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May Holidays

National Military Appreciation & Jewish American Heritage Month

May 1	International Work's Day
May 2	International Harry Potter Day
May 4	May the Forth (Force) be with You
May 5	Cinco de Mayo
May 8	NO Sock Day
May 10	Mother's Day
May 11	Eat What You Want Day
May 13	Frog Jumping Day
May 14	Dance Like a Chicken Day
May 20	Be a Millionaire Day (Start Saving)
May 21	Talk Like Yoda Day
May 22	Sherlock Holmes Day/ Buy an Instrument Day
May 25	Memorial Day
May 26	World Dracula Day/National Tap Dance Day
May 29	Put a Pillow in the Fridge Day (for good luck)



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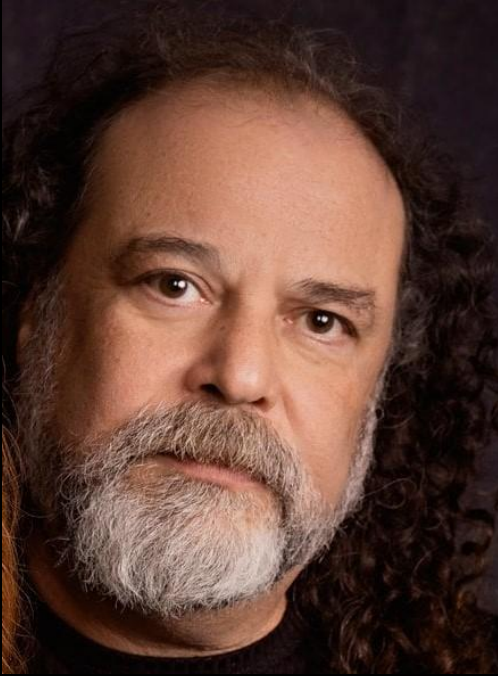
Joanne Durann has written for The Examiner, Yahoo.com, Axs, Out On The Town Magazine, and is a writing instructor. She has authored multiple books, new articles, and entertainment pieces. She has interviewed the likes of Geoff Tate, Mark Daly, and Rudy Sarzo, among others. After a successful career in education, Joanne's passion for the Florida lifestyle and the Tampa Bay area landed her in Apollo Beach. Joanne has worked in the real estate industry at Keller Williams with the Lovitch Group since her move to Florida from Pennsylvania, and she loved what she did. Joanne has a certification from the University of Michigan in Negotiations, has studied remotely with Harvard University, and is a member of The Working Women of Tampa Bay, WISE Tampa Bay, and the National Association of Professional Women.

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Howard Durann – Sales and Marketing



Howard Durann is a dynamic sales and marketing executive at Tampa Bay Sports and Entertainment (TBSE), where he plays a key role in driving fan engagement, sponsorship growth, and strategic brand initiatives.

With over a decade of experience, Howard specializes in blending data-driven strategy with creative execution to maximize impact in the arena and beyond. At TBSE, he has executed integrated marketing campaigns and secured high-value partnerships.

Howard brings a passion for innovation, a deep understanding of the sports and entertainment landscape, and a commitment to building lasting relationships with corporate partners, the media, and the community. His leadership continues to contribute to TBSE's success.

Phil Stoecker grew up the son of journalists, and youngest of eight children in a small town outside of New York City. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1979, serving as a cryptologist aboard submarines and at overseas duty stations. After his 10-year stint in the Navy, he was hired by the Department of the Navy, where he served as a civilian analyst until he retired 27 years later and moved from the Washington D.C. area to the Tampa Bay area with his wife, Trish, the Managing Editor. Phil indulges his hobbies as an amateur photographer and writer, and strumming one of his seven guitars, one of which is pictured above in Trish's arms. He hopes to make entertaining contributions to this publication.





St. Croix: The Culinary and Cultural Heartbeat of the U.S. Virgin Islands

While its sisters, St. Thomas and St. John, often hog the limelight for their high-end shopping and pristine national parks, **St. Croix** remains the "cool older sibling" of the U.S. Virgin Islands. As the largest of the trio, it offers a sprawling, diverse landscape that feels less like a tourist enclave and more like a living, breathing Caribbean community. If you're looking for a destination that pairs rugged adventure with a sophisticated food scene, St. Croix in 2026 is officially the place to be.

St. Croix is unique for its "dual personality," anchored by two distinct historic towns:

Christiansted: On the eastern side, this town is a pastel-colored dream of Danish colonial architecture. Walking through the yellow-clad **Fort Christiansvaern**, you feel the weight of history. Today, the boardwalk is the place to catch a catamaran to **Buck Island Reef National Monument**, one of only three underwater national monuments in the United States.

Frederiksted: On the western end, life slows down. Known as "Freedom City," it's where the 1848 slave emancipation took place. It boasts a Victorian-era charm and the best sunsets on the island. The pier here is a diver's paradise, where you can see seahorses and octopuses clinging to the pylons.

The Culinary Capital of the Caribbean: St. Croix has earned a reputation as a foodie pilgrimage site. It isn't just about "island food"—though the saltfish and fungi are legendary—it's about the fusion of styles.

- **Farm-to-Table Movement:** The island's agricultural interior (the "Rainforest" area) allows chefs to source local dragon fruit, passion fruit, and grass-fed beef that you won't find on the smaller islands.
- **The Drink:** You cannot mention St. Croix without **Cruzan Rum**. A tour of the distillery is a rite of passage, but for a more local vibe, try a "Mama Juana" or a chilled sorrel juice from a roadside stand.
- **Agrafest:** If you visit in early May, you'll catch the tail end of the agricultural buzz where local farmers and chefs showcase the island's bounty.

