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THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS FOR THE 52nd ANNUAL BAYOU CLASSIC

TICKETS AND OFFICIAL HOTEL BLOCK NOW OPEN

NEW ORLEANS – The nation’s most celebrated HBCU sports tradition returns to New Orleans this fall, and fans can now secure their place at the **52nd Annual Bayou Classic, Presented by Procter & Gamble**. This year’s action-packed weekend is **November 28-29, 2025**, at the Caesars Superdome. Tickets are on sale for the Bayou Classic football game and Greek Show & Battle of the Bands.

The Bayou Classic continues its proud tradition as the marquee matchup between Southern University and Grambling State University, drawing tens of thousands of fans to New Orleans each Thanksgiving weekend. The rivalry hits the gridiron on **Saturday, November 29**. Still, the festivities begin the night before with the high-energy Battle of the Bands & Greek Show on **Friday, November 28**, also at the Superdome.

“This annual tradition is more than a football game – it’s a full weekend celebrating HBCU excellence, legacy, and culture,” said Dottie Belletto, President and CEO of New Orleans Convention Company, Inc. (NOCCI), the event management firm for the 52nd Annual Bayou Classic. “With both tickets and hotel reservations now open, we encourage fans to act fast to be part of another unforgettable experience.”

TICKET INFORMATION:

- Football game tickets range from \$20 to \$199 for all seating levels of the Caesars Superdome.
- VIP North End Zone Tickets are available for \$150. They include premium seating, a dedicated gameday entrance, End Zone Club access, and complimentary snacks and drinks.
- Battle of the Bands & Greek Show general admission starts at \$25. Reserved options are available. (Prices increase by \$10 on event day.)

SEATING ASSIGNMENTS:

- For the football game:
Grambling State University Tigers will be the home team seated primarily on the West Side (Sections 129–156).



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Southern University Jaguars will be the visiting team primarily on the East Side (Sections 101–128).

- For Battle of the Bands:
The Southern University Human Jukebox Marching Band will be on the South End Zone side (near sections 115-117) of the Caesars Superdome.
The Grambling State University World Famed Tiger Marching Band will be on the North End Zone side (near sections 111-113) of the Caesars Superdome.

HOTEL BLOCK INFORMATION:

Fans can now access specially discounted rates through the official Bayou Classic hotel block. Participating hotels are located within walking distance or a short ride from the Caesars Superdome. Rates start as low as \$165 per night. Hotel reservations can be made at www.mybayouclassic.com by selecting the “HOTELS” menu option.

“The city of New Orleans is proud to host Bayou Classic fans once again,” added Belletto. “From the hospitality industry to local attractions, the entire community comes together to make this weekend one of the most anticipated traditions in HBCU culture.”

For complete event details, ticket sales, and hotel accommodations, visit www.mybayouclassic.com and follow Bayou Classic on social media at @MyBayouClassic (Facebook) and @bayouclassic74 (Instagram).

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ABOUT BAYOU CLASSIC

Celebrating its 52nd year, the Bayou Classic continues to uphold its legacy as a symbol of excellence and camaraderie within the HBCU community. Year after year, fans gather in New Orleans over Thanksgiving weekend to witness the thrilling football matchup between Southern University and Grambling State University, accompanied by the electrifying Battle of the Bands & Greek Show and the highly anticipated halftime show featuring two of the greatest marching bands in the nation. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.mybayouclassic.com.

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