

**Announcing...**

The 21st Annual  
*Gasparilla Classic*  
Men's and Women's USAG and AAU Gymnastics Invitational  
Plus:  
6th Annual Gasparilla Cheerleading Competition  
"World's Largest Gymnastics Meet"  
February 27 – March 1, 2009  
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Coaches,

Lightning City Gymnastics is proud to announce the 21st Annual Gasparilla Classic, February 27 – March 1, 2009 to be held again at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida. For 20 straight years, the Gasparilla Classic has grown in the number of participating gymnasts, as well as, the quality of its competitors. The Gasparilla Classic has been one of the largest gymnastics meets held in the United States. Last year's event included 5,500 athletes.

Please note the entry deadline is January 9, 2009. Entry forms can be found on our web site: [www.lightningcity.com](http://www.lightningcity.com). Additional information and maps will be mailed to you after we receive your entry. Due to the increased interest in the Gasparilla Classic, We expect the meet to fill. We will close out the meet, so mail your entries early to ensure your entry into this year's Classic. Entries will be accepted on a first come/first serve basis.

We look forward to seeing you in sunny St. Petersburg, Florida for another great Gasparilla Classic.

AAI Equipment prizes for top Level 9 & 10 Teams both Men & Women

Sincerely,

Tim Keckler  
Meet Director

*Gasparilla Classic Phone Line (813) 558-0035*

*For Meet and Hotel Information:*

*Web site- [www.lightningcity.com](http://www.lightningcity.com)*

\*\*Lightning City Gymnastics is also hosting the Tampa Bay Classic Invitational, January 10-11 2009, at the University of Tampa. The Tampa Bay Classic is for USAG girls Level 4 – Elite and AAU Level 2 – 8. For an entry or additional information contact Lightning City Gymnastics at (813) 558-0035 or on the web site [www.lightningcity.com](http://www.lightningcity.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 21st 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 20 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 seven women's meets, one men's meet and an All Star Cheerleading Competition to all be going on simultaneously. Spectators will sit throughout the 50,000 seat domed stadium with a great view and comfortable seating.

## **Competition**

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 (813) 558-0035. Equipment will be available on a first come first serve basis. Call early to reserve.

## **Special Added Features**

- Huge team trophies are awarded in each division.
- The winning team in the Women's Open Division will receive free entry into the Open Division for up to 10 athletes for the following year.
- Great goody bags
- A large merchandising and vendor area will be inside the competition arena.
- Awards area decorated in the Pirate theme!!
- Opportunity for your entire team to compete together.

## *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!

Entry information can be found on our web site:

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

to receive an entry packet by mail: Email [Lcgyrnasts@aol.com](mailto:Lcgyrnasts@aol.com) or

Call (813) 558-0035

# 21st ANNUAL GASPARILLA CLASSIC

## U.S.A. Gymnastics Sanctioned/AAU Non Sanctioned Women's Meet

**DATE:** February 27-March 1, 2009

**SITE:** Tropicana Field – “Home of the Tampa Bay Rays”  
Located in St. Petersburg, Florida

**HOST:** Lightning City Gymnastics  
14214 N. Nebraska Ave.  
Tampa, Florida 33613

**MEET DIRECTOR:** Tim Keckler (813) 558-0035  
between 11:00 am and 6:00 pm, Monday through Thursday  
E-mail – LCGymnasts@AOL.com

**EQUIPMENT:** AAI Capitol Cup Setup for Optional Gymnasts

**LEVELS:** USAG 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Elite, Prep Optional  
AAU 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Modified Opt, 8, 9, Ladies Division

**ENTRY FEES:**

Optional	\$85 per gymnast
Compulsory Level 4-6	\$65 per gymnast
Compulsory Level 2-3	\$55 per gymnast
Team entry	\$60 for each team

Make checks payable to **Lightning City Gymnastics**

Entry fee includes meet, a Gasparilla gift and free admission to all competitions.

**Entry deadline Wednesday, January 7, 2009**

**\*\*\*Absolutely no Faxes accepted.\*\*\***

No refunds after Wednesday January 7, substitutions accepted until February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**AWARDS:**

Individual: All Around 1-3	Events	50% +1	Custom Gasparilla Medals
	Trophies	50% +1	Medals
		100%	Medals
Team: Two divisions	Huge team trophies.		
	Small Team	3-6 gymnasts	3 scores count
	Large Team	7 or more gymnasts	3 scores count

**AAI Equipment prizes given to top teams in Levels 10/Open**

**Optional Levels are Traditional Capitol Cup Format**

# 2009 GASPARILLA CLASSIC

## USAG SANCTIONED WOMEN'S MEET AAU SANCTIONED WOMEN'S MEET

Entry Form

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Coaches Attending**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ USAG/AAU # \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_ USAG/AAU # \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_ USAG/AAU # \_\_\_\_\_

**Please use one form per Level**

**Circle one:** USA Level 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Prep Opt, 9, 10, Elite  
 AAU Level 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Modified Opt, 8, 9, Ladies

**Enter Team Competition?**      Yes                      No

Athlete Name	USA #/AAU #	Age	Birthday	Level	U.S. Citizen
1/					
2/					
3/					
4/					
5/					
6/					
7/					
8/					
9/					
10/					
11/					
12/					
13/					
14/					
15/					

**Deadline to enter is January 7, 2009**

\$55/ Levels 2-3,      \$65/ Compulsory Level 4-6,      \$85/Optional Athlete      \$60/Team

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LIGHTNING CITY GYMNASTICS**

**DO NOT FAX THIS FORM**

# 21st ANNUAL GASPARILLA CLASSIC

## Men's Invitational Meet

DATE: February 27-March 1, 2009

**SITE:** Tropicana Field – “Home of the Tampa Bay Rays”  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**HOSTS:** Lightning City Gymnastics & Apollo School of Gymnastics  
14214 N. Nebraska Ave.  
Tampa, Florida 33613

**MEET DIRECTORS:** Tim Keckler and Karl Bishop (813) 558-0035  
between 11:00 am and 6:00 pm, Monday through Thursday  
E-mail: [LCGymnasts@AOL.com](mailto:LCGymnasts@AOL.com)

**EQUIPMENT:** AAI

**LEVELS:** USA Levels 4 - 10  
AAU Levels 3 - 7

**AGE GROUPS:** Per USGF Rules and Policies

**ENTRY FEES:** Level 7 – 10 \$85/gymnast  
Level 3 – 6 \$65/gymnast  
Team Entry \$60 for each team

Make checks payable to **Lightning City Gymnastics**

Entry fee includes Gasparilla Classic gift and free admission to all competitions.

**Entry deadline Wednesday, January 7, 2009**

**\*\*\*Absolutely no Faxes accepted.\*\*\***

No refunds after Wednesday January 7, substitutions accepted until February 5.

**AWARDS:** Individual: Events 50% +1 Custom Gasparilla Medals  
All Around 1-3 Trophies  
100% Medals

Team: \*Large team trophies for top ten teams in each division  
(Top 3 scores count).

AAI Equipment prizes given to top Level 10 teams

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## Men's Invitational Meet

### Entry Form

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

#### Coaches Attending

1. \_\_\_\_\_ USAG/AAU # \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ USAG/AAU # \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ USAG/AAU # \_\_\_\_\_

Please use one form per Level

Circle one **USA:** Level 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**AAU:** Level 3 4 5 6 7

Enter Team? Yes No

Athlete Name	AAU#/USAG#	Birth date	Level	U.S. Citizen

**Deadline to enter is January 7, 2009**

**\$85/Athlete Level 7-10, \$65/Athlete Levels 3-6, \$60/Team**  
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