



**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 Ice Breaker & 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 w/ shorts or jeans
7:30am – 8:30am	Breakfast	McDonalds	Same as above
8:45am – 9:15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Greetings: Host Temple, Court, DYD</li><li>Opening Ceremony</li><li>Tallahassee Police Department Safety Awareness Class</li><li><i>Making Healthy Choices...A Healthy Mindset</i></li></ul>	HQ	Same as above
9:30am – 10:30am			
10:45am – 11:30am			
11:45am – 1pm	Lunch	Jersey Mikes -TBD	Same as above
1:30pm - Board Bus 2pm – 3pm 3:30pm – 5:30pm	Field Trips	Assemble in the Lobby FL Capitol, 400 S. Monroe Fun Station (Tentative) 2821 Sharer Rd	Same as above
5:30pm – 7pm	Dinner Return to Hotel	Golden Corral 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 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 <i>Change attire!</i> Snack - on the go!	Wait in HQ Lobby for instructions.	<b>Desert T-shirt w/ jeans, capris, or shorts.</b>
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 <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: <i>Bond Community Health Center</i>	1720 S. Gadsden St.	
8:30am – 9:30am	Breakfast	TBD	
10am – 2pm	Pass and Review Parade, Activities etc. Lunch	Tallahassee Fairgrounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Kidz Zone</i></li> <li>• <i>Icy Treats</i></li> <li>• <i>Fire Truck Visit</i></li> </ul>	Competition Uniform, Temple/Court Shirt and shorts, jeans, etc. <i>If you are in the competitions, bring a change of clothes for afterwards.</i>
3pm – 5:30pm	Return to Hotel 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**

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

- Has this youth ever had hospitalizations, injury, or serious medical illness? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is this youth now under the care of a physician or taking any medication? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Has any physician ever recommended, or do you feel that there should be limits placed on participation in competitive sports? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Does this youth have any known allergies to medication? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Does this youth wear glasses or contact lenses? Give date of last exam, if Yes. \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Has this youth ever blacked out or lost consciousness during physical activity? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Youth Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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: \_\_\_\_\_

✓	FIRST	LAST	T-SHIRT SIZE	REGISTRATION COST
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$

<b>Total</b>	
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