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Dear Contestant,

Welcome to the exciting world of GayDayS®, the largest Gay & Lesbian Vacation Destination Event! The Miss GayDayS® Pageant will be part of the most exciting week of events, expos, and parties. We are excited the 30th Annual GayDayS® Orlando and the Miss GayDayS® Pageant are hosted at The Avanti Palms Resort, May 31st – June 6th, 2022.

This year's pageant theme will be "DISCO DIVAS" Each of the final contestants will present themselves in a Disco Diva inspired costume. The category will be in the style of a runway fashion show at Taste of GayDayS. All contestants will be presenting to music chosen by the pageant staff.

The Miss GayDayS® Pageant candidate application deadline is Wednesday, May 25th, 2022. The pageant will be held Thursday through Saturday, June 2nd– June 4th. The pageant will begin with registration, Interviews, and Taste of GayDayS® on Thursday, spokesperson competition and rehearsals on Friday, and the final pageant and crowning Saturday evening.

This handbook will contain all the information that you need for the pageant. Please remember to print it and bring it with you to the pageant. If you have any questions not answered within the following pages, or to obtain additional information, please e-mail pageant@GayDayS.com or call 407-896-8431 ext. 104, and reference the 2022 Miss GayDayS® Pageant.

**Prizes for the winner include:

- \$1,200 cash (\$400 paid after crowning, \$800 paid at the end of contractual obligations) • Flight and accommodations for Gay Days® Orlando 2022.
- Flight, accommodations, and booking fee of \$125 for additional GayDayS® events, prides, and festivals (notice will be provided at least 30 days prior to booking).

Good Luck and may the creative juices flow!

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GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1. GayDayS® reserves the right to make amendments to these Rules and Regulations at any time. All contestants will be notified where amended Rules and Regulations may be accessed and the date, they will take effect within 48 hours of amendment.
2. Any matter not covered by these rules and regulations shall be addressed immediately and any necessary decisions will be decided by the President, Entertainment Team, or other designated representative of GayDayS®, Inc.
3. Complete honesty and full disclosure are expected from all contestants. Any affiliations, issues, or concerns that could reflect poorly on the individual candidates and GayDayS® must be divulged to GayDayS® immediately. GayDayS® reserves the right to investigate any claims regarding any contestant that could be potentially damaging to the reputation of both the contestant and GayDayS®. GayDayS® also reserves the right to make any determinations and decisions on how to proceed pending the results of their investigations.
4. GayDayS® will provide a Pageant Manager as your primary point of contact for the Miss GayDayS® Pageant from time of registration until the crowning of Miss GayDayS® 2022. Any questions, concerns, ideas or requests should be directed to the Pageant Manager, Chantel Reshae, Miss GayDayS® 2015. He/She will report all matters to the GayDayS® Entertainment Team and assist with resolving problems, answering questions, providing direction, and ensuring that contestants have an enjoyable time.
5. Miss GayDayS® candidates must be legally male at least 21 years of age as of June 5th, 2021. All contestants must possess a valid government issued ID, such as a Driver's License or passport, issued in their own name which shall be presented at time of on-site registration to show proof of age.
6. All dancer(s), assistant(s), dresser(s), stylist(s), employee(s), and/or other helper(s) must be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid government issued ID, such as a Driver's License or passport, issued in their own name which shall be presented at time of on-site registration to show proof of age.
7. The Miss GayDayS® Pageant does not discriminate against entertainers with surgical and medical enhancements, such as silicone and hormones. Physical enhancements **will not be considered** by any judge in the scoring of contestants. All Miss GayDayS® contestants must have been born male.



