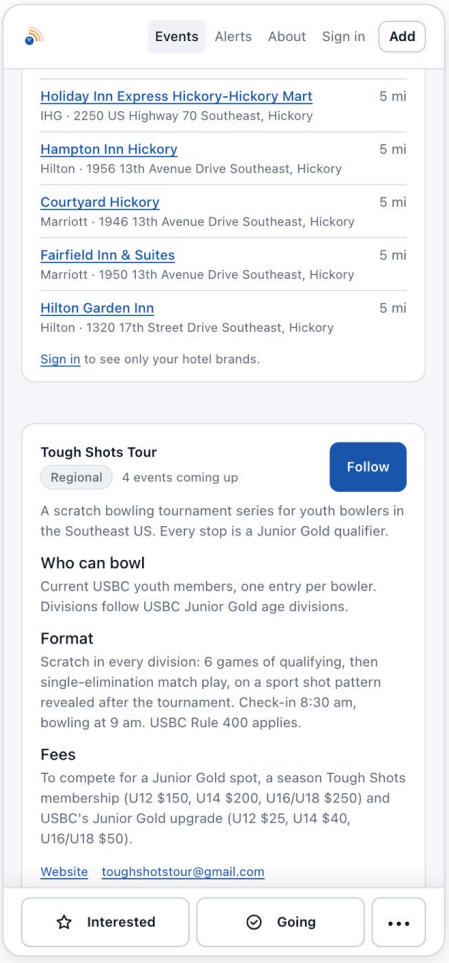
Always one tap away

Scroll down a long event page on a phone and **Interested** · **Going** · ••• stays pinned at the bottom of the screen. On a computer, the summary and the row stay in view at the top of the side column.

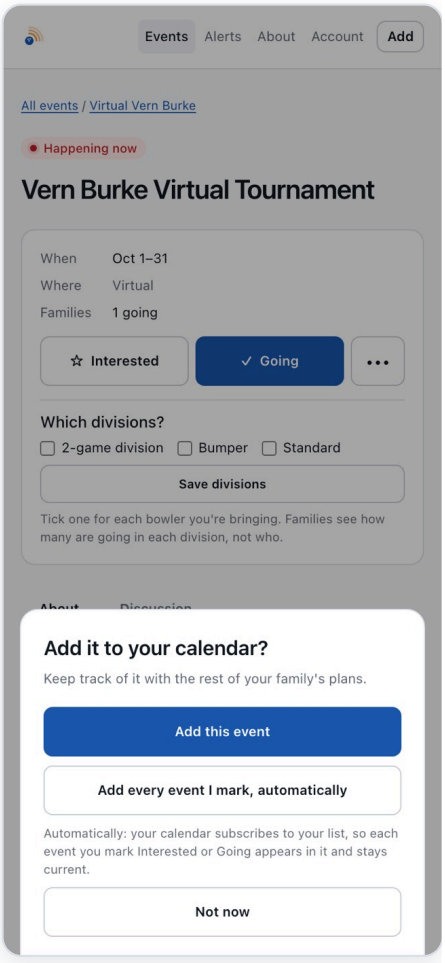
- The **tour's card** shows how far it reaches (Local, Regional or National) and how many of its events are coming up. **Follow** sends you its new events by email each week (signed in, one tap; signed out, it opens the alert form). Press ✓ **Following** to stop.
- Signed in, the first time you mark an event Interested or Going, BowlRadar asks **Add it to your calendar?**: this event, or every event you mark, automatically (your calendar subscribes to your list and stays current). It asks once.



The row pinned while you scroll



The tour's card, with Follow



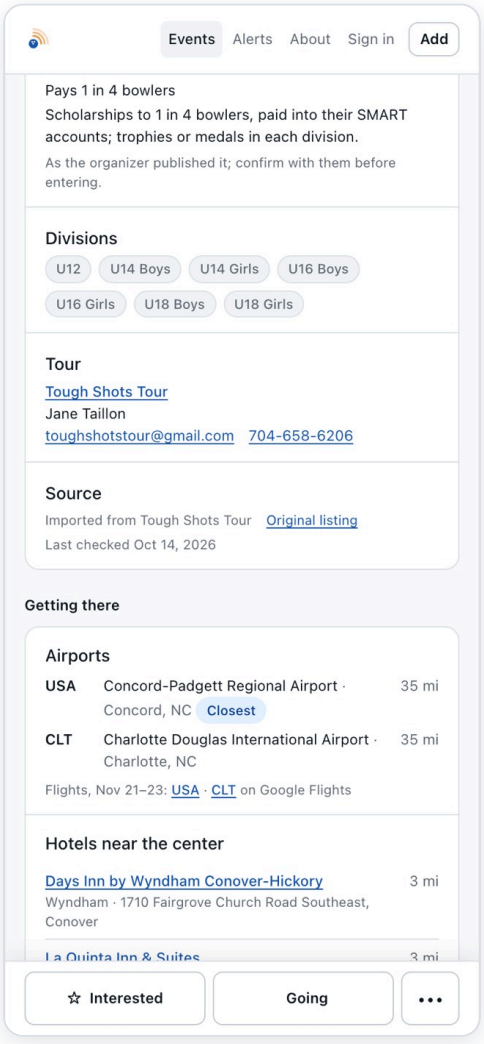
Add it to your calendar?