While the white sands of Cane Bay are world-class, St. Croix is for the traveler who likes to get their boots dirty. Just off the North Shore, the ocean floor drops from \$40\$ feet to over \$13,000\$ feet. This sheer vertical drop-off makes it one of the premier wall-diving spots in the Western Hemisphere. Point Udall, on the easternmost tip of the island, stands the Millennium Monument. It is the easternmost point of the United States by solar designation. Watching the sunrise here means you are the first person in the U.S. to see the sun that day. Annaly Bay Tide Pools is a strenuous hike through the subtropical forest that leads you to natural rock pools carved out by the crystalline waters of the Caribbean Sea.

What truly sets St. Croix apart is the **Crucian** spirit. Whether it's the sound of **Quelbe music** (the official traditional music of the USVI) or the sight of Moko Jumbie dancers towering on stilts during a festival, the culture is protected and proud.

In a world where many tropical destinations are beginning to feel carbon-copied, St. Croix remains authentically itself: a bit rugged, deeply historic, and incredibly welcoming.



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May 3–4	Plain White T's
May 5–7	Local Acts (TBA / The M-80's)
May 8–9	Katrina (formerly of Katrina & The Waves) — <i>NEW!</i>
May 10–11	98 Degrees
May 12–14	Local Acts (TBA / Fly Guys)
May 15–16	The Spinners
May 17–18	Josiah Queen — <i>NEW!</i>
May 19–21	Local Acts (TBA / Latin Ambition)
May 22–23	Iam Tongi (American Idol Winner) — <i>NEW!</i>
May 24–25	A.J. Croce: Croce Plays Croce
May 26–28	Local Acts (TBA / The Hooligans)
May 29–30	Queensrÿche
May 31–June 1	Maverick City Music



Busch Gardens Salutes Veterans and their Families with Free Park Admission for Military Appreciation Month

This Military Appreciation Month, Busch Gardens proudly opens its gates to honor the service and sacrifice of our veterans, inviting them and their families to enjoy a well-deserved day of fun and adventure. Busch Gardens' two parks in Tampa and Williamsburg, VA, are celebrating Military Appreciation Month with free one-day admission for U.S. military veterans and up to three guests. Veterans can register for this offer now through May 10 and have until June 30 to visit with their complimentary admission. Veterans can also receive 50% off a single-day ticket for up to 6 guests.

Through its Waves of Honor program that offers special U.S. military pricing and promotions throughout the year, active-duty military and their guests continue to enjoy one-day complimentary park admission all year long. In addition, active military receive 50% off a single-day ticket for up to six guests.

"Busch Gardens is extending its heartfelt gratitude to the brave men and women who have served in the U.S. military," said Marc Swanson, CEO of United Parks & Resorts, Busch Gardens' parent company. "The Waves of Honor program extends a small token of our appreciation to those who are serving or who have served. We look forward to welcoming military service members, veterans, and their families for a fun-filled day in one of our parks."



For more than 25 years, the company has been proud to provide complimentary park access to members of the United States military, and as a result, more than 10 million guests – active-duty military members, veterans, and their families – have enjoyed free admission through the Waves of Honor program. Whether it's educational animal experiences or thrilling attractions, military families are invited to the parks for a day of family fun.

Eligible U.S military veterans can register for complimentary single-day ticket(s) for themselves and up to three dependents by May 10 at www.WavesofHonor.com. After registering, all tickets must be redeemed by June 30. Service members and their direct dependents must have a valid active military ID to participate.

Any U.S. active-duty military member, including activated reservists or National Guard members, can also take advantage of one complimentary admission for themselves and up to three dependents per year to Busch Gardens. Additional discounts and offers are available for active military and veterans through MWR and ITT offices on U.S. military bases and online at www.WavesofHonor.com. These offers are available year-round and may differ by park.

For those veterans and active military who want to visit the park multiple times throughout the year, a new Military Silver Annual Pass is available at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay. The pass offers unlimited admission with no block-out dates for 12 months, free admission to popular events, three free guest tickets, up to 20% off in-park discounts, and more.



