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NEC Editor Comments

VOLUNTEER



Calling all volunteers – the Waco TX convention needs volunteers. It takes a small army to host a National Convention. Can you help for an hour, a few hours, maybe you can volunteer to take a position on the Convention Team? Please contact Gary & Claudia Lester to volunteer.



The 76th National Square Dance Convention® is planning for their Pre-Convention to be held January 9-10, 2026 in Loveland CO. **Are you registered for the 76th NSDC?**

The purpose of the Pre-Convention allows the convention to present their Convention plans to the National Executive Committee (NEC) and their counterparts from the other working Conventions. The two (2) day meeting concludes with a Convention Kick Off Dance. *The Saturday Night Dance is free* for those registered for the

Convention; you must complete your registration long form prior to the dance. More information about the 76th NSDC Pre-Convention will be included in the October E-Magazine.

Register today for the 76th NSDC at 76nsdc.com.



Square 'Em Up

Get your dance on at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®



What types of dancing can I enjoy at the 75th NSDC?

- Square Dance: Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Specialty
- Round, Contra, Line, Clogging, Youth & Specialty Dance

Watch *National Squares* e-Magazine, Facebook and our website
for dance information for the 75th NSDC

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Don't miss the fun! Sign up at
<https://75nsdctx.com/register/>



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Are you registered yet?



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



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
Hilton Waco <i>(Host Hotel)</i> 113 S University Dr	Connected to Waco CC	\$174/night	5/29/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Courtyard <i>(Dance Leader Hotel)</i> 101 Washington Ave	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	✓	✓	✓	

SOLD OUT

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 to 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 <i>(Host Hotel)</i>	Connected to Waco CC	No	N/A	No pets are allowed except for service animals.
Courtyard <i>(Dance Leader Hotel)</i>	Across the 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

Questions?

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Enjoy having your furry companion with you at your hotel!

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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% 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 on 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.



On the Lookout?

Searching for info about the 75th National Square Dance Convention®?



1. Visit our website at www.75nsdctx.com. It's full of forms, links & great information about the 2026 convention in Waco, TX.
 2. Follow us on Facebook for news & events. Scan QR Code for access.
 3. Subscribe to & read *National Squares* e-Magazine. Each edition contains the who, what, where & when of the 75th NSDC to be held June 24-27, 2026 in the Waco Convention Center. To subscribe, go to <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> & scroll down to enter your name & email, hit Send. You will be notified each month when the latest edition is released. You can also click on the edition's icon to download a copy from the website.
- Sign up for the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee at <https://75nsdctx.com/register/>**



Malpass Brothers Concert

CHRIS MALPASS *The* TAYLOR MALPASS **MALPASS BROTHERS**

LONELY STREET

★★★★★
"They're as REAL as grits and gravy..."
-Randy Owen - *Alabama*

★★★★★
"Just when I thought real country music might be lost, I heard
The Malpass Brothers, and they renewed my faith that the
music will survive!" -Gene Watson

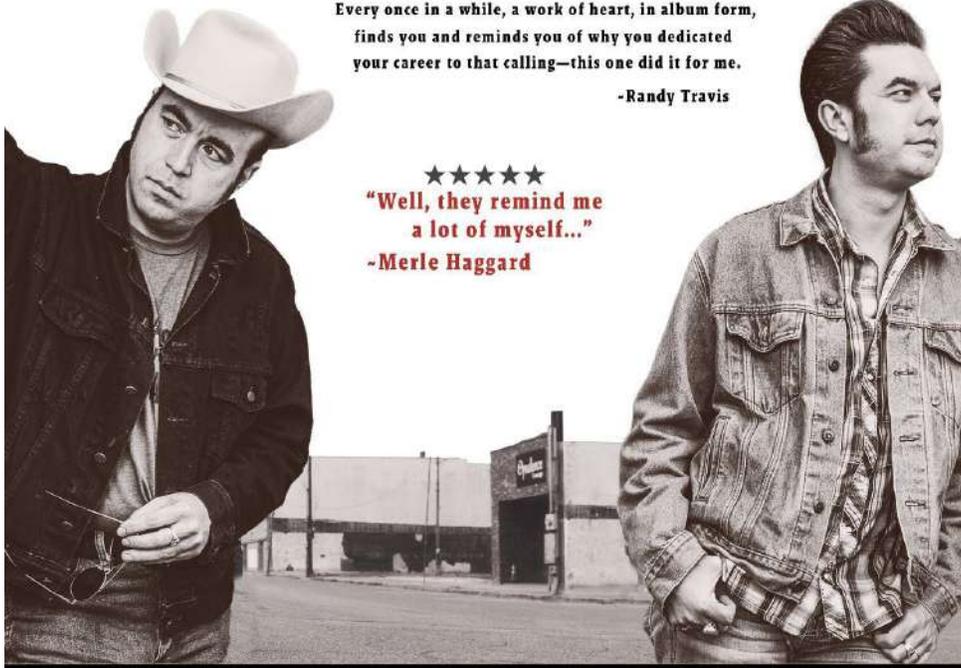
★★★★★
"If I could purchase only one more recording in life,
I'd lay down my money for the next Malpass Brothers recording..."

-Jeannie C. Riley

★★★★★
"...their music is as slick as the hair they comb..."
-Marty Raybon - *Shenandoah*

★★★★★
Every once in a while, a work of heart, in album form,
finds you and reminds you of why you dedicated
your career to that calling—this one did it for me.
-Randy Travis

★★★★★
"Well, they remind me
a lot of myself..."
-Merle Haggard



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

You're in for a treat!