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8. Illegal drugs and/or marijuana use, distribution, or possession by any Miss GayDayS® contestant during the pageant will not be tolerated. Any contestants found in violation of this rule **will be immediately disqualified**. This rule will remain in effect for the full year reign of the Miss GayDayS® Pageant winner. The Miss GayDayS® title will be stripped from the winner and passed to the first runner up if found in violation of this rule. Legal action may be taken at the discretion of GayDayS®, Inc.
9. Illegal drugs and/or marijuana use, distribution, or possession by any dancer(s), assistant(s), dresser(s), stylist(s), employee(s), or other helper(s) of a Miss GayDayS® contestant during the pageant will not be tolerated. The contestant whose dancer(s), assistant(s), dresser(s), stylist(s), employee(s), or other helper(s) is found in violation of this rule **will be immediately disqualified**. Legal action may be taken at the discretion of GayDayS®, Inc.
10. Any contestant who is caught in the act of stealing or tampering with another person's costumes, props, or other possessions **will be immediately disqualified**, removed from the location of the pageant, and denied access to the event.
11. Any contestant whose dancer(s), assistant(s), dresser(s), stylist(s), employee(s), significant others, or other helper(s) is caught in the act of stealing or tampering with another person's costumes, props, or other possessions **will be immediately disqualified**, and the individual caught stealing or tampering will be removed from the location of the pageant and denied access to the event.
12. Any contestant who is found to be intoxicated at any GayDayS® Inc. event **will be immediately disqualified**, removed from the location, and denied access to the event.
13. Any dancer(s), assistant(s), dresser(s), stylist(s), employee(s), or other helper(s) of a Miss GayDayS® contestant who is found to be intoxicated at any Miss GayDayS® Pageant event will be immediately removed from the location of the pageant and denied access to the event. The contestant whose dancer(s), assistant(s), dresser(s), stylist(s), employee(s), or other helper(s) who is found to be intoxicated at any Miss GayDayS® Pageant event may be subject to scoring penalization at the discretion of the President or Entertainment Team of GayDayS®, Inc., or the Miss GayDayS® Pageant Coordinator.
14. Any contestant causing damage to any GayDayS® venue, inclusive of decorations and equipment, or any portion of the GayDayS® host hotel will be immediately disqualified and may be subject to legal action. If legal action is pursued, GayDayS® will assist the venue and any owner of damaged property with any prosecution.



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15. Any contestant whose dancer(s), assistant(s), dresser(s), stylist(s), employee(s), or other helper(s) is caught causing damage to any Gay Days® venue, inclusive of decorations and may be subject to legal action. If legal action is pursued, GayDayS® will assist the venue and any owner of damaged property with any prosecution.
16. It is recommended that contestants arrive at all scheduled appointments and events at least fifteen (15) minutes early. Any contestant that arrives late to any scheduled appointment or event may be subject to scoring penalization at the discretion of the President or Entertainment Team of GayDayS®, Inc., or the Miss GayDayS® Pageant Manager.
17. Hotel towels shall not be used for the removal of make-up. Contestants must provide their own towels for this purpose. Any contestant found in violation of this rule will be fined \$10.00 per towel and may be subject to scoring penalization at the discretion of the President or Entertainment Team of GayDayS®, Inc., or the Miss GayDayS® Pageant Coordinator.
18. The Miss GayDayS® Pageant will be themed. All contestants will be required to adhere to the chosen theme. The theme and all pertinent information and requirements will be communicated to all contestants who will be competing in the Miss GayDayS® Pageant at GayDayS® Orlando upon their selection in accordance with the preliminary judging process.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Candidates must submit all the following for the application to be considered complete:
 - a. A completed Miss GayDays® Pageant Official Application which will include:
 - i. Personal information (Stage and legal name, age, date of birth, and contact information)
 - ii. Brief personal biography
 - iii. Community involvement, accolades, and awards. Any Social Media links (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)
 - iv. Responses to two questions
 - v. Type of talent that will be performed
 - vii. List of additional personnel and their role or relationships (dancers, assistants, dressers, stylists, employees, significant others, or other helpers)
 - vi. List of sponsors
 - b. One (1) Digital headshot photo in full performance attire with a minimum resolution of 300dpi
 - c. One (1) Digital photo of contestants as themselves.
 - d. Non-refundable entrance fee must be submitted online at www.GayDayS.com. Cash and checks will not be accepted for the entrance fee.
 - i. Applications received by May 1st pay a non-refundable entrance fee of \$125.



