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General Information of the National Executive Committee (NEC)

The National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC) is an annual event occurring in late June. The convention location is moved each year from city to city, based on a bidding process. Bids are presented Friday morning at the annual convention and typically awarded for four years in the future.

All members of the local convention committee are volunteers who donate their time, energy, and expertise to produce the “World’s Greatest Square Dance Event” each year. Most of all, the convention provides fun and fellowship with dancers and Dance Leaders from around the world. Many of the world’s most elite Dance Leaders include the NSDC in their busy schedule each year. The convention is a one-of-a-kind event that has been held annually since its inception in 1952.

WHO IS THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (NEC)

In 1952, a square dance was held in Riverside, California. The Convention Committee called the event the National Square Dance Convention®. This event was a huge success, and plans were made to repeat the event in another part of the United States. The Convention Committee in charge of these first conventions met and agreed on plans and guidelines for hosting future annual conventions. Thus, the National Executive Committee (NEC) was formed with the responsibility of overseeing the planning and execution of the annual event. In 1962, the Convention Committee applied for and received a registered trademark for “National Square Dance Convention®” (NSDC).

The NEC members are all General Chairman of past conventions. Being a Convention General Chairman is the only way to become a member of the NEC. The NEC meets at least twice a year, spending a week each time at Pre-Convention and Convention. Each Committee Member will spend on average several days per month and several weeks attending the Pre-Convention and Convention events each year. The

NEC is a volunteer position; no compensation is received for their services and dedication. NEC members are responsible for paying their own convention registration fees and travel expenses while attending the National Convention.

The NEC carefully selects the future convention sites from among those meeting the requirements and submitting a bid. Criteria for selection are broad and based on dancer’s needs and desires. The Bidding City is responsible for submitting a proposal to the NEC 90-days prior to the start of the next NSDC. The winning bid is announced during the Closing Ceremony at the convention.

The NEC publishes ten monthly National Squares E-Magazines, August through May, which benefits the upcoming convention. This publication provides dancers and Dance Leaders from around the world with Convention information on the who, what, and where each month leading up to the Convention.

Each NEC Member serves as a NEC Phase Advisor to a specific phase of the convention such as Education, Program, Registration & Housing, Services, etc. Each NEC Member is also assigned to a geographical area of the United States as the NEC Area Advisor. The NEC Area Advisor is responsible for providing informative responses to those making a bid inquiry from their assigned area. When a Bidding City is identified as a proposed upcoming convention location, the NEC Area Advisor then becomes the NEC Advisors to this bidding organization. The NEC Advisors will select other NEC Members (Couple/Solo) to assist with advising the organization. The NEC’s mission is to provide years of experience and assistance to upcoming conventions to help them be successful. The National Square Dance Convention® is the greatest square dance event.



IN MEMORY OF ERNEST EUGENE STONE



Ernest Eugene Stone, age 86, of Columbus, Indiana, passed away on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. He was born on January 6, 1939, in Columbus, Indiana to Lloyd Adam and Thelma Louise (Mace) Stone. He graduated from Hope High School, Hope, Indiana in 1956. He married his high school sweetheart Barbara Rae Waltz on February 2, 1957, they were married 68 and a half years. He was a 60 plus years member of the Hope Masonic Lodge #150 of Hope, Indiana. He retired from Cummins Engine Company with 30 plus years employment and received an accounting degree from Indiana University and became a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) on May 7, 1986. After retiring from Cummins, he opened Ernie Stone Tax & Accounting Services with his daughter and ran that business until his passing.

Ernie is survived by his wife, Barbara; children, Jan (Stone) Rynerson; granddaughter, Shelly Rynerson, great granddaughters Willow & Iris Rynerson and great grandson Fox Niederhauser; granddaughter Dusty (Skylar) Hammack, great granddaughters Amberlyn & Chloe Hammack; and Darryl (Colleen) Stone; grandson Adam (Laura) Stone, great grandchildren Luke & Lily Stone; and brother, Edward Leo Stone.

Ernie was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Larry Wayne Stone, David Lee Stone & Edwin Leroy Stone, granddaughter, Ashley Dawn Stone and son-in-law, Mike Rynerson.

Ernie loved football, softball, basketball, golfing, camping, and modern western style square dancing. He and Barbara, served as General Chairman of the 1986 35th National Square Dance Convention® in Indianapolis, Indiana with 27,192 square dancers in attendance, some dancers from as far away as thirteen (13) foreign countries.

In July 1979, they went on a twenty-one (21) day trip to Russia and Poland with 157 square dancers most from Georgia. They were able to square dance in Red Square. Can you imagine the excitement and the crowd this must have attracted? Barbara shared many fond memories of this trip with us during the funeral service. The group had a wonderful trip.

On August 2, 1987, they participated by square dancing in the opening ceremony of the Tenth (10th) Pan American Games at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Ernie & Barbara Stone have served on the National Executive Board (NEC) for 39 years providing guidance to many conventions. They have also served on the Indiana State Convention staff for many years. Ernie will be missed by the square dance world.



74th National Convention



The 74th National Square Dance Convention® would like to thank each and every one of you that attended and/or supported our convention as we *danced on the wild side* in Shreveport, Louisiana!

We kicked off the week with a full house at the GSI Callers School at Sam's Town, followed by our first glimpse of the Shreveport Convention Center with the Trail End Dance Tuesday night hosted by Tony, Jack, Jet, and Ted. The Wednesday Night dinner and show with Dennis Swanberg kept everyone

laughing with his unique humor.

The Wednesday Night Kickoff Dance hosted by emcee Tony Oxendine and called by the attendees and coaches from the GSI Callers School with music provided by the Ghost Riders Band was a great way to kick off the convention!

While in Louisiana, we wanted to add a little “*Louisiana Lagniappe*” or “*something extra*” for our attendees. Our Elvis Tribute Artist, “Jelvis,” made the rounds with the dancers and played Elvis tunes and “Q,” who played his violin during the Closing Ceremony, made it a little more special. I do believe the



biggest surprise was the two buses we added at the last minute to help transport our dancers from the campground, Sam's Town, Holiday Inn, and Holiday Inn Express hotels to the convention center. Shantle and Cindy, our drivers, were an instant hit and literally became part of our square dance family.

I was extremely proud of our committees and approximately 80 committee members for all the work that was done prior to the dance to make sure everyone had a great experience while in Shreveport. We had 11 dance halls, 7 education rooms, 3 hospitality areas, registration, tours, information, first aid, business and ways and means that had to be organized, manned, and taken care of. I thought the team at the Shreveport Convention Center (SCC), headed up by our event coordinator, Katie Burke, was fabulous. The staff were friendly and helpful and bent over backward to make sure our dancers were taken care of. The SCC staff were over the top, from the people sweeping floors, to those working the walk-through metal detectors to the managers and coordinators who walked with us from the time the doors opened until we left every day. David Bradley with Visit Shreveport-Bossier City (tourism) and the City of Shreveport, welcomed us with open arms with unbelievable support from day one and helped us so much.

Tonia and I were thankful for the opportunity to be General Chairman of the 74th NSDC and were flattered by the many comments we received both in person and what was shared on Facebook. The 74th NSDC is finished with all its great memories and fun we had. Now it's time to plan and register for the 75th Diamond Jubilee in Waco, Texas, the 76th NSDC in beautiful Loveland, Colorado, and then we're headed to the beach for the 77th NSDC in Daytona Beach, Florida. ***Who is going to step up for the 78th National Square Dance Convention®?***



Registration



<https://75nsdctx.com/register/>



Malpass Brothers Concert



Coming to the stage at the Waco National Convention will be the Malpass Brothers, who are modern-day troubadours known for putting on a good show with their signature nature retro sound and lively personalities.

As young boys, Chris and Taylor Malpass discovered their grandfather's LP record collection. That treasure trove of country classics eventually launched the duo into touring with Merle Haggard, winning numerous top awards and putting them in the national spotlight with albums, Grand Ole Opry performances, and a popular TV show.

[Click here](#) to buy tickets for the **Wednesday, June 24, 2026 Malpass Brothers concert.**

You're in for a treat!



All Things Magnolia



When you visit Waco for the 75th National Square Dance Convention® in June 2026, you'll be staying in the city that made Chip and Joanna Gaines famous through their Fixer Upper TV shows, or you could say that Chip and Joanna made Waco famous.

