



2026 AU Convention and Race Itinerary
Hosted by the Greater Tampa Bay Racing Pigeon Combine
December 2nd through December 5th, 2026
Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore

Tuesday December 1st, 2026

Early Check-in registration

Shipping Youth Race from Alvarezpigeons 6:30-7:00

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026

Welcome to Tampa!

Check-in and Convention registration throughout the day in

Vendors located in Bayshore rooms 1 & 2

*Hospitality Room (Executive Lounge)

* 10:15 Shuttle to Youth Race

11:00 – 12:00 **AU Youth Race** @ Alvarezpigeons, Lutz, FL (estimated race arrival 11:00-12:00)

12:30 - 2:00 Catered lunch at Youth race loft for the kids (and parents)

* 2:30 Shuttle back to hotel for **AU Youth Race** participants

6:30 – 9:30 **Shipping AU Convention Race** (Gasparilla Ball room)

* 6:30 – 9:30 Poolside reception, live music, hors d'oeuvres, Handlers / Guests

Thursday, December 3rd, 2026

Super Seminars!

Check in and registration throughout the day

Vendors located in Bayshore rooms 1 & 2

*Hospitality Room (Executive Lounge)

* 10:00 – 4:30 (alternative) Florida Aquarium / Wild Dolphin Cruise shuttle to day trip/attraction

* 10:00 – 11:30 Seminar, Race season health, Vaccines, Dr. Vincent Schroeder, DVM Belgium

11:30 – 1:00 Break for Lunch

* 1:00 – 2:30 Seminar, Genetic Markers, Race preparation, Dr. Ruben Lanckriet, DVM, Belgium

2:30 – 2:45 Break

* 2:45 – 4:15 **Seminar**, TBD

Dinner on your own (Local Suggestions)

* 7:00 Shuttle to Tampa Hard Rock Casino

* 11:00 Shuttle back from Casino

Friday, December 4th, 2026

Race Day! (weather permitting)

Vendors located in Bayshore rooms 1 & 2

*Hospitality Room (Executive Lounge)

* 10:00-4:00 Pirate Taxi Tour w/stop at Tampa History Museum and lunch at their Columbia Resturant.

*Hospitality tents at Long, Middle and Short sections

*Handlers to pick up guests at section meet ups for clocking

*Handlers return guests to sections for shuttle pick up

*5:30 – 6:00 shuttle back to Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore Hotel

* 5:30-8:00 (International Mall) Courtesy shuttle

7:30-8:30 Race reporting/figure race

Dinner on your own (Local Suggestions)



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Saturday, December 5th, 2026

World Class Auction!

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*Hospitality Room (Executive Lounge)

9:00 – 10:00 AU General Meeting (Tampa Bay room)

10:00 – 12:00 Viewing Auction Birds, simple lunch (Gasparilla Room)

*10:00 – 4:00 (alternative day trip) TBD

12:00 – 5:00 Starting promptly @ 12:00 Live Auction. Approx. 60 birds (Gasparilla Room)

* 6:45 Banquet seating (Gasparilla Room)

7:00 AU Acknowledgments and Awards

7:15 AU Scholarship Auction

*Dinner 7:30 – 8:30 (Gasparilla Room)

8:30 – 11:00 Live Entertainment (Gasparilla Room)

Sunday, December 6th, 2026

Farewells

* Denotes a registration required function

Itinerary subject to change