

**Lightning City Gymnastics and  
St Petersburg/Clearwater Sports Commission  
Present the  
24th Gasparilla Classic Gymnastics Invitational  
February 24-26, 2012  
St. Petersburg, Florida**



**Held at Tropicana Field  
Home of the Tampa Bay Rays**

Official Sponsor



Near St. Pete Beach and Busch Gardens Tampa

Entry information can be found on our web site:

[Www.lightningcity.com](http://www.lightningcity.com)

To receive an entry packet by mail: [lcygnasts@aol.com](mailto:lcygnasts@aol.com)

## You're Invited!

Lightning City Gymnastics and the St Petersburg/Clearwater area Convention and Visitors Bureau extends a hearty invitation to your gymnastics team to participate in the 24th Annual Florida's Beach Gasparilla Classic Gymnastics Invitational. Last year's meet attracted approximately 3,000 gymnasts representing 130 teams from 22 states and 8 countries. For the past 23 years the Gasparilla Classic has been one of the largest gymnastics meets held in the United States.

The Gasparilla Classic is named for Tampa's favorite pirate, Jose Gaspar! Oh, what a pirate Gaspar was! Along with his compatriot, Roderigo Lopez, Gaspar and his krewes looted and sank 36 ships during the late 1700's. Our pirates invite you and your gymnasts to sunny Florida to participate in the festivities.

## Great Facilities

All competitions will be held at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida. Tropicana Field, a domed stadium, is the home of the Tampa Bay Rays professional baseball team and the site of the 1999 NCAA Men's Final Four Basketball Tournament.

The arena is large enough for four women's meets and one men's meet to all be going on simultaneously. Spectators will sit throughout the 50,000 seat domed stadium with a great view and comfortable seating.

## Competition

Gymnastics-Women's USAG level 2- Elite, AAU Level 2-9. Men's USAG Level 4 – Elite, AAU Level 3-7.

## Equipment

AAI is the official equipment supplier of the Gasparilla Classic. If you are interested in purchasing Demo or new equipment from the meet, contact Tim Keckler at [lcgymnasts@aol.com](mailto:lcgymnasts@aol.com). Equipment will be available on a first come first serve basis. Call early to reserve.

## Special Added Features

- 1 Huge team trophies are awarded in each division.
- 2 The winning teams in the Women's Open Division and Men's Level 10 division win equipment gift certificates
- 3 Great goody bags
- 4 A large merchandising and vendor area will be inside the competition arena.
- 5 Awards area decorated in the Pirate theme!!
- 6 Opportunity for your entire team to compete together.
- 7 Special Guest in attendance during the weekend



## Travel Arrangements

The Tampa International Airport is located approximately 20 minutes from the competition site. St. Petersburg/Clearwater International Airport is 10 minutes from the meet site.

## Area Attractions

When your team is not competing, the Tampa/St. Petersburg area offers a wide variety of things to do including the beautiful Gulf of Mexico beaches in St. Petersburg and Clearwater which are just a short drive away. The St. Pete Pier is minutes from the meet site.

Across the Bay in Tampa you will find Busch Gardens Amusement Park, the Florida Aquarium, historic Ybor City and Hyde Park. Tampa is the spring training home of the New York Yankees, the Philadelphia Phillies train in Clearwater and many other major league teams have spring training nearby.

Central Florida, Orlando area attractions of Walt Disney World, MGM, Epcot Center, Universal Studios and Sea World are only a short 95 minute drive away. Florida Sunshine beams year-round for outstanding golf, tennis, fishing, swimming and boating activities. There is plenty to do!

## Help with Travel Plans

Please note the following:

- Tentative schedule can be found on the web site [www.lightningcity.com](http://www.lightningcity.com).
- Gymnastics competition will not start before 10:00 am Friday
- You may request a day to compete or not compete. These will be honored on first entry received basis. Please note request on your entry form
- All USAG competition will be completed by 4:00 pm Sunday
- All AAU competition will be completed by 7:00 pm Sunday
- Individual Awards will be given after each session
- Girls meet USAG and AAU Gymnasts, all gymnasts from the same team will be placed in the same session unless your team has more than 15 gymnasts in a session