Ghost Riders



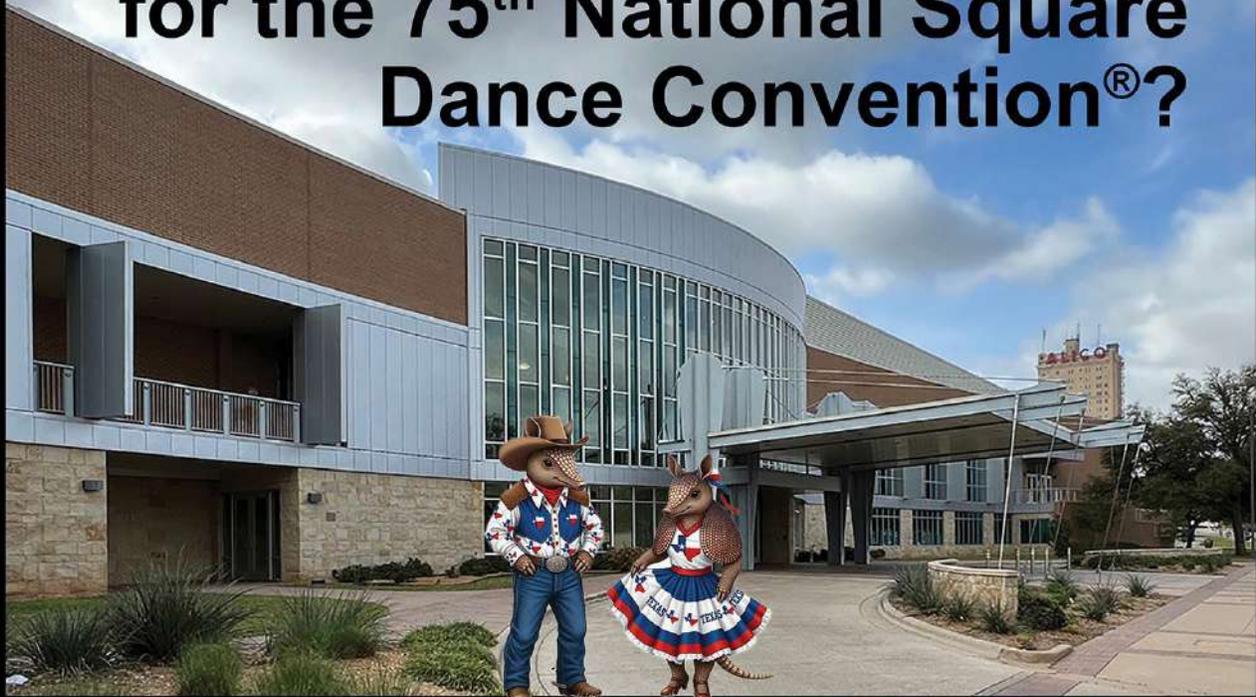
You will be dancing in the evenings to the Ghost Riders; the well-known square dance band which will back up the square dance callers!

75th National Square Dance Convention®



Waco Convention Center

What's to ♥ about the venue
for the 75th National Square
Dance Convention®?



Waco Convention Center *100 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701*

- Location: Close to Waco hotels, restaurants & attractions
- Compact: Convention center is easy to maneuver & laid out for convenience
- Accessibility: With only two levels there are plenty of elevators & escalators, ADA approved ramps, lifts & restrooms, mobility scooters available for rent
- Design: Plenty of natural light & convention restrooms
- Water: Built-in water bottle filling stations in hallways
- Parking: 900 free parking spaces, additional spaces in easy walking distance
- Concessions & Vendors: There will be plenty of concessions, vending food, & a great variety of vendors tailored to dancers & callers
- Dance Floors: Flooring includes bamboo wood, polished concrete, commercial vinyl, modular wood over carpet, & new modular plastic flooring over carpet
- Education & Archives: Education sessions & archives in attached hotel meeting rooms for a conducive learning atmosphere

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Get your Belt Buckle!

Ways and Means



Commemorative belt buckle

By special order only: 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?

Imagine entering the Waco Convention Center and stepping into one of the square dance halls. You're greeted by a wave of laughter, twirling skirts and the gentle thump of leather-soled shoes finding rhythm on the polished floor.

Everywhere you look, dancers of every age and background are converging, forming lines, arches and circles as the caller guides them through familiar patterns. In that moment, you realize this isn't just about steps, it's about shared joy, the warmth of community and the thrill of music bringing strangers into harmony.

As the convention unfolds, you discover that every hall has its own character. You'll find Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Youth, Rounds, Contra, Lines and Clogging. You realize that here, you can wander between levels, taste new styles, and if you wish, push your boundaries at your own pace.

Between dances, you slip into a sewing demo, taking notes on how to add eye-catching trim to your next outfit. In the vendor hall, you take in the colorful array of dancewear, shoes, jewelry, quilts and many other offerings. In the Education rooms, you'll find instruction on becoming a leader in the square dance community, among other things.

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.

Be sure to buy a ticket to the Malpass Brothers concert, which will take place at 4:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. the opening ceremonies spectacular show begins, followed by the Trail End dances on Wednesday from 8 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. So make sure to pack some comfortable shoes, and be ready for a lot of walking and, of course, dancing.



Fun 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 teen 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 ice breakers:** 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.

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!



Fashion Show

We're going to Texas, y'all!

Lookin' for a good time??



Register NOW for Waco
Make Plans To Attend –
SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF TEXAS
It Ain't Your Mama's Fashion Show

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Registration Long Form

Name: _____

More information available at www.75nsdctx.com



Upon your submission of the electronic long form registration, our team will manually enter your information into the Waco database. Once entered into the Waco database, you will receive an email with your registration number and a link to the hotel reservation portal.

Please allow 7-10 days after your on-line registration for this manual two step processing.

register.75nsdc@gmail.com or

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.

Make your own RV & CAMPING ACCOMMODATIONS

Waco Creekside RV Resort

www.wacocreeksideresort.com

1972 Leroy Pkwy, Elm Mott, TX 76640 (254) 651-3999

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

The nine-banded armadillo

The nine-banded armadillo is like a tank with a nose for grubs. It is officially the small state mammal of Texas.

The armadillo has unique traits that mirror the spirit of a true Texan—adaptability, resilience, and a fierce love of freedom. The nine-banded is the only armadillo species native to North America and is known for its armor-like shell, digging prowess, and the female's quirky habit of giving birth to identical quadruplets.



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	\$ _____
75th 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner & Show \$45 per person Standard Seating	# _____	@\$45.00	\$ _____
*Dinner Entrée BBQ Beef _____ or Grilled Chicken _____			
Convenience Fee for Credit Card Processing		3.5 %	\$ _____
		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.

Howdy, Ma'am and Sir

"Howdy" is a contraction of "how do you do," but in Texas, it's more than a greeting. It's a welcome, a handshake in word form, and a signal that you're among friends.

Further, "ma'am" and "sir" may seem stiff or formal, but they're everyday courtesies. Whether you're thanking a cashier at Buc'ees, addressing a teacher or talking to a stranger, those titles show respect without hierarchy.

The words come from Southern hospitality. Texas inherited a strong tradition of politeness from

other parts of the South, where manners are a way of life. The words also come from frontier roots. On the ranch or trail, clear and respectful communication was key. These phrases are still around because they still work.

Texans use these terms of respect with pride. It's not about age or status, it's about treating folks right. You'll hear howdy, ma'am and sir as part of the rhythm of Texas speech—like a verbal do-si-do that keeps everyone in step.



Around the Town

IT'S WACO, Y'ALL!



THE SILOS



The Silos are a familiar sight in Waco, made famous on the Fixer Upper TV show. Currently the Silos are closed to the public but there are wonderful shops on the grounds.

Check out the 75th NSDC tours which highlight The Silos and more! Tours available daily Sunday June 21, 2026 through Saturday June 27, 2026.

Fixer Upper and City Tour

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

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

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Armie is Waiting For You

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*Join Armie at the
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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



Sew and Save

Mastectomy Apron Community Project

Sew and Save will be continuing the Mastectomy Apron Community Project that was started at the 72nd National Square Dance Convention® in Mobile, AL. These “aprons” are worn by women who have just had a mastectomy to carry the bag into which their surgical tubes drain.

This project was initially started because one of Alabama’s dancers was a breast cancer survivor and told Carol Varner, Sew and Save Vice Chairman for the 72nd NSDC, how useful and needed these aprons are.