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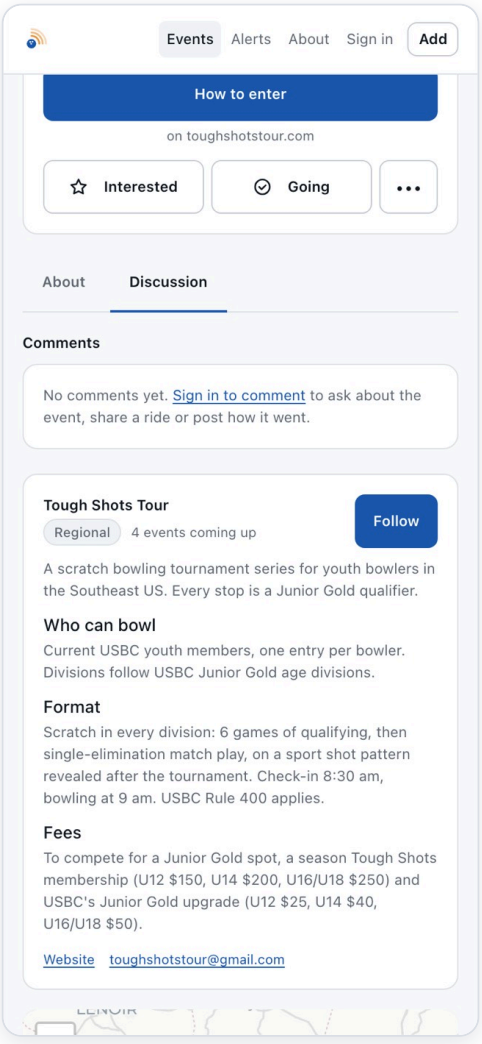
Getting there, and the discussion

Under the summary, two tabs. **About**: the full dates and times, the center with directions and "How far from home?", the fee, deadline, divisions, awards, the tour's details and where the listing came from, then the travel. **Discussion**: the comments.

- **Airports**: each with its distance and a Google Flights search around the event's dates.
- **Hotels near the center**: the closest ones first. Signed in, the hotel companies you prefer are listed first.
- **Discussion**: questions and answers about the event from other families and the tournament director, with the count on the tab. Sign in to post; the event's directors are emailed about new comments.



Airports and hotels



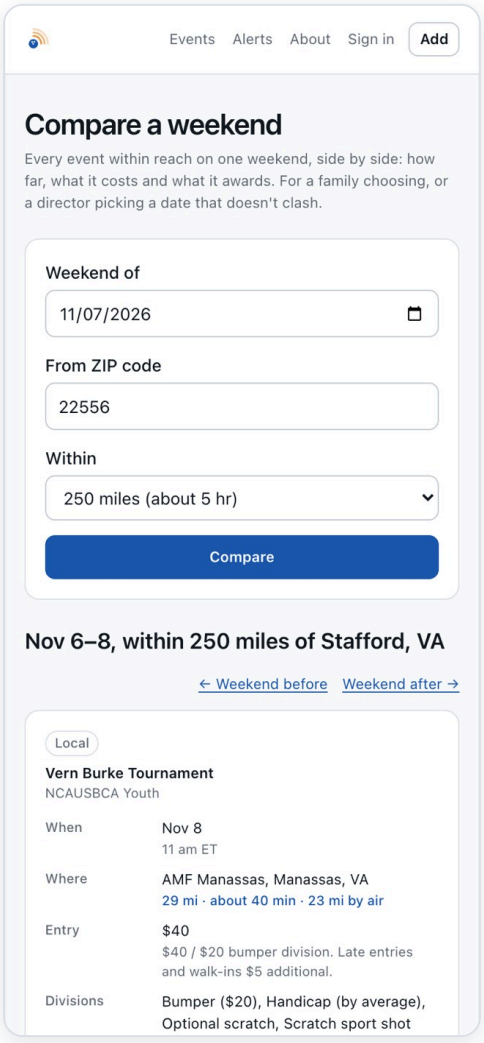
Discussion

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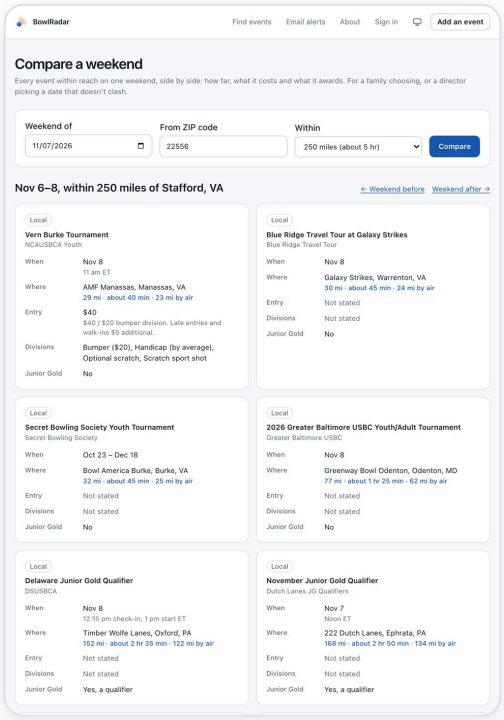
Compare a weekend

Deciding between events on the same weekend? **Compare a weekend** lays them side by side.