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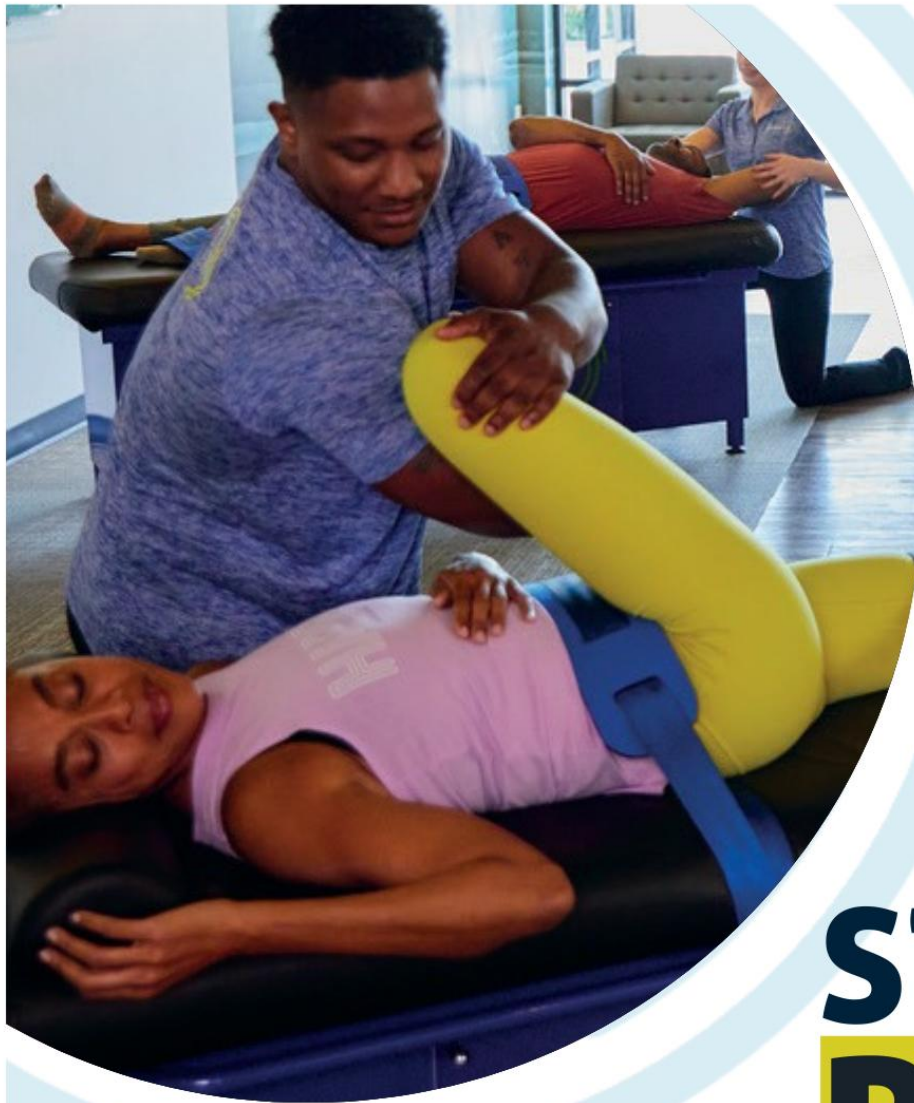
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- May 1–2** **Brit Floyd:***The Moon, The Wall and Beyond 2026*
- May 3** **Florida Orchestra:***Sibelius’ Symphony No. 2*
- May 6** **Florida Orchestra:***Czech It Out*
- May 16** **Jason Mraz:***“Still Yours” Tour* with Gregory Page
- May 17** **Florida Orchestra:***Brahms’ Symphony No. 4*
- May 19** **The Parables Tour:***Father Mike Schmitz*
- May 21** **Josh Gates**
- May 23** **Suncoast Academy of Dance**
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Memorial Day Weekend in Tampa Bay: Where Remembrance Meets Celebration



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Memorial Day weekend in Tampa Bay isn't just another long weekend—it's a powerful blend of reflection, community, and the unmistakable energy that signals the start of summer. In 2026, the region delivers a lineup of events that honor the holiday's meaning while offering locals and visitors plenty of ways to gather, celebrate, and connect.

The weekend kicks off on Saturday, May 23, with the Memorial Day Run along the Courtney Campbell Trail. With distances ranging from a one-mile fun run to a half-marathon, this early morning event offers more than just a workout. It's a chance for participants to move with purpose, honoring fallen service members while taking in sweeping waterfront views as the sun rises over Tampa Bay.

Later in the weekend, the focus shifts to community connection at Armature Works, where a Memorial Day celebration brings together families, friends, and visitors in a relaxed, welcoming setting. Expect live music drifting through the open-air venue, kids enjoying interactive activities, and plenty of food options to keep everyone lingering just a little longer. It's the kind of event where you can show up for an hour and end up staying all afternoon.

For those who prefer their holiday with a side of bold flavor and high energy, food truck festivals across the Tampa Bay area—particularly in Brandon and surrounding communities—deliver. These gatherings combine local eats, live entertainment, and a lively crowd that captures the spirit of the weekend. It's casual, social, and unmistakably Tampa.

As the sun sets, the tone shifts again—this time toward nightlife. Ybor City and downtown Tampa come alive with organized bar crawls and themed parties for those looking to celebrate the long weekend in full force. With multiple stops, drink specials, and packed dance floors, these events offer a completely different—but equally popular—way to experience Memorial Day weekend.

What makes Tampa Bay stand out is the ability to do all of it in one weekend. You can begin the day with quiet reflection or a meaningful run, spend the afternoon surrounded by family and community, and end the night immersed in music, food, and celebration.

That balance—between honoring the past and embracing the present—is exactly what Memorial Day weekend in Tampa Bay does best.



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Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 7	9:00 PM	Luis Figueroa (En Vivo)	Hard Rock Cafe
May 24	7:00 PM	Alter Bridge (<i>What Lies Within Tour</i>)	Event Center
May 25	11:00 AM	Chase & Status (Tempo Daylife Pool Party)	Hard Rock Pool
May 30	1:00 PM	Car Drawing Finale: 2026 Mercedes-Benz AMG	Event Center



Memorial Day 2026

Parties & Festivals

- **The Official Tampa Memorial Day Weekend Bar Crawl (May 23):** * **Location:** Starts at **Bad Monkey Ybor**.
 - **Time:** 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM (Check-in from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM).
 - **Details:** A high-energy crawl through Ybor City's top bars with patriotic themes, drink specials, and a free after-party.
- **The RITZ Ybor Concerts:**
 - **May 22:** **Krewella** live in concert.
 - **May 23:** **Out Of Office** (Throwback Dance Party) followed by a headline set by **Timmy Trumpet**.
- **Sunset Music Festival Update:** Note that for 2026, the traditional Sunset Music Festival has been replaced by the **Breakaway Music Festival**, which actually took place earlier in April at Raymond James Stadium.

Family & Community Events

- **Busch Gardens Tampa Bay:** While the *Food, Wine & Garden Festival* officially wraps up its concert series on May 10, the park typically offers special Memorial Day weekend fireworks and patriotic tributes for pass members and daily guests.

- **The BayCare Sound (Coachman Park):**

- **May 21 (Pre-Weekend): Sam Barber (The American Route Tour)** at 6:30 PM.

- **May 24 (Memorial Sunday):** Expect local community performances or a "Sunset Cinema" style event at this outdoor waterfront venue.

