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WELCOME GUIDE



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Dear Coaches and NAIA Teams,

Welcome to Pensacola!

We are excited to be hosting the 2025 NAIA Women's Soccer Championship and having you, your team, your families, and alumni here for the next week.

We understand the tournament is your priority, and we hope it's your school that celebrates the final win in the Championship game.

If time allows now or in the future, we invite you to explore the Pensacola area. Offering miles and miles of sugar-white sand and blue-green water, there are plenty of access points to our nationally ranked beaches at Pensacola Beach and Perdido Key. Built on a rich history spanning over 460 years, you can see the influences of the past still today walking the America's 1st Settlement trail, a three-mile red line painted on the sidewalks in Downtown Pensacola.

Spend a little time exploring Pensacola and you'll be amazed by what our destination has to offer and why we say that Pensacola is "The Way to Beach™!"

Please use this binder as a reference point for local contacts, venues, restaurants, and experiences available while you are here. If you are looking for more information, it can be found at **www.VisitPensacola.com**. We hope your time in Pensacola is filled with memorable experiences.

We look forward to seeing you again in the future!

Darien Schaefer
President & CEO
Visit Pensacola





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Nov. 21, 2025

Greetings,

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, I'd like to welcome the NAIA Soccer Tournament to beautiful Escambia County, Florida. We recognize that NAIA could have chosen anywhere to host your tournament, and we are very excited that you chose our corner of Northwest Florida.

As the District 5 representative for Escambia County, I am especially proud to host your tournament in District 5 at the county's Ashton Brosnahan Athletic Park. We have invested heavily into the park and worked hard to make it a world-class facility that I hope will make your tournament experience the best it can be.

We know the NAIA athletes have worked hard to compete at this level, and I wish all of the coaches, players, staff, families, and fans a wonderful tournament.

We sincerely hope you enjoy your time here in Escambia County, and we welcome you to visit our community again soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SAB", is written over a light blue background.

Commissioner Steven Barry, District 5

Escambia County Board of County Commissioners





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It is truly my honor to welcome you to Escambia County for the 2025 NAIA Women's Soccer Championships. As the host of this most prestigious event for the first year, I hope you will enjoy your time in our amazing community. On behalf of our partners Escambia County, Visit Pensacola, City of Pensacola, and the the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics I thank you for being here.

While we are not home to any of the NAIA institutions, we are a city with strong ties to sports, alumni, fans and students from across the U.S.

In addition to the tremendous soccer action on the field, Escambia County offers a blend of rich history as America's first European settlement (sorry St. Augustine), pristine beaches, and vibrant culture. A few top recommendations include:

1. **Pensacola and Perdido Key Beaches:** Located on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico, the beaches are renowned for their sugar-white sands and emerald-green waters.
2. **Fort Pickens:** Another history filled venue is the U.S. Military Fort located on Santa Rosa Island. The area offers a mix of history and natural beauty and once was the residence of Geronimo.
3. **Historic Downtown Pensacola:** Explore galleries, restaurants and shops in the City's heart. Stroll down the multi-award winning Palafox street and the surrounding areas. Check out the popular Palafox Market on Saturday mornings filled with local vendors and personalities galore.
4. **Naval Air Station Pensacola:** Home of the Blue Angels, the National Naval Aviation Museum and the Pensacola Lighthouse and Museum, a full day of unique, world-class activities await your visit.
5. **Boat Tours:** Board one of the many options from sailing to ferry rides to dolphin tours and see the history and beauty from a whole new dimension.
6. **Restaurants and breweries:** If you love great food and libations, the area has tremendous offerings in many featuring our local world-renowned Red Snapper and more. The area also ranks as one of the highest numbers of local breweries per capita in the country.
7. **Pensacola Ice Flyers Hockey:** Enjoy a professional hockey match on Dec. 5th or 6th as the Ice Flyers take on the Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs at the Pensacola Bay Center.

Check out visitpensacola.com for a full listing and more information of the things to do during your visit.

Thank you for choosing Escambia County and Pensacola as your destination to "Relax, Cheer, Play. Repeat." Enjoy the tournament! #BeMoved.

Ray Palmer
President & CEO
pensacolasports.org



Dear NAIA team members,

I'd like to give you a warm welcome to the City of Pensacola and Escambia County. As a former sportswriter, I know the the impact the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics has on our area. While many other cities would want to host the NAIA Soccer Tournament, it is an honor that you chose Pensacola.