- Open it from an event's **Compare with other events that weekend**, or from Find events.
- Choose the weekend, your ZIP code and how far, and press **Compare**.
- Each event shows its distance and drive, time, fee, field size, divisions and awards, so the differences are easy to see.
- Tournament directors use the same page to pick a date that doesn't clash with another event nearby.



A weekend near Stafford, VA



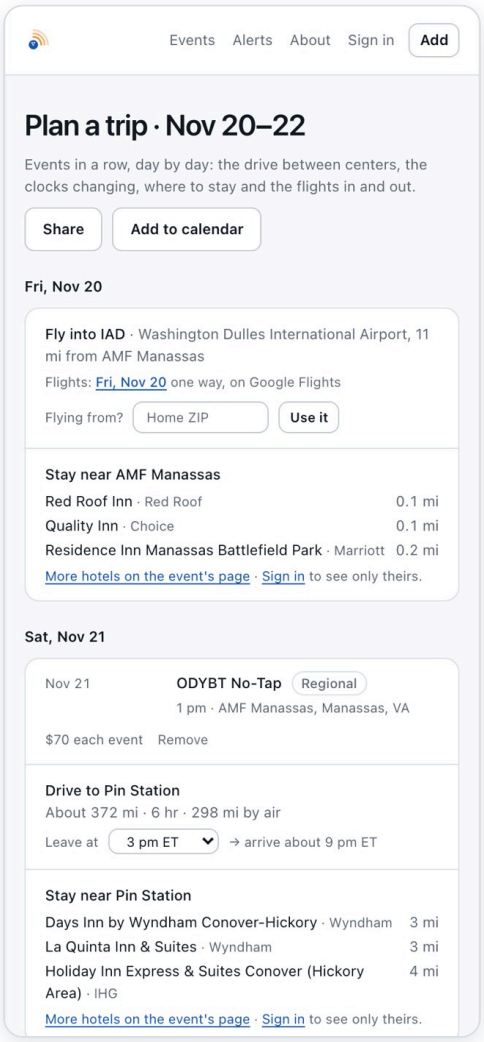
On a tablet

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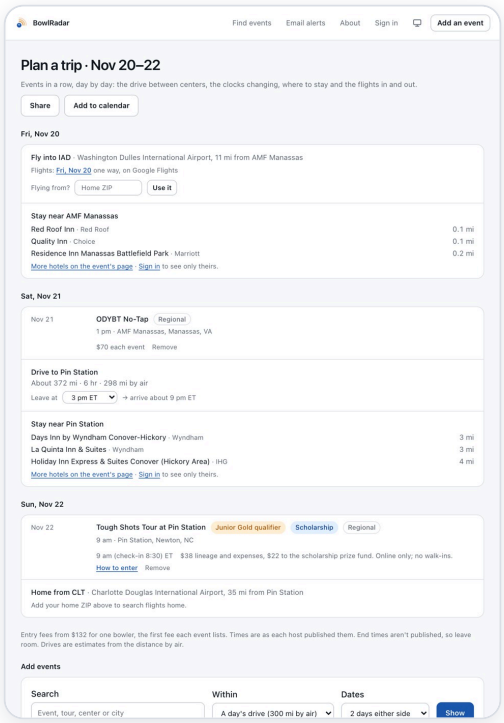
Plan a trip

Bowling two or more events in a row? **Plan a trip** builds the trip day by day.

- Start from **Plan a trip** under an event's Getting there, or **Plan this trip** on My account, and add up to four events.
- Each day shows the flight in from your home airport, where to stay near each center, and the drive between events, with the clocks changing when you cross a time zone and when you'd arrive at the time you choose to leave.
- **Share** sends the trip as a link; **Add to calendar** saves it. Nothing is stored: the trip is its web address.



