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## Tap into Tampa Bay during Beer Week 2018

### *Sample eight days of Florida's Most pint-worthy pours*

TAMPA (February 27, 2018) | Beer goes with Tampa Bay like sunshine and hand-rolled cigars. Florida's first commercial brewery opened here in 1897. The nation's oldest brewery, Yuengling, gives free tours of Tampa Bay bottling plant – the only one outside Pennsylvania. Before it became world-famous for thrill rides, Busch Gardens® Tampa Bay opened as a beer garden and botanical garden feature Anheuser Busch products.

Today, Tampa Bay is the home of legendary Cigar City -- [ranked among the best in the world](#) – and dozens of other fantastic breweries Tampa Bay, a collection that has earned Tampa Bay our position as Florida's hub for all things craft beer. During [Tampa Bay Beer Week](#), which kicks off March 3, craft beer fans will find eight days of exciting activities, tap takeovers, and enough unique creations, all celebrating the booming business of craft brewing in Tampa Bay.

The highlights:

**March 3, 6-11 p.m. | [Late Start Tap Takeover](#)**

*Coppertail Brewing Co.,  
2601 E 2nd Ave*

It's the official start of Tampa Bay Beer Week and Coppertail is hosting Late Start Brewing for a tap takeover. Late Start is one of Tampa's up and coming breweries. Their soon-to-be open brewery will be located in Channelside at the Pour House bar.

**March 4, Noon-4:30 p.m. | [Brewers Ball](#)**

*Water Works Park, 1710 N Highland Ave*

The Brewer's Ball is an event for Florida craft beer lovers. All of the Best Florida Beer Championships category winning commercial beers made in Florida are showcased during an afternoon of live music, awards, and one of the best beer raffles in Florida. This festival features over 100 of Florida's Best Beers on tap! Tickets are \$75.

**March 5, 6-9 p.m. | [Dogfish Head Beer Dinner](#)**

*World of Beer Avion Park  
5311 Avion Park Drive*

Indulge in a four-course beer dinner featuring rare beers from Dogfish Head. 61minute, Siracusa Nera, Vanilla Oak Aged World Wide Stout, and 120 min. \$40 in advance; \$45 at the door.

**March 6, 6-8 p.m. | [Haven & Motorworks Crush Hour & Food Pairings](#)**

*Haven  
2208 West Morrison Avenue*

In the heart of toney Hyde Park, Haven Executive Chef Chad Johnson constructs pairing carefully curated to match the offers of Bradenton-based Motorworks Brewing. Pairing will draw from Haven's extensive collection of meats and cheeses. Attendees should RSVP.

**March 7, 4-9 p.m. | [Grilled Cheese & Beer Pairing](#)**

*Six Ten Brewing  
7052 Benjamin Road*

These aren't your cafeteria grilled cheese sandwiches! How does Gruyere and Cheddar with Caramelized Onions toasted with Rosemary and Thyme Butter sound? How about Fenugreek Gouda, Peach Marmalade and Thick Sliced Bacon? That's just a sample of what's in store for you. Enjoy a single sandwich with a specially selected beer or a flight of three.

**March 7, 6 p.m. | [Wood Car Races](#)**

*Coppertail Brewing Co.  
2601 East 2nd Avenue*

Bring out your inner Scout. Buy a pine car racer-making kit in the taproom for making a car to enter in the race. Up to 30 cars will be able to participate. There are no limits on cheering. Rules of the road are on Coppertail's Facebook page. There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Craft brewers from Richmond, Va.'s Hardywood Park will be on hand with guest tap selections.

**March 8, 6-11 p.m. | [Night of Wood V](#)**

*Tampa Bay Brewing Co., Ybor City  
1600 East 8th Avenue*

In the heart of historic Ybor City, Tampa Bay Brewing Co. hosts its fifth Night of Wood, a no-cover event that lets beer lovers sample eight different barrel-aged and wood-treated beers in varying styles and gravities. Sample all eight for a set price or grab a full pour of your favorite!

**March 8, 8-10 p.m. | [Beer Olympics](#)**

*Local Draught House,  
2711 University Square Drive*

Hosted by Tampa Bay legend Cigar City Brewing and Oskar Blues, guests will be in teams of 2 competing to play beer pong, ping pong, quarters, basketball, and corn hole. 3rd place prize: Cigar City gift basket, 2nd place prize: Oskar Blues hammock, 1st place prize: [Gasparilla Music Fest](#) tickets.

**March 9 | [Out-of-Towners' Night at Parcade](#)**

*Lowry Parcade  
1213 W. Waters Ave.*

Tampa Bay's home for classic 80's style video games has a special deal for visitors during Tampa Bay Beer Week: Show your out-of-state ID on March 9 and get a 15 percent discount on your entire party's tab. You'll also get a raffle ticket for beer swag and four free tokens for each drink.

**March 10, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. | [Hunahpu's Day](#)**

*Raymond James Stadium, Lots 5 & 7  
4201 North Dale Mabry Highway*

The wait is over, true fans of Tampa Bay craft brewing. Hunahpu's Day is Cigar City Brewing's annual craft beer celebration centered around the release of Hunahpu's Imperial Stout. This event is the only way to get bottles of this highly anticipated annual release. [Get your tickets now](#) for this keystone event of Tampa Bay Beer Week.