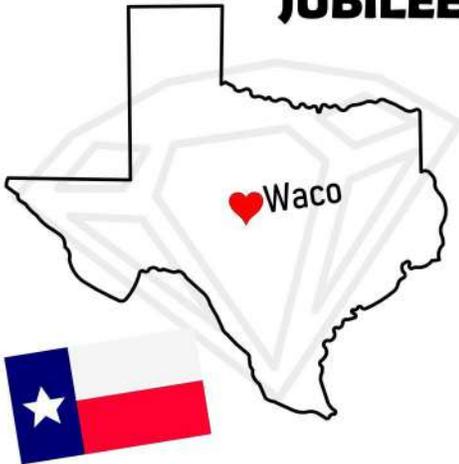


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**NATIONAL CONVENTION OPERATING SOFTWARE (NCOS)  
CONVENTION STAFF TRAINING**

**Location:** NCOS training will be held in the Marriott Hotel on the first floor, Meeting Room A. We also have a Convention Mobile App class scheduled for Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm on the first floor, Meeting Room B.

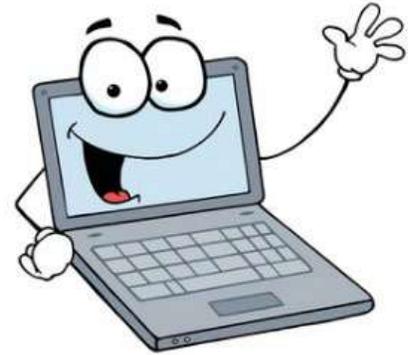
The NCOS Training will be hosted by Barry & Anita Johnson. Future Convention Team Members using the NCOS are strongly encouraged to attend. Please check below the sessions you plan to attend.

**Thursday, June 25, 2026 (Each session is 1 ½ hours)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 am **Intro to NCOS** – setup procedure, global assignments, password, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 am Instructor Break (15 mins)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9:45 am **Mobile App Overview (1.5 hrs)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11:15 am Lunch Break
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1:00 pm **Program, Round Dance (1.5 hrs)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2:30 am Instructor Break (15 mins)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2:45 pm **Program, Square Dance, Contra, Lines (1.5 hrs)**

**Friday, June 26, 2026 (Each session is 1 ½ hours)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 am **Pre-Convention Module (1.5 hrs)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 am Instructor Break (15 mins)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10:15 am **Services (1.5 hrs)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11:45 am Lunch Break
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1:00 pm **Education 9 (1.5 hrs)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2:30 pm Instructor Break (15 mins)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2:45 pm **Registration & Housing (1.5 hrs)**



**ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Convention / Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email to [louisandangiemcclure@gmail.com](mailto:louisandangiemcclure@gmail.com) to reserve your spot. We will **email** an advance electronic copy of the NCOS User Manual to bring to the Training Session with you. **We will not provide copies of the NCOS User Manual during the Training Sessions.**



# Registration

An illustration featuring several armadillos of various sizes and orientations, surrounded by a cascade of autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red. The scene is set against a white background with a dark red border.

*Leaves are  
Falling,  
Waco  
is Calling!*

Register today for the  
**75<sup>th</sup> National Square  
Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>**

Sign up at  
<https://75nsdctx.com/register/>

*Want the latest news  
and events fast? Scan  
the QR Code for our  
Facebook page*



**Celebrate the NSDC's  
Diamond Jubilee with us  
June 24-27, 2026  
Waco Convention Center**



# Convention Hotels

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

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

## What to Expect Next?

- 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. 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](mailto: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)	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	<b>Dogs and cats only</b> ; deposit is non-refundable
Spring Hill Suites	2 min drive	Yes	\$100 deposit	Deposit is non-refundable; <b>dogs only</b> (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!**

75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention – Waco, TX  
June 24-27, 2026



# Camping/RV

It's time to finalize your camping reservations! We have negotiated discount 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. Campsites, cabins and tree houses are available.

1972 Leroy Parkway  
Elm Mott, TX 76640  
(254) 651-3999  
<https://wacocreeksideresort.com>

2) Magnolia RV Resort offers you 10% off your stay. There's a pool in addition to a 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.



# Get your Belt Buckle!



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



# 75th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®

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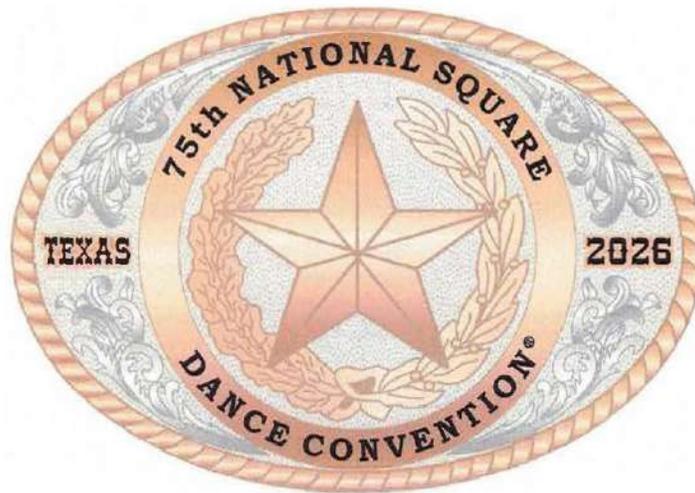
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EMAIL: 75nsdc@gmail.com



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		(BACKPLATE) JEWELERS ENGRAVING - 2 LINES	<b>15.00</b>	
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<b>ENGRAVING INSTRUCTIONS: (MAX 18 CHARACTERS PER LINE)</b>			<b>FREIGHT</b>	21.00
1			<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	
			<b>SALES TAX</b>	0
			<b>TOTAL</b>	235.90

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

Call Gary Lester 281-857-3177

75NSDC  
9597 Jones Rd Ste 122  
Houston, TX 77065

*Thank You!*



# Quilts by Ellen Lewis

Ellen Lewis has a gift for turning everyday keepsakes into lasting treasures. Whether it's a T-shirt from your son's camp, daughter's school collection, or a bundle of well-wishes from loved ones, Ellen transforms them into quilts, wall hangings, or pillows that tell a story. Each piece is a deeply personal journey, and Ellen says she's always honored to be part of it.