Two events, Nov 20 to 22



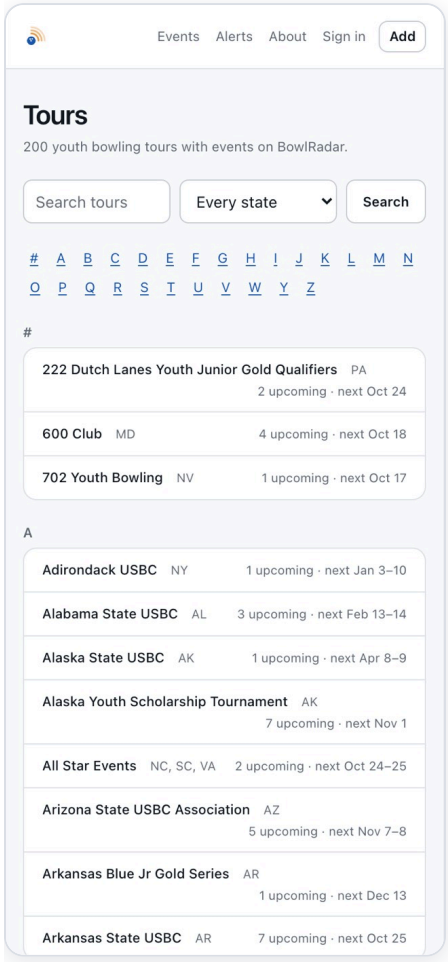
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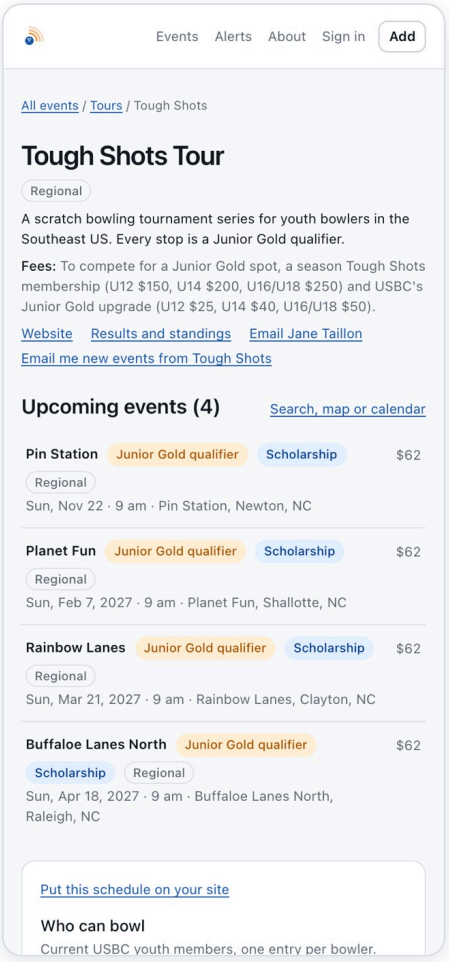
Tours and states

Every tour, association and series BowlRadar lists, and every state's events.

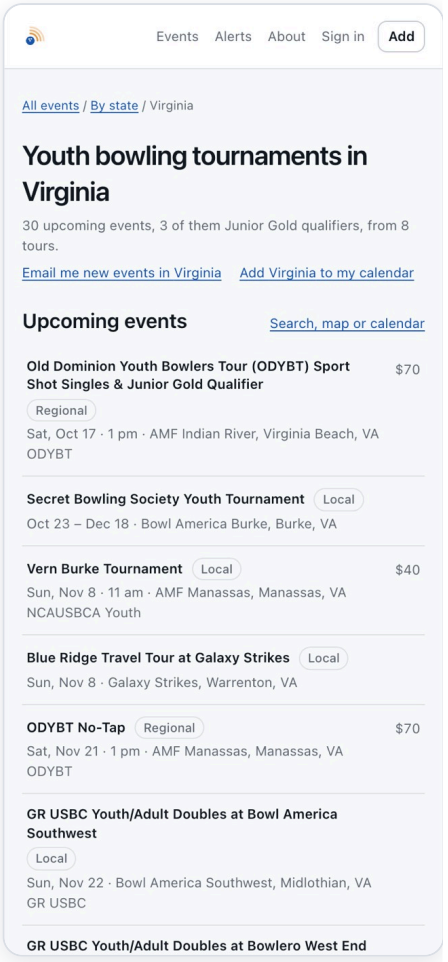
- **Tours**: A to Z, searchable, with each tour's reach and its next event.
- A tour's page has who can bowl, its format, fees and scholarships, links and contact, its upcoming and recent events, and **Follow** (signed in) to be emailed its new events.
- A state's page lists every upcoming event there, with a link to email alerts for that state.



