



**Preliminary SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
**DUCKS UNLIMITED 89<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION**  
**JW Marriott Tampa Waterstreet, Tampa, FL**  
**MAY 27-30, 2026**

UPDATED 5/5/26

**Monday, May 25, 2026**

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Registration for early arrivals	Grand Foyer, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
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**Tuesday, May 26, 2026**

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Gathering and DU Pin Trading – Cash Bar	Grand Foyer, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Gathering and DU Pin Trading – Cash Bar	Grand Foyer, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott

**Wednesday, May 27, 2026**

7:00 am – 5:30 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
7:00 am – 9:00 am	Emeritus Board Meeting	Grand GH, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
7:00 am – 11:00 am	Conservation Programs Committee Meeting	Tampa Bay 1-2, 4 <sup>th</sup> fl JW
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Nominating Committee Meeting*	Edison/Fowler, 3 <sup>rd</sup> fl JW
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Information Technology Committee Meeting	Pasco, 4 <sup>th</sup> fl JW
10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Merchandise	Grand A-F, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
11:30 am - 4:30 pm	Sustainability Committee Meeting	Offsite at Mosaic Company
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Personnel Policy Committee Meeting* with working lunch	Pasco, 4 <sup>th</sup> fl JW
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Development Committee Meeting	Tampa Bay 1-2, 4 <sup>th</sup> fl JW
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Public Policy Committee Meeting	Grand GH, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Hospitality	Grand A-F, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Opening Night Party at the Florida Aquarium	Buses begin departing at 5:45 pm on a loop
8:30 pm – 11:00 pm	Hospitality and Merchandise	Grand A-F, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott

**Thursday, May 28, 2026**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
7:00 am – 9:00 am	Event Fundraising Staff Meeting*	Greco, 3 <sup>rd</sup> fl Marriott
7:00 am – 10:00 am	DUMAC Board of Directors Meeting	Grand IJ, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
9:30 am – 11:00 am	Youth Engagement Committee Meeting	Grand GH, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Board Governance Committee Meeting*	Greco, 3 <sup>rd</sup> fl Marriott
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Event Management Committee Meeting	Grand F, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
10:00 am – 11:30 am	Development Staff Meeting*	Pasco, 4 <sup>th</sup> fl JW
10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Merchandise	Grand A-E, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Board of Directors Luncheon*	Tampa Bay 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> fl JW
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Ducks Unlimited Board of Directors Meeting	Tampa Bay 2-4, 4 <sup>th</sup> fl JW
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Hospitality	Grand A-F, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
	Dinner on your own	
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	President’s Council Reception and Dinner*	James Museum
8:30 pm – 11:30 pm	Hospitality and Merchandise	Grand A-F, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott

\*Signifies a closed meeting

**Friday, May 29, 2026**

7:00 am – 8:30 am	Morning Coffee and Pastries	Tampa Bay 1-4, 4 <sup>th</sup> fl JW
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	General Business Session I	Tampa Bay 5-9, 4 <sup>th</sup> fl JW
11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	New Board Orientation*	Room 11, 3 <sup>rd</sup> fl Marriott
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Merchandise	Grand A-F, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	DUX Committee Meeting	Pasco, 4 <sup>th</sup> fl JW
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Conservation Leadership Team Meeting*	Greco, 3 <sup>rd</sup> fl Marriott
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Risk and Insurance Committee Meeting	Pinellas, 4 <sup>th</sup> fl JW
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Marketing and Communications Committee Meeting	Grand GH, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Corporate Relations Committee Meeting	Grand IJ, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Hospitality and Merchandise	Grand A-F, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Continental Celebration sponsored by Benelli and Bird Dog	Ybor Ballroom/Foyer, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl JW
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Wings Over Wetlands Celebration Dinner with Dueling Pianos sponsored by Bird Dog	Tampa Bay Ballroom, 4 <sup>th</sup> fl JW
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Hospitality	Tampa Bay Ballroom & Foyer, 4 <sup>th</sup> fl JW

**Saturday, May 30, 2026**

7:00 am – 8:30 am	Morning Coffee and Pastries	Tampa Bay Foyer, 1-4, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl JW
7:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration	Grand Foyer, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	General Business Session II	Tampa Bay 5-9, 4 <sup>th</sup> fl JW
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Registration & Merchandise	Grand Foyer, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	New Management Committee Meeting* with working lunch	Grand E, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl Marriott
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Registration	Tampa Bay Foyer, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor JW
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Board and VIP Photographs	Tampa Bay Foyer, 4 <sup>th</sup> fl JW
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	89 <sup>th</sup> National Convention Reception	Tampa Bay Foyer, 4 <sup>th</sup> fl JW
6:30 pm – 12:00 am	89 <sup>th</sup> National Convention Live Auction, Gala, and Dancing	Tampa Bay Ballroom, 4 <sup>th</sup> fl JW

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