

Draft Weekend Checklist

2026 NFL Draft | Pittsburgh, PA | April 22–25

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WED APR 22

Opening Night
Nelly Concert

THU APR 23

R1: 8pm ET | Gates: 12pm
DJ Steve Aoki

FRI APR 24

R2-3: 7pm ET | Gates: 12pm

SAT APR 25

R4-7: 12pm ET | Gates: 9am
5K + 2 Chainz

Before You Leave Home

- Download the **NFL OnePass app** and register (required for free entry)
- Book your hotel (prices are only going up)
- Pre-book parking on **SpotHero** if driving. Or skip it. ALL T rides are free.
- Download **Ready2Ride app** for \$25 Draft Pass (7 days unlimited PRT + buses)
- Download **Transit app** for real-time PRT bus and T arrival times
- Check road closure map. Bridges and I-279 exits are closed.
- Charge your portable battery pack
- Check weather forecast for Pittsburgh April 22-25
- Save park-and-ride directions for your approach
- Make dinner reservations (everywhere will be packed)

What to Pack

MUST-HAVES

- Clear bag** (12x6x12 for Stadium, 16x16x6 for Point State Park). \$8 on Amazon.
- Portable phone charger** (10,000mAh min). 500K people on temporary cell towers = your phone drains 2-3x faster. Bring two if you can.
- Comfortable walking shoes**. 5-10 miles per day between venues.
- Layers**. April in Pittsburgh can be 45° or 75°.
- Rain jacket or poncho**. Outdoor event. April showers are real.
- Phone with OnePass** installed and account set up

SMART ADDITIONS

- Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat
- Water bottle (refill stations available)
- Snacks. Food lines will be long.
- Cash. Some vendors are cash-only.
- Team jersey or gear
- Small umbrella for clear bag

LEAVE AT HOME

- Large bags, backpacks, purses
- Coolers, outside food/drinks
- Chairs, blankets, tents
- Drones

Full guide with maps, restaurants, and hotel recommendations at pittsburghdraftguide.com

Day-Of Checklist

- Phone charged to 100%
- Portable charger fully charged
- OnePass app open and working
- Clear bag packed with essentials
- Check weather one more time
- Eat a real meal before you go
- Know your parking/transit plan
- Screenshot return route (weak cell signal)

ALL T Rides FREE April 23-25 (Sheetz + PRT)

From North: Ross Park & Ride (I-279 Exit 5), Football Flyer bus, 25 min

From South: South Hills Village T Station, ride the T free, 35 min

From East: Wilkinsburg Park & Ride, P1 bus, 15 min

From West/Airport: PRT Route 28X, 45-60 min

From Butler County: Zelenople Rt 528 park-and-ride, Butler Transit every 30 min (\$10 RT, exact cash)

Sheetz covers all fares on the T (red, blue, silver lines) and Monongahela Incline. Park at any T station, ride downtown for \$0.

Scam Warning (BBB): Watch out for fake tickets, counterfeit merchandise, and rental fraud. The NFL Draft is FREE. If someone is selling tickets, it's a scam.

Key Times & Entertainment

OPENING NIGHT - WED APR 22

Draft Experience opens | Nelly at Plaza at North Shore

DAY 1 - THU APR 23

Round 1: 8pm ET

Gates: 12pm | DJ Steve Aoki concert

DAY 2 - FRI APR 24

Rounds 2-3: 7pm ET

Gates: 12pm | Drone show after picks

DAY 3 - SAT APR 25

Rounds 4-7: 12pm ET

Gates: 9am | PicksBURGH 5K | 2 Chainz

Money-Saving Tips

- The draft is **FREE** (register on OnePass)
- ALL T rides free. Skip \$125-250/day parking.
- \$25 Draft Pass = 7 days unlimited (Ready2Ride)
- Clear bag on Amazon (\$8) not at event (\$25)
- Bring water and snacks. \$15 beers add up.
- Cranberry hotels: \$120-180 vs \$500-2K downtown
- Walk from venues before calling Uber (surge)
- Saturday = smallest crowds, best vibe



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