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- ii Applications received between May 1st and May 21st will pay a non-refundable entrance fee of \$150
 - iii Applications received after May 21st will pay a non-refundable fee of \$175.
2. Applications must be submitted by email to Pageant@GayDayS.com in one single email.
 - a Subject of email must include contestant stage name and Miss GayDayS® 2022 Pageant Application
 - b Body of email must include date payment was made and the following attachments:
 - i Application as one (1) multi-page PDF document
 - ii Required photos as individual files
 - iii Proof of on-line payment as one (1) single page PDF document
3. Applications and entrance fees are due by 11:59 pm EST on Wednesday, May 25th, 2022. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.
4. By signing and submitting an application, candidates attest that they have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Miss GayDayS® 2022 Pageant.

ACCOMMODATIONS

1. The Avanti Palms Resort is the official host hotel for the 32nd Anniversary celebration of GayDayS® Orlando 2022 and the Miss GayDayS® 2022 Pageant.
The hotel is located at: 6515 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819
2. Reservations may be made online at www.GayDayS.com or by calling 888-942-9329.
3. It is *not required, but highly recommended* that all Miss GayDayS® 2022 Pageant contestants secure accommodations at The Avanti Palms Resort for the duration of the pageant. Contestants are responsible for the payment for their lodging accommodations.
 - a. Those not staying at the host hotel are required to be present for check-in, pageant meetings, and all pageant events and competitions.
 - b. Contestants not staying at the host hotel will also receive one parking pass for parking at the host hotel (based on availability of parking spaces).
4. GayDayS® will not provide travel accommodations for the Miss GayDayS® Pageant. Contestants are responsible for scheduling and payment for their own airfare or other transportation to the Miss GayDayS® Pageant. They are also responsible for any and all transportation expenses before, during, and after the Miss GayDayS® Pageant.



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1. Registration will take place Thursday, June 2nd, 2022, from 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm at The Avanti Palms Resort. All contestant information will be verified, copies of all participant Identifications will be made, and information regarding location and time of the Mandatory Pageant Participant Meeting will be provided. Failure to register during the registration period will result in point loss and possible disqualification.
2. Contestants will receive an introduction card that will be read before their talent number. Forms should be filled out with only the requested information and emailed back to the pageant office. The forms will be available at the Mandatory Pageant Participant Meeting should the contestant choose to change any information.
3. Music must be submitted PRIOR TO REGISTRATION via Pageant@GayDayS.com. Please bring a backup on USB clearly marked with contestant's name. Cassette tapes or CD's will not be accepted. Contestants who do not submit their music via EMAIL BY Monday, May 30th, 2022, may be subject to scoring penalization. Backup USB Thumb Drives will be returned to contestants after the crowning of Miss GayDayS® 2022. The drive should only have the contestant's talent track.
4. Performance Run Sheets must be submitted at time of registration. Contestants who do not submit their Run Sheet at time of registration may be subject to scoring penalization. The Run Sheet will provide lighting requests, and any other special requests for the contestant's performance to the Pageant Manager and technical team. All special requests will be discussed at the individual contestant's rehearsal. A determination will be made at that time by the Pageant Manager and GayDayS® Entertainment Team whether requests are able to and/or will be fulfilled. Contestants will be informed at rehearsals what decision(s) are made regarding special requests after rehearsals.
5. Each contestant will be allotted time for individual rehearsals. Rehearsals should be utilized for sound checks, blocking and lighting cue suggestions, familiarization with the performance space, and ensuring time restrictions can be met. Contestants should be well organized to best utilize the limited time provided and allow for the timing of required performances. Please take into consideration the location of the talent competition will be in a common area and guests will be present.
6. Logistics for performance load-in and load-out will be included in the Mandatory Pageant Participant Rehearsal.
7. Glitter, confetti, fire, liquids, and live animals are **strictly prohibited**. Any contestant attempting to utilize any of the items mentioned above will be immediately disqualified, removed from the pageant area, and required to pay for cleaning required and/or repair of any damage caused.



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8. This year's pageant theme will be "DISCO DIVAS" Each of the ten (10) final contestants will present themselves in a Disco Diva inspired costume at Taste of GayDayS. The category will be in the style of a runway fashion show. All contestants will be presenting to music chosen by the pageant staff.