I know the work and dedication of your student athletes, coaches, and parents to reach this exciting part of the season, and I also know that record-breaking crowds in Northwest Florida are once again excited to see you compete for an NAIA Title.

Whether it's your first time here or you've visited Pensacola before, we have something to offer everyone. I hope you'll have an opportunity to get out and explore our city's expansive parks and greenspaces, watch a sunset over one of our many beautiful waterways, or to enjoy our lively, vibrant downtown dining, shopping, and nightlife along Palafox Street. It won't take long for you to see why Pensacola was just named one of the 10 best small towns in America.

I hope you and your teammates, coaches, and fans have a wonderful tournament experience right here in Northwest Florida, and that you'll come visit us again soon. On behalf of the city of Pensacola's 55,000 residents, welcome to our wonderful community.

Sincerely,

D.C. Reeves
Mayor of Pensacola





VISITOR INFORMATION

VISITPENSACOLA.COM SHOWS YOU THE WAY TO BEACH™

The picturesque, soft white sand and emerald-green water are why you're here, but stop, take a second, and look around. You'll start to notice a community feel. Fresh seafood from local chefs grace our shores. Downtown is bustling with live music, markets, shops, and more. There are museums, art, and theatres around every turn. Nature beyond the beach, palmettos, lagoons, and wildlife are waiting to be explored. We are more than just our beautiful beaches... we are The Way to Beach™.



Download the Visit Pensacola App

Whether you're in town on business or pleasure or one of the lucky locals, the Visit Pensacola app was built with you in mind. With geolocation features, and an itinerary builder, finding what to do while in Pensacola is fun, fast, and easy! Use the Visit Pensacola app to find restaurants, events, attractions, entertainment, and more.



Scan the QR code or visit
VisitPensacola.com/app to download.

- Discover travel deals for an affordable vacation
- Find exactly what you're craving with local restaurant listings
- Take part in interactive tours and games to win prizes
- Explore current events
- Build a custom itinerary for your stay
- Find things to do by geographic location
- See local transportation options
- Discover museums and attractions

WELCOME TO PENSACOLA

Stop by one of Pensacola's visitor centers and you'll be greeted with a warm welcome. Our tourism ambassadors will gladly provide information and advice to help you find The Way to Beach™ that's perfect for you and that will make for a memorable and brag-worthy vacation.

**VISIT PENSACOLA VISITOR
INFORMATION CENTER**
1401 E. Gregory St.
Pensacola, FL 32502
(850) 434-1234
Mon - Fri: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat - Sun: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**VISIT PENSACOLA VISITOR
INFORMATION CENTER
AT PERDIDO KEY**
15500 Perdido Key Dr.
Perdido Key, FL 32507
(850) 602-9279
Mon - Sun: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**PENSACOLA BEACH VISITOR
INFORMATION CENTER**
7 Casino Beach Boardwalk
Pensacola Beach, FL 32561
(850) 932-1500
Mon - Fri: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat - Sun: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

BEACH RULES AND SAFETY TIPS

To ensure a safe and enjoyable beach day, please follow these guidelines.

THE BEACH FLAG SYSTEM

				
DOUBLE RED WATER CLOSED TO PUBLIC No wading or swimming or surfing in the Gulf.	RED HIGH HAZARD High surf and/or strong currents. No swimming in the Gulf.	YELLOW MEDIUM HAZARD Moderate surf and/ or currents. Swim with extra caution.	GREEN LOW HAZARD Calm conditions. Exercise caution.	PURPLE DANGEROUS MARINE LIFE

RIP CURRENTS

Rip currents are narrow channels of water with powerful currents capable of pulling even strong swimmers into deeper waters. If you become caught in a rip current, do not panic or try to swim against the current. To escape a rip current, swim parallel to shore. If you are unable to break out of the current, let it carry you farther out until it weakens. Then, swim back to shore at an angle away from the current.

BEACH SAFETY LAWS

- No person may enter the Gulf of Mexico during red flag or double red flag conditions.
- No person may re-enter the Gulf of Mexico within 24 hours of being rescued from the Gulf of Mexico.
- There is absolutely NO GLASS allowed on any of the beaches.
- The west side of the Pensacola Beach Gulf Pier is designated as an "alcohol-free zone."
- Fires are not allowed on the beach.
- Dogs other than service animals are not permitted on any of the beaches, except in designated dog parks.
- Alcoholic beverages are allowed on the beach, but glass containers, underage drinking and public drunkenness are not.