Her creations include memorabilia quilts and wedding quilts; each stitched with care and meaning. "Every quilt has a story," Ellen says. She helps people clean out their closets—but hold on to their memories through a special quilt.

Ellen's work was featured in the April 2025 issue of Quiltfolk magazine, celebrating her passion and artistry. And she has been at this a long time. "I've been sewing since I had Barbie dolls," she shares, "and I hope to keep doing this as long as I can run the sewing machine."

Ellen and husband Mike have been square dancing since 2022.



Credit: Photo by Azuree Hollaway for Quiltfolk magazine

**870-814-5646 / [quiltsbyemlewis.com](http://quiltsbyemlewis.com)**

**[quiltsbyemlewis1@gmail.com](mailto:quiltsbyemlewis1@gmail.com)**

**Ellen offers nationwide shipping.**



# Ghost Riders Band



You will be square dancing in the evenings to the Ghost Riders. The well-known square dance band will back up the square dance callers both musically and vocally!

*75th National Square Dance Convention®*



# Your First National Convention?

Attending your first National Square Dance Convention® is a joyful, high-energy experience filled with dancing, learning, and community. Expect multiple dance halls, educational workshops, exhibitions, and social events—all designed to welcome dancers of every level.

What to expect:

Dance variety: Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge (C1, C2, C3A), Round Dance (all phases), Contra, Clogging, Line Dance, Youth and specialty styles.

Daily schedule: Dancing runs continuously from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., with after-parties extending to 11 p.m.

Opening events: Trail End dances precede the convention on Tuesday and Wednesday. Look for upcoming flyers. Wednesday begins with The Malpass Brothers concert, country-western dance and BBQ meal followed by the spectacular opening ceremonies and Welcome to Texas.

Closing events: Saturday night features Parade of States and special ceremonies.

Before you go

Register early. Pre-registration ensures access to program books and mobile app schedules.

What to bring

Dance attire (including traditional clothing for evening dances)

Comfortable shoes (bring extras!)

Water bottle, snacks and a small tote

During the convention

Badge, program book (if purchased) and mobile app

Choose your halls. Each hall is designated by dance type and level – check the schedule



daily in the convention mobile app

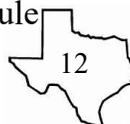
Workshops: Topics include sewing, club leadership, caller training and many more.

Social and community

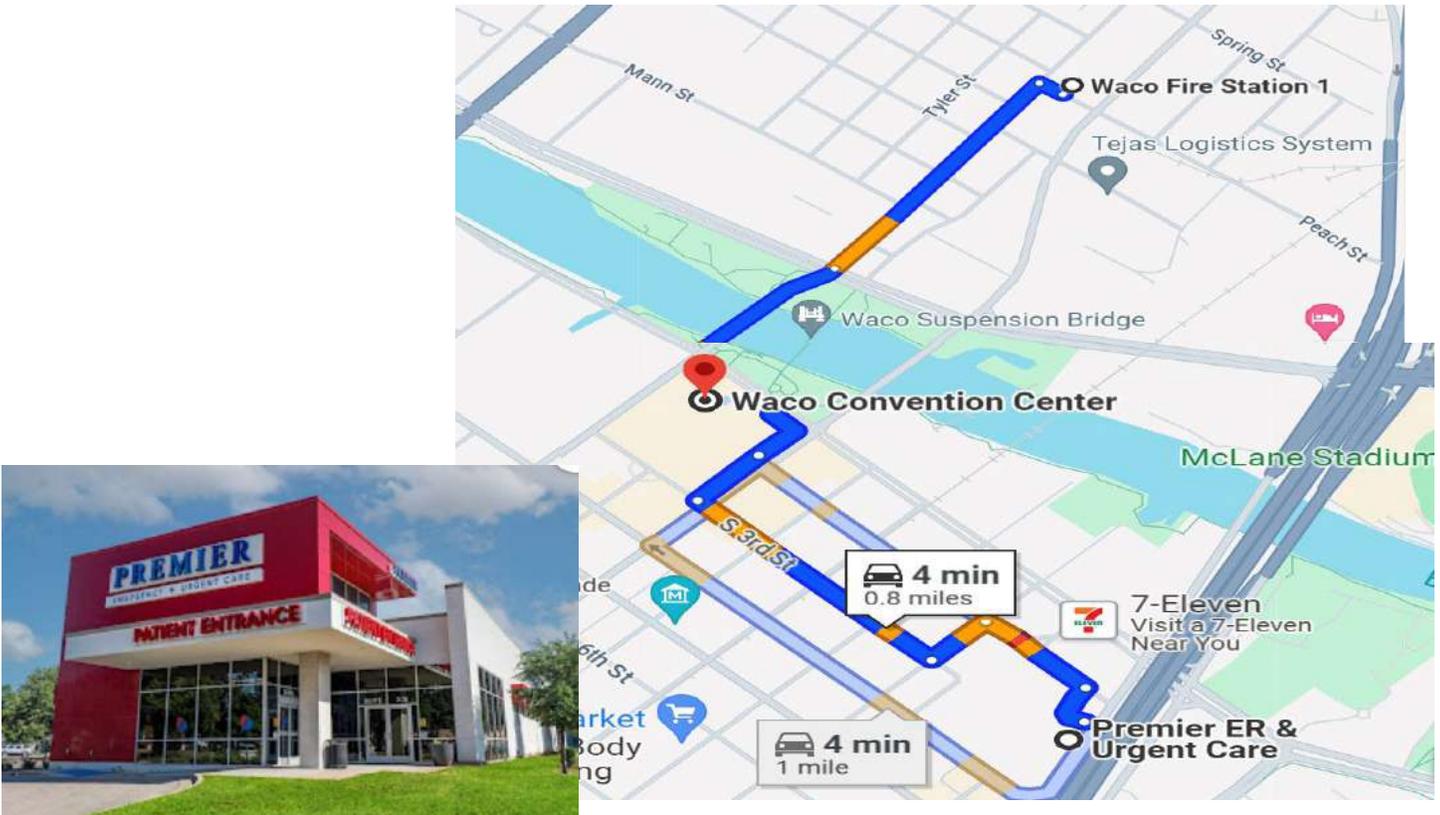
Networking – Connect with dancers from across the country and around the world.