Memorial Services & Remembrance

- **Florida National Cemetery (Bushnell):** Located about an hour north of Tampa, this is the site of the region's largest Memorial Day Ceremony. It typically begins at **11:00 AM on Monday, May 25**, featuring a keynote speaker, rifle salute, and the playing of Taps.

- **Hillsborough County Veterans Memorial Park:** Expect a local ceremony on **May 25** at the Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr. Veterans Museum. These ceremonies usually begin at **10:00 AM** and include a laying of the wreaths.

Sports & Recreation

- **Tampa Bay Rays vs. Boston Red Sox:** The Rays are scheduled to be at home at Tropicana Field for a high-profile holiday series against the Red Sox throughout the weekend.

- **Adventure Island:** The water park is in full daily operation by late May, making it a staple for locals looking to beat the holiday heat.

Note on Weather: In late May, Tampa usually sees afternoon thunderstorms. If you're planning on the Bar Crawl or a beach trip to Clearwater/St. Pete, aim for morning and early afternoon activities to avoid the 4:00 PM lightning window!



May 2	7:00 PM	6 Guitars (Music & Comedy)
May 6	8:00 PM	Devon Allman's Blues Summit
May 7	8:00 PM	10,000 Maniacs
May 8	7:30 PM	Heroes Off Duty Comedy Tour
May 9	8:00 PM	Killer Queen (Tribute to Queen)
May 14	8:00 PM	Classic Albums Live: CCR "Chronicle"
May 15	8:00 PM	Ruslan KD: Godly Ambition Tour
May 16	8:00 PM	Our House: Music of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young
May 22	8:00 PM	Jim Breuer: Find The Funny Tour
May 31	8:00 PM	Duane Betts & Palmetto Motel

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Mother's Day Around the Bay



Mother's Day 2026 (Sunday, May 10) in the Tampa area is shaping up to be a mix of high-end culinary experiences, waterfront festivals, and unique family activities.

Major Festivals & Attractions

- **Busch Gardens Food & Wine Festival (Final Day):** May 10 is the grand finale of the festival.
 - **Mother's Day Brunch:** A separately ticketed upscale brunch held inside the park.
 - **Live Music:** Catch V&scott on the Canopy Stage and iamchelseaiam on the Festival Walkway.
- **MamaPalooza Family Festival (St. Pete):** Held at the ArtsXchange Campus in the Warehouse Arts District. This free festival features a full stage lineup (including School of Rock), health screenings, and mother-owned vendor markets.
- **Tampa Riverwalk:** The "Friends of the Riverwalk" usually host a Mother's Day Craft Cruise and themed events along the water.

Signature Mother's Day Brunches

- **Yacht StarShip (Tampa & Clearwater):** A 2-hour brunch cruise with a buffet, DJ, and great views of the bay.

- **The Rusty Pelican:** Known for one of the best views in the city, they are offering a 3-course chef's brunch and bottomless mimosas
- **Renaissance Tampa (International Plaza):** A massive spread featuring chef-action stations, carving stations, and live music
- **Safety Harbor Resort and Spa:** Their famous "Seafood Boat" brunch includes fresh shrimp, oysters, and omelet stations
- **The Straz Center (Maestro's):** A family-friendly brunch inside the theater with bottomless champagne and mimosas.

Unique & "Active" Mother's Day Events

- **Goat Yoga & Brunch:** Held at **The Blind Goat** in South Tampa—perfect for the mom who wants a laugh before her mimosa.
- **Mother's Day Jazz Brunch: Tibby's New Orleans Kitchen** in Brandon is hosting a jazz-themed brunch where moms get a free Hurricane cocktail.
- **Caribbean Reggae Brunch:** Located at **Plandome Heights** (Fowler Ave), featuring a Caribbean buffet and live reggae music
- **Flower Workshops:** Several "Bubbles & Bouquets" events are happening throughout the week leading up to Sunday, including a floral workshop at **The Roaming Petal**.

Cultural Highlights

- **The Florida Orchestra:** They are performing "Enchanted Stories" at the **Tampa Theatre**. It's a beautiful, atmospheric setting to hear Ravel's *Mother Goose Suite* and other classic tales.