SWIM WITH THE LIFEGUARDS

Play it safe and swim near lifeguard stations. Look for lifeguards, when on duty, on Pensacola Beach at Casino Beach, Park East, Park West and Quietwater Beach, as well as in the Gulf Islands National Seashore areas of both Pensacola Beach and Perdido Key.

LIGHTS OUT FOR SEA TURTLES

- Artificial light sources can cause hatchlings to become disoriented and head away from the Gulf of Mexico and into harm's way.
- Turn out beachfront lights after dusk.
- Close blinds and curtains in beachfront homes at night.
- Do not disturb nesting females or hatchlings by using flashlights, flash photography or lanterns.
- Knock down sand sculptures and fill in any holes in the sand at day's end.

LEAVE NO TRACE

For the safety and protection of sea turtles and other wildlife, please leave only your footprints on the beach. Leaving personal items on the beach overnight is prohibited. Please remove all umbrellas, tents, hammocks, beach toys, picnic tables and chairs at the end of each day. Personal property left unattended after sunset will be removed and disposed of by beach cleaning crews.





DINING AND CATERING PARTNERS



Whiskey Joe's Bar and Grill

11am - 10pm

400 Quietwater Beach Rd STE 13
Pensacola Beach, FL 32561

*Call Ahead for large group dining
Ask For Manager on Duty



Smokey's BBQ

10:30am - 8:30pm

6475 Pensacola Blvd
Pensacola, FL 32505

Catering:

Pat Barry: (850) 968-9182

Roni Barry: (850) 380-1201



Papa's Pizza

11am - 10pm

10% off large orders

400 Quietwater Beach Rd 31
Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

*no large group dining/in
store pickup

Logan: (850) 490-9276

Laura: (850) 324-5515



Hot Spot BBQ

10:30am - 9pm

901 E La Rua St
Pensacola, FL 32501

*no large group dining
Catering:

Cheri Leubeck: (850) 712-7751



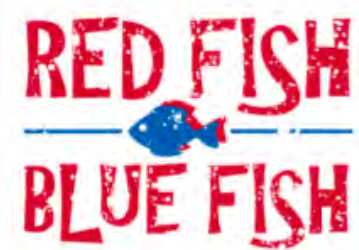
Water Pig BBQ

11am - 9pm

5 Via De Luna Dr
Pensacola Beach, FL 32561

*reservation only for large groups

Craig Norman (GM): (850)982-2793



Red Fish Blue Fish

11am - 9pm

5 Via De Luna Dr
Pensacola Beach, FL 32561

*call ahead for large groups

Craig Norman (GM): (850)982-2793



McGuire's Irish Pub

11am - 2am

600 E Gregory St
Pensacola, FL 32502

*call ahead for large group dining

Max Murphy: (850) 516 - 2156



Flounder's Chowder House

Week days: 11am - 10pm

Weekends: 11am - 12am

800 Quietwater Beach Rd
Pensacola Beach, FL 32561

Chase Cole

Office: (850) 932-4653

Cell: (850) 501-9178

Email: chase@mcguiremgt.net



Crab's On The Beach

11am - 10pm

6 Casino Beach Boardwalk
Pensacola Beach, FL 32561

*can accomodate large groups

Richard: (850) 291 - 1627



DINING AND CATERING PARTNERS



Shaggy's Restaurants

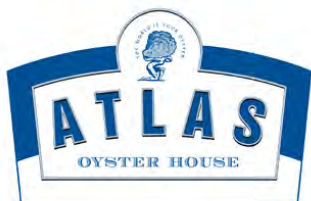
Fri-Sat 11am - 10pm

Sun-Thur 11am - 9pm

701 Pensacola Beach Blvd
Pensacola Beach, FL 32561
(850) 934-4852

*can accomodate large groups

Ask For Manager on Duty



Atlas Oyster House

Sun-Thur: 5pm - 9pm

Fri-Sat: 5pm - 10pm

600 S Barracks St
Pensacola, FL 32502

Kady Reeves: (850) 293-3148



eat. play. relax.