Volunteer- Help with setup, registration or hospitality to deepen your involvement.

Vendors and souvenirs: Shop for apparel (dance and other), jewelry and other accessories, badges, quilts, dance shoes and themed gifts.



# Emergency Help is only 4 minutes away



## About This Location

Premier ER & Urgent Care in Waco is committed to providing top-quality medical care with a board-certified team of medical professionals. Their in-house lab testing, X-ray services, and pediatric care for infants and children are of the highest standard. **Premier's urgent care services are available every day from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., while the emergency room is open 24/7.** They are in-network with multiple insurance providers and have three other convenient locations throughout central Texas. Premier welcomes all walk-ins without the need for an appointment, making it easy for patients to receive the medical attention they require when they need it.

Premier is the "Official Around-the-Clock Care Provider of Baylor Athletics"



# Learn to Trash Dance!



Trash Dancing is one of our new classes at the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC.

Billy Grimsley and Charlie Whisner, Trash Dancers extraordinaire, will be your instructors for this class.

Trash Dancing consists of short, stylish additions inserted between the square dance calls – never replacing them. It is about FUN, SYNCOPATION, and MUSICALITY while staying on time and respecting the caller and the square.

Trash Dancing helps clubs grow! Smiles drive retention, creativity welcomes new dancers, and video-friendly moments help clubs showcase and recruit online. Come check it out and find out about the Trash Dance Society too!

# 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 teenage 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.

By bringing your youth to the convention, you're giving them the chance to build lifelong friendships, gain confidence and leadership skills, and 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 would like more details about youth programming, feel free to reach out to our Youth Coordinator, Kati Raleigh, at [yodelergirl@yahoo.com](mailto:yodelergirl@yahoo.com). We can't wait to see you on the dance floor!



# Go Fund Me for Ghost Riders

## WANTED GHOST RIDERS BAND

Help Us Swing the Ghost Riders into  
Waco, Texas for a Convention to Remember!

Dancers from all over the world will commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of the National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> June 24-27, 2026. And what's a celebration without the electrifying energy of the Ghost Riders Band?



This fantastic live band brings excitement to our Conventions. Their music accompanied by enthusiastic callers keep dancers swinging and swaying all night long. But we need your help to make it happen.

Donate today to help cover the band's travel and lodging expenses. Every contribution—big or small—helps bring the magic of live music to the dance floor.

TO DONATE GO TO:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/ghostriders-band>

NOTE: there is a slide bar at the bottom where you can give gofundme a "tip" for their services.

It is defaulted to a percentage but can be set to zero.

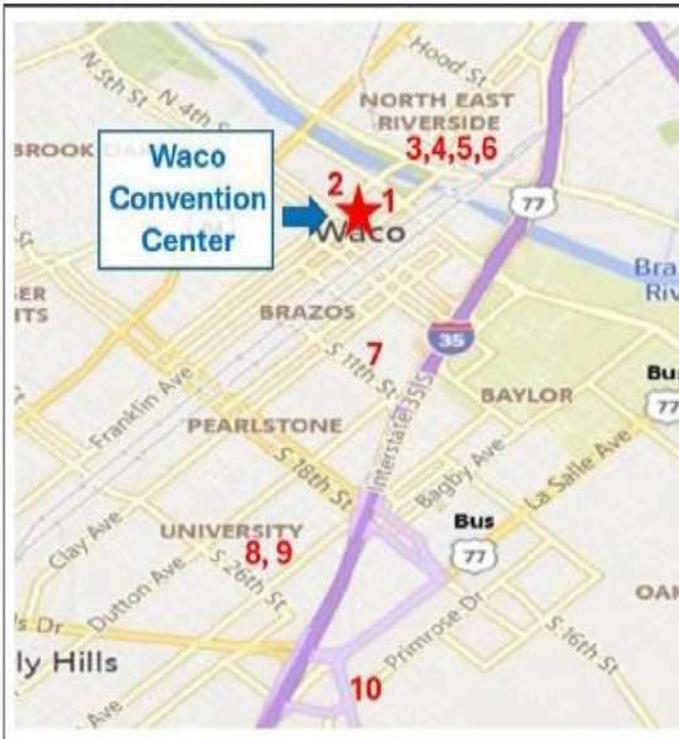
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.  
ALL DONORS ELIGIBLE FOR A GRAND PRIZE DRAWING



# Registration Long Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

More information available at [www.75nsdctx.com](http://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](mailto:register.75nsdc@gmail.com) or

[75nsdchousing@gmail.com](mailto:75nsdchousing@gmail.com)

No airport shuttle services provided

See [www.75nsdctx.com](http://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](mailto:75nsdchousing@gmail.com)

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

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Call for a 10% discount on you stay.