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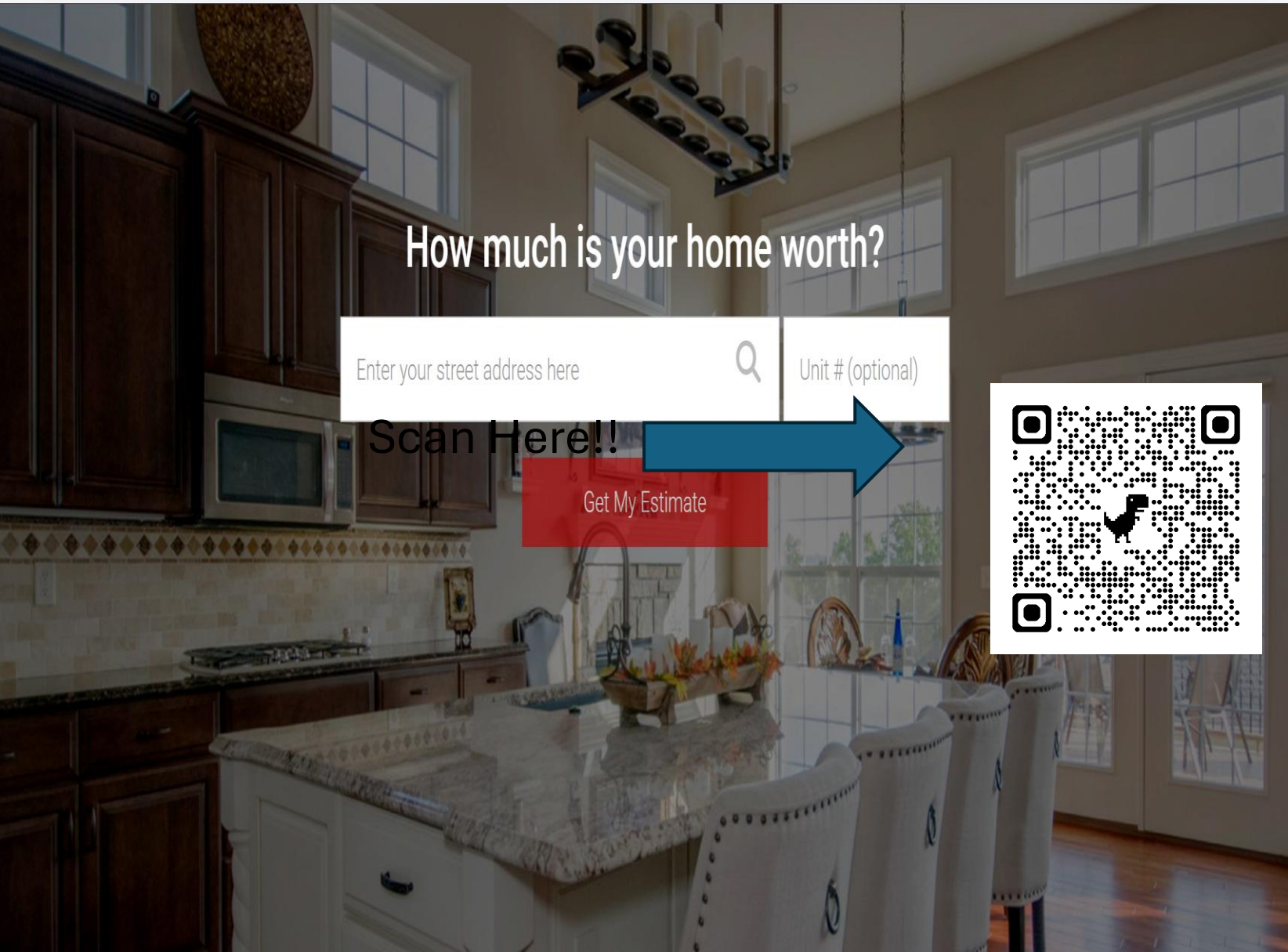
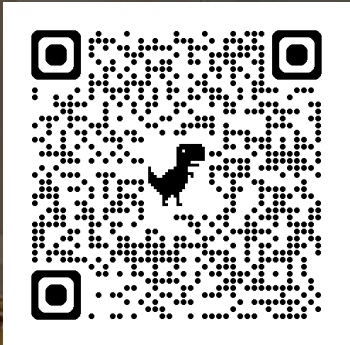
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Kid Cudi (*The Rebel Ragers
Tour*) with M.I.A. and Big Boi

May 9

5:30 PM

WWE Backlash (Premium
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May 15

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Journey (*Final Frontier Tour
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May 2 (Tonight)	Michael Blackson (7:00 PM & 9:45 PM)
May 3	Michael Blackson (6:30 PM)
May 6	Nasser Al-Rayess (7:00 PM)
May 7–9	Damn Gina! ft. Finesse Mitchell & Tisha Campbell
May 8	INSIGHT with Chris Van Vliet (Live Podcast/Interview)
May 13–14	Steph Tolev (7:00 PM & 9:45 PM flights)
May 14	Nene Leakes & Carlos King (Reality TV Royalty Live)
May 15–16	Radel Ortiz
May 17	Christian Johnson (6:00 PM)
May 20	The Strut "DRAFT" (Modeling Competition/Live Taping)
May 21	Clare Bowen & Jonathan Jackson (Music & Stories)
May 22–23	Lil Duval (<i>Living My Best Life Tour</i>)
May 24	Heated Rivalry Tribute: The Drag Brunch (2:00 PM)
May 28	Gerald Kelly (7:00 PM)
May 29	Santi Espinosa (<i>Espanghish</i> - 7:00 PM)
May 29	La Chupitos (<i>Standopeda</i> - In Spanish - 9:45 PM)
May 30–31	Rene Vaca (2026 Tour - Select Shows Sold Out)



The Thunder Returns: Lightning Force Game 7 in Epic Atlantic Clashes

As of today, the "Champa Bay" spirit is alive and well. After a grueling regular season in which the Tampa Bay Lightning finished second in the Atlantic Division with 106 points, the Bolts find themselves locked in a classic heavyweight clash with a familiar Original Six foe: the Montreal Canadiens.

The atmosphere in Tampa has shifted from the humid anticipation of spring to the electric, high-stakes tension only playoff hockey can deliver.

This First Round series has been anything but easy. The Lightning started on the back foot, dropping Game 1 in a heart-wrenching 4-3 overtime loss. For much of the past two weeks, the Bolts and Habs have traded blows like prizefighters, culminating in a pivotal moment last night in Montreal.

- **Game 6 Heroics:** Facing elimination at the Bell Centre on Friday night, the Lightning leaned on their "big game" pedigree. In a goalie duel for the ages, Andrei Vasilevskiy (voted a Vezina finalist again this year) turned away 30 shots for a shutout.
- **The Clincher:** Rookie Gage Goncalves etched his name into Lightning lore, cleaning up a rebound to score the lone goal in a 1-0 overtime victory, forcing the series back to Florida.