South Market

Mon-Thur: 11 am - 8 pm

Fri: 11 am - 9 pm

Sat: 9 am - 9 pm

Sun: 9 am - 8 pm

905 E Gregory St,
Pensacola, FL 32502

*can accomodate large groups

Marie (GM): (850) 542 - 7646



5 Sisters Blues Cafe

Mon-Thur: 11am - 9pm

Fri-Sat: 11am - 10pm

Sun: 10am - 4pm

421 West Belmont ST
Pensacola, FL 32501

Kady Reeves: (850) 293-3148



Angelena's Ristorante Italiano

Mon-Thur: 4pm - 9pm

Fri-Sat: 4pm - 10pm

101 E Intendencia St
Pensacola, FL 32502

*can accomodate large groups
(reservation needed)

Kady Reeves: (850) 293-3148



Nick's Boathouse

Mon-Fri: 11 am - 9 pm

Sat-Sun: 10 am - 9 pm

455 W Main St,
Pensacola, FL 32502

*can accomodate large groups;
call ahead for reservation
(catering not available)



East Hill Pizza

Mon-Thur: 11am - 8pm

Fri-Sat: 11am - 9pm

2030 N 12th Ave

Pensacola, FL 32503

*offers delivery and catering
options (can order through
website)

Darlyne Abad Zoltak:

easthillpizza@gmail.com



Jackson's Steakhouse

Sun-Thur: 5pm - 9pm

Fri: 11am - 2pm & 5pm - 10pm

Sat: 5pm - 10pm

400 S Palafox St
Pensacola, FL 32502

Kady Reeves: (850) 293-3148



Bubba's

Mon-Sun: 11 am - 11 pm

7001 N Davis Hwy,
Pensacola, FL 32504

*can accomodate large groups

TJ Goodman: (813) 597-7372

todd.goodman@bubbass33.com



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O'Riley's Irish Pub

11am - 3am

321 S Palafox St, Pensacola, FL 32502

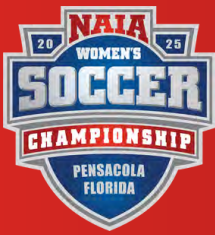
- Offering 10% off food for team members, staff, and family members
- All group take-out orders must be placed 45 minutes ahead of time
- Reservations for the Dart Room and Upstairs Pool Room are available
 - **[Click Here for the Reservation Form](#)**

Publix Catering

- **Publix at Nine Mile and Pine Forest**
 - Closest to Ashton Bronsonham Park
 - 2180 W Nine Mile Rd Pensacola, Florida
 - (850) 473-5020
 - 7am - 10pm
- **Publix at Sea Shell Collections**
 - Closest to Pensacola Beach
 - 852 Gulf Breeze Pkwy Gulf Breeze, FL 32561-4723
 - (850) 932-0113
 - 7am - 10pm
- **[Click Here for Catering Information](#)**

Chick-fil-A Catering

- **Chick-fil-A Nine Mile Road**
 - 1757 E Nine Mile Rd, Pensacola, FL 32514
 - (850) 484-4885
 - 6am - 10pm Mon-Sat, Closed on Sunday
- **Chick-fil-A Gulf Breeze**
 - 310 Gulf Breeze Pkwy, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561
 - (850) 932-5400
 - 6:30am - 9:30pm Mon-Sat, Closed on Sunday
- **[Click Here for Catering Information](#)**



BREAKFAST DINING AND CATERING PARTNERS



Ruby Slipper

- 509 S Palafox St, Pensacola, FL 32502
- (850) 660-8900 (Ask for Manager on Duty)
- pensacola@rubybrunch.com
- 7:30am - 2pm

Another Broken Egg Downtown

- 721 E Gregory St, Pensacola, FL 32502
- (850) 912-8347 (Ask for Manager on Duty)
- 7am - 2pm

Another Broken Egg Nine Mile

- 1590 E Nine Mile Rd, Pensacola, FL 32514
- (850) 462-4855 (Ask for Manager on Duty)
- 7am - 2pm

Scenic 90 Cafe

- 701 Scenic Hwy, Pensacola, FL 32503
- (850) 433-8844 (Ask for Manager on Duty)
- 6:30am - 8pm

Taylor's Breakfast and Lunch

- 7175 N Davis Hwy, Pensacola, FL 32504
- (850) 476-6122 (Ask for Manager on Duty)
- 7am - 2pm



EXPERIENCES



First Tee Gulf Coast Goofy Golf

- 3924 Navy Blvd, Pensacola, FL 32507
- Contact Ron Denson
 - (850) 456-7010 ext. 101
 - ron@firstteegulfcoast.org
- Open hours are of Friday-Saturday, but we welcome groups on off day when planned ahead of time.