Regardless, one of their fixer-uppers is the silos area occupying two city blocks in downtown Waco. Entry into the complex is free. Constantly growing, the area has something for everyone, including:

- ◆ Magnolia Market
- ◆ Magnolia Home
- ◆ Magnolia Table
- ◆ Silos Baking Company
- ◆ Magnolia Seed + Supply
- ◆ Magnolia Press Coffee Shop
- ◆ Gourmet food trucks for lunch
- ◆ Homebody - bath and body essentials
- ◆ The Art of Entertaining - intended as the space to workshop and create your own layered table
- ◆ No. Sixteen, Chip's baseball jersey no.
- ◆ The Flower Shop and Souvenir Shop
- ◆ Weekend Shop
- ◆ Shops at the Silos
- ◆ Savor



Hotels

The 75th National Square Dance Convention offers a set of diverse hotel experiences during your stay in Waco. Parking is free around the convention center.

Hotel	Waco CC Distance	Rate	Reservation Deadline	Free Amenities			
				Breakfast	Parking	Wi-Fi	Laundry
SOLD OUT Hilton Waco 113 S University Parks Dr	Connected to Waco CC	\$174/night	5/29/2026	✓	✓	✓	
SOLD OUT Courtyard 101 Washington Ave	Across the street from Waco CC	\$164/night	5/29/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Cambria Hotel 110 S MLK Jr Blvd	6-8 min walk	\$172/night	6/9/2026		✓	✓	
Even Hotel 110 S MLK Jr Blvd	6-8 min walk	\$164/night	6/9/2026		✓	✓	✓
Holiday Inn Express 101 Taylor St	6-8 min walk	\$149/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Spring Hill Suites 115 S Jack Kultgen Expressway	2 min drive	\$147/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aloft Waco 900 S 11th St	5 min drive	\$159/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
La Quinta 911 S 10th Street	5 min drive	\$159/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Element Hotel 2200 Robinson Dr	7 min drive	\$154/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Home2Suites 2500 Bagby Ave	7 min drive	\$174/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	

What to Expect Next?

- We have negotiated discounted rates with area hotels. If you are registered for the 75th National Square Dance Convention[®], in late July 2025 you should have received an email from 75nsdchousing@gmail.com to book your hotel through the convention’s Hotel Booking Portal. Your email included your Convention Registration Number (**which is needed for the booking process**), a link to the Housing Booking Portal, and a step-by-step guide on how use the portal. Requested room blocks will be handled via a different process.
- Once in the Housing Booking Portal, you will have the ability to book your room at **any of the convention hotels** based on room availability. You can only get the special convention rates through the portal. Reservation confirmations will be sent to the email address used to make the reservation.

Questions?

Please reach out to Phil Henderson, Housing Vice-Chair,
at 75nsdchousing@gmail.com



Pet-friendly hotels



Can my pet stay in my hotel during the convention?



The short answer is **YES!** All but two of our hotels allow pets!
See below for details:

Hotel	CC Distance	Accept Pets?	Pet Fee	Additional Info
Hilton Waco (Host Hotel)	Connected to Waco CC	No	N/A	No pets are allowed except for service animals.
Courtyard (Dance Leader Hotel)	Approx. 1/2 mile street from Waco CC	Yes	\$0	Please let the front desk know at check-in.
Cambria Hotel	6-8 min walk	No	N/A	No pets are allowed except for service animals
Even Hotel	6-8 min walk	Yes	\$150 deposit	\$75 of the deposit is refundable.
Holiday Inn Express	6-8 min walk	Yes	\$75 deposit	Dogs and cats only ; deposit is non-refundable
Spring Hill Suites	2 min drive	Yes	\$100 deposit	Deposit is non-refundable; dogs only (2 max up to 40 lbs.)
Aloft Waco	5 min drive	Yes	\$0	2 pets max up to 40 lbs.
La Quinta	5 min drive	Yes	\$25/day	Maximum amount of \$75 during entire stay.
Element Hotel	7 min drive	Yes	\$50/day	Maximum amount of \$150 during entire stay.
Home2Suites	7 min drive	Yes	\$75 deposit	Deposit if non-refundable

SOLD OUT

Questions?

Please reach out to Phil Henderson, Housing Vice-Chair at 75nsdchousing@gmail.com



Enjoy having your furry companion with you at your hotel!

75th National Square Dance Convention – Waco, TX
June 24-27, 2026



Camping/RV

We have negotiated discounted rates with two Waco-area campgrounds. You will need to make a reservation directly with the campground of choice, request the Square Dance Convention discount and pay directly to the campground.

These are the campgrounds offering the Square Dance discount:



- 1) Waco Creekside Resort: 15 percent Square Dance discount. The campground is about 11 miles from the Waco Convention Center. There are 83 campsites. Cabins and tree houses are also available. 1972 Leroy Parkway / Elm Mott, TX 76640
(254) 651-3999 / <https://wacocreeksideresort.com>
- 2) Magnolia RV Resort offers you 10% off your stay. Complimentary breakfast Saturdays and Sundays. The campground is about 8 miles from the Waco Convention Center. 3096 New Dallas Hwy. / Waco, TX 76705
(254) 799-3105 <https://magnoliarvresort.com>

Please note that camping fees will not be collected through the Hotel Booking Portal.



Sew and Save

Many of us prefer sewing our own dance clothes to save money or just tap into our own creativity. One way to do this is by putting embellishments to work.

Our embellishment class will show how to dress up T-shirts and plain outfits by adding ruffles, ribbon, decorative ribbon, patches and sequins to make your clothing new or unique to you.

Another class will show how to make an apron to wear over a plain skirt. This is a great way to create holiday outfits without taking up extra space in the closet.

These aprons look like the kitchen variety that tie behind the waist, except they go over a square dance skirt.

Also included in the apron category are short, full skirts that overlay the solid skirt.

Another class will be basic repair of used square dance clothes - changing out elastic, replacing elastic in petticoats, as well as repairing holes and seams.



We also plan to have classes on:

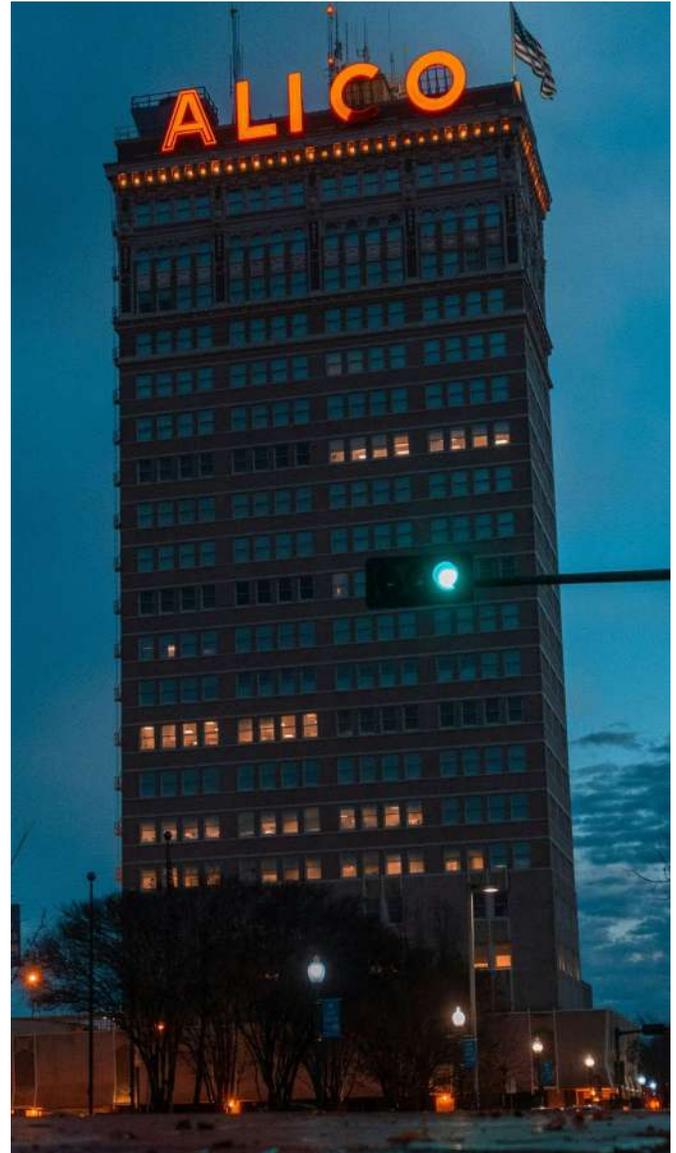
- ◆ How to make a tablecloth skirt
- ◆ How to yoke a non-yoke shirt
- ◆ How to add bling to any surface
- ◆ How to make a peasant blouse
- ◆ Community project - mastectomy aprons. You will get a dangle for completing five and a dangle for 10 or more aprons made.
- ◆ Our make and takes: Boot noodles and bolo ties

Join us for lots of ways to snazz up your dance clothing.