MEETINGS AND EVENT ADMISSION

1. The Mandatory Pageant Participant Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 2nd, 2022, at 12:00pm. All Contestants, dancers, assistants, dressers, stylists, employees, and other helpers are required to attend; this meeting will be run by the Miss GayDayS® Pageant Manager. At this meeting, the judges will be introduced (pending availability), rules and regulations will be reviewed (inclusive of scoring and possible score penalties), pageant tickets may be purchased, and the following items will be distributed: contestant badges, backstage and assistant passes, any updated pageant information, and contestant specific schedules with times and locations.
2. All contestants are required to attend the Annual Taste of GayDayS® Orlando Party in their Disco Diva Presentation competition look. The party will be Thursday, June 2nd at The Avanti Palms Resort.
3. All dancers, assistants, dressers, stylists, employees, significant others, and other helpers must pay for full-price admission to all events except where discounts may be offered. All persons entering any official GayDayS® events must have a valid government issued ID issued to that person.
4. Each contestant will be provided access to the Miss GayDayS® Pageant for themselves and one additional individual. Tickets will be distributed at the end of the Mandatory Pageant Participant Meeting.
5. Each contestant will be provided one backstage pass for each performer, up to FOUR (4), that will appear on stage with the contestant during the pageant. They will also receive one (1) assistant pass that will allow backstage access to one (1) individual for the purpose of assisting the contestant with dressing; makeup, hair, props or other needed assistance. If a contestant has more than one (1) person providing assistance, multiple persons may utilize the same assistant pass but only one (1) individual will be granted backstage access at any given time. No extra assistants will be allowed in the dressing area. Any exceptions to this rule must be requested in writing prior to the opening of on-site registration. All requests will be reviewed by the Entertainment Team and Pageant Coordinator and granted or denied at their sole discretion. There will be NO access to electricity in the dressing area. Please plan accordingly!
6. Any misplaced, lost, or stolen passes may be replaced at the full event price.



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PAGEANT COMPETITION

1. The Miss GayDays® Pageant will be held at The Avanti Palms Resort. The personal interviews will take place on Thursday, June 2nd and are not open to the public. However, interview video footage will be posted on the Official GayDays® social media sites after all interviews have been completed. Remaining categories will take place during Taste of GayDays® (Thursday, June 2nd), GayDays® Expo (Friday, June 3rd), and Evening Pool Party (Saturday, June 4th). Call-Time for Saturday's pageant event is 6:00 pm. All contestants, performers, and other helpers must check-in with the Pageant Manager by 6:00 pm or may be subject to penalization.
2. Contestants will not be required to wear an event wristband during any of the Pageant Competition phases. All other participants will be required to wear an event wristband during the entirety of the Pageant Categories. Judges will be aware of this requirement, and it will not affect scoring.
3. A single dressing area will be provided for all contestants, a maximum of four (4) performers per contestant, and one (1) assistant per contestant. The dressing area will be sectioned off and each contestant will be provided with their own dressing space. If a contestant has multiple helpers or assistant, only one (1) will be allowed backstage at a time.
4. Contestants are responsible for storing, loading, and removing their props. The performance room and the dressing space will be open prior to call time to allow contestants to prepare for their performances. Props, costumes, and any other items needed for the pageant at this time but note GayDayS® and any of its representatives will not be responsible for any lost or damaged property left unattended. Following the competition, all props and personal belongings must be removed from the venue.

JUDGED CATEGORIES

1. **Personal Interview** – Up to 15 minutes in length. The showcase of “who you are as a person.” Contestants should interview in their everyday gender preference. Interviews will be video recorded and posted on official GayDayS® social media sites. This will be judged by GayDayS staff.
2. **Spokesperson Competition** – This category contestants will take a 15-minute time slot in our expo and show off their ability to promote our vendors and GayDayS offerings. The look chosen for this category should reflect what the contestant would wear when representing GayDayS at Pride Festivals. This will be judged by several of our GayDayS vendors.
3. **Talent** – 5-minute time limit with 2 minutes of setup and tear down times. An on-stage performance of your choice. This will be judged by professionals in the entertainment industry.