Tours A to Z



A tour's page

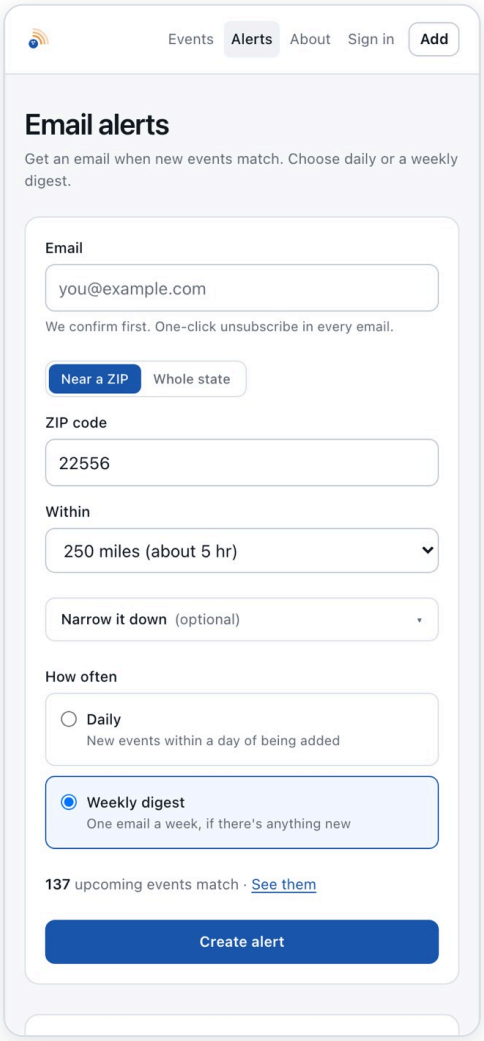


A state's events

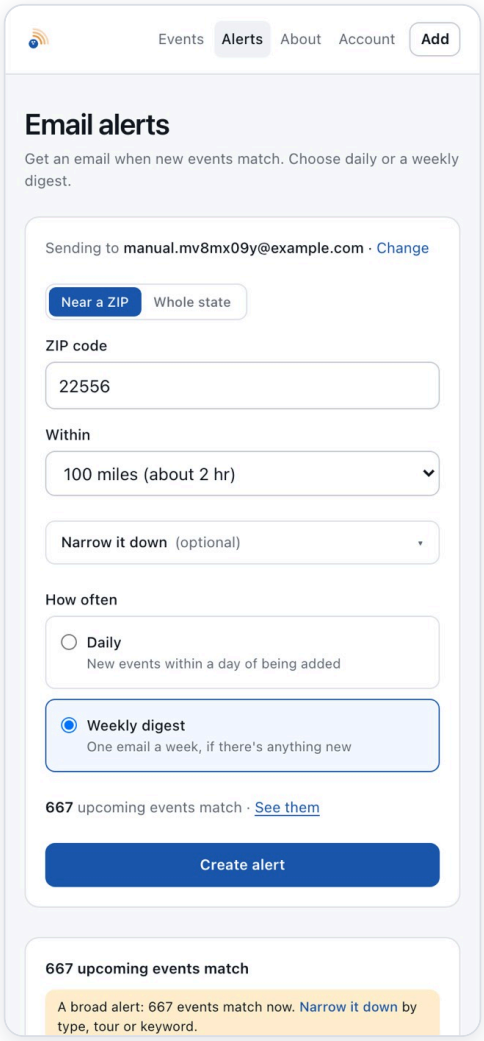
Email alerts

Get an email when new events match your search, daily or as a weekly digest.

- Open **Alerts**, enter your email, then **Near a ZIP** (with a distance) or a **Whole state**.
- **Narrow it down** to event types, tours or a word, if you like. The page shows how many events match now.
- Choose **Daily** or **Weekly digest** and press **Create alert**. Someone else's address must confirm by email first; signed in, your own alert starts at once.
- Every email has a one-click unsubscribe. Signed in, your alerts are listed above the form to edit or delete.