Waco's ALICO Building

The ALICO Building is a towering icon in downtown Waco, Texas. Standing at 282 feet with 22 stories, it's the tallest building in the city and a proud symbol of resilience and history. Here's a quick snapshot:

- Location: 425 Austin Ave., Waco, TX 76701
- It was completed in 1911 for the Amicable Life Insurance Co. It was the tallest building west of the Mississippi at the time. It is currently home to the American-Amicable Life Insurance Co. of Texas, with additional office spaces available for lease.
- The Beaux-Arts architecture has a steel frame and terra cotta detailing.
- It famously withstood the devastating 1953 Waco tornado, swaying but never collapsing.
- The foundation was dug 40 feet down to bedrock, where workers discovered a subterranean lake, which became the building's own water source during a statewide drought.
- A Wright Brothers-built biplane circled the building in 1911 during the first transcontinental flight across the U.S.
- The building had its own power plant, artesian well and flood-control system. These were cutting-edge at the time.
- The building stood as a test site for General Electric's new A/C units.
- The first building manager invented and patented an elevator signaling device.
- The building was designated a Texas Historical Landmark in 1982.



- The building's iconic red "ALICO" letters were added in 1955 and remain a beacon for visitors and locals alike.
- The building served as a crisis center after the 1953 tornado, coordinating rescue efforts from its ground floor.
- In the 1960s and '70s, the building played Christmas music from rooftop speakers for downtown Waco.

Fashion Show

You Don't Want to Miss
This...

*Sights and Sounds
of Texas*

It Ain't Your Mama's

**FASHION
SHOW**

**Saturday
June 27
1:30 pm**

**75th National Square
Dance Convention[®]**



**June 24-27 2026
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Ghost Riders



You will be dancing in the evenings to the Ghost Riders, the well-known square dance band, which will back up the square dance callers!

75th National Square Dance Convention®

Waco Convention Center



Things you'll love about the Waco Convention Center, venue for the 75th National Square Dance Convention®

- ◆ Close to area hotels, restaurants and attractions
- ◆ Compact convention center – it's quick and easy to move between halls
- ◆ Two levels with elevators and escalators
- ◆ Built-in water bottle filling stations in hallways
- ◆ 900 free parking spaces
- ◆ Dance flooring including bamboo wood, polished concrete, commercial vinyl, modular wood over carpet, and new modular plastic flooring over carpet
- ◆ Concessions and vending food
- ◆ Convenient restrooms
- ◆ Good variety of vendors
- ◆ Education sessions and archives in attached hotel meeting rooms for a conducive learning atmosphere



Goodies to buy

Ways and Means



We have all kinds of Waco convention merchandise:

- T-shirts
- Belt towels
- Texas-themed items
- Commemorative belt buckle (below)
- Stuffed mascots, as held at left by Gary and Claudia Lester, our General Chairman.



Commemorative belt buckle

By special order: please see next page

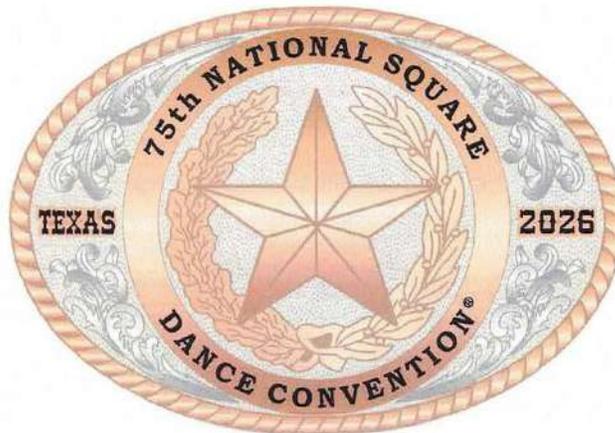
Belt buckle order form

75th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®

75nsdc@gmail.com

ORDER FORM

SOLD TO: _____ ORDER DATE: _____
 ADD: _____ CELL: () _____
 CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ EMAIL: _____



ACTUAL SIZE: 3.375" x 5"

PROD#:	QTY:	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	SUB-TOTAL
18503		75th National Square Dance Convention	\$ 94.95	
		(BACKPLATE) JEWELERS ENGRAVING - 1 LINE	12.50	
		(BACKPLATE) JEWELERS ENGRAVING - 2 LINES	15.00	
		(BACKPLATE) JEWELERS ENGRAVING - 3 LINES	19.00	
		(BACKPLATE) JEWELERS ENGRAVING - 4 LINES	22.00	
ENGRAVING INSTRUCTIONS: (MAX 18 CHARACTERS PER LINE)			FREIGHT	
			SUB TOTAL	
			SALES TAX	
			TOTAL	

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Call GaryLester 281-857-3177

Thank You!



Your first national convention?



What can you expect if this is your first national convention? First of all, you'll encounter all kinds of people from all walks of life, with dancing the common denominator!

The National Square Dance Convention® moves from city to city across the U.S. The last three conventions have been held in Mobile, AL, Milwaukee, WI, and Shreveport, LA. This year's convention will be June 24-27, 2026 in Waco, TX.

There will be plenty of halls for different levels and types of dances, such as Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, and various levels of Round Dance, Contra, Line Dance, Clogging, youth activities, and specialty dances.

Prior to the National Square Dance Convention® in Waco, there are Trail Thru dances being held across the United States leading to the convention, which starts at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2026 with a concert by the Malpass Brothers (be sure to buy your ticket!). At 7 p.m. the Opening Ceremonies spectacular show begins, followed by the Trail End dances from 8 to 10 p.m.

The convention opens at 9 a.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, ending at 10 p.m. each night. Several special After-Parties each night extend the dancing for another hour.

So make sure to pack some comfortable shoes, and be ready for a lot of walking and, of course, dancing.

Exciting Youth Activities

Dear Parents,

As we gear up for the 75th National Square Dance Convention®, we want to extend a warm welcome to all the families joining us in celebrating this milestone event! While we will not have a dedicated youth room this year, we want to assure you that there will be **plenty of fun, engaging, and age-appropriate activities** planned specifically for our youth dancers.

Our goal is to make this convention a memorable experience for dancers of all ages. Here's a glimpse of what your youth can look forward to:

- **Youth-focused dance sessions:** Specially scheduled square and round dance sessions tailored for youth, with energetic callers and cuers who know how to keep the floor lively and fun.
- **Workshops and skill-building:** Opportunities for youth to improve their dancing skills, learn new moves, and even try out calling in a supportive environment.
- **Games and icebreakers:** Between dance sessions, we'll have organized games and social activities to help youth connect, make friends and have fun.
- **Youth parade and performances:** A chance for youth to shine! Whether it's participating in a themed parade or showcasing their talents, there will be moments to celebrate their energy and creativity.
- **Mentorship and community:** Older youth and young adult dancers will be on hand to help guide and support younger participants, creating a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere.



Why bring your youth?

Square dancing is more than just a fun activity—it's a community. By bringing your youth to the convention, you're giving them the chance to:

- Build lifelong friendships
- Gain confidence and leadership skills
- Be part of a vibrant, intergenerational tradition

We're committed to making this a safe, joyful, and enriching experience for all our young dancers. So, pack those dancing shoes and get ready for an unforgettable time at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®!

If you have any questions or would like more details about youth programming, feel free to reach out to our Youth Coordinator, Kati Raleigh, at yodelergirl@yahoo.com.

We can't wait to see you on the dance floor!



Registration long form

Name: _____

More information available at www.75nsdctx.com



Following completion of the registration process, you will receive an email with your registration number and link to the Hotel Reservation portal. Please allow 7-10 days after your online registration

for this manual processing.

Questions may be directed to:
register.75nsdc@gmail.com
75nsdchousing@gmail.com

No airport shuttle services provided

See www.75nsdctx.com for transportation information.

You must be registered for the convention with a registration number to receive the convention rate. No self or online registration is available for the contracted rate except through the weblink, which will be provided by the convention Housing Vice-Chairman. 75nsdchousing@gmail.com

Hotel cancellations must be made 72 hours in advance to avoid a fee.

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www.wacocreeksideresort.com
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Call for a 15% Discount on all Cabins, RV Spots and Treehouses

Magnolia RV Resort www.magnoliarvresort.com
3096 New Dallas Hwy, Waco TX 76705 254-799-3105
Call for a 10% discount on you stay.

Say You are with the Square Dance Convention

Revised 7/22/2025

What is Challenge Square Dancing?



Challenge dancing is the most advanced level of modern western square dancing. It emphasizes mental and strategic aspects of square dance formations and calls. One difference with Challenge is the use of phantoms, which are

imaginary dancers used to maintain formations and add to dance's visual complexity. The first three levels of square dance — Mainstream, Plus and Advanced — tend to be more physically active than Challenge.