Game 7: Winner-Take-All at Benchmark International Arena

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- **When:** Sunday, May 3, 2026
- **Time:** 6:00 PM ET
- **Where:** Benchmark International Arena, Tampa, FL
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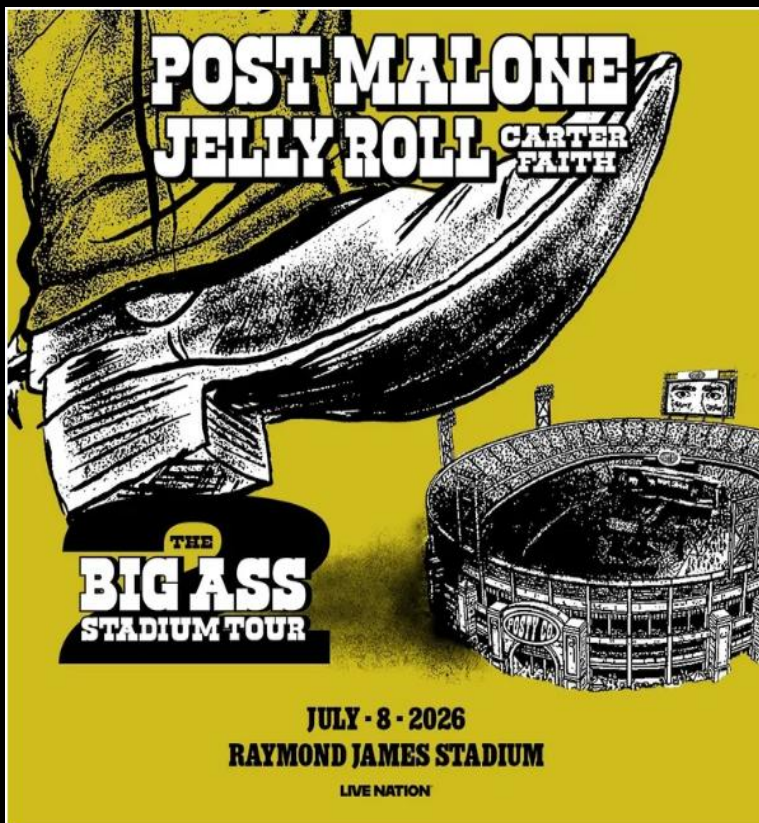


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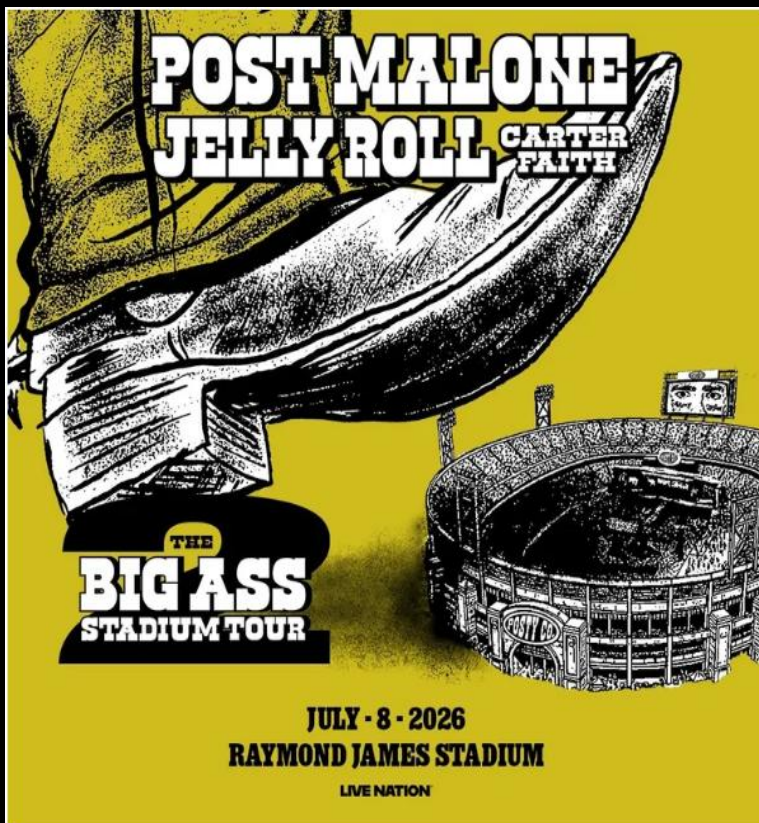
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May 31	6:30 PM	Wage War (with Nevertel and Orthodox)



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May 2 (Tonight)	8:00 PM	Sibelius' Symphony No. 2	Mahaffey Theater
May 3	2:00 PM	Sibelius' Symphony No. 2	Ruth Eckerd Hall
May 10	7:30 PM	Pops in the Park (Free!)	Julian B. Lane Park (Tampa)
May 15	8:00 PM	Brahms' Symphony No. 4	Straz Center (Ferguson)
May 16	8:00 PM	Brahms' Symphony No. 4	Mahaffey Theater
May 17	2:00 PM	Brahms' Symphony No. 4	Ruth Eckerd Hall
May 22	8:00 PM	America 250: Rhapsody in Blue	Straz Center (Ferguson)
May 23	8:00 PM	America 250: Rhapsody in Blue	Mahaffey Theater
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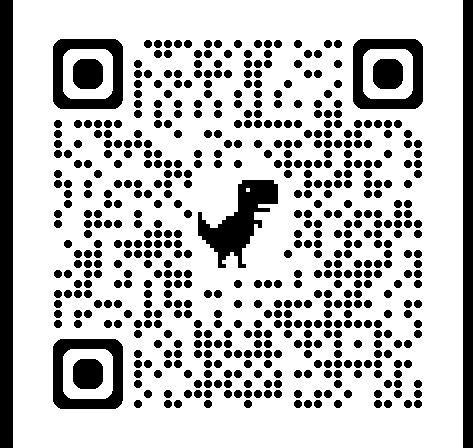
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May 7	LeMaire Lee	Frequent guest on <i>Matt and Shane's Secret Podcast</i> .
May 8–9	Tyler Fischer	Actor/Comedian known for his viral impressions.
May 9	Mark Gregory	Special 5:30 PM performance.
May 10	Landon Bryant	The "Landon Talks" creator; show at 6:00 PM.
May 14–16	Zach Rushing	High-energy storyteller from the <i>Unfiltered</i> tour.
May 15–16	Casey Rocket	The "Crab" himself; late-night sets at 10:00 PM/10:30 PM.
May 17	Jessica Michelle Singleton	Show at 6:30 PM.
May 21	Oscar Collazos	One night only at 8:00 PM.
May 22–23	John Caparulo	Known from <i>Chelsea Lately</i> and <i>Vince Vaughn's Wild West Comedy Tour</i> .
May 27	Shapel Lacey	Former <i>King and the Sting</i> regular.
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Sun, Salt, and Celebration: A Guide to Tampa Bay's May Festivals