**Say You are with the Square Dance Convention**



# Registration Long Form



## 75<sup>th</sup> 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](http://75nsdctx.com)

Zelle your payment to [75nsdc@gmail.com](mailto:75nsdc@gmail.com)

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

75NSDC

9597 Jones Rd Ste #122

Houston, TX 77065

Email: [register.75nsdc@gmail.com](mailto:register.75nsdc@gmail.com)

### For Convention Use Only

Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Processed \_\_\_\_\_

Check# or Ref # \_\_\_\_\_

Revised 7/22/2025

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 <u>CONVENTION BADGES</u>	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 <sup>th</sup> NSDC Souvenir Program Book	# _____ @ \$30.00	\$ _____
(\$35 after 4/30/2026)	# _____ @ \$35.00	\$ _____
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 4/30/2026)	# _____ @ \$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	<b>SOLD OUT</b>	
<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%	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>	

### 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

1. You can complete this FORM online at [www.75nsdctx.com](http://www.75nsdctx.com).
2. Please PRINT legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. **Registration fees:** Adult \$80; Youth ages 5-17 by 6/27/2026- \$30.00 Under 5 Free.
6. **Prices will increase May 1, 2025** - Adult: \$95 - Youth ages 5-17- \$30.00.
7. Persons 3-5 circle Adult or Youth **\*\*Only need birthday of Youth\*\***
8. Registrations are non-transferable.
9. **No One, Two, or Three-Day Registrations.**
10. A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes before April 30, 2026. **No refunds after April 30, 2026.**
11. Registrations received after April 30, 2026, will receive e-mail confirmation.
12. 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.
13. 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](http://75nsdctx.com/tours)**

### DANCERS - PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Check all that apply.

- Mainstream  Plus  Advanced  Challenge  Contra  Lines  
 Clogging  Rounds  Handicapped  Solo  
 Are you participating in the Education Leadership Certificate Program?  
 Yes  No Visit [75nsdctx.com](http://75nsdctx.com) for more information

### PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS

You must update your profile yearly & online by 12/31/25 at [sdconvention.com](http://sdconvention.com).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_

### HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE

- Check box if you will manage your own accommodation.



# Fly Through Tour



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

# Malpass Brothers Concert



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

You're in for a treat!



# Dance Leaders Need to Register

**DEC. 31, 2025**

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

1. Sign up online today at [www.75nsdctx.com](http://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



**75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>**  
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# Square 'Em Up

## Get your dance on at the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®



*What types of dancing can I enjoy at the 75<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC

75th National Square  
Dance Convention®



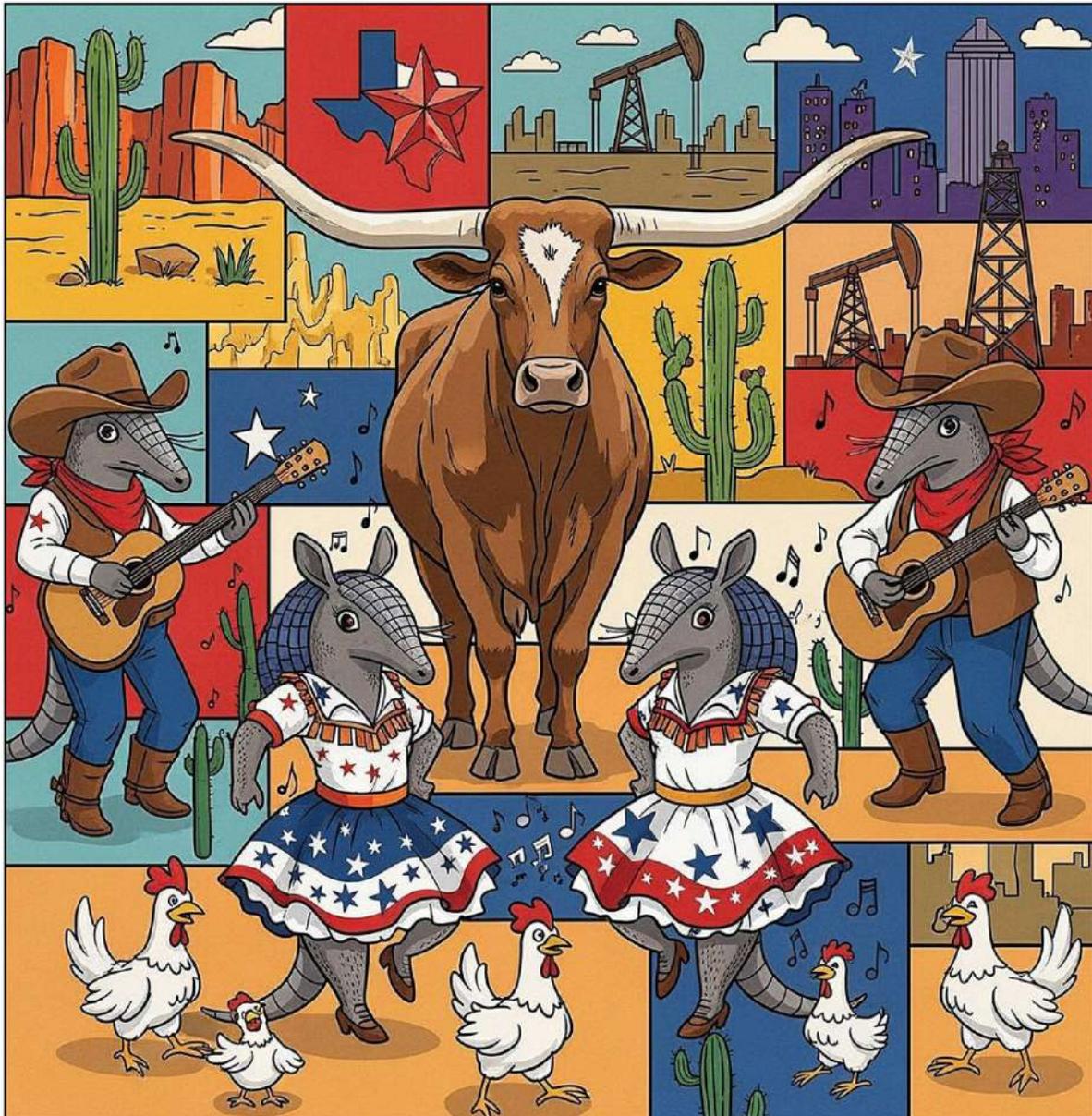
Don't miss the fun! Sign up at  
<https://75nsdctx.com/register/>