Registration long form



75th National Square Dance Convention®

Waco Convention Center - June 24-27, 2026

100 Washington Ave, Waco, TX

WE'RE GOING TO TEXAS Y'ALL

Register online at 75nsdctx.com

Zelle your payment to 75nsdc@gmail.com

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

75NSDC
9597 Jones Rd Ste #122
Houston, TX 77065

Email: register.75nsdc@gmail.com

For Convention Use Only

Registration # _____
Date Received _____
Payment Processed _____
Check# or Ref # _____

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____
Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email*: _____

*E-mail address will only be shared with the NEC Check if you do not want your email shared.

No. of past NSDC's prior to 75th	First Name & Last Name for CONVENTION BADGES		Subtotals
			\$
	1. Adult	_____	\$ _____
	2. Adult	_____	\$ _____
	3. Adult/Youth	** DOB / / _____	\$ _____
	4. Adult/Youth	** DOB / / _____	\$ _____
	5. Adult/Youth	** DOB / / _____	\$ _____

Magnet for Badge (pins provided free)	# _____	@ \$ 2.00	\$ _____
75 th NSDC Souvenir Program Book (\$35 after 4/30/2026)	# _____	@ \$30.00	\$ _____
Round Dance Syllabus - <input type="checkbox"/> USB Drive	# _____	@ \$15.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Printed copy (Must be purchased by 4/30/2026)	# _____	@ \$15.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Printed copy & USB (Must be purchased by 4/30/26)	# _____	@ \$25.00	\$ _____
Sew & Save Book - <input type="checkbox"/> USB Drive or <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Download	# _____	@ \$15.00	\$ _____
Hearing Assistance Device (N/C) – Refundable Deposit	# _____	@ \$50.00	\$ _____

Wednesday Night Special Event – Malpass Brothers
Dinner* & Show \$55 per person Premium Seating **SOLD OUT**
 Dinner* & Show \$45 per person Standard Seating # _____ @ \$45.00 \$ _____
*Dinner Entrée BBQ Beef _____ or Grilled Chicken _____

Convenience Fee for Credit Card Processing \$3.00 \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

PAYMENT (Complete if paying in person or by postal mail (US Funds))

Check Enclosed Cash (In Person) Credit Card Zelle
Name on Card: _____
Card Type (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, Discover): _____
Card Number: _____
Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Dressy casual attire allowed until 6pm. Proper dance attire is requested after 6pm for all dancers.
75th NSDC Convention badge required for entrance to all convention activities.
Shoes must be worn at all times.

INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM

- You can complete this FORM online at www.75nsdctx.com.
- Please PRINT legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
- If you have already PRE-REGISTERED using our short form, please enter names in the appropriate space for each badge and enter \$0 (zero) in subtotal by each name already registered to avoid duplicate charge.
- If not pre-registered, enter registration fee for each dancer and correctly calculate amounts in the subtotal lines, then calculate and enter the total due.
- Registration fees: Adult \$80; Youth ages 5-17 by 6/27/2026- \$30.00 Under 5 Free.
- Prices will increase May 1, 2026 - Adult: \$95 - Youth ages 5-17- \$30.00.
- Persons 3-5 circle Adult or Youth. ****Only need birthday of Youth****
- Registrations are non-transferable.
- No One, Two, or Three-Day Registrations.
- A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes before April 30, 2026. **No refunds after April 30, 2026.**
- Registrations received after April 30, 2026, will receive e-mail confirmation.
- If sending by mail include credit card information, check, or money order payable in U.S. funds to 75NSDC with this form. Do not send cash.
- If registering by email, omit payment information on form. You will receive an invoice by email. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)

TOURS can be purchased online at 75nsdctx.com/tours

DANCERS - PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Check all that apply.
 Mainstream Plus Advanced Challenge Contra Lines
 Clogging Rounds Handicapable Solo
Are you participating in the Education Leadership Certificate Program?
 Yes No Visit 75nsdctx.com for more information

PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS

You must update your profile yearly & online by 12/31/25 at sdconvention.com.
Name _____ Type: _____
Name _____ Type: _____
Name _____ Type: _____

HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE

Check box if you will manage your own accommodation.

Bluebonnet: The State Flower of Texas

The bluebonnet was officially designated the state flower of Texas on March 7, 1901, when the legislature selected *Lupinus subcarneus*, commonly known as the bluebonnet, to honor pioneer women's bonnets and celebrate the plant's striking beauty.

Bluebonnets germinate in the fall, survive winter as low rosettes, then burst into bloom in mid to late April along central and southern Texas roadways and fields.

It's annual return, despite varying weather and soil conditions, mirrors the determination of those who call Texas home.



We're Going to Texas, Ya'll

**75th National Square
Dance Convention[®]**



*Join Armie at the
Waco Convention Center
June 24-27, 2026 for the
NSDC's Diamond Jubilee*



Scan QR Code to Register

**For more details on the 75th NSDC,
visit our website at: <https://75nsdctx.com>
and follow us on Facebook**

To access our Facebook page, scan the QR code



Wondering what the Waco Convention Center has to offer? [Take this cool Fly Through Tour!](#)

Conveniences for you at the Waco convention

Services will include:

Hearing assist

Free wifi

First aid station

Concessions

Scooter rentals

Vending

Water bottle filling station

FREE PARKING

Keep up to date on our [Facebook](#)
page and [website!](#)



Dance Leader Registration

Hundreds of dance leaders are expected to sign up to participate in the Waco Convention. *If you're a dance leader, now is the time to register and submit a caller profile.*

Convention dance leaders include:

- Square dance callers
- Round dance cuers
- Contra callers
- Clogging leaders
- Line dance leaders



There are two parts to the process:

1. Register for the convention at 75nsdctx.com to receive your registration number.
2. In 7 to 10 days you will receive an email with your registration number. Once you have that, advance on the website sdconvention.com to set up your *Dance Leader Profile*.

You must finish steps 1 and 2 in order to participate as a dance leader in the Waco convention. **Deadline is December 31, 2025** to register. Please complete your profile by Jan. 31, 2026.



Passing of the Torch



Ted and Tonia Hofmeister, General Chairman of the 74th National Square Dance Convention[®] (Shreveport), passed a symbolic leadership torch to Gary and Claudia Lester, General Chairman of the 75th National Square Dance Convention[®] (Waco), during the Closing Ceremonies at the Shreveport Convention.

Congratulations to the Hofmeisters and their most excellent team for all their hard work in providing such a superb National Square Dance Convention[®]! Now it's the Lesters' turn!

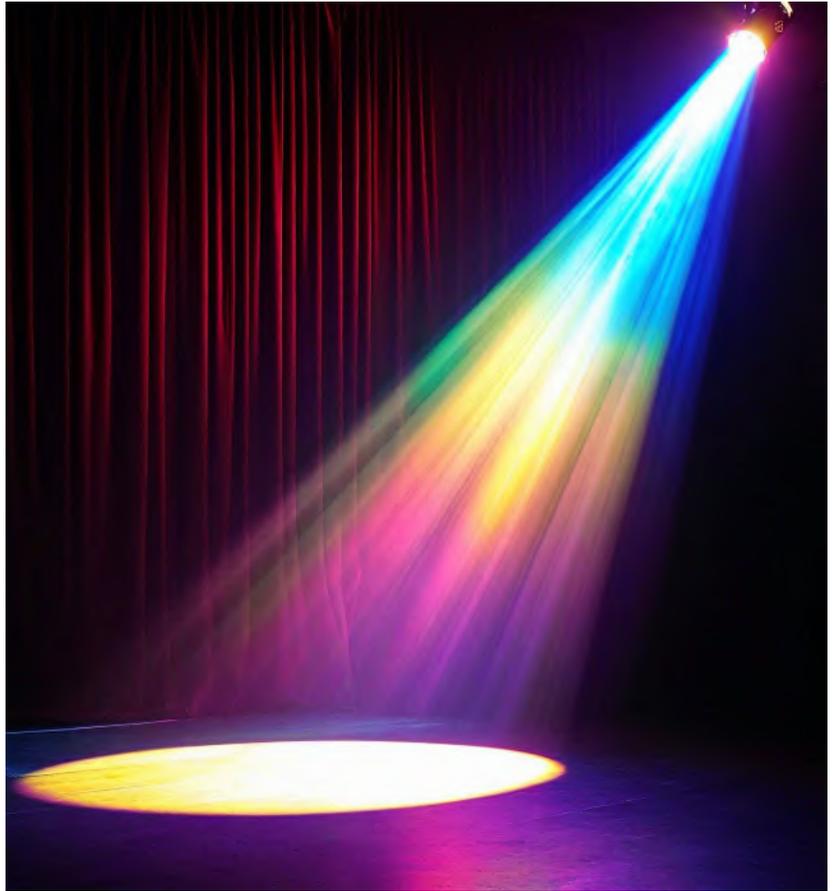
Celebrating our vendors

As we prepare to gather in Waco, Texas, for the 75th National Square Dance Convention® from June 24–27, 2026, there's a special group of people we want to shine a spotlight on - *our incredible vendors*.