In Tampa Bay, May is the "Goldilocks" month: the Gulf water is finally warm enough for a full day of swimming, but the sweltering humidity of August hasn't yet claimed the air. This perfect window makes it the peak of outdoor festival season.

Whether you are looking to eat your way across the Riverwalk or catch the final chords of a spring concert series, here are the festivals defining May 2026 in Tampa Bay.

Tampa Riverfest (May 1–2)

Spanning the entire Tampa Riverwalk, this free festival connects the city's downtown parks with a massive trail of food and music.

- **The Highlights:** Today's schedule includes the legendary Wiener Dog Derby at Curtis Hixon Park and the TacoFest, where local vendors compete for the best shell in the bay.
- **Don't Miss:** The Lantern Parade at sunset, where hundreds of glowing creations move along the water, followed by a headline performance from Sixpence None the Richer.

Busch Gardens Food, Wine & Garden Festival

Tampa's favorite theme park festival is in its final stretch. Running through **Mother's Day (May 10)**, this event transforms the park into a global culinary tour.

- **The Music:** The **Glory in the Gardens** concert series wraps up this month. Catch **Vân Scott** and **iamchelseaiam** on the festival stages this weekend.

Pinellas Pepper Fest (May 2–3)

Across the bridge in Pinellas Park, things are getting spicy. The **19th Annual Pinellas Pepper Fest** is happening this weekend at England Brothers Park.

- **The Draw:** This is a "chili-head" paradise. You'll find hundreds of specialty hot sauces, salsas, and rubs.
- **The Challenge:** Watch (or join) the **Jalapeño Eating Contest** and the **Extreme Lolly Lick Challenge**. It's the quirkiest way to spend a Saturday afternoon in the sun.

Breakaway Music Festival

While the traditional *Sunset Music Festival* has evolved, **Breakaway Music Festival** has taken over the EDM mantle at Raymond James Stadium. While the main festival took place in late April, the "Aftermath" series of pool parties and club takeovers continues through the first two weeks of May at venues like **The RITZ Ybor** and the **Hard Rock Pool**, featuring massive sets from artists like **Timmy Trumpet** and **Krewella**.

Survival Tips for May Festivals:

- **Hydrate or Die:** It might not feel like 95°F yet, but the Florida sun is deceptive. Most festivals like Riverfest have water refill stations—use them!
- **The "4 PM Rule":** Expect a 20-minute downpour around 4:00 PM almost every day in late May. Don't leave the festival; just duck into a museum or a bar for one drink, and the sun will be back out before you finish it.
- **Parking:** For downtown events, use the **TECO Line Streetcar**. It's free, air-conditioned, and saves you the \$25 event parking fee in the garages.



Edge, Energy, and Passion: Grading the Buccaneers' 2026 Draft Class

The 2026 NFL Draft in Pittsburgh has officially wrapped, and for General Manager Jason Licht and Head Coach Todd Bowles, the mission was clear: inject "violence" and "relentless ferocity" into a defense that needed an infusion of young talent.

With seven picks in the books, the consensus from local scouts and national analysts alike is that the Buccaneers didn't just "stick and pick"—they stole some of the most productive players in college football.

The First-Round Steal: Rueben Bain Jr. (Pick 15)

The story of the weekend was the fall of Miami outside linebacker **Rueben Bain Jr.** Widely considered a top-10 lock, Bain slid to the 15th spot, prompting an eruption of cheers in the Bucs' draft room.

Nicknamed "Hurricane," Bain led all of FBS last season with a staggering **83 quarterback pressures**. Hall of Famer Jason Taylor, who coached him at Miami, described him as being built like a "fire hydrant and a Volkswagen"—dense, flexible, and utterly violent at the point of attack. By pairing him with Yaya Diaby, the Bucs have created one of the most terrifying young edge-rushing duos in the league.



Round	Pick	Player	Position	College
1	15	Rueben Bain Jr.	OLB	Miami (FL)
2	46	Josiah Trotter	LB	Missouri
3	84	Ted Hurst	WR	Georgia State
4	116	Keionte Scott	DB	Miami (FL)
5	155	DeMonte Capehart	DT	Clemson
5	160	Billy Schrauth	G	Notre Dame
6	185	Bauer Sharp	TE	LSU