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# C'mon down!

## Enjoy the Sights and Sounds of Texas at the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>



**Waco Convention Center • June 24-27, 2026**  
**Scan the QR Code to Register Today**



# 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. Please 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 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.



**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](mailto:wcdrip@gmail.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**

I-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.

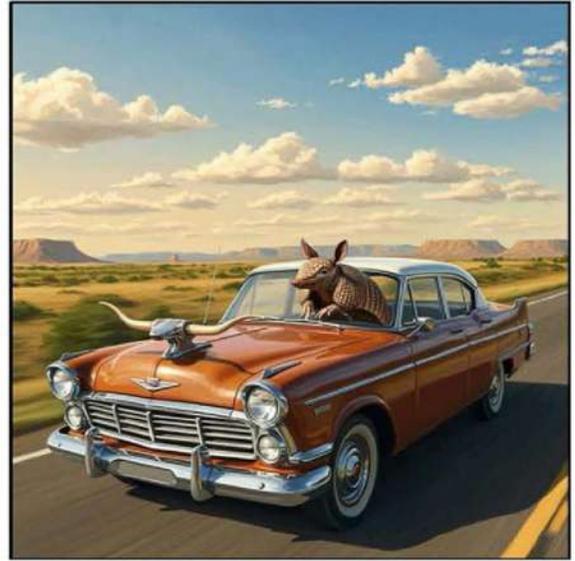
## **LOCAL OPTIONS ONCE YOU'RE HERE**

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 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC on Facebook,  
**Register for the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee at <https://75nsdctx.com>.**



# Sew and Save



What says “Texas” more than boots and bolo ties? We aren’t making boots, but the Sew and Save Committee is giving you the opportunity to make your own unique Texas bolo tie or decorative pin.

We have all sorts of little Texas-related doodads along with some “bling” for you to choose from. These are simply glued to the “slide” part of the bolo (provided).

Your one-of-a-kind bolo will be a great reminder of the wonderful time you had in Waco at the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®.

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## Organization Showcase

Are you interested in finding out more about some of the organizations that support and make the National Square Dance Convention® possible? If so, please visit the Organization Showcase at our Waco convention.

Organizations that have been invited include Contralab, Callerlab, Roundalab, ARTS, United Square Dancers of America (USDA), National Square Dance Campers, and American Callers Association. Please note that the former Showcase of Ideas has now changed over to the Organization Showcase.



**Make travel plans  
way ahead of time!**



See page 25



# Word Search

## GRANDPAPPY DILLO'S WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



L R L P S A M B A P S R O E V T P  
T S L O W T W O S T E P L N E N E  
E L C T K H N F P R V I F X O V T  
L R Y I E R V H M I A E O W E N S  
E A E E S B L H E T L B A S J A K  
M P Z S E U T A H R G L P H I H C  
A N E V E Y M S A N T I N G O I I  
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BOLERO  
CHA-CHA  
DANCE  
FISHTAIL  
FOXTROT  
JIVE  
MUSIC  
NEW YORKER

PARTNER  
QUICKSTEP  
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RUMBA  
SAMBA  
SLOW TWO STEP  
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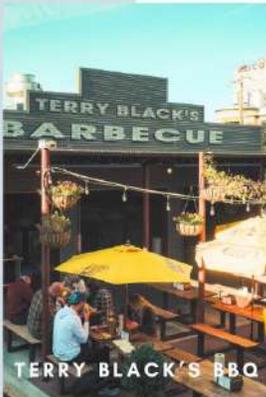
TANGO  
TELEMARK  
TEMPO  
THREE STEP  
TRAVELING BOX  
VIENNESE  
WALTZ