These dedicated individuals and businesses are more than just merchants. They are the heartbeat of the convention experience, bringing color, creativity, and craftsmanship to every participant. From dazzling dancewear and handcrafted accessories to innovative tools and treasured keepsakes, each vendor brings something unique that enhances our shared love of square dancing.

Their booths are places of discovery—where you can find the perfect twirl-worthy skirt, a new pair of boots that feel just right, or a conversation that turns into a lifelong connection. Many of these vendors travel great distances, invest countless hours, and pour their passion into every product and interaction. They help preserve the traditions we cherish while also introducing fresh ideas that keep our community vibrant and growing.

We invite you to take a moment to get to know them. Visit <https://75nsdctx.com/vendors/> to watch short videos showcasing each vendor's specialties. You'll hear their stories, see their work, and understand why



If you know a vendor who might like to be part of the Waco Convention, please refer them to Bruce and Wanda Carter at wcdrip@gmail.com.

they're such an essential part of this historic celebration.

Let's show our appreciation by supporting them, sharing their stories, and stopping by their booths in Waco. Because without our vendors, the convention wouldn't be the same.

Education Galore



NEC Archive Room images from the 74th National Square Dance Convention® in Shreveport, LA.

There will be plenty to learn at the 75th National Square Dance Convention® in Waco, Texas.

Get ready to learn how dancers, club leaders and organization heads can expand their knowledge base, become better and more informed leaders, and continue to grow our activity.

Here are some examples of ways you can up your game and help fellow dancers:

The Leadership Certification Program to help clubs and dance organizations build their knowledge and skills.

Keynote Address by Ted Lizotte.

Organizations Roundtable where dancers and leaders can learn about how dance organizations are working effectively from the local to the national level.



Sew and Save Program, for sewers and non-sewers alike, includes classes, make and take craft sessions, demonstrations, patterns to trace, and raffles and giveaways.

NEC Archives, where dancers can view program books from the first national convention to the current one, see convention badges and commemorative belt buckles, and share in the history of our national square dance event.

Getting to Waco



Waco is a city in central Texas, nestled along the Brazos River and right off Interstate 35. It's about halfway between Dallas and Austin. No matter where you're starting from, there's a way to get to Waco! Here's a breakdown of transportation options that work from almost anywhere:

By air

Waco Regional Airport (ACT) is serviced by American Eagle with flights to/from Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW). Nearby airports are DFW, Dallas Love Field (DAL), Austin-Bergstrom (AUS), and Killeen-Fort Hood (GRK). They all offer connections to Waco via shuttle or rental car.

By car

Interstate 35 runs right through Waco, making it easily accessible from major cities like Dallas, Austin, and San Antonio. Rental car availability may be limited as the 2026 FIFA World Cup will be taking place in Dallas during our convention. Make your reservations early.

By bus

Greyhound serves Waco with intercity routes from across the U.S. The Waco Charter Bus Company offers group travel options.

By shuttle

Waco Streak and GoGoWaco provide luxury shuttle service from DFW and Dallas Love Field. Airport Transportation of Waco offers hotel and airport transfers.

Local and eco-friendly options

Waco Transit System has fixed-route buses. Options are Baylor University shuttle and MicroDash.

Rideshare and taxis

Uber and Lyft operate throughout Waco and nearby cities. Traditional taxis are also available in downtown Waco and at the airport.

Leadership Certification Program

Current leader? Future leader?

Do you like really cool dangles?

If any of these apply, the Leadership Certification Program (LCP) is for you! You can easily complete the program during a single National Square Dance Convention® but you can take up to four years to finish. Upon completion you will receive a Certificate of Completion and an LCP dangle to proudly wear on your badge.

The Leadership Certification Program consists of two mandatory classes, four core sessions, and two electives for a total of eight hours. There are around 43 hours of dancing and other activities during any National Convention, so, if you start and finish the LCP, you will still have around 35 hours to enjoy everything the convention has to offer. HOWEVER, if you are someone who loves taking classes, you can take as many as you wish as long as you get the basic number of each category completed.

The Mandatory Sessions include the Friday morning Bid Session and the Keynote Address. The Bid Session is an exciting presentation given by a state that wants to host an upcoming National Square Dance Convention®. The presentation highlights many of the attractions in that city as well as providing information about the proposed venue. The second mandatory class is the Keynote Address given by a prominent member of the square or round dance community addressing a timely and pertinent issue in that community. The Keynote speeches can be so inspiring that participants leave with the knowledge that they can make a difference.

Core Classes provide participants with the knowledge for effective administration of a square dance club or organization. These classes include insurance, using social media effectively, how to become a 501c3 organization, educational/informational pamphlets and videos available to clubs, various support organizations such as United Square Dancers of America (USDA), ARTS, and CALLERLAB, as well as important topics of the current year.



Elective Classes cover a wide range of topics. Previous electives included seminars to help new callers build their skills; how to recruit and retain dancers; a slide presentation on the next year's convention; seminars on making colorful and effective flyers; competition and exhibition square dancing; and histories of contra and square dancing.

We are offering many new classes at the 75th NSDC in Waco, TX. They are in the planning stage at this time so check the monthly E-Magazine (which you are reading now, and we will update you every month), Facebook, or the 75th NSDC website to see the new classes we have to offer.

Questions about the LCP or any of the Education classes can be sent to either the Assistant Education Chairman in charge of the LCP, Everett Kelly at ekelly1948@yahoo.com or Education Chairman Brooke Peters at kbrookepeters@gmail.com.

Convenient Restaurants

While you're in Waco, you'll find plenty of popular restaurants that will take away any craving you may have. Here are some of the eateries within one mile of the Waco Convention Center:

Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant – delicious Mexican fare served in a high-ceilinged space with a cool vibe.

Jake's Texas Tea House – amazing 1940s-style filling station setting and great food.

Bitty and Beaus Coffee – everyone needs a little java now and then.

The Olive Branch – Coffee, pastries and American breakfast and lunch bites served in a relaxed, warehouse-style space.

Diamondback's – Texas-style chophouse crafting steaks, seafood and sushi plates in an elegant, wood-lined room.

Bangkok Royal Thai Cuisine – Contemporary curries, noodles and fried rice with vegetarian options.

Schmaltz Sandwich Shop – Waco's



favorite sandwich with fresh, handmade bread, along with salads and soups.

Torch's Tacos – Mexican street food style tacos in inventive varieties, including for breakfast.

Portofino Italian Restaurant – Pizza and pasta in a comfy setting.

Cajun Craft – Relaxed space featuring classics such as crawfish and fried chicken.

Milo All Day – Southern comfort food with an airy, rustic-chic vibe.

1424 Bistro – Chef-owned venue serving gourmet seafood, meat and chicken dishes in a warm, brick-walled setting.



Searching for information?

- 1 Visit our **website**! It's chock full of forms, links, and great things to know about the Waco convention!
- 2 Join our **75th NSDC Facebook** page for the latest photos, news and events.
- 3 Subscribe to and read the **National Squares e-Magazine** (which you're reading now!) It's your go to source for updates on the "who, what, and where" of the Waco Convention coming up June 24-27, 2026.
- 4 Follow this link to fill out your **registration form**.



Square dance etiquette

Arrive on time.

Form a circle or set up squares promptly when the music starts or at the caller's request.

Always have a partner when you join a square.

If time permits, introduce yourself and others within the square.

Listen quietly during any and all instructions from the caller. Resist the temptation to explain

or correct other dancers. Let the caller do the teaching.

Rough handling and verbal corrections during the dance are always rude, unhelpful, and very distracting.

Keynote Speaker

Ted Lizotte—Manchester, New Hampshire

Ted learned to square dance in 1988 and began calling that same year. He started teaching classes in 1990 and has taught beginner classes every year since.

In 1997, Ted was asked to be the club caller for Tech Squares of MIT and is still teaching their 12-week Crash Course.

In 2017, Ted started his own music label and is the owner and producer of Throw Back Tunes and co-owns and produces TOTL Recordings with Tony Oxendine.

Ted has been a member of CALLERLAB since 1991 and earned his Accredited Caller Coach designation in 2020. He has served on the CALLERLAB Board of Governors since 2018, was elected to the Executive Committee in 2021 and as of April 2023 was CALLERLAB's Chairman of the Board.

Ted has been featured at numerous festivals and weekends both nationally and internationally and is well known for his smooth flowing choreography and music usage. He calls beginners through C1.