All aprons created in Waco will be donated to the Pretty in Pink Foundation, which ensures that quality lifesaving medical treatment is available to breast cancer patients.

In order to get a lot of aprons made, the fabric will be pre-cut so all you have to do is sew. Individuals completing five aprons will receive a “5 apron” dangle. If you make 10 or more aprons you will receive a different dangle AND a charm bracelet



on which you can put your dangle and other charms. The dangles will be unveiled in a future edition of the e-Magazine.

There will be multiple sewing machines set up in the Sew and Save workroom for anyone who would like to participate in this worthwhile project. Just check in at the Sew and Save front desk and tell them you want to help with the Mastectomy Apron Community Project, and someone will show you what to do.

Fly Through Tour



Click here: [Fly-Through Tour](#) of
the venue for the 75th National
Square Dance Convention®



Dance Leaders Need to Register

DEC. 31, 2025

*is the deadline for Dance Leaders to register for the 75th National Square Dance Convention[®]. Profiles must be submitted by **JAN. 31, 2026***

1. Sign up online today at www.75nsdctx.com to receive your registration number for the 75th NSDC,
2. Then you go to <https://sdconvention.com> to complete your Dance Leader Profile.

Welcome to Waco!



Scan the QR Code
to register



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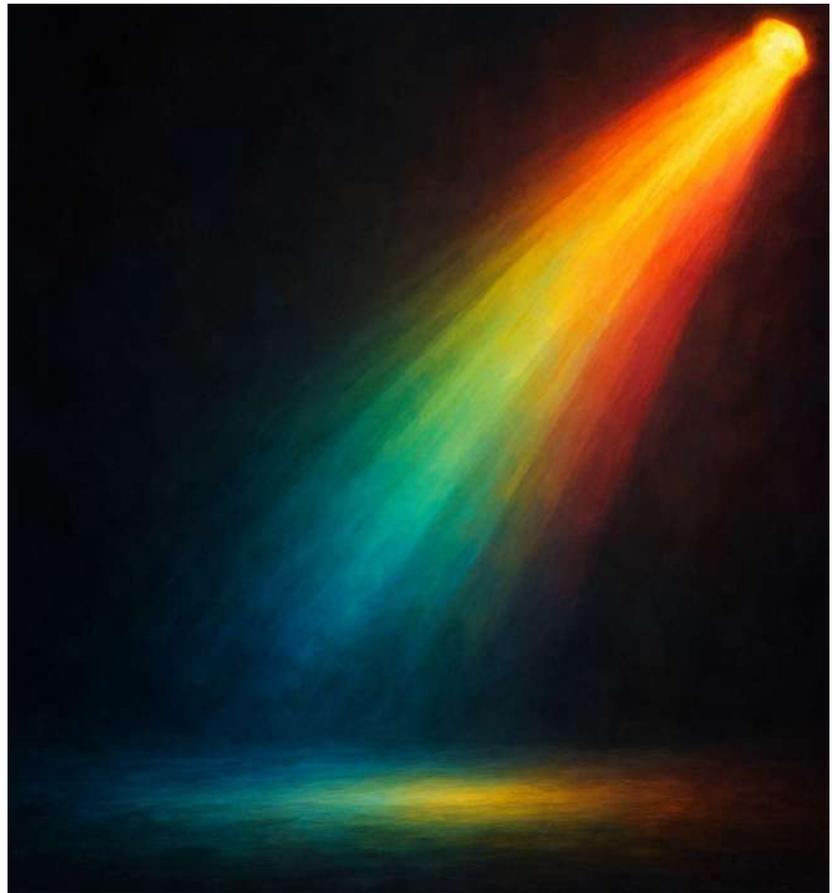
Celebrating our Vendors

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



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.

stories, see their work, and understand why 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.



Can You Help Out?

Come be part of the Education team for the 75th National Square Dance Convention® in Waco, TX, and volunteer for any position that sounds interesting to you! As a volunteer for the Education Committee, you will:

1. Receive a volunteer ribbon that will let everyone know you are volunteering at the convention.

2. Receive a copy of the Education and dance schedules as soon as they are finalized (and before they are published). This will allow you to decide what times you are available to volunteer and allow you to sign up for your volunteer slots before the convention starts.

3. Receive an individual volunteer orientation when you pick up your volunteer ribbon at the Education check-in desk.

4. Receive a copy of your volunteer schedule (just like the presenters get) if you have signed up for your volunteer slots before convention starts.

5. Receive a thank-you gift from the Education Committee.

6. Receive recognition as a volunteer by having your photo on a volunteer appreciation wall near the Education check-in desk. Your name and/or picture may also be listed on Facebook, the National Squares



e-Magazine or website as a member of the Education Committee's Volunteer Team.

7. Be able to start and finish the Leadership Certification Program by serving as a room host.

8. Be included in Education Committee Zoom meetings if you are interested.

Please contact Everett Kelly, Assistant Education Chairman, at ekelly1948@yahoo.com if you are interested in being a volunteer for the Education Committee.

Please see next page for times you can volunteer, and a sign-up form!

Call for Volunteers

The 75th National Square Dance Convention® Education Program needs you! Volunteers are an essential part of a successful education program. Take a break from dancing for an hour or two and consider helping out in one of these areas.



We Want YOU!

- **ROOM HOSTS: Education and Sewing Classes (Hilton 3 Rivers Ballroom and Brazos Rooms)**

Job Description: Introduce the presenter (from bio provided), count attendees, distribute and collect session evaluation forms, initial Leadership Certification Program participation forms.

Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday or Friday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., or Saturday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

- **EDUCATION CHECK-IN DESK (Hall outside Brazos Rooms A&C in the Hilton)**

Job Description: Assist with duties such as passing out presenter and room host packets, printing and collating handouts, answering questions about schedules and room locations.

Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Friday between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., or Saturday between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

- **NEC ARCHIVES ROOM (Lone Star Room 105 in Convention Center)**

Job Description: Tally visitors, respond to questions about the displays (using provided FAQs).

Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday or Friday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. or 7 to 9 p.m.; or Saturday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

- **DATA ENTRY (Brazos Room B in the Hilton)**

Job Description: Enter data and statistics from Education Sessions into an Excel Spreadsheet (such as number of session attendees and results from session evaluation forms).

Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday or Friday between noon and 5 p.m., or Saturday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

YES, I would love to help with the 75th NSDC Education Program!

Name _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Check the circle next to each area in which you would be willing to volunteer.

Time(s) available: Thursday morning Thursday afternoon Thursday evening

Friday morning Friday afternoon Friday evening Saturday morning Saturday afternoon

Return this form to Everett Kelly, Assistant Education Chairman

E-mail to ekelly1948@yahoo.com



Getting to Waco

Waco, the NSDC's convention city for its Diamond Jubilee, is in Central Texas, right along the Brazos River and off Interstate 35. Waco is located halfway between Dallas and Austin. No matter your mode of travel, it's easy to get to Waco!