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4. **Presentation Themed Costume** – Contestants will present a look inspired by the GayDayS theme DISCO DIVAS. The look should flatter the contestant and elevate the event. This will be judged by several of our Taste of GayDayS participants.
5. **Final Question** – The opportunity to showcase your public speaking skills. This will be judged by our GayDayS vendors
6. **Crowning** – *Not a judged category but all contestants must wear a red gown for crowning.*
7. **Personal Interview**
 - a. Each contestant will undergo an individual interview by the Miss GayDayS® Pageant judging committee. This will afford our judges insight into the character, charisma, personality, and professional and personal lives of each contestant. It will also provide them the opportunity to evaluate basic skills and qualities such as intellect, communication capabilities, attitude, and composure.
 - b. Contestants shall attend interviews in the persona of their choice.
 - c. Contestants should remember that this is a professional, yet casual, interview. Attire should reflect personality while remaining relaxed, and professional. Contestants should select their clothing to allow them to be comfortable and at ease.
 - d. The interview schedule and room location will be provided at the Mandatory Pageant Participant Meeting.
 - e. Personal Interviews will be scheduled for a maximum of 15 minutes.
 - f. Each interview will be audio/video recorded. Upon conclusion of all interviews, the interview video footage will be posted on the Official GayDayS® social media sites.
8. **Spokesperson competition**
 - a. Contestants must present themselves in a pridewear outfit of choice to interview vendors and promote events in the expo.
 - b. Contestants will have 15-minute time slots to promote as they see fit
 - c. Contestants will be given their On-Stage Question at the end of their 15-minute time slot.
9. **Talent: Contestant Choice**
 - a. The complete Talent presentations shall be limited to a total of nine (9) minutes broken down as follows:
 - I. Performance – five (5) minutes
 - II. Prop setup – two (2) minutes
 - III. Prop removal – two (2) minutes
 - b. Timing of a complete run through of the Talent presentation must be done during the rehearsal period. Performances will be penalized for exceeding time limit or for failure to provide for timing of the category.
 - c. Talent is expected to be an upbeat, high-energy number. Ballads are strongly discouraged and may not score as high.



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- d. Any talent performance is acceptable except where injury may be caused to the audience, performers, technicians, or any other individual or group.
 - i. Contestants may utilize up to four (4) additional individuals in their talent presentation. With the contestant, a maximum of five (5) persons may be on stage at any given time.
 - ii. Set-up time is provided so props may be used. All props must be free standing and must be secure upon set-up.
- e. No items may be left on the stage at the end of the time allotted for prop removal. This includes clothing, accessories, set props and any items that may be dropped, thrown, or left on stage.
- f. Backstage staff will not be provided by GayDayS® to assist with the set-up or tear down of props.

10. “Disco Diva” Presentation

- a. Contestants will present their Disco Diva presentation during their public appearance at Taste of GayDayS.
- b. The outfit may be any color and/or style. All physical elements (outfit, hair, make-up, shoes, and accessories) must complement each other and produce the best possible presence and appearance for the contestant.
- c. Outfits and accessories may be very simple with minimal or no embellishments, may incorporate significant amounts of embellishments, such as rhinestones and beading, or may fall somewhere in between. Regardless of level of embellishment, outfits must fit well and be easily worn. Unique combinations, high quality detailing, clean construction and a high fashion air are critical in developing the look expected for a representative of GayDayS®.
- d. Contestants will be judged as they move about Taste of GayDayS throughout the event.

11. Judges’ Final Question

- g. All contestants are asked a final question from the Miss GayDayS® Executive board. Each contestant will randomly draw a final question.
- h. The final question will take place at the end of the Spokesperson category.
- i. Questions will be related to current media hot topics and LGBT related news but are not limited to subjects relating to representing GayDayS®, Inc.