75th National
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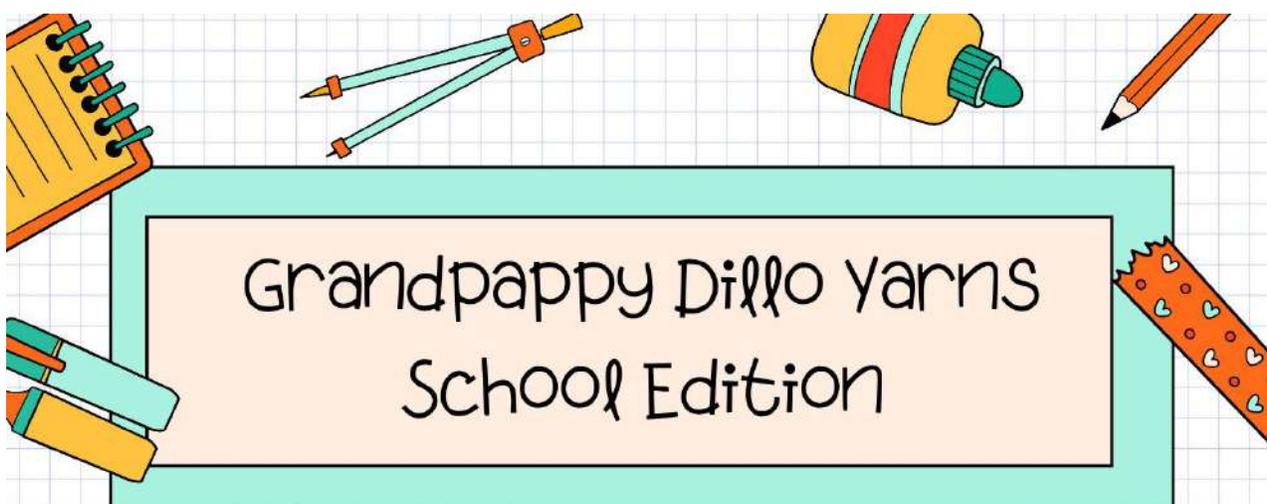
June 24-27 2026

Are you coming? Are you registered yet? We have a convenient registration form on our website.

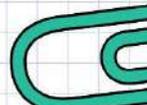
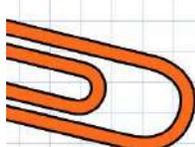
[Click here to register!](#)



Just Joking Around



Grandpappy Dillo Yarns
School Edition

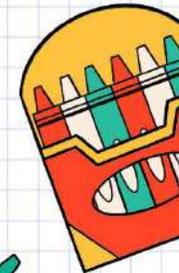
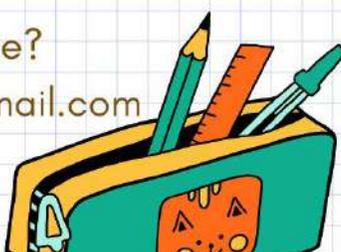
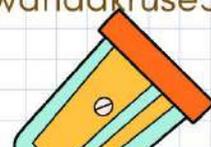
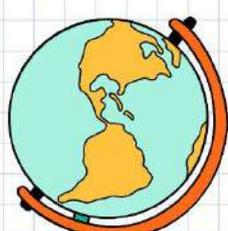


How do you take attendance at
Armadillo School
With a roll call.

What's an armadillo's favorite subject?
Shell-cience!



What do armadillos read?
Rolling Stone Magazine.



Have an Armadillo joke?
Send to wandakruse50@gmail.com

Convention registration through the years

End of month	2021 Jackson MS	2022 Evansville IL	2023 Mobile AL	2024 Milwaukee WI	2025 Shreveport LA	2026 Waco TX
June	1,130	821	1,285	1,328	1,170	1,834
July	1,140	903	1,315	1,373	1,251	1,926
August	1,177	971	1,417	1,473	1,330	
September	1,191	1,040	1,463	1,543	1,367	
October	1,219	1,100	1,535	1,594	1,434	
November	1,221	1,159	1,584	1,638	1,496	
December	1,243	1,232	1,632	1,698	1,568	
January	1,306	1,350	1,700	1,807	1,686	
February	1,320	1,453	1,801	1,932	1,795	
March	1,497	1,579	1,902	2031	1,913	
April	1,680	1,771	1,999	2,228	2,013	
May	1,792	1,893	2,075	2,365	2,018	
Final Total	1,835	2,034	2,312	2,564	2,201	

Future National Square Dance Conventions

Convention

Location

Date

75th NSDC

Waco, TX

June 24-27, 2026

76th NSDC

Loveland, CO

June 23-26, 2027

77th NSDC

Daytona Beach, FL

June 28-July 1, 2028*

*Note different week.



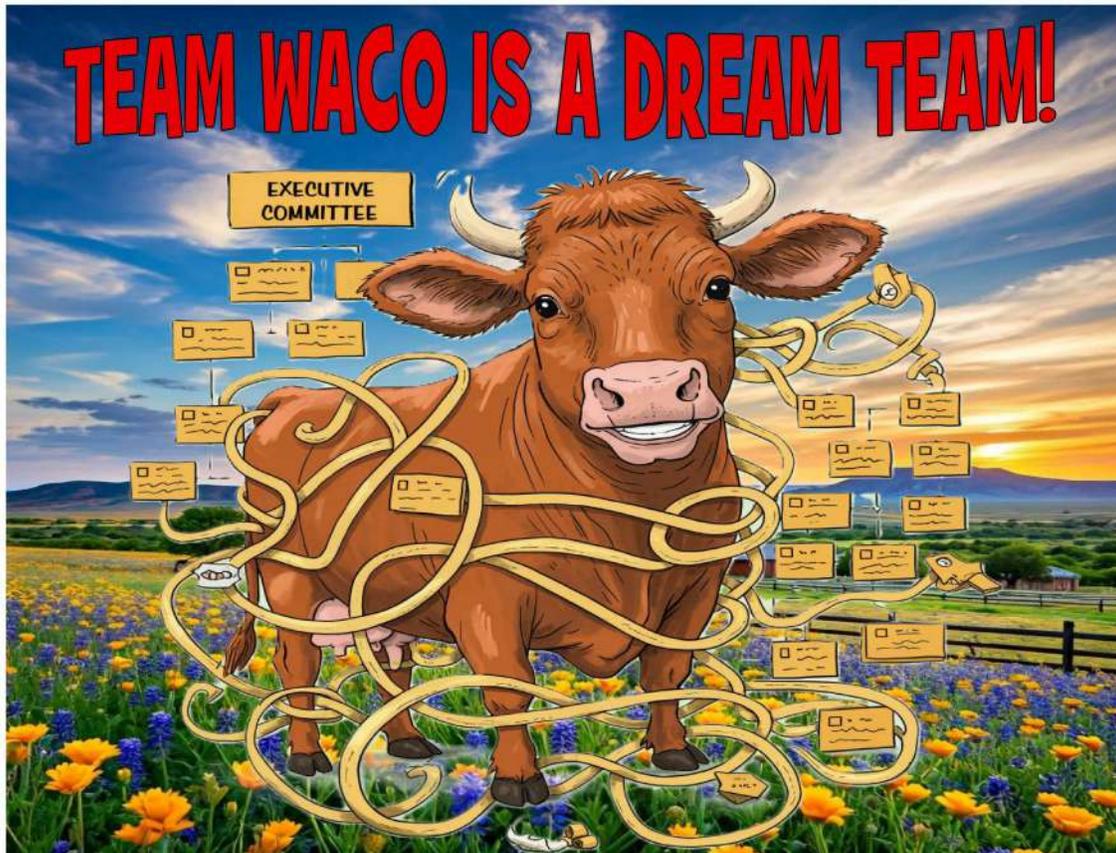
State registration

Who's coming to Waco as of Aug. 1, 2025

Alabama 68	Massachusetts 11	South Dakota 10
Alaska 1	Michigan 20	Tennessee 47
Arkansas 46	Minnesota 25	Texas 789
Arizona 13	Mississippi 15	Utah 7
California 79	Missouri 43	Vermont 1
Colorado 46	Montana 3	Virginia 18
Connecticut 0	Nebraska 5	Washington 19
Delaware 2	Nevada 2	West Virginia 4
Florida 75	New Hampshire 5	Wisconsin 25
Georgia 74	New Jersey 13	Wyoming 0
Hawaii 2	New Mexico 10	
Idaho 1	New York 9	International Registrations
Illinois 26	North Carolina 15	Belize 2
Indiana 27	North Dakota 6	Canada 6
Iowa 23	Ohio 73	Germany 11
Kansas 29	Oklahoma 59	Taiwan 12
Kentucky 37	Oregon 10	
Louisiana 32	Pennsylvania 21	
Maine 6	Rhode Island 0	
Maryland 22	South Carolina 21	



Behind the scenes



We have a dedicated staff for the 75th National Square Dance Convention® which will be June 24-27, 2026 in Waco!