BY CAR

1-35 runs right through Waco, making it easy to access from major cities like Dallas, Austin and San Antonio.

BY AIR

Waco Regional Airport (ACT) is serviced by American Eagle with flights to and 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Rental car availability may be limited as the 2026 FIFA World Cup will be taking place in Dallas during our convention. Make your air and rental reservations early!

BY BUS

Greyhound serves Waco with intercity routes from across the U.S. In addition, the Waco Charter Bus Co. offers group travel options.

BY SHUTTLE

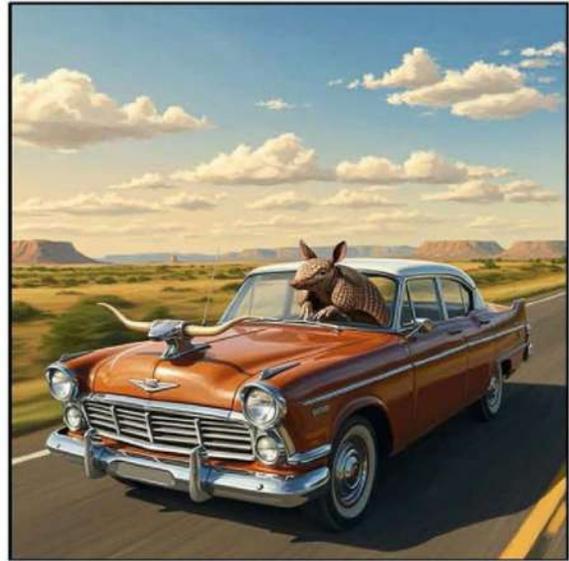
Waco Streak and GoGOWaco provide luxury shuttle service from DFW and Dallas Love Field. Airport Transportation of Waco offers hotel and airport transfers.

LOCAL OPTIONS ONCE YOU'RE HERE

The Waco Transit System has fixed-route buses. Options include the Baylor University shuttle and MicroDash.

RIDESHARE AND TAXIS

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



Scan the QR Code to follow the 75th NSDC on Facebook,
Register for the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee at <https://75nsdctx.com>.



New Education Categories

This year the Education Committee has placed each education seminar/class into one of four categories. We hope this makes classes easier to find and that it increases the visibility of all our education classes.

Caller Classes are normally classes for dancers who have an interest in calling or are beginning callers, although anyone can take these classes. This year members of CALLERLAB will teach eight classes. There may be another class or two presented by callers on a topic for both club leaders and up and coming callers. All these classes are considered electives for those participating in the Leadership Certification Program.

Leadership Classes are for dancers who are or will become club/association officers or for anyone interested in any of the topics that fall under this heading. Examples include How to be an Insurance Coordinator, The ABCs of Hosting a National Square Dance, Toolkit for Club Leaders, USDA 501c3 Program, Emergency Plans at a Dance, and many more. Some of these are Core Classes and some are Electives within the Leadership Certification Program.

Social Media/Publicity Classes discuss ways to promote square dancing. Changes are being made to many of the



classes that were offered in Shreveport, so they more specifically meet the needs of the participants. We are also adding some new classes, with both core and elective classes.

Potpourri of Classes will be a mix of unusual classes that don't fit in any of the other groups but will be of great interest to participants. Several are new and the ones that haven't been taught for a while.

Right now, the classes for the 75th NSDC are being finalized. Presenters are being contacted, and class content is being negotiated. Stay tuned to future editions of the e-Magazine to find out what classes will be offered in each group.

Word Search

GRANDPAPPY DILLO'S WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



E	T	A	L	U	C	R	I	C	P
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Allemande

Circle

Circulate

Dosado

Ferris

Promenade

Star

Swing

Trade

Answer on page 36



Visit the Cattle Sculptures



Nestled in Indian Spring Park beside the iconic Waco Suspension Bridge, the *Branding the Brazos* sculpture installation brings the spirit of the Chisholm Trail to life. Created by renowned Texas sculptor Robert Summers, this dramatic bronze tableau features three trail riders on horseback leading 25 longhorn cattle in full stride—evoking the energy and grit of 19th-century cattle drives.

From the 1860s to 1880s, millions of cattle were herded along the Chisholm Trail from Texas to Kansas railheads. Waco served as a key crossing point, where drivers once paid a toll of five cents per head to cross the bridge. Summers' sculptures honor that legacy, capturing a moment frozen in motion as if the herd were still making its way across the Brazos River.

Completed in 2014 after eight years of artistic dedication, the installation now stands as one of the largest bronze sculpture projects in Texas. It's more than public art—it's a living story etched in metal, celebrating Waco's role in shaping the cattle industry and the American West.

Organizational Roundtable

ORGANIZATIONAL ROUNDTABLE	TOPIC: Implementation of the Proposal	
	Explore how the new program format being implemented by the International Association of Square Dance Callers (CALLERLAB) will benefit callers, dancers, clubs & more	
	DATE: Thursday, June 25, 2026	TIME: 11:15 a.m. -12:45 p.m.
	LOCATION: McLennen Room #3 Waco Convention Center	
	Register for the 75 th National Square Dance Convention® https://75nsdctx.com/register/ or scan the QR Code 	
	We're Going to Texas Ya'!!!	



Sew and Save

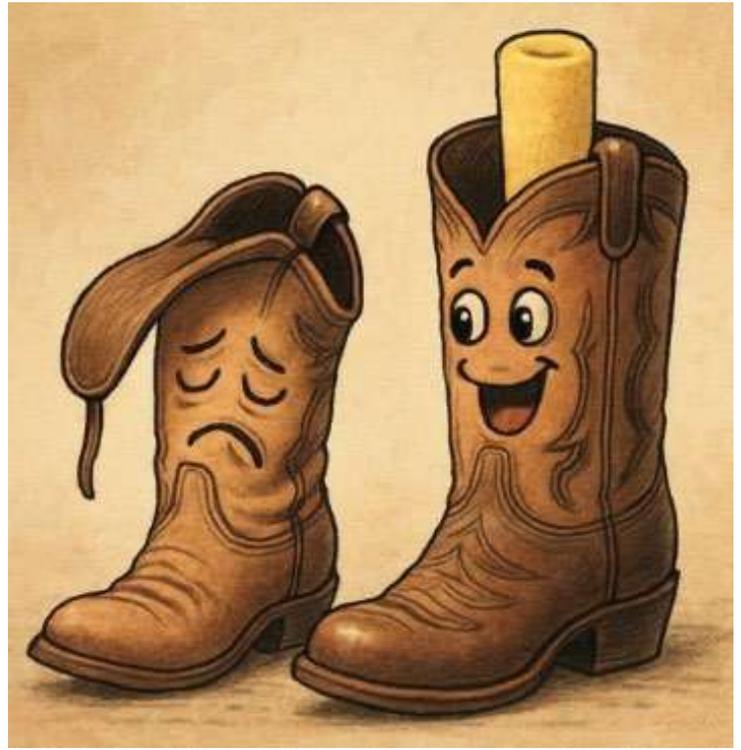
Make Your Boots Happy with Boot Noodles

As you prepare to come to Waco for the 75th NSDC, remember that your cowboy boots want to come too. They have heard that there will be a special Make and Take class in the Sew and Save classroom that will teach you how to make Boot Noodles to keep your boots standing tall for years to come. No boot wants to be thrown into a closet to have its shaft fold over on itself and cause an unsightly crease in the leather.

