

Resources

Helpful Links

1. www.VRBO.COM – If you plan to get a condo this is the easiest, most economical way to do this.
2. www.homeschool-football.com Site for the camp that hosts Nationals
3. www.panamacitybeach.com Site with a list of popular attractions and activities
4. www.lighthousechristianchargers.shutterfly.com - home of the LCA Charger's online photos, announcements, and much more. If you did not receive an invitation upon registration, please contact Mike Moore.

Lodging

Most common and right on the beach –

Celadon Beach Resort

17757 Front Beach Rd,
Panama City Beach, FL

Splash Industries

17698 Front Beach Road
Panama City Bch, FL 32413

Other resorts in the same area:

Tropic Winds

17643 Front Beach Road
Panama City Beach, FL 32413

Emerald Isle

17545 Front Beach Road
Panama City Bch, FL 32413

Hotels in this area:

The Palmetto Inn

17255 Front Beach Road
Panama City Bch, FL 32413

Sandcastles West

17214 Front Beach Road
Panama City, FL 32413



Attractions:

Pier Park

Shipwreck Island Water Park

Pirates Island

Sea Dragon Pirate's Cruise

St. Andrew State Park

And many, many more...

Information Packet

2013

NHFA Football Tournament

High School Homeschool football teams from around the country will compete for the 2013 NHFA National Championship.



Vacation for the entire family!

Not just a football tournament, it's also a vacation. It's about bringing your team, players, coaches, parents, families and friends to the warm, sunny Florida panhandle for an exciting time of football and plenty of time to enjoy the many attractions, including white beaches, fishing, volleyball and basketball courts.

The Tournament Experience

This is an end of the season experience with memories that will last a lifetime. What a way to celebrate your football season!

Nationals Information Packet

Every year, Lighthouse Christian Chargers have been privileged to take part in the National Football Homeschool Tournament located in Panama City Beach Florida. It's been a great way to end the season with a week of football, fun, and fellowship with the Charger family as well as other teams from around the nation. Dates for this year are **November 20th - 24th.**

Lodging

For lodging for Nationals there are several different options:

1. **VRBO.COM** This is by far the most preferred option for football families. This is a website that you can rent a condo that fits your needs directly from the owners. Due to the off season, prices are usually extremely reasonable and the additional flexibility is appreciated. Many families like to go early and/or stay late. Suggested condominiums are listed in the resource section. Several of the families stay in the Celadon or Splash condominiums but the entire stretch of Front Beach Rd has beach access.

2. **Board on campus.** Free for football players. \$100/extra person. Cost includes room for 4 nights and breakfast Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Includes Awards banquet on Saturday night.



3. **Hotel Room.** There are many nice hotels in and around the football fields. However, you can usually book a condo for a better deal than a hotel room. See resources.

4. If you are not able to take your entire family, many families choose to send their player with another football family that has room. Please be prepared to help financially with lodging, meals, and other necessary items.

Meals

If you are rooming on campus, you will be responsible for lunch Thursday – Saturday and supper Thursday and Friday. In case you hear rumors about a Chargers banquet/meal on Friday night, we are NOT organizing that this year. People not staying on campus also do not attend the Banquet part of the Awards Ceremony. Panama City Beach is full of restaurants and shops. There are also concessions at the games.

Football

Chargers have a scheduled practice on Wednesday afternoon – location to be announced. Thursday's games are held at the Pete Edwards Field and Saturday's games at Gavlak Stadium - Arnold High School. We may or may not have games Friday. Schedule is subject to abrupt changes due to wins/losses and weather. Best thing to do is keep your phone charged and on you at all times and not plan costly activities that you may have to change for Thursday through Saturday.

Notification emails about equipment pick up and return will be emailed. Last year the equipment trailer was located at the Celadon Parking Garage. Be aware that because so many families stay in a condo on Front Beach Rd that any necessary meeting places might be arranged to be at one of these condominiums.

Activities

Panama City Beach is a resort town, so you can expect everything that goes with that. See Resources for some suggestions. It is encouraged that you keep activities light during the football tournament to make sure the boys are physically rested and able to play their hardest at the games.



Items to keep Handy

Your phone. Communication is incredibly important at Nationals because of the constant changing of schedule. If you have a question, please call your head coach as they will have the latest information.

Panama City Beach is right on the Gulf of Mexico. Make sure to bring **appropriate clothes**. Because it is November, be a prepared for 50-60 degree weather as well. We have seen both cold and warm.

Deadlines and Payment:

Registration forms will be available online by August 24th. Forms must be filled out and handed in to Kayla Street by October 1st.

Varsity: Your \$100 Nationals fee is included in your registration and due by August 24th. Registration forms for Nationals must be handed in by **October 1st**.

Junior High: Your \$100 Nationals fee is **NOT** included in your registration. Registration forms for Nationals must be handed in by **October 1st** and **full** payment for Nationals is due by **October 15th**.

Map and Layout Common Addresses

A link to a map with addresses will be posted to the Shutterfly website.