A new alert



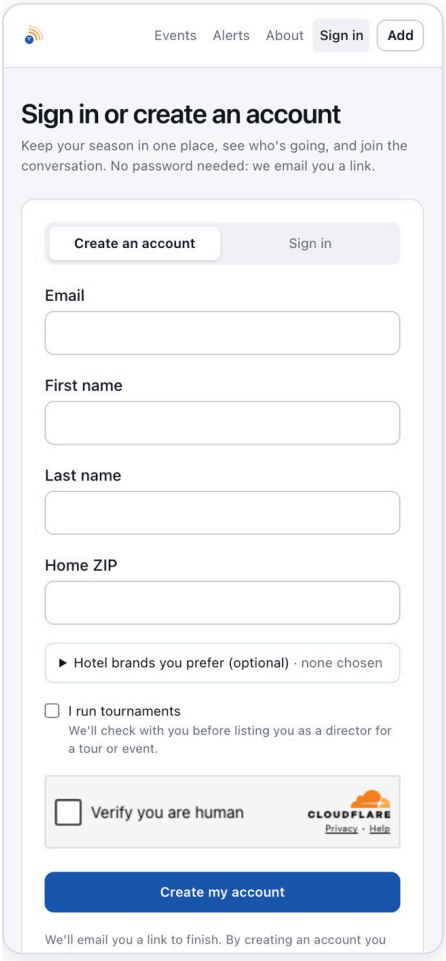
Signed in: your address filled in

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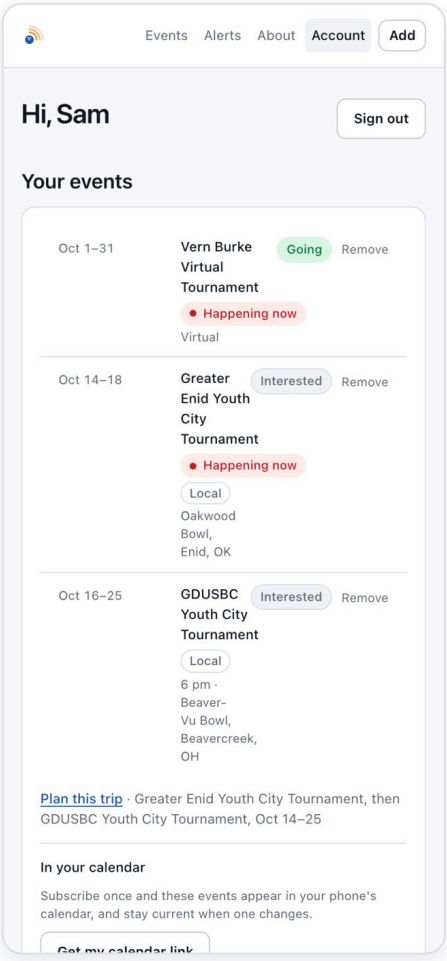
Your account

Sign in with your email: no password. BowlRadar emails you a link, and you're in.

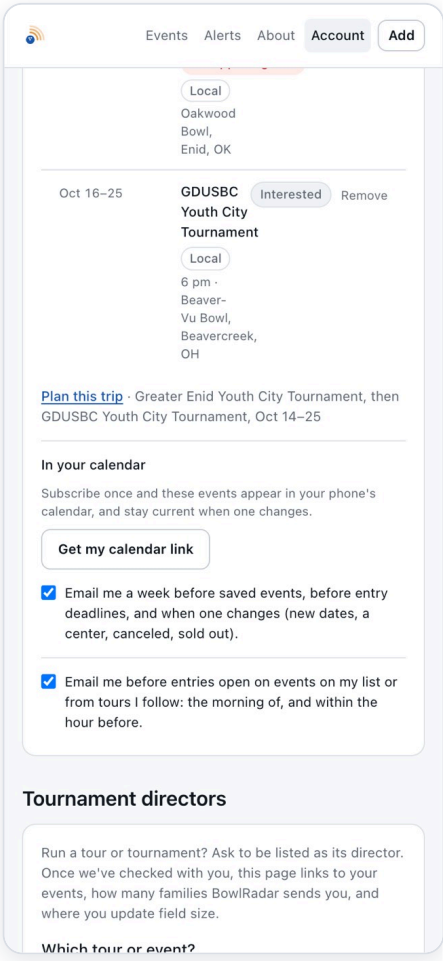
- **Create an account** with your email, name and home ZIP code; afterward, **Sign in** with your email alone.
- **Your events** lists everything you marked Interested or Going, soonest first, with **Plan this trip** when several fall close together.
- **Get my calendar link** puts your events in your phone's calendar, kept up to date.
- Reminders: an email the week before each event, before its entry deadline, and when one changes (new dates, a center, canceled, sold out).
- **Email me before entries open**: for events on your list or from tours you follow, an email the morning of and within the hour before entries open.
- Once you've opened My account online, your events and their pages open with no signal, marked "Saved copy from" and when.



Sign in or create an account



Your events



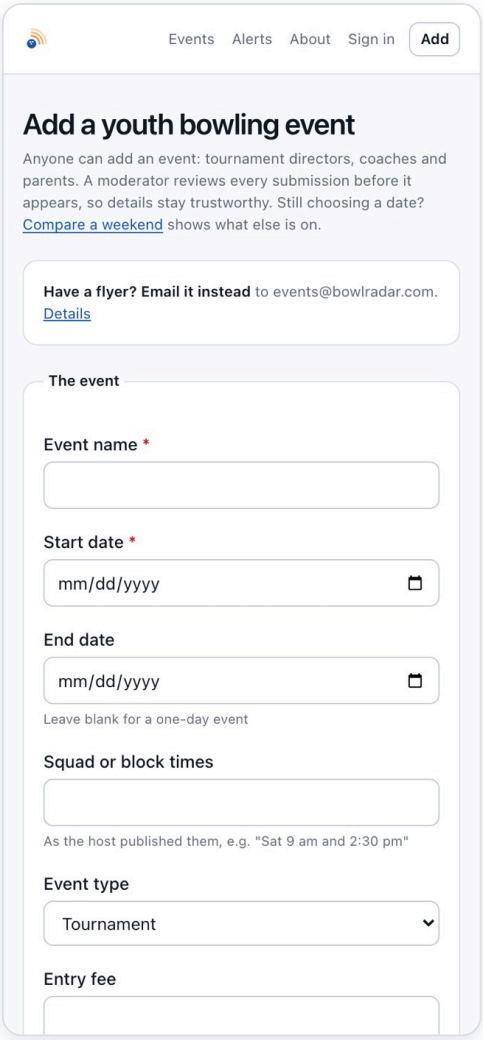
Calendar link and email switches

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Add an event or a correction

Know of an event BowlRadar doesn't have, or a detail that's changed? Send it in.