In the 55-minute Boot Noodle workshop, participants will be given all the supplies and instructions to complete a pair of Boot Noodles.

What if you don't have boots, you ask? You are in TEXAS, Y'ALL! There are plenty of places in Waco to buy a pair of real Texas dance boots and we will even have a boot vendor at the convention! Be prepared to take your new boots home complete with your new handmade Boot Noodles. Your boots will thank you for it.

So don't let your boots collapse and be sad. Whether they are new or old, make your boots happy by attending this workshop and making a pair of Boot Noodles for your beloved dance boots.



Why wear cowboy boots?

Cowboy boots aren't just fashion statements in square dancing—they're functional icons. Here's why they matter:

Leather soles allow dancers to glide, pivot and spin smoothly on the floor without sticking or slipping. In addition, heels help with balance and rhythm, especially during intricate footwork. Cowboy boots reflect the Western heritage that square dancing celebrates.

Some history: In dusty 1800s Texas, ranch hands traded stiff military boots for something better—pointed toes to slip into stirrups. A clever cobbler in Fort Worth stitched style into function, adding decorative stitching that told stories of cattle drives and frontier grit. By the 20th century, cowboy boots strutted into dance halls and rodeos, symbols of Texas pride. They became more than footwear—they became folklore.



Just Joking Around

GRANPAPPY DILLO YARNS



What do you call an armadillo who loves to dance?
A disco dillo!

Why did the armadillo go to the doctor?
He was feeling a bit shell-shocked.

Why did the armadillo bring a camera to the party?
To take some shell-fies.

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

Word Search Answers

**GRANDPAPPY DILLO'S
WORD SEARCH PUZZLE
ANSWERS**



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Allemande	Dosado	Star
Circle	Ferris	Swing
Circulate	Promenade	Trade

(from puzzle on page 30)

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	1,840
July	1,140	903	1,315	1,373	1,251	1,955
August	1,177	971	1,417	1,473	1,330	2,071
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



State Registration

Who's coming to Waco as of Sept. 14, 2025

Alabama 74	Massachusetts 11	South Dakota 11
Alaska 0	Michigan 19	Tennessee 58
Arkansas 47	Minnesota 32	Texas 808
Arizona 18	Mississippi 23	Utah 9
California 83	Missouri 49	Vermont 1
Colorado 56	Montana 3	Virginia 21
Connecticut 0	Nebraska 5	Washington 19
Delaware 2	Nevada 2	West Virginia 4
Florida 82	New Hampshire 5	Wisconsin 26
Georgia 77	New Jersey 13	Wyoming 0
Hawaii 4	New Mexico 14	
Idaho 2	New York 10	International Registrations
Illinois 29	North Carolina 19	Australia 2
Indiana 29	North Dakota 6	Belize 2
Iowa 23	Ohio 87	Canada 9
Kansas 31	Oklahoma 61	Germany 18
Kentucky 41	Oregon 11	Japan 4
Louisiana 36	Pennsylvania 22	Netherlands 1
Maine 6	Rhode Island 0	Taiwan 16
Maryland 27	South Carolina 26	



Behind the Scenes



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

This month we're featuring the Publicity Committee:

Audrey Mansell
Publicity Chairman (see bio, page 40)

Sally Henderson
Social Media Director

Karen Nace
National e-Squares Magazine Vice Chairman (see bio, page 41)

Kaye Gregory
Program Book Vice Chairman

Philip and Melody Moorehouse
Media Recognition Vice Chairman

Wanda Kruse
Media Development Director



Bio: Audrey Mansell

Publicity Committee Chairman

Audrey Mansell's journey into square dancing began with a simple invitation from her cousin—an offer she thought would make for a fun pastime. That spark quickly grew into a full-fledged passion. She graduated from square dance lessons in 2017 under the guidance of Walt Helgesen's Club, and she's been deeply involved ever since.

As a dedicated member of the Pioneers, Audrey has worn nearly every leadership hat—often more than once. Her roles have included class coordinator, caller coordinator, reporter, Facebook administrator, website manager, secretary, treasurer, vice president, and president. She currently continues to serve in several of these capacities, keeping the club vibrant and well-organized.

Audrey's influence extends beyond her local club. Since 2019, she has been an active contributor to the North Texas Square and Round Dance Association (NORTEX). She's served as the editor of their monthly magazine, *Promenade*, since joining, and has held key leadership roles including secretary (2021–2022) and president (2022–2024). Today, she remains a vital part of NORTEX as a director, Facebook administrator, and *Promenade* editor. Her status as past president also places her on numerous committees and discussion panels, where her experience and insight are highly valued.

Currently, Audrey is channeling her energy into the 75th National Square Dance Convention®. She plays a pivotal role on the publicity team and contributes to both the program book and the event website—helping shape one of the most anticipated gatherings in the square dance community.

Outside of dancing, Audrey is a proud mother of three sons, grandmother to three girls, and great-grandmother to one very special little girl, Emma Louise, with whom she cherishes every moment. Her beloved husband, Guy Mansell, passed away in 2015, but his memory continues to inspire her.

Professionally, Audrey works at TTI as an IT professional, supporting the Warehouse Control System. This critical system manages the procurement, sales, shipment, and invoicing of electronic components for high-profile clients like SpaceX and Lockheed Martin.



Bio: Karen Nace

E-Squares Magazine Vice Chairman

Karen Nace got into square dancing after she spotted a flyer at work announcing two free fun nights with the Lake Jackson Promenaders. She and husband Mark attended and were hooked the very first night. They graduated from square dance lessons in May 2005 under the tutelage of J.C. Flowers, and Karen has been deeply involved ever since.

As a dedicated member of the Promenaders and Houston Area Camping Squares, Karen has been secretary, newsletter editor and advertising manager.

Karen has put her skills and passions to work beyond the local level. She has served as Houston Hoedown program book editor and Texas Camping Squares newsletter editor, and her article about a greenie caller clinic appeared in Buddy Weaver's American Square Dance Magazine.

Currently, Karen is channeling her energy into the 75th National Square Dance Convention®, for which she is National Squares e-Magazine vice chairman. As a long-time journalist, the e-Magazine is easily the most ambitious project she has ever undertaken, but she appreciates the vast amount of help from Publicity Chairman Audrey Mansell and members of the publicity team, Sally Henderson, Melody Moorehouse, Wanda Kruse and Kaye Gregory. In addition, the e-magazine could never occur without the help of many people from Team Waco.

