



# DESERT OF FLORIDA YOUTH DEPARTMENT (YD)

## 2026 DESERT CONFERENCE AND GALA DAY

### OASIS OF TALLAHASSEE

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### May 27 – May 30, 2026

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**Youth Conference Headquarters (HQ)**  
**Four Points by Sheraton Hotel**  
**316 W. Tennessee St., Tallahassee, FL**

***Note: This schedule is subject to change based on occurrences beyond our control.***

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026**

| TIME           | EVENT  | LOCATION          | ATTIRE       |
|----------------|--|-------------------|--------------|
| 11am – 4pm     | Registration                                     | HQ                | Casual Dress |
| 12pm – 1:30pm  | Lunch  | Costco's Pizza    |              |
| 2pm – 3pm      | Meet & Greet<br>Ice Breaker &<br>Workshops [DYD] | HQ                | Casual Dress |
| 3:30pm - Until | CPR Training, etc.                               |                   |              |
| 6pm – 8pm      | Dinner   | Chic-fil-A or TBD | Casual Dress |
| 8pm            | Setup HBCU Exhibits                              | HQ                |              |
|                | End of activities for the Day                    |                   |              |

**THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026 – Upon arrival, directions where to setup the HBCU exhibits will be provided.**

| TIME               | EVENT  | LOCATION   | ATTIRE                                   |
|--------------------|--|--|--|
| 7:30am – 12Noon    | Registration   | HQ   | Temple/Court shirt<br>w/ shorts or jeans |
| 7:30am – 8:30am    | Breakfast  | McDonalds  | Same as above                            |
| 8:45am – 9:15am    |  |  | Same as above                            |
| 9:30am – 10:30am   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Greetings: Host<br/>Temple, Court, DYD</li><li>• Opening Ceremony</li><li>• Tallahassee Police<br/>Department Safety<br/>Awareness Class</li><li>• <i>Making Healthy<br/>Choices...A Healthy<br/>Mindset</i></li></ul> | HQ   |  |
| 10:45am – 11:30am  |  |  |  |
| 11:45am – 1pm      | Lunch  | Jersey Mikes -TBD  | Same as above                            |
| 1:30pm - Board Bus | <b>Field Trips</b>   | Assemble in the Lobby<br>FL Capitol, 400 S. Monroe<br>Fun Station ( <i>Tentative</i> )<br>2821 Sharer Rd | Same as above                            |
| 2pm – 3pm          |  |  |  |
| 3:30pm – 5:30pm    |  |  |  |
| 5:30pm – 7pm       | Dinner<br>Return to Hotel  | Golden Corral<br>1630 N. Monroe St.  | Same as above                            |
|                    | End of activities for the Day  |  |  |



## FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026

If youth are lodging off-site, have them bring clothes to change into after the Memorial Service.

| TIME                                  | EVENT  | LOCATION                           | ATTIRE   |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| 7am – 7:30am                          | Registration   | HQ – Youth Room                    | Girls – Whites<br>Boys – Black Bottom & White Shirts |
| 7am                                   | Breakfast Snack  | TBD                                | Same as above  |
| 7:15am                                | Assemble for Memorial & Public Services                        | Hotel Lobby                        |  |
| 7:30am                                | Transfer to the Church   | TBA                                |  |
| 7:45am                                | Line-up to Enter Rm  |                                    | Same as above  |
| 8am                                   | Memorial Service   |                                    |  |
| 9am                                   | Public Service   | TBA                                | Same as above  |
| Immediately upon release from Service | Photo Session with DOF Deputies                                | Wait for instructions.             | Same as above  |
|                                       | Return to Hotel<br><i>Change attire!</i><br>Snack - on the go! | Wait in HQ Lobby for instructions. | Desert T-shirt w/ jeans, capris, or shorts.          |
| 10:45am                               | Board Bus  | HQ Main Lobby                      | Same as above  |
| 11am                                  | FAMU Meeks-Eaton Black Archives                                | 445 Robert and Trudie Perkins Way  | Same as above  |
|                                       | FAMU Campus Tour   |                                    |  |
|                                       | Lunch – FAMU Café<br><i>Let's Bowl!</i>                        | FAMU Café                          | Same as above  |
|                                       | -Break-  |                                    |  |
| 6pm – 8pm                             | Dinner   | Mt. Olive Lodge                    | Same as above  |
| 8:30pm – 8:45pm                       | Transit back to Hotel  |                                    | Same as above  |
|                                       | End of activities for the Day                                  |                                    |  |



**SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026 – Pass and Review Day**

| TIME            | EVENT   | LOCATION   | ATTIRE  |
|-----------------|---|--|---|
| 7:30am          | Meet - Board Bus  | HQ Main Lobby  |   |
| 8am             | Community Service:<br><i>Bond Community Health Center</i> | 1720 S. Gadsden St.  |   |
| 8:30am – 9:30am | Breakfast   | TBD  |   |
| 10am – 2pm      | Pass and Review Parade, Activities etc.<br>Lunch          | Tallahassee Fairgrounds<br>• Kidz Zone<br>• Icy Treats<br>• Fire Truck Visit | Competition Uniform, Temple/Court Shirt and shorts, jeans, etc. If you are in the competitions, bring a change of clothes for afterwards. |
| 3pm – 5:30pm    | Return to Hotel<br>Prepare for Dinner & Dance             | HQ   |   |
| 6pm to 11pm     | Banquet & Glow Party                                      | HQ   | Theme Attire  |
|                 | <i>End of activities!</i>                                 |  |   |

**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026 - Safe travel home!**



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

### REQUIRED FORMS

Completed registration and medical forms are due MAY 1, 2026, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Please complete forms in its entirety and include any and all food allergies.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Youth Clubs are requested to participate in the 2026 DCDG Community Service Project for the Tallahassee Bond Community Health Center preemies and newborn babies. Monetary donations and baby products are accepted. Requested items: Preemie and newborn booties, mittens, sensitive baby wash, lotion and wipes. Use the Desert link below to donate funds.

Service Project Fundraiser: <https://form.jotform.com/ofFlorida/dof-youth-service-project>

So that the team can track our Desert's economic impact in the Tallahassee area and as part of our "Friendly Competition" challenge please email a copy of your purchase receipts to

Dt. Maxwell at: [dione\\_mxwill@yahoo.com](mailto:dione_mxwill@yahoo.com)

Upon arrival at the host city, submit the items to Dt. Maxwell.

The Deadline is May 1, 2026. *Good luck with the competition!*

### COMPETITIONS

DOF Youth Club of the Year - Electronic Scrapbook (Dates 5/1/25-5/16/26)

Drill, Step and Dance

HBCU Poster Board Competitions

Community Service Project – Highest number of donated baby items

### FEMALE ATTIRE

Refer to the column marked "Attire" on the schedule, otherwise wear casual clothing for workshops, field trips, meals. No short shorts or no low-cut shirts/tops.

NO OFFENSIVE or VULGAR WRITING ON CLOTHING.

Memorial Service and Public Service - White dress/skirt and white blouses. Dresses/skirts are to be knee-length, white stockings, socks or tights. Jewelry (*Optional*): White pearl necklace & earrings.

### MALE ATTIRE

Refer to the column marked "Attire" on the schedule, otherwise wear casual clothing for workshops, field trips, meals. No sagging pants and no socks with flip flops on outings.

NO OFFENSIVE or VULGAR WRITING ON CLOTHING.

Memorial Service and Public Service - White dress shirt, black slacks, belt, socks, black tie, and black shoes.

### SAFETY & OTHER RULES

Youth must be accompanied by directors, chief deputies, and /or volunteers at all times.

No cell phone usage during workshops.

Cell phones must be muted during the Memorial and Public Service.

### CURFEW

Curfew is at 11PM.

### COST AND STOLEN ITEMS

The Desert Leadership Team and Chaperones will NOT be responsible for lost or stolen items!