- Press **Add** at the top of any page, fill in what the flyer says, and send it. A person checks every one before it goes up.
- Or email the flyer to **events@bowlradar.com**.
- On an event page, **Send a correction** sends a change for that event.



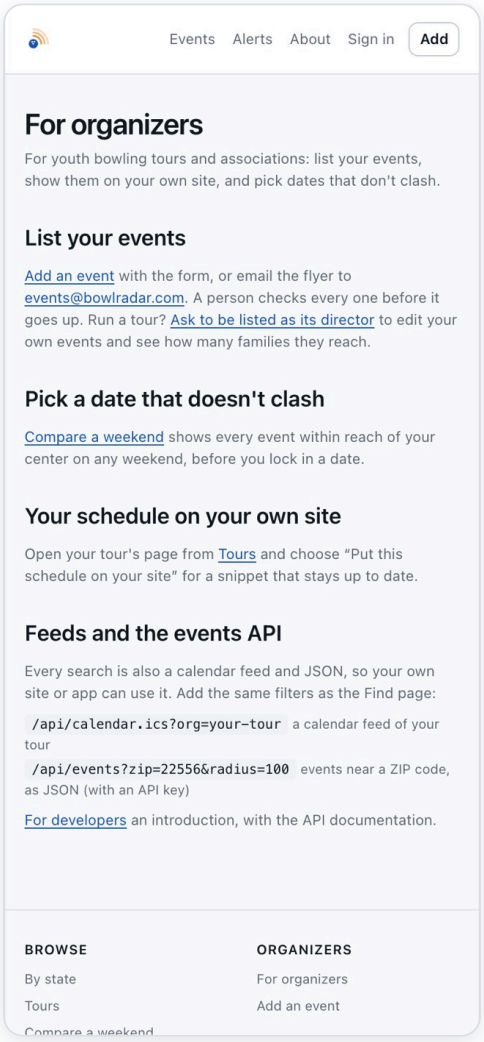
Add a youth bowling event

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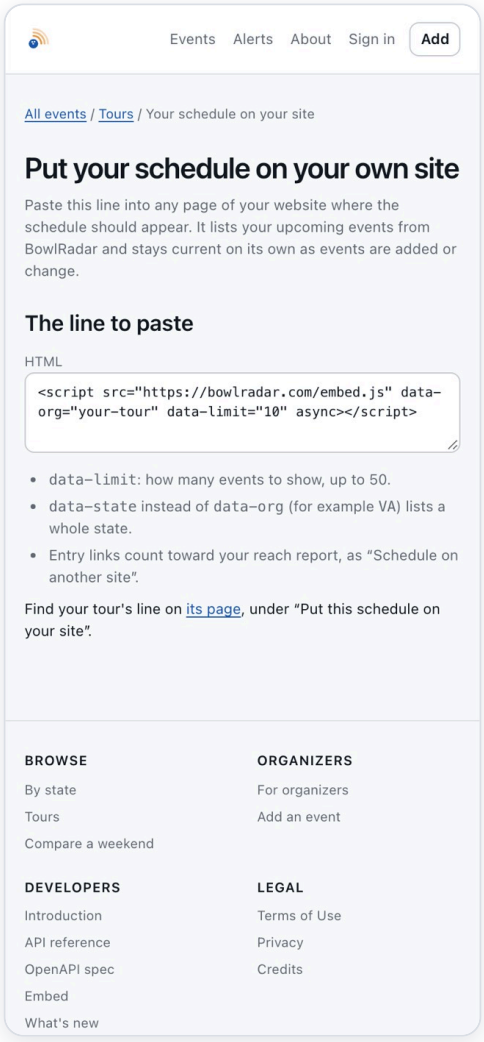
For tournament directors and tours

Directors can list events, check dates, and put their schedule on their own site.

- **Ask to be listed as a director** on My account. Once staff have checked, you edit your own events and tour, live at once, and see how many families BowlRadar sends to your entry page.
- Each tour gets a free reach report: how many families followed its entry links and how far they traveled (never names or addresses).
- **Your schedule on your own site**: from your tour's page, choose "Put this schedule on your site" for one line to paste, kept up to date.
- Every search is also a calendar feed, such as /api/calendar.ics?org=your-tour.