**Answers on page 36**



# Great Restaurants

## Waco Downtown Dining Guide



- 1424 Bistro**  
1424 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Alpha Omega Grill & Bakery**  
929 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Bangkok Royale**  
215 S University Parks Dr, Waco, TX 76701
- Barnett's Whiskey House & Restaurant**  
420 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Bertie's on the Rooftop at Hotel 1928**  
701 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Billy Bob's Burgers**  
300 S 2nd St Suite 102, Waco, TX 76701
- Brazos Bar & Bistro at Hotel Indigo**  
211 Clay Ave, Waco, TX 76706
- Brazos Grille at the Hilton**  
113 S University Parks Dr, Waco, TX 76701
- The Brazos Landing**  
100 I 35 N Frontage Rd, Waco, TX 76704
- Cafe Cappuccino**  
100 N 6th St #101, Waco, TX 76701
- Cajun Craft**  
601 S 11th St, Waco, TX 76706
- Casa Do Brasil**  
1001 Webster Ave, Waco, TX 76706
- Cha Community**  
1001 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Clay Pot Restaurant**  
416 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Cricket's Draft House & Grill**  
211 Mary Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- D's Mediterranean**  
1503 Calcord Ave, Waco, TX 76707
- DiamondBack's**  
217 Mary Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- George's Restaurant & Bar**  
1925 Speight Ave, Waco, TX 76706
- Harvest on 25th**  
112 N 25th St, Waco, TX 76710
- Health Camp**  
2601 Circle Rd, Waco, TX 76706
- Hecho En Waco Mexican Cuisine**  
300 S 6th St b, Waco, TX 76701
- Jake's Texas Tea House**  
613 Austin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Jasper's BBQ**  
105 Clifton St, Waco, TX 76704
- Jorge's Cantina**  
4225 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76710
- J-Petal & Poké Waco**  
315 S Univ. Parks Dr #120, Waco, TX 76701
- Kim's Diner**  
2600 W Waco Dr, Waco, TX 76710
- Kitok Restaurant**  
1815 N 18th St, Waco, TX 76707
- La Fiesta**  
3815 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76710
- Magnolia Table**  
2132 S Valley Mills Dr, Waco, TX 76706
- Maria Mezcaloria**  
724 Austin Ave Ste 102, Waco, TX 76701
- Milo All Day**  
1020 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Ninfa's**  
220 S 3rd St, Waco, TX 76701
- Opal's Oysters**  
228 S 8th St Suite B, Waco, TX 76701
- Pignetti's**  
401 S 3rd St, Waco, TX 76706
- Pivovar Brewery & Restaurant**  
320 S 8th St, Waco, TX 76701
- Portofino's Italian Restaurant**  
725 Austin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Red Herring at Hotel Herringbone**  
319 S 4th St, Waco, TX 76701
- Revival East Side Eatery**  
704 Elm Ave, Waco, TX 76704
- Sagrado Cocina and Bar**  
215 S Univ. Parks Dr Ste. 107, Waco, TX 76701
- Sascee's Southern Style Eatery**  
719 S 11th St, Waco, TX 76706
- Segovia Wine Bar + Tapas**  
300 S 6th St Suite F, Waco, TX 76701
- Schmaltz's Sandwich Shoppe**  
105 S 5th St #2102, Waco, TX 76701
- Shorty's Pizza Shack**  
1712 S 12th St, Waco, TX 76706
- Slow Rise on the Brazos**  
1620 N M.L.K. Jr Blvd, Waco, TX 76704
- Southern Roots Brewery**  
219 N 8th St, Waco, TX 76701
- Street Dog Cafe**  
406 Elm Ave, Waco, TX 76704
- Teriyaki Park**  
220 S 2nd St, Waco, TX 76701
- Terry Black's BBQ - Waco**  
228 S 8th St, Waco, TX 76701
- The BLVD Steakhouse at Cambria Hotel**  
110 S MLK Jr Blvd, Bldg A, Waco, TX 76704
- The Brasserie at Hotel 1928**  
701 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- The Olive Branch**  
215 S 2nd St, Waco, TX 76701
- Tony DeMaria's Bar-B-Que**  
1000 Elm Ave, Waco, TX 76704
- Tru Jamaica**  
937 Taylor St, Waco, TX 76704
- Twisted Root Burger Co.**  
801 S 2nd St, Waco, TX 76706
- Union Hall - Food Hall**  
720 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Vitek's**  
1600 Speight Ave, Waco, TX 76706

# Cameron Park Zoo

## IT'S WACO Y'ALL! LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS OH MY! CAMERON PARK ZOO



Make a date with friends to experience Waco's amazing zoo.

Among the many attractions along Brazos River is the incomparable Cameron Park Zoo, featuring natural habitats and close-up encounters and including more than 1,700 animals representing 300 species. Zoo visitors will see tortoises from the Galapagos Islands and birds from Africa. Visitors will find in the Herpetarium a world of waterfalls and crocodiles, spiders and plants. Flora and fauna are featured from the Gulf of Mexico to the Caprock Region of West Texas.

The Asian Forest includes the Sumatran tiger habitat where you can catch a glimpse of a rare orangutan, and spot a Komodo dragon on an altar in a ruined temple.

There are 2 places to dine, Treetops Cafés and the Plaza Cafe & Coffee Shop. Of course, there a place to shop next to the entrance, Zootique Gift Shop.



Cameron Park Zoo  
1701 North 4th Street Waco, Texas 76707  
FF(254) 759-8400





**The Cameron Park Zoo in Waco** is definitely worth a visit. The animals live in thoughtfully designed habitats that mimic their natural environments. Experience the Asian Forest, where you will slowly be elevated into the mid-canopy level of the trees where you may catch a glimpse of a rare orangutan, hear the roar of a waterfall as it gushes from a ruined temple aquifer and look into the temple's altar where the Komodo dragon rests. And many more habitats await!