**AHMED TEMPLE (37) & AHMED COURT (134)  
OASIS OF TALLAHASSEE, DESERT OF FLORIDA  
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**YOUTH CLUBS PASS & REVIEW LETTER OF INTENT**

**Please mail this Letter of Intent no later than April 1, 2026, to the following address:**

Desert Conference 2026  
Attn: Pass & Review Committee  
Ahmed Court (134)  
PO Box 5474  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

**Temple/Court \_\_\_\_\_ NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_**

**Illustrious Potentate/Commandress Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Recorder/Recordress Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact # \_\_\_\_\_**

**Youth Director/Directress Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Contact # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_**

**Intend to compete/participate: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

Type of Unit (Check all that apply and enter the number of participants for each competition):

|                           |       |                   |
|---------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Drill Unit                | _____ | # of Participants |
| Drum-Flag Corp Combo Unit | _____ | # of Participants |
| Flag Corp Unit            | _____ | # of Participants |
| Drumline Unit             | _____ | # of Participants |
| Color Guard Unit          | _____ | # of Participants |
| Clown Unit                | _____ | # of Participants |
| Dance Unit                | _____ | # of Participants |

**NOTE: Youth units will not compete unless all forms and registration have been properly completed and received.**

**The HPIP Earl Haugabrook Pass & Review is a time to showcase talented individuals. Participating units will march to a viewing stand and complete a routine (minimum 3 minutes, maximum 5 minutes) before judges and an audience.**

**Usually, the weather is rather warm during the Pass & Review. It is highly recommended that participants and viewers bring lawn chairs, towels, fans, and tents for comfort.**

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## PARTICIPATION AND MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM



Please print or type. Note: This PDF form is fillable.

Check this box if the youth is an Associate Member (i.e., not a full member of a local youth club).

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Convention City \_\_\_\_\_

Temple/Court Name \_\_\_\_\_

Temple/Court City & State \_\_\_\_\_

Youth's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Male

Female

Youth Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/ Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address if different than youth \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### MEDICAL HISTORY

1. Has this youth ever had hospitalizations, injury, or serious medical illness?  Yes  No
2. Is this youth now under the care of a physician or taking any medication?  Yes  No
3. Has any physician ever recommended, or do you feel that there should be limits placed on participation in competitive sports?  Yes  No
4. Does this youth have any known allergies to medication?  Yes  No
5. Does this youth wear glasses or contact lenses? Give date of last exam, if Yes. \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No
6. Has this youth ever blacked out or lost consciousness during physical activity?  Yes  No
7. Has the child had a physical examination by a medical provider in the last six months. If yes, list date last seen? \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

If Yes to any of the above, please specify:

8. Allergies/Special Health Considerations \_\_\_\_\_

### PHOTO RELEASE

I grant the Youth Club/Conference agents/staff or affiliates the right to take photographs of my child. I agree that the aforementioned may use such photographs of my child for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, social media, and website content.

I do not grant the Youth Club/Conference agents/staff or affiliates the right to take photographs of my child.

I consent to the participation of the above-named youth in the activities and conferences of His/Her youth group, including practice sessions and travel to and from athletics and other activities. I also agree to emergency medical treatment as deemed necessary by the physicians designated by the proper authorities.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



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**YOUTH CLUB REGISTRATION FORM**

**1. Submit the following online forms by April 1, 2026**

- a) Participation And Medical Authorization Form**
- a) Youth Pass & Review Letter Of Intent For Competitions**
- b) Only if Required by Imperial - Covid-19 Liability Waiver And Assumption Of Risk**

**TEMPLE/COURT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_**

**Illustrious Potentate/Commandress Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Youth Director/Directress Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Contact # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*\* Check the box next to the name if the registered youth is an Associate Member (i.e., not a full member of a local youth club).**

**Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

| <b>✓</b> | <b>FIRST</b> | <b>LAST</b> | <b>T-SHIRT<br/>SIZE</b> | <b>REGISTRATION<br/>COST</b> |
|----------|--------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
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|--------------|--|
| <b>Total</b> |  |
|--------------|--|

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