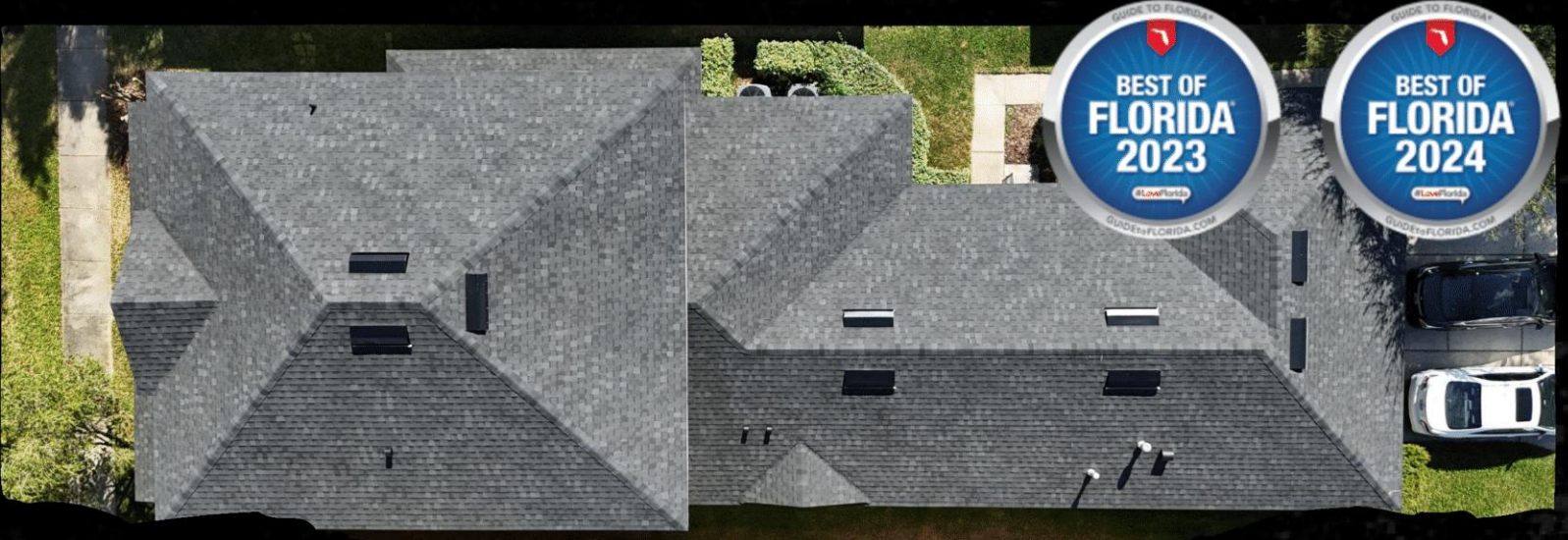


The **Yuengling Center** (located on the USF Tampa campus) has a lighter public schedule for May 2026, as the venue often hosts private university events and graduation preparations during this time.

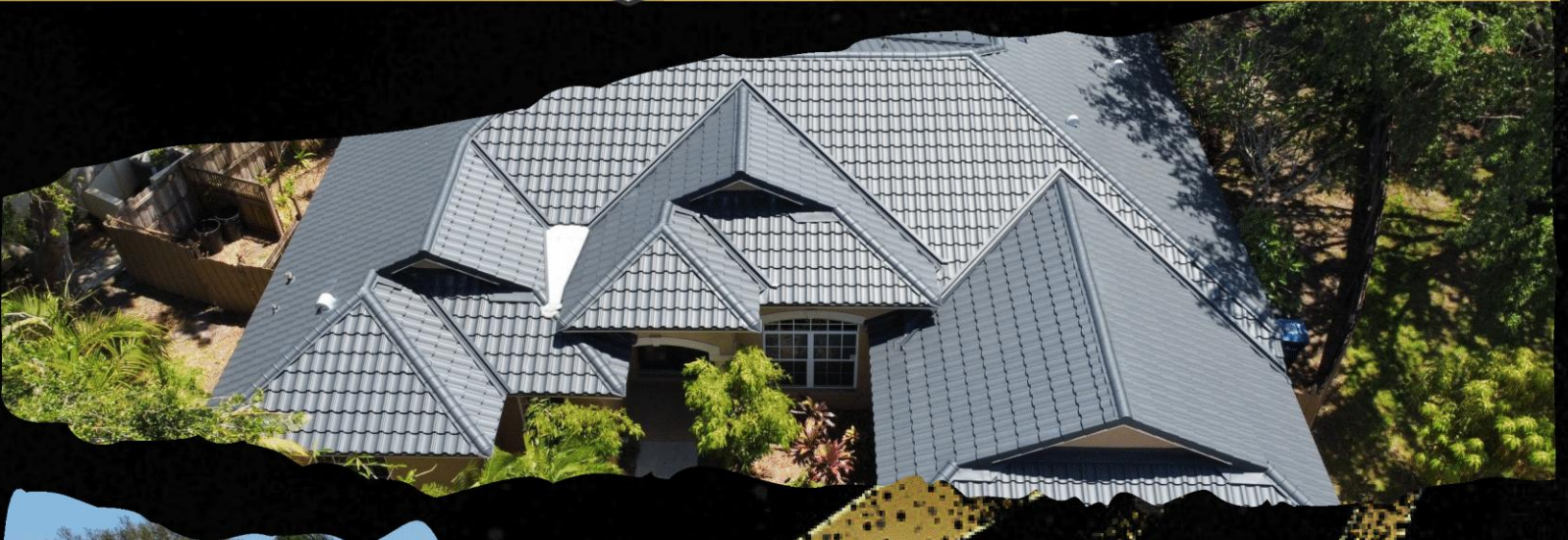
Yuengling Center: May & June 2026 Schedule

May 22 (Friday)	7:00 PM	Electric Callboy <i>(Tanzneid World Tour)</i>
June 2 (Tuesday)	6:30 PM	Young The Giant <i>(Victory Garden Tour)</i> with Cold War Kids

- Clear Bag Policy:** The Yuengling Center enforces a strict clear bag policy. Bags must be clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC and not exceed **12" x 6" x 12"**. Small clutch bags (no larger than 4.5" x 6.5") do not have to be clear.
- Parking:** Parking is typically available in **Lots 22, 6, and 23**. You can usually pre-pay for parking via the ParkWhiz app to save a few dollars and guarantee a spot near the entrance.
- Cashless Venue:** The arena is entirely cashless. All concessions and merchandise stands require a credit/debit card or mobile payment (Apple Pay, Google Pay).



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