For organizers

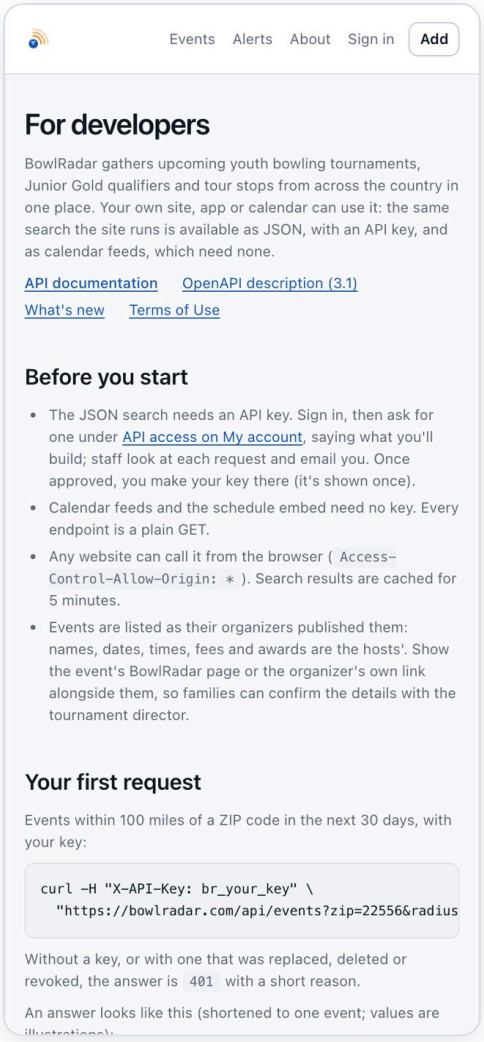


The schedule for your site

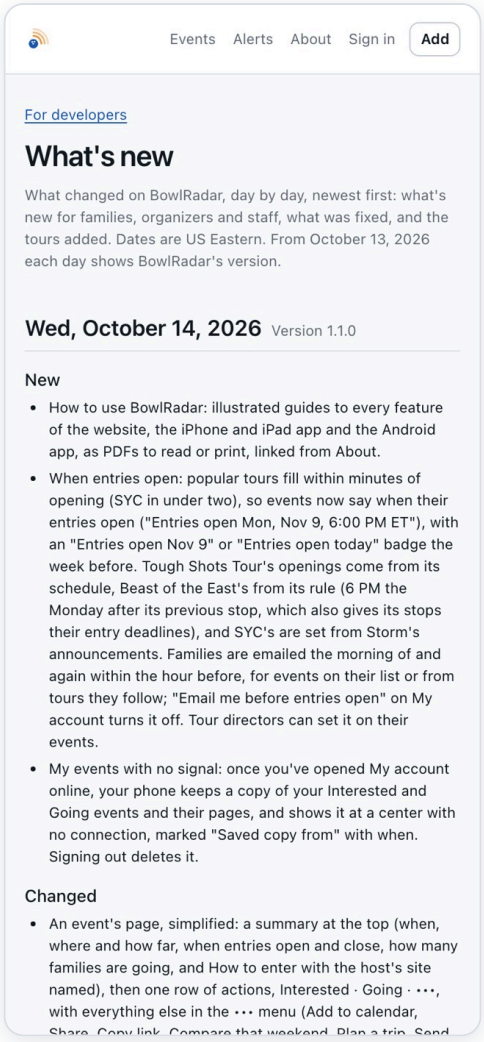
For developers

Building something for bowlers? The events are available as JSON.

- **For developers** introduces the events API and its documentation. Ask for a key on My account; staff approve it.
- Calendar feeds and the schedule embed need no key.
- **What's new** lists every change to the site, day by day.



For developers

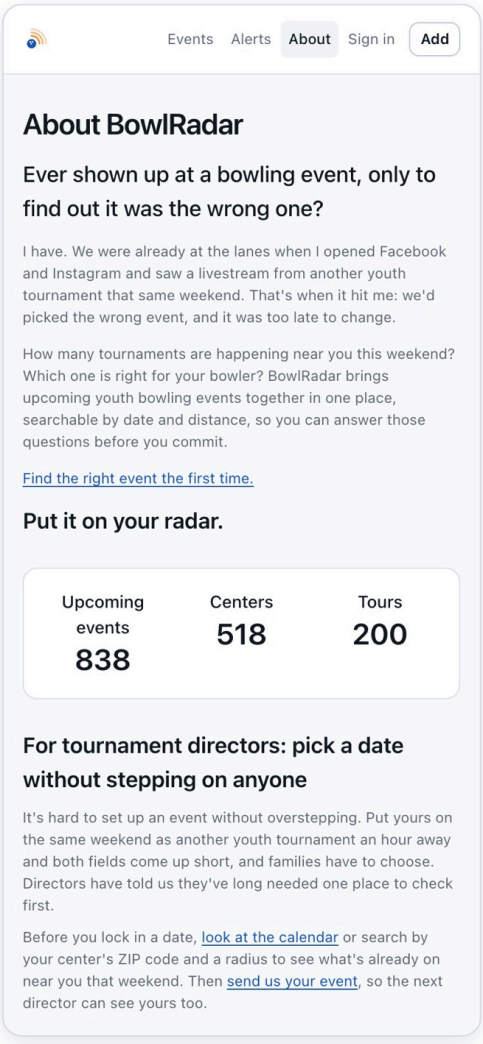


What's new

Questions and help

About explains where the events come from, why some say Center TBD or Date pending, and the map and data credits.

- **How to use BowlRadar**, on About: this guide, and the ones for the iPhone and iPad app and the Android app, as PDFs to read or print.
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