**Cameron Park Zoo—Waco, TX**

# Need Information?

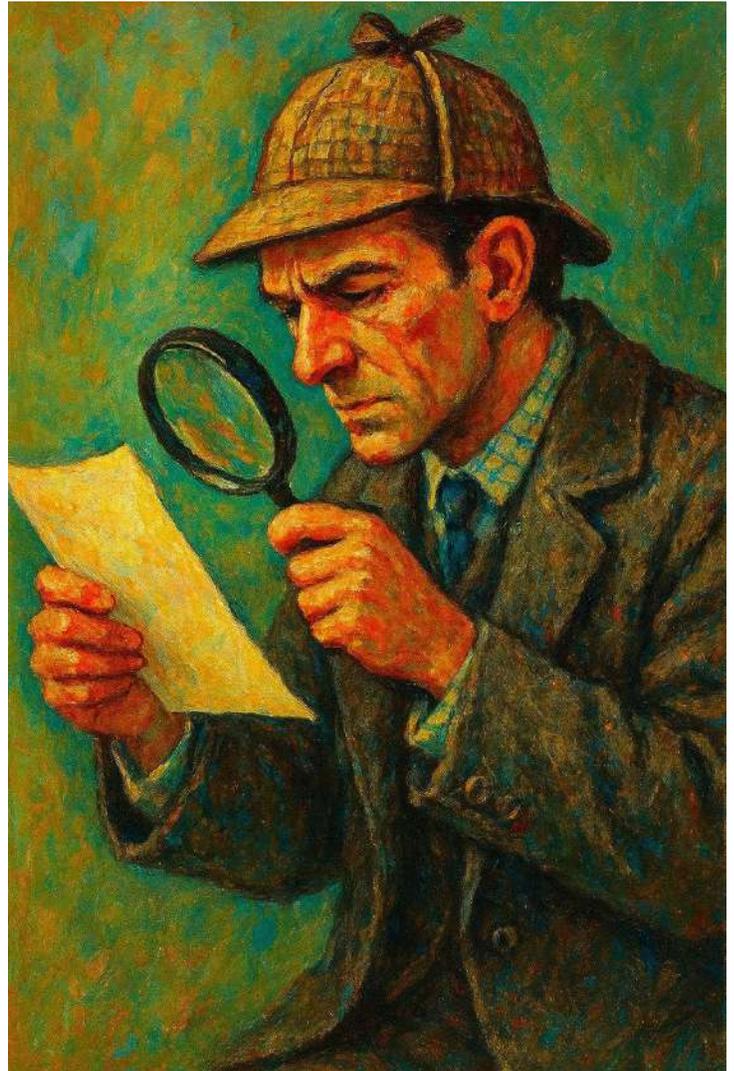
**We have lots of info for you:**

**Visit our website at** [www.75nsdctx.com](http://www.75nsdctx.com). It's full of forms, links and great information about the 2026 convention in Waco, TX.

**Follow us** on Facebook for news and events.

**Subscribe** to and read the National Squares e-Magazine (which you're reading now!). Each edition contains the who, what, where and 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/> and scroll down to enter your name and email, then 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 Waco convention's Diamond Jubilee at [75nsdctx.com/register/](http://75nsdctx.com/register/)

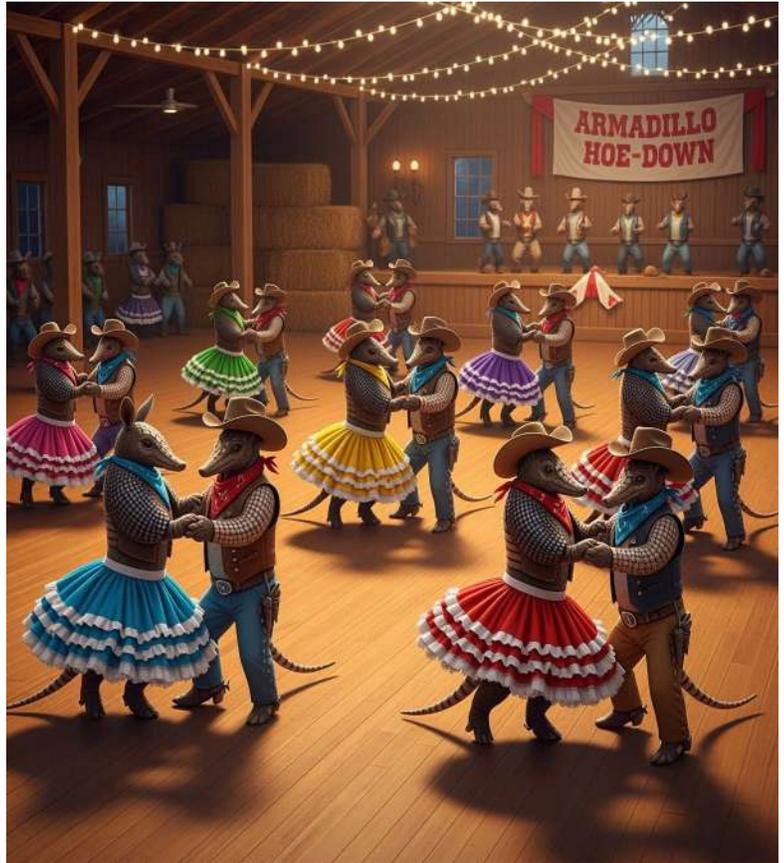


# What is Round Dance?

Many square dancers also enjoy round dancing, so you'll find plenty of round dance sessions at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®. If you're new to round dancing, here's a quick introduction:

Round dancing is a form of choreographed ballroom dance, where couples move in a counter-clockwise circle around the floor. Every step is pre-written on a cue sheet and called out in real time by a cuer, allowing all dancers to stay in sync.