This month we're featuring the Executive Committee:

Gary and Claudia Lester
General Chairman
(See bio on next page)

Billy and Ramona Grimsley
Assistant General Chairman

Pamela Smith
Convention Secretary
(See bio on page 36)

Ken and Dawn Hengst
Ceremonies Coordinator

Fisher Reynolds
Computer Coordinator

John Whiteacre
Convention Webmaster

Charles Zagara
Legal Advisor

Andy and Sandy Remson
John and Cindy Brahm
Everett and Tina Kelly
Traveling Team

Kimberly Vennard
Special Promotions

Bio: General Chairman



Claudia and Gary Lester

Claudia and Gary Lester took square dance lessons from Bob Baier at the Houston Hey Lollies club, graduating in 2009. They attended “summer camp” at Kirkwood Lodge in Osage Beach, Missouri for 11 years, improving their Plus skills and getting introduced to round dancing.

As active members in the Hey Lollies, they went through the leadership progression as class coordinators, caller committee chairmen, secretary, vice president and finally president.

Claudia planned the annual Hey Lollies Weekend Dance in Nacogdoches, Texas. She had previously done event planning for large

churches. Gary retired from sales at Comcast.

The Lesters continue to attend various dances and conventions across the Nation. Meeting many friendly dancers is the highlight of their travels.

Gary and Claudia had a strong desire to bring a National Square Dance Convention® to Texas. They overcame obstacles that would have stopped most folks in their tracks. But they just kept going.

Their tireless work is why we will all enjoy a spectacular Texas-hosted 75th National Square Dance Convention® June 24-27, 2026, in Waco, Texas.



Bio: Convention Secretary



Pamela Smith

Pamela learned to square dance in 1995 and dances through the A2 level. In 2013 she married her favorite caller, Dale Smith.

Pam has been a registered nurse since 1976. She worked as a nurse practitioner in rheumatology from 1994 until her retirement in 2021.

Pam has two daughters and one precious, beautiful granddaughter.

Tours



Fixer Upper and City Tour

\$85 per person
Sunday to Saturday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Waco has some great sights from TV shows, but if you don't know the area well you could miss out on finding some of them. This Waco Sites and TV Highlights Tour takes you to areas filmed on shows like Fixer Upper, Wood Work, and others. Plus, you'll also see areas like East Waco and Cameron Park, and pop into neighborhoods worth seeing up close. During the trip, enjoy a local coffee or ice cream and receive a coupon booklet.



Haunts and Legends Mobile Ghost Tours

\$39 per person
Sunday to Saturday
6:00 pm or 8:30 pm

Come along on a 2 hour spooky tour of Waco, where you'll be driven to see the city's famous haunts and hear the legends behind them from your guide. From the city's founding in 1849, there have been several incidents to prove legendary, including the tornado of 1953, the Red Light District, and Historic Cameron Park. Learn all about the haunts and legends of Waco, experience the haunts first-hand, and maybe communicate with spirits.

75th NATIONAL *Square Dance Convention*[®] Tour Brochure

Guided tour reservations are open. You must sign up at:
75nsdctx.com/tours

Book ahead so you and your friends have a spot!

Note: Fees, cancellations, and starting locations are determined by the individual tour operators. Credit card payments are made directly to the tour operator.

Also listed on the 75nsdctx.com website are many self-guided tours.



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See pages 7-8 if you're looking for a hotel. For your convenience and savings, we have negotiated special Convention rates with a number of Waco hotels. There are even pet-friendly options!

Tours



Sunset Horseback Ride with Scenic Views

\$169 per person
Mon, Thurs, Fri, & Sat
4:30 to 6:30

Saddle up for a true Western experience on this sunset horseback ride down a trail leading you to a warm campfire. This 2 hour, 15 minute outdoor adventure in Waco gets you beautiful views of Central Texas during your trail ride. Once you reach the scenic overlook, enjoy some s'mores, cowboy-themed games by the campfire and take some time to soak in the scenery.



Waco Foodie Tour

\$74 per person
Wednesday to Saturday
12:00 or 4:30

Learn about Waco's culinary scene on this foodie tour that lasts for 2 hrs, 30 mins. Taste several regional foods and sample an award-winning alcoholic beverage.



Waco Wine Tours

\$125 per person
Friday to Sunday
11:30 am

Discover the vineyards and wineries of central Texas with this wine tasting tour. Enjoy being driven around to different wineries for guided tours and wine tastings.



Horseback Riding on Scenic Texas Ranch

\$89 per person
Mon, Thurs, Fri, & Sat
9:00 am or 11:00 am

This Waco horseback riding experience on a Texas Ranch is something everyone will love. You'll ride horseback through the ranch lands with some authentic cowboys, while taking in beautiful views of the farmlands, the surrounding area and the Brazos River. Beginners are welcome as there will be a lesson at the start of your 1 hour, 30 minute adventure.



See page 9 if you're planning to camp for the 75th National Square Dance Convention®. We have negotiated special Convention rates with two Waco-area RV parks!

Let's Celebrate!

IN HONOR OF OUR NATION'S 250th BIRTHDAY
WEAR YOUR RED WHITE & BLUE

Friday, June 26, 2026, 6:30 pm

Waco Convention Center
100 Washington Avenue
Waco, TX



UPCOMING NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTIONS®

Each of the upcoming conventions has a Pre-Registration Form providing you an opportunity to express your support and interest in attending their future National Square Dance Convention®. To pre-register, click the images below to access their Pre-Registration Form. The forms can be downloaded, printed, saved, sent, and otherwise processed.

Thank you for supporting ALL of the National Conventions!



Where will we go in 2029 and beyond?

Is your organization interested in submitting a Bid Package for the future National Square Dance Convention®?

Please contact the
National Executive Committee (NEC) Presidents:

Louis & Angie McClure

louisandangiemcclure@gmail.com 678-956-0287

A sneak peek into some tours under consideration for the 76th National Square Dance Convention®

Rocky Mountain National Park

just 27 miles from the dance venue; enjoy an all-day bus tour to experience breathtaking scenery, with stops for picture taking, lunch and short hikes.



An Hour-Long Theatrical Tour Experience at the Stanley hotel, Estes Park.

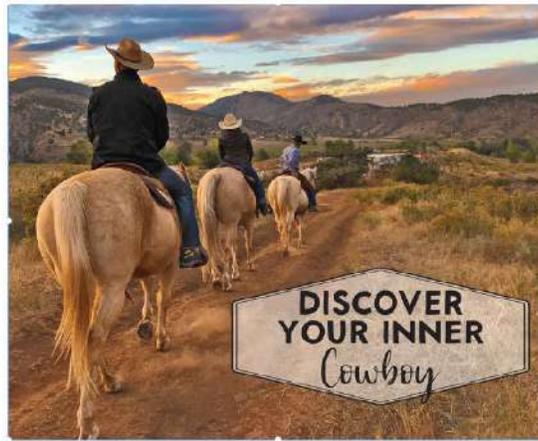
The Shining Tour is an indoor/outdoor walking tour through the west side of The Stanley Hotel Campus. A lot of Stephen King, a bit of history, and a whole lot of stories of the spirited variety! This tour includes a visit to The Shining Suite, in our beautifully restored 1909 Caretaker's Cottage. On this tour you will get the inside scoop on Colorado's most famous dog, and you catch a glimpse of one of the Axes from the filming of The Shining.

Dance on the Royal Gorge Bridge Stop on your way to Loveland and join the Royal Gorge Promenaders to Dance on the Royal Gorge Bridge . Earn a “Dance on the Bridge” dangle.



Local craft Brewery Tour – Stay around Sunday after the Convention and join our callers on a tour of Loveland and Fort Collins famous Craft Brewery’s.

Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch -
horseback riding or hiking and lunch



Hot Air Balloon – Enjoy a tethered ride for spectacular mountain views.

Sculpture gardens and foundry tour - Loveland is famous for its outdoor art.



White Water Rafting

Morning Fresh Dairy farm tour - Learn about local farming and its impact in the community, meet the cows that make your milk and pet an adorable calf. Enjoy samples of our flavored milk and Noosa yoghurt.

Celestial Seasonings tour - an engaging factory tour. Discover the journey of tea from raw ingredients to finished products and learn how Celestial Seasonings wholesome blends are created. You will gain a new appreciation for tea! Free Tea Sampling, indulge in complimentary samples of over 100 tea varieties at our Tea Bar located in the Tour Center. A delightful experience for your taste buds!