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SCORING

1. Scoring for the Miss GayDayS® Pageant will be cumulative. Judges will assign each contestant a score for each category based on their personal performance. Performances will be scored individually without comparison to other performances. With this scoring, more than one contestant may receive the same score.
2. Judging score allocation will be as follows:
 - a. Personal Interview Maximum of 20 points per judge
 - b. Judge's Final Question Maximum of 16 points per judge
 - c. Talent Maximum of 15 points per judge
 - d. Spokesperson competition Maximum of 18 points per judge
 - E. Disco Diva Competition Maximum of 14 points per judge
3. Administrative score allocation will be as follows:
 - a. Administrative Points (Maximum of 50 points)
 - i. All contestants will begin the competition with 25 Administrative points. Points may be gained for a maximum of 50 points or removed to a minimum of 0 points at the discretion of the Creative Director of Entertainment and Pageant Coordinator.
 - ii. Administrative points may be gained by attending and interacting at official GayDayS® events throughout the week, to be given by GayDayS® Directors or the owners of GayDayS®, INC Chris and Tommy Manley, Joseph Clark & Thomas Souriya.
 - iii. Documentation of all penalties or gained administrative points will be maintained by the Pageant Coordinator. All penalties will be consistent throughout the competition.

AWARDS & EXPECTATIONS

1. Prizes are as follows
 - a. Winner:
 - i. Cash prize: \$1,200 (\$400 paid after crowning, \$800 paid at the end of contractual obligations)
 - ii. Flight and accommodations for GayDayS® Orlando 2022.
 - iii. Flight, accommodations, and booking fee of \$125 for additional GayDayS® events, prides, and festivals (notice will be provided at least 30 days prior to booking).
 - b. Runner Up:
 - i. Cash prize: \$250.00
2. Gay Days, Inc. requires the Miss GayDayS® titleholder to sign a contract with Gay Days, Inc. prior to the disbursement of any prize money. Refusal or failure to sign contract will result in forfeiture of title and all prize money.



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SCHEDULE OF PAGEANT EVENTS

April 4th, 2022 – Monday

- 9:00 AM Pageant Application Submissions Open

May 25th, 2022 - Wednesday

- 11:59 PM EST Application Submissions Close

June 2nd, 2022 – Thursday (*All events will take place at The Avanti Palms Resort Orlando*)

- 12:00PM – 12:30PM Contestant Registration & Fill Out Paperwork
- 1:00PM - Personal Interview competition begins
 - 1:00 Contestant 1
 - 1:15 Contestant 2
 - 1:30 Contestant 3
 - 1:45 Contestant 4
 - 2:00 Contestant 5
 - 2:15 Contestant 6
 - 2:30 Contestant 7
 - 2:45 Contestant 8
 - 3:00 Contestant 9
 - 3:15 Contestant 10

*** Personal Interviews are scheduled for a maximum of 10 minutes with a 5-minute break between contestants. Interviews will also be streamed on official GayDayS® social media sites.*

- 6:30pm - Taste of Gay Days Roll call

June 3rd, 2022 – Friday *Spokesperson Competition*

- 11:00AM - 11:15AM Contestant #1
- 11:20AM - 11:35AM Contestant #2
- 11:40AM - 11:55AM Contestant #3
- 12:00PM - 12:15PM Contestant #4
- 12:20PM - 12:35PM Contestant #5
- 12:40PM - 12:55PM Contestant #6
- 1:00PM - 1:15PM Contestant #7
- 1:20PM - 1:35PM Contestant #8
- 1:40PM - 1:55PM Contestant #9
- 2:00PM - 2:15PM Contestant #10



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REHEARSALS

Rehearsal times will be assigned during registration.

** Talent Rehearsals are scheduled for a maximum of 15 minutes with a 5-minute break between rehearsals. Rehearsal time will begin and end promptly on schedule

June 4th, 2022 - Saturday

- 6:00 PM Pageant Call Time
- 6:30 PM Pageant & Crowning of Miss GayDayS® 2021
- TBD Miss GayDayS® 2022 Winner's Performance (*during Saturday Night Pool Party*)

June 5th, 2022 – Sunday

- TBD Miss GayDayS® 2022 Winner's Performance (*during Mr. GayDayS® Leather 2022 Competition*)

Schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the President or Entertainment Team of GayDayS®, or the Miss GayDayS® Pageant Coordinator. Any changes will be promptly communicated to contestants and made available in writing.