Outside of dancing, Karen is the mother of a son and daughter, and grandmother of eight. She and Mark have been married for 45 years.

Karen has a journalism degree from the University of Missouri School of Journalism. As a newspaper and magazine writer and editor, she has written more than a thousand printed articles and columns. Many of these are also on the web. In addition, she has written, designed and produced many newsletters and other public relations-oriented publications.



Team Waco



Just a portion of Team Waco, working together to bring you the
75th National Square Dance Convention®

Square Dance Etiquette

Preparation and Arrival

- Arrive on time so squares can form promptly when the music starts or at the caller's request.
- Never leave a tip early; if an emergency arises, inform your square and help find a replacement.
- Maintain personal cleanliness: Shower, use deodorant, freshen your breath and avoid heavy garlic, onion or other strong-smelling foods before dancing.

Attire and Presentation

- Avoid excessive jewelry that could scratch or catch.
- Always wear a name badge so new dancers and visitors can learn names quickly.
- Wear comfortable, supportive shoes and attire appropriate for active dancing.
- Clothing should be modest.
- Men are encouraged to choose long-sleeve shirts if they tend to sweat.

On-Floor Participation

- When the square is announced, join the nearest square that needs dancers, raising your hand with as many fingers up as the number of dancers/ couples you need to fill a specific gap.
- It's considered poor form to bypass a waiting square in favor of another.
- Sit out calls that are above your ability or lesson level unless you have an explicit invitation from the caller or square.



Keynote Speaker

Ted Lizotte—Manchester, New Hampshire

Ted Lizotte, or Keynote Speaker, 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.



The History Behind the Lone Star Flag

The Lone Star is more than just a symbol—it's the soul of Texas.

Texas was nicknamed the Lone Star State to commemorate its fierce independence. After breaking away from Mexico in 1836, Texas stood as its own republic for nearly a decade before joining the United States.

Adopted in 1839 by the Republic of Texas, the Lone

Star Flag became official when Texas joined the U.S. in 1845.

The original designer is unknown, though Charles B. Stewart of Montgomery, TX is often credited with drawing the image used in the legislation. Before the Lone Star flag, six nationalities' flags flew over Texas: Spain, France, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, the Confederate States, and the United States. Now that's some history!



What our flag's colors mean

Blue: Loyalty

White: Purity

Red: Bravery

White star: Unity

under God, state and country

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

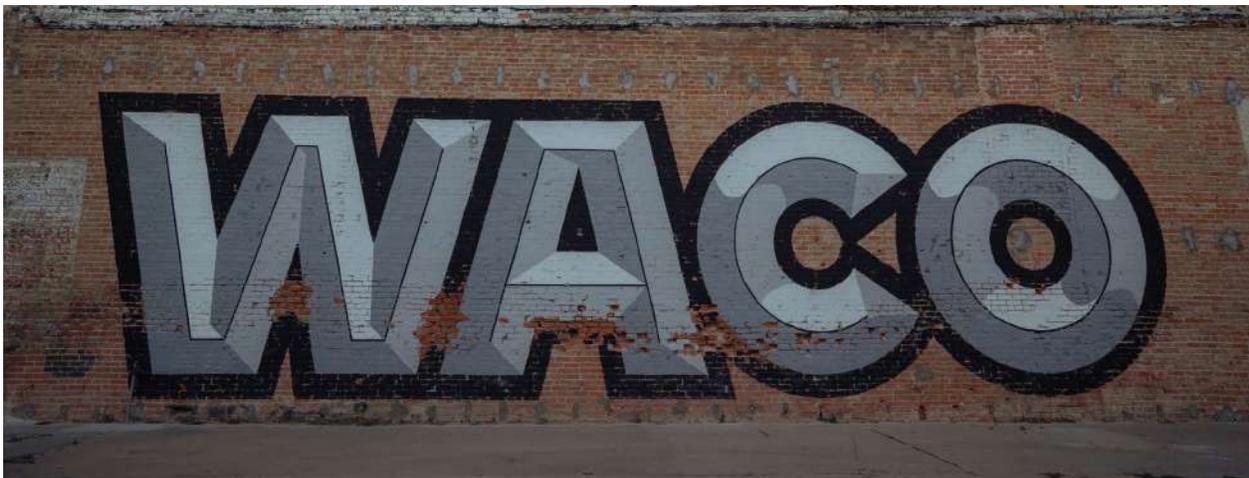
Book ahead so you and your friends have a spot!

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.

*We're going
to Texas, y'all!*

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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

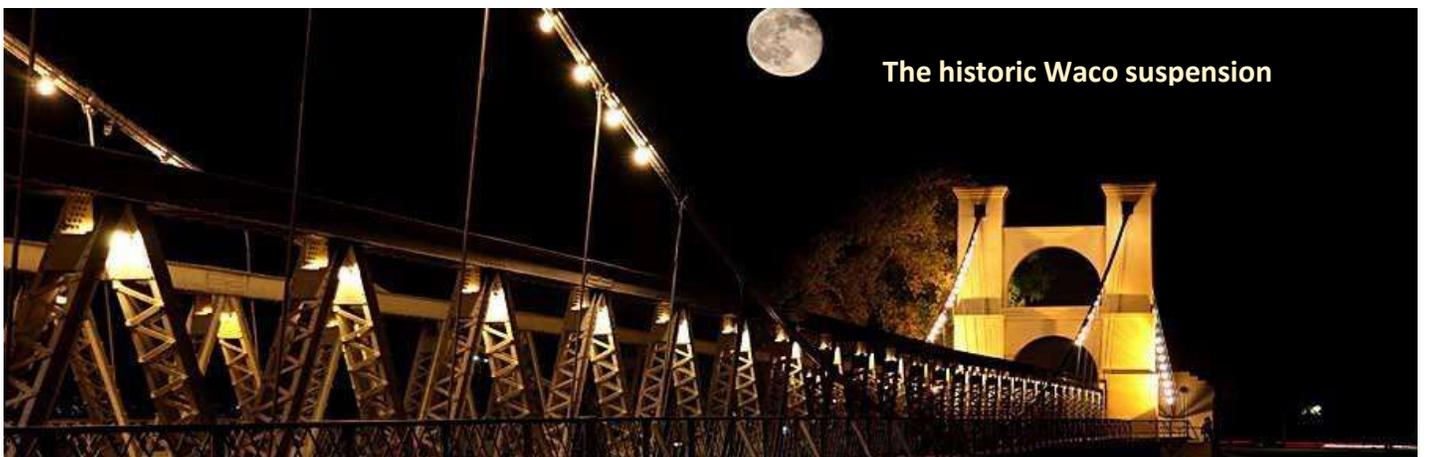
Discover the vineyards and wineries of central Texas with this wine tasting tour. Enjoy being driven around to different wineries for guided tours and wine tastings.



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.



The historic Waco suspension

Our Nation's 250th Birthday!

Let's Celebrate!

Wear your Red, White & Blue in honor of our Nation's 250th Birthday during a special event Friday, June 26, 2026 at 6:30 pm!



The NSDC's Diamond Jubilee coincides with America's 250th Birthday! Help us mark these important milestones.

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Register for the NSDC at <https://75nsdctx.com>



Parade Float Help Needed

The 75th NSDC Education Committee has had multiple requests for a class on making parade floats and on parade participation. If your club or anyone in it is interested in sharing your knowledge with others, please contact Sally Schmidt at sbennettschmidt@gmail.com.



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
2029 NSDC
be?**

**Got any ideas
let us know**

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



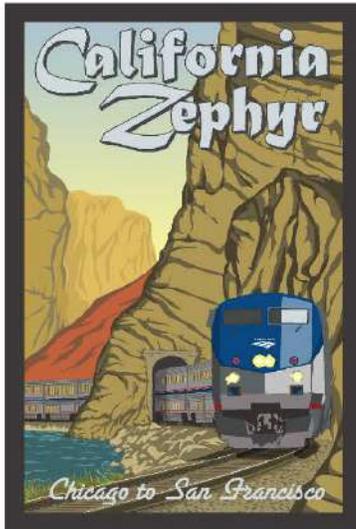
PLANES, TRAINS, AUTOMOBILES AND SHUTTLES

GETTING TO THE 76TH NSDC

Air Travel to Loveland, Colorado

The primary air service for Loveland, Colorado is through Denver International Airport (DEN), about 60 miles southeast. Opened in 1995, DEN currently serves 25 different airlines offering non-stop service to over 215 destinations throughout the Americas, Europe, and Asia. The airport is a major hub for United Airlines and the largest operating base for both Frontier Airlines and Southwest Airlines.

DEN is an award-winning architecture, and magnificent views of the Rocky Mountains create a unique atmosphere for travelers. Jeppesen Terminal is an internationally recognized peaked roof, designed by Fentress Bradburn Architects, the terminal is reflective of snow-capped mountains and evokes the early history of Colorado, and when Native American teepees dotted the Great Plains.



AMTRAK

Amtrak has direct trains to Denver from Chicago in the east and San Francisco in the west with multiple stops in between. Plan your trip to see new parts of the USA on your way to the National Convention.

Shuttle Service from Denver International Airport to and from Loveland, Colorado

Groome Transportation and Landline provide shuttle service from Denver International Airport to Loveland. The convention will provide coordination to

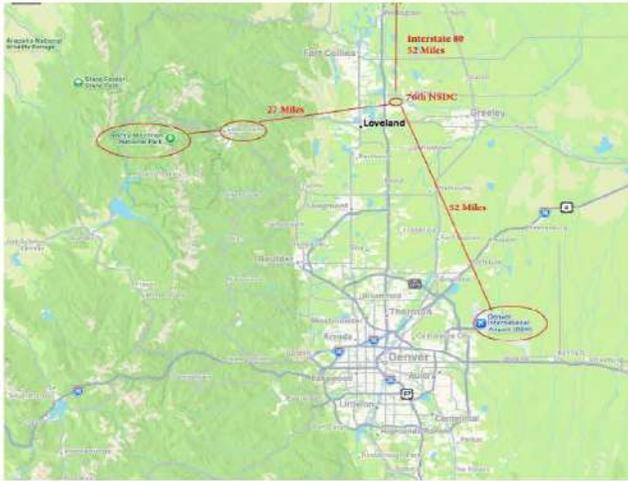


consolidate shuttle service based on arrival times to reduce costs.

Check the 76 NSDC.com web page for more information.



Car Travel to Loveland, Colorado



By car our venue is less than one mile off Interstate 25 between Interstate 70 to the south and Interstate 80 to the north.

Loveland can be approached from Denver by car via [Interstate 25](#). There is a Tesla EV charging station at the Embassy Suites Conference Center. Other types of EV charging stations are available at businesses less than a mile away.

FLEX Service (Regional Bus Service)

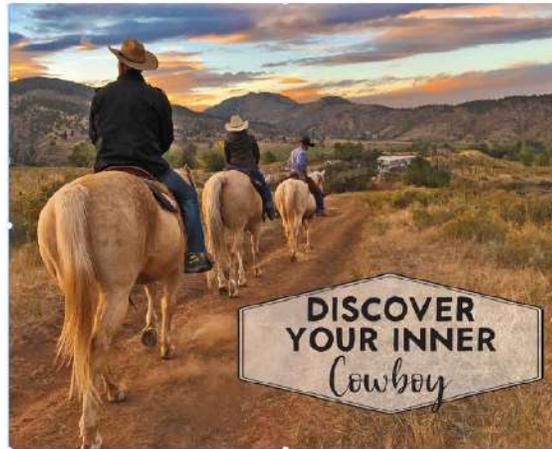
FLEX provides regional service from Fort Collins South Transit Center to Boulder, with stops in Loveland, Berthoud, and Longmont. Schedule details are available by contacting Transport Customer Service at (970) 221-6620.



HOWEVER, YOU CHOOSE TO GET
HERE.....
COME DANCE IN THE HEART OF THE
ROCKIES!!!



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 #	_____
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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

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May 2024



Discover the Legacy of Daytona Beach Host of the 2028 National Square Dance Convention®

As we look ahead to the 77th National Square Dance Convention® in 2028, we invite you to explore the rich tapestry of history and excitement that defines our host city—Daytona Beach, Florida. From legendary explorers to trailblazing educators, speed pioneers to civil rights icons, this coastal gem has long been a magnet for visionaries and adventurers.

It all began in 1513, when Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon set foot in Florida in search of the mythical Fountain of Youth. Just west of Daytona Beach, DeLeon Springs still flows—inviting us to imagine that, in 2028, we might rediscover that youthful spirit as we dance across the convention floor, united by the activity we all love.

Over the centuries, the Greater Daytona Beach area has welcomed influential figures who shaped its identity:

- **Dr. Andrew Turnbull** founded the New Smyrna colony on 101,000 acres just south of Daytona.
- **Matthias Day**, captivated by the region’s charm, built Daytona’s first hotel in 1874 and became its founding father.
- **Henry DeLand** established nearby DeLand and founded Stetson University in 1883.
- **John D. Rockefeller** made Ormond Beach his winter retreat, drawn by its pristine golf courses.
- **Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune**, a towering figure in education and civil rights, founded Bethune-Cookman University in 1904 and left a legacy that continues to inspire.
- **Bill France**, founder of NASCAR, built the iconic Daytona International Speedway in 1959, cementing the city’s place in motorsports history.



Daytona Beach has also played a pivotal role in social progress. On March 17, 1946, Jackie Robinson broke barriers by playing in the first integrated spring training game here. Today, his legacy is honored at the **Jackie Robinson Ballpark**, which is just 2 miles away from where we will be dancing, where a life size statue welcomes visitors.



The city’s entrepreneurial spirit continued with Commodore Charles Burgoyne, who promoted community events and concerts along the scenic riverfront in the early 1900s. And of course, the hard-packed sands of **Ormond Beach**, which is just 5 miles from our convention center, earned the title “Birthplace of Speed,” hosting land speed record attempts that thrilled spectators and set the stage for modern racing.



Today, Daytona Beach welcomes over 10 million visitors annually, drawn by its blend of history, hospitality, and family-friendly beaches. From museums like the **Halifax Historical Museum**, which is just 2 miles away from where we will be hosting the convention, to the vibrant streets of downtown, the area offers countless treasures for guests to explore.

Mark your calendars: The 2028 Convention will take place **June 28–July 1**, one week later than usual. We encourage you to make your reservations early and prepare to experience the magic of Daytona Beach—where tradition meets innovation, and every step on the dance floor echoes with history.



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

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

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

Youth born after July 1, 2011 \$30.00 each x _____ **until 1/23/2027** = \$ _____

Sub Total: \$ _____

Credit Card Processing Fee 3% (Example: \$160 x 3% = \$4.80) \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Cash Received \$ _____ Check # _____ (Payable to 77 NSDC Inc.) Zelle

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

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

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Arrive Early or Stay Late # Days _____? Stay at Convention Hotels, RV Camping

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Registration Location: _____ Receipt Sent: _____ Date Sent: _____



DID YOU KNOW:



All National Conventions are 501(c)(3). That means we start from \$0 and must earn money in order to pay for everything.

If you are not ready to register for the 77th or are not interested in purchasing ways and means, there are also have other ways to contribute to our convention.

WALMART ROUND UP

NATIONWIDE (ONLINE AND WALMART APP ONLY)

Every penny counts—and now you can help support the 77th National Square Dance Convention® just by shopping at Walmart! When you check out, simply select us as your preferred organization and round up your total to the nearest dollar.

That spare change goes directly toward making this unforgettable event even more welcoming, vibrant, and fun for all generations. Just choose 77th National Square Dance Convention® (77 NSDC Inc) at checkout—online or in the Walmart app!

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

TEXAS AND LOUISIANA ONLY

A donation program that is based on a percentage of your purchase. Nothing will be added to your bill, you only need a Kroger account and then associate that with our convention, 77 NSDC Inc.

Once logged into your Kroger account you can search for 77 NSDC INC. either by name or VR672 and then click “Enroll”. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.





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Send Contract, payment in full and copy to: Angie McClure,
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 Phone: 678-956-0287 Email: louisandangiemcclure@gmail.com

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USDA MEMBERSHIP OFFERS MANY BENEFITS!

Is your state, regional, or local square dance-related association interested in being part of the largest square dance organization in the country? Would you like to participate in decision making at the national level about the growth and development of our activity? Would you like to have access to an excellent dancer insurance program, a wide library of free educational materials, a youth scholarship program, and much more? Would your organization be interested in obtaining 501(c)(3) non-profit status?

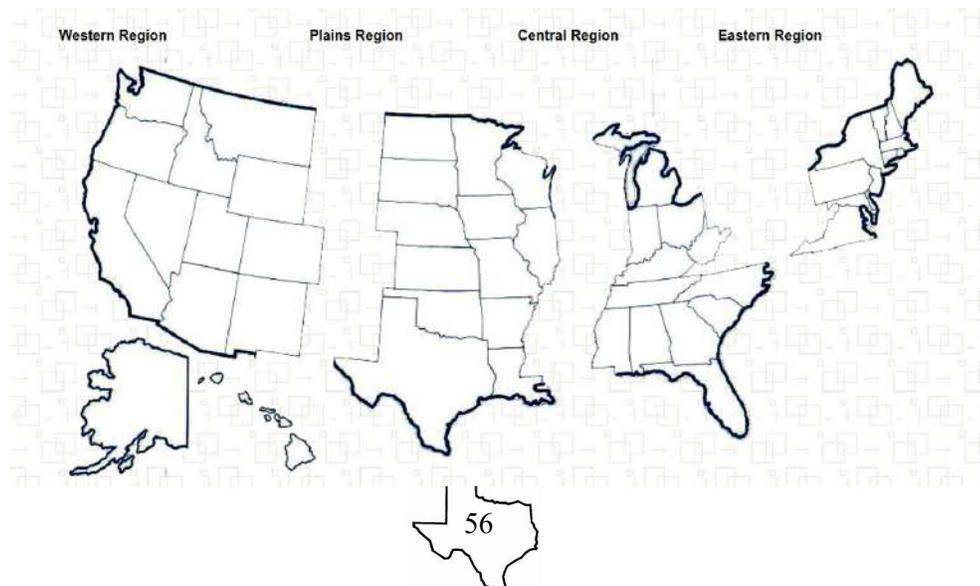
JOIN US

Membership in USDA is open to any organized nonprofit square dance groups or other groups representing square, round, contra, clogging, line or heritage dancers that will subscribe to the By-Laws, Rules and Policies of the United Square Dancers of America. There are two categories of membership in USDA:

- **Affiliate Membership:** Statewide and regional square-dance related organizations may join USDA and represent dancers and clubs across a state or geographic region for an annual fee of \$25 to \$100. Affiliate membership in USDA offers many benefits including a voice in decision making about USDA programs and activities, eligibility for economical accident and group liability insurance, a scholarship program for youth involved in square dancing, access to educational and club leadership materials as well as the USDA News and monthly Beyond the Dance Floor webinars, and the option to apply for 501(c)(3) non-profit status under the USDA group exemption program.
- **Associate Membership:** Local square-dance related associations or clubs that are members of a USDA Affiliate organization may apply for Associate Member status. Once accepted for Associate Membership, these groups are eligible to participate in all USDA programs and activities; however Associate Members do not hold voting rights at the Annual Meeting. Of particular interest to Associate Members might be the opportunity to apply for 501(c)(3) non-profit status under the group exemption program.

For further information about USDA membership, go to

<http://www.usda.org/member.htm>.



Northeast Georgia Federation
Presents....

Trail End Dance

\$10.00
Youth Free

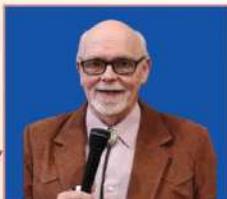
Georgia State Convention

Thursday

November 6th

Advance 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Mainstream / Plus / Lines 7:00 - 9:30 pm



Marty Northrup



Randy & Debbie
Brandberry

Lakeshore Squares

St Paul United Methodist Church,
Old Chapel, Enter Thru Bell Tower
404 Washington Street, Gainesville GA
Parking across street & church lot



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Georgia State Square
Dancers Association -
GSSDA
PRESENTS....

PEACH STATE JIVE IN 2025

SQUARES, ADVANCE,
ROUNDS, LINES,
CONTRA, & MORE...
WOOD DANCE FLOORS

RIBBONS
\$30.00

AFTER 10/31
\$35.00



Saturday Night
Theme:
50's Sock Hop

REGISTER



Gainesville Civic Center
830 Green Street NE
Gainesville GA 30501

November 7-8, 2025
www.gssda.org

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.**