Lost Key Golf Club

- 625 Lost Key Drive, Pensacola, FL 32507
- Contact Amy Adams
 - (850) 549-2164
 - aadams@lostkeygolf.com

UWF Historic Trust

- Contact Wendi Davis
 - (850) 595-5985 ext.111
 - wdavis4@uwf.edu
- Offering \$2 off admission to museum complex for teams. Ticket pricing with discount would be \$10/adult, \$9/AAA, Senior, Military, \$7/children 3-14 and children under 3 are free. Tickets are good for 7 days after purchase.
- Includes Pensacola Museum of History, Pensacola Museum of Art, Pensacola Children's Museum, and Historic Pensacola Village.

Pensacola Lighthouse

- Contact Josephine "Jo" Cavanaugh
 - (850) 393-1561 ext. 2
- Players and coaches should wear team jersey and identify themselves at the gift shop as part of the SEC Soccer Tournament to receive free admission to the Pensacola Lighthouse.

Big Lagoon State Park

- 12301 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola, FL 32507
- Beaches, shallow bays, nature trails, and open woodlands offer splendid opportunities for nature study.

Fast Eddies Fun Center Group Rate

- 505 W Michigan Ave, Pensacola, FL 32505
- Visit Website for group rates.
- Contact
 - (850) 433-7735
 - info@fasteddiesfuncenter.com

Fort Pickens-Gulf Islands National Seashore

- 1400 Fort Pickens Road Pensacola Beach, FL 32561
- Pricing Varies



EXPERIENCES



Bamboo Willies

- 400 Quietwater Beach Rd Suite 14, Pensacola, FL 32561
- Located on the Pensacola Beach Boardwalk, Bamboo Willies offers a fun atmosphere with live music!

Señor Frogs

- 400 Quietwater Beach Rd Suite Unit 9 and 11, Pensacola, FL 32562
- Located on the Pensacola Beach Boardwalk
- Señor Frogs offers a fun dining atmosphere with an awesome beach view.

UFO's Pensacola Beach

- 2 Via De Luna Dr, Pensacola Beach, FL 32561
- A fun place to hang out on Pensacola Beach with mini golf, an arcade, and ice cream!

Footprints In The Sand Eco-Trail

- Fort Pickens Pensacola Beach, FL 32562
- On the trail, you'll learn about local plant and animal life including dolphins, turtles, sharks, birds, flowers, and fish.
- You'll learn the secrets of Pensacola Beach's white sand, discover the dangerous journeys of sea turtles, identify mysterious seashells, and so much more.

Artel Gallery

- 223 Palafox Pl, Pensacola, FL 32502
- Provides the Northwest Florida region with a continuous forum for quality experimental and contemporary art exhibitions and programs dedicated to the enrichment and education of the community.

America's First Settlement Trail

- 120 Church Street Pensacola, FL 32502; (850) 595-5985
- Three-mile marked path through downtown Pensacola and the Pensacola Historic District.
- See sites from as early as 1756, when the Spanish built Fort San Miguel in what is now downtown Pensacola.
- Tour over 260 years of history and learn the fascinating story of how Pensacola developed into the city you see today.

Pensacola Maritime Heritage Trail

- 499 Bayfront Pkwy Pensacola, FL 32502; (850) 595-5985
- Trail approximately 1 1/2-mile (single direction). Wheelchair accessible.
- 10 panels stretch along the waterfront sidewalk tell the story of Pensacola's waterfront shipping history

PlungeWorx

We'd love to offer all NAIA athletes, parents, and coaches a \$20 all-inclusive recovery session while they're in town. This includes cold and hot plunging, infrared sauna, red light therapy, and leg compression. Just have them mention "NAIA Special" when they come in! 6305 N. 9th Ave. Suite 9 Pensacola Florida 32504

For more to explore in the Pensacola area: **visitpensacola.com**



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**WHATEVER THE SPORT,
FLORIDA PROBABLY HAS IT.**

**WHATEVER THE EVENT,
FLORIDA'S PROBABLY HOSTED IT.**

Whatever it is, Florida's regional sports commissions have the world class facilities and expertise to help you host your next event. Connect with our partners to learn how you can Come Play in Florida.



Discover Florida's premier sports scene with its ideal climate and top-tier facilities. As host to global events, explore diverse regions for sports excellence. Partner with us and visit Directory.PlayInFlorida.com for more information.