Loveland City Tour

Self-Guided tour of the Loveland Hearts – Can you find them all?





Registration #	_____
Dangle	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ribbons	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pre – Registration
76th National Square Dance Convention®
Loveland, CO June 23-26, 2027

REGISTER ONLINE at www.76nsdc.com
This form expires on January 11, 2026

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Primary Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Partner's Last Name (if different): _____ First Name: _____

Email Address (if different): _____

Youth Names & DOB: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Alt Number: (____) _____

Check if you want to opt out of email sharing. Email addresses shared only with the NEC for upcoming National Square Dance Convention® information.

Pre-Registration Prices (US currency only) \$70 each x until 1/11/2026 = \$ _____

Youth born after June 27, 2010 \$30.00 each x _____ = \$ _____

Sub Total: \$ _____

Credit Card Processing Fee \$3.00 \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Cash Received \$ _____ Check # _____ **(Payable to 76NSDC Inc)**

Credit Card Type: _____ Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: ____/____/____ Security Code: _____ Name of Cardholder: _____

Statement Mailing Address (if different): _____

Authorized Card Signature: _____

If Registering by Mail: 76 NSDC
358 Blue River Pkwy Unit E-307, Silverthorne, CO 80498
Or Email to: registration@76nsdc.com

PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Please CIRCLE all that apply.
 Dancers: SSD Only, Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Contra, Lines, Rounds (), Handicapable, SOLO
 Leaders: Squares, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Education Presenter topic: _____

\$10.00 cancellation fee per registration. No refunds after April 30, 2027. **This form and registration rate is void after Jan 11, 2026.** Registration Long Forms will be mailed in November 2025 for selection of hotel or RV park and additional items. Early registration gives you free admittance to the Pre-Convention Kick Off Dance on Jan 11, 2026.

DANCE IN THE HEART OF THE ROCKIES

(Internal Use Only) Accepted by: _____ Date: _____ Registration Location: _____

Receipt Sent: _____ Date Sent: _____

May 2024





Welcome to the 77th National Square Dance Convention®

June 28 – July 1, 2028 | Daytona Beach, Florida

Get ready to swing your partner and promenade through history, sunshine, and celebration! The 77th National Square Dance Convention® invites you to the vibrant coastal city of Daytona Beach, Florida—once the Spring Break capital of the world, now a dynamic destination blending tradition, excitement, and charm. This year’s convention is scheduled a week later than usual, so mark your calendars for **June 28 to July 1, 2028**.

Discover Daytona Beach

Daytona Beach is famous for its 23 miles of stunning shoreline and its legendary ties to auto racing. Start your mornings with a peaceful sunrise walk along the beach, then dive into the city’s rich offerings:

- **Daytona International Speedway:** Take a behind-the-scenes tour of this iconic racing venue.
- **Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse & Museum:** Climb Florida’s tallest lighthouse and explore maritime history.
- **Museum of Arts & Sciences:** A cultural gem featuring fine art, science exhibits, and a planetarium.
- **Tomoka State Park & Canaveral National Seashore:** Hike, kayak, or spot dolphins in these natural havens.

After a day of adventure, indulge in fresh seafood, farm-to-table cuisine, or a relaxing spa treatment at one of Daytona’s luxury resorts. In the evenings enjoy live music, river cruises, and of course—square dancing with friends from across the country.

Family-Friendly Fun

Daytona Beach is perfect for families too! Cool off at **Daytona Lagoon Waterpark**, explore marine life at the **Marine Science Center**, or shop for treasures at **Tanger Outlets**. For those extending their trip, a day at **Disney World** in nearby Orlando adds a magical touch.



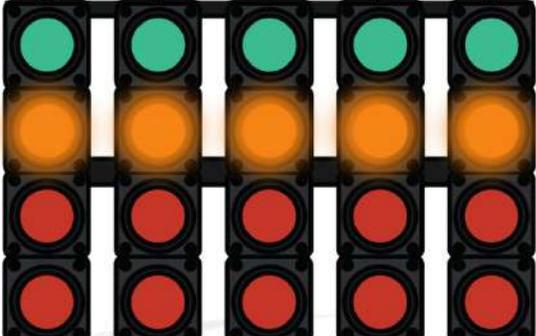
Let the Dancing Begin!

Whether you're a seasoned dancer or just learning your first do-si-do, the 77th National Square Dance Convention® is your chance to celebrate community, tradition, and joy. With day and night dance events, workshops, and social gatherings, you'll make memories that last a lifetime.

We can't wait to welcome you to Daytona Beach—and encourage you to explore the timeless beauty of everything this area has while you're here. Safe travels, and we'll see you on the dance floor!

Kickoff Fundraiser Dance – September 6, 2025

Join us for a special evening of dancing and community at our **77th Fundraiser Donation Dance**, hosted by The Village Squares Square Dance Club in The Villages, Florida. This event helps support the upcoming National Convention and features a fantastic lineup of callers and cuers donating their time.



77th Fundraiser Donation Dance!
Sept 6, 2025 | 6:45 to 9:00 pm
(6:45-7 Early Rounds)

Gratefully Hosted by:
The Village Squares Square Dance Club
Burnsed Recreation Center, The Villages
4019 Deskin Ln, The Villages, FL 32163

Split the Pot | Mainstream | Plus | Rounds

Thank you to the following Callers and Cuers
donating their time:
Dave Vieira, Rod Barngrover, Bruce Busch, Bill Chesnut,
Mark Fetzer, Mike Gormley, Dave Muller, Scotty Sharrer,
Keith Stevens, Susan Snider, & Lloyd and Ruth McKenrick



77th National Square Dance Convention®





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Pre – Registration
77th National Square Dance Convention®
Daytona Beach, Florida
June 28-July 1, 2028

REGISTER ONLINE at www.77nsdcfl.com
This form expires on January 23, 2027

Zelle® your registration fee to 77nsdcfl@gmail.com

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Primary Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

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Check if you want to opt out of email sharing. Email addresses shared only with the NEC for upcoming convention information

Pre-Registration Prices (US currency only) \$80.00 each x _____ **until 1/23/2027** = \$ _____

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Sub Total: \$ _____

Credit Card Processing Fee \$3.00 \$ _____

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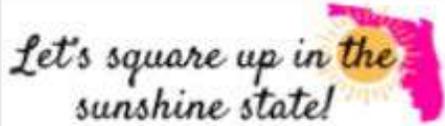
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Authorized Card Signature: _____

If Registering by Mail: 77NSDC 1221 Alder Circle Friendswood, TX 77546
Or Email to: registrations@77nsdcfl.com

PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Please CIRCLE all that apply
Dancers: Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Handicapable, SOLO
Leaders: Squares, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Clogging. Education Presenter Topic: _____
Arrive Early or Stay Late # Days _____? Stay at Convention Hotels, RV Camping

\$10.00 cancellation fee per registration. No refunds after April 30, 2028. **This form and registration rate is void after January 23, 2027.** Registration Long Forms will be available in November 2026 for selection of hotel or RV park and additional items. Early registration gives you free admittance to the Pre-Convention Kick Off Dance on January 23, 2027.



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We are the **United Square Dancers of America** (usda.org) – not the United States Department of Agriculture (usda.gov)! USDA was founded in 1981 by dancers and organized for the square, round, contra, clogging, line and heritage dance communities. USDA aims to support and promote square dancing (and related dance forms) through national-level activity and through providing resources to state and regional levels.

USDA holds its Board of Directors Meeting annually in conjunction with the National Square Dance Convention®. This year’s meeting was held on June 25, 2025, in Shreveport, LA. At the meeting, the following officers were elected for 2025-2026. These officers, along with committee chairs, are available to help and support dancers at the local, regional, and state levels. For more information about the USDA Executive Committee as well as USDA programs and activities, check out our website at www.usda.org.

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Grand Rapids in '26 Where All the Dancers Mix

August 20 to 22, 2026



Thursday – Trail End Dance – 7:30pm – 10:30pm

Sprostys Calling and Cueing

Friday – 1pm – 10 pm

Friday After party - 10 pm - 11pm

Saturday – 10am – 10pm

Friday and Saturday all Callers and Cuers

Sheraton Grand Rapids Airport Hotel

By Marriott

5700 28th Street Southeast

Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Room Reservations: Cost \$129.00 +taxes/night

Call: 888-236-2427 Cutoff Date 7/29/2026

Mention the Michigan Square Dance Convention when making your reservation.

If you choose to make your reservation on line, a link will be provided once you register for the convention.



**Featured Callers Don and Doug Sprosty and Cuer Natalie Sprosty
From Bettendorf and Davenport, Iowa**

For more info & registration form: www.squaredance-michigan.com/convention



**Square Dance Attire Suggested after 6 pm on Friday and Saturday.
Shoes must be worn at all times.**