Popular round dance rhythms include two step, waltz, foxtrot, cha-cha, rhumba, tango, and salsa. Each dance figure is assigned a difficulty level by Roundalab, the international organization that sets standards for round dancing.



## There's an App for That



This year at the 75th NSDC in Waco, everyone registered for the National Square Dance Convention will have free access to the Convention App, and the Education Committee wants to make sure you know how to use it.

Written instructions will be coming out in April or May in the e-Magazine, on the 75th

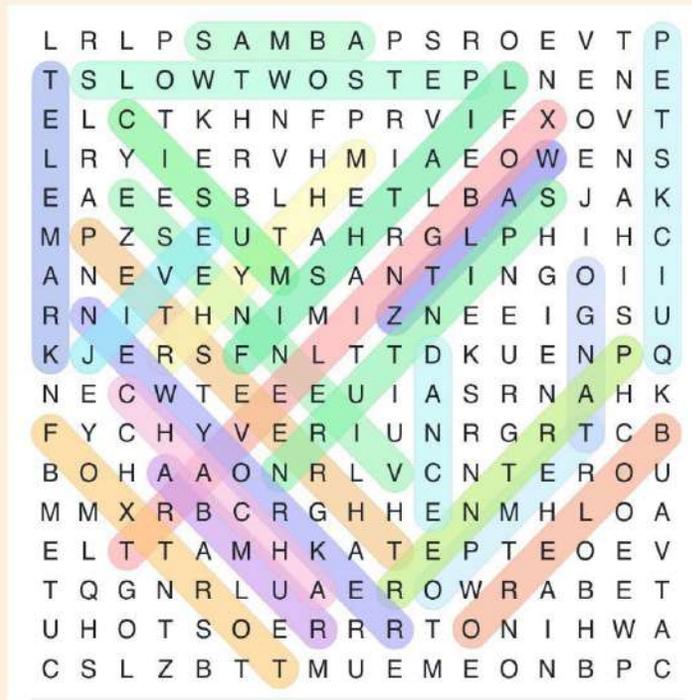
NSDC Facebook page, and on our website. The application is expected to go live in May, and we encourage folks to use the written instructions to practice looking at what is being offered at the convention. There will also be a class on the convention app at the convention, so stay tuned.

# Just Joking Around



# Word Search Answers

## GRANDPAPPY DILLO'S WORD SEARCH PUZZLE ANSWERS



**(from puzzle on page 28)**



# Specialty Restaurants

## IT'S WACO Y'ALL!

### Gluten Free, Vegan, and Vegetarian Eateries

Waco has a number of eateries which feature menu options.

#### ALPHA OMEGA GRILL & bakery

- Veggie and vegan gyros and appetizers.
- 929 Franklin Avenue

#### BAKED BLISS

- Wide range of gluten-free options, from bacon-cheddar scones to blueberry muffins to shortbread.
- 1114 North 15th Street

#### BANGKOK ROYAL

- A literal ton of veggie and vegan Thai options on the menu.
- 215 South University Parks Drive
- THE BLASIAN ASIAN
- Order tofu as your protein for veggie/vegan option
- 720 Franklin (Union Hall)

#### CAFE CAPPUCCINO

- 100 North 6th Street / 903 Hewitt Drive / 1101 Richland Drive

#### CHEDDAR BOX

- 601 Webster Avenue

#### CLAY POT

- 416 Franklin Avenue

#### CURRY UP & WOK THIS WAY

- Features two vegan curry options and a vegetable stir fry!
- 720 Franklin Avenue (Union Hall)

continued



# Specialty Restaurants

## IT'S WACO Y'ALL!

### Gluten Free, Vegan, and Vegetarian Eateries



#### D'S MEDITERRANEAN GRILL

- Vegetarian and vegan options.
- 1503 Colcord Avenue

#### FREEBIRDS WORLD BURRITO

- Featuring veggie protein and Beyond Meat protein.
- 120 North New Road

#### GEORGE'S RESTAURANT

- 1925 Speight Avenue / 1201 Hewitt Drive

#### HAT CREEK BURGER COMPANY

- All sides, from french fries to fried pickles, are gluten-free. GF bun available.
- 103 Archway Drive (off of Highway 84 in Woodway)

#### HARVEST ON 25TH

- Variety of vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options.
- 112 North 25th Street

#### J-PETAL

- All their crepes are gluten-free.
- 315 South University Parks Drive, Ste 120

#### MOD PIZZA

- Offering loads of vegetarian options for pizza, as well as a "gluten-friendly" crust, made on the same serving line as gluten-unfriendly crusts.
- 1015 S North (I know) Jack Kultgen Expressway

#### OLIVE BRANCH CAFE

- 215 South 2nd Street

#### POPPA ROLLO'S PIZZA

- Gluten-free crusts (that don't taste like gluten-free crusts).
- 703 North Valley Mills Drive / 1201 Hewitt Drive #214

continued.

# Specialty Restaurants

## IT'S WACO Y'ALL!

### Gluten Free, Vegan, and Vegetarian Eateries

#### SAFFRON

- Plenty of vegan and vegetarian options!
- 2305 Marketplace Drive

#### SLOW RISE SLICE HOUSE

- Vegan Cheese and Gluten-Free / Cauliflower Crusts available.
- 7608 Woodway Drive

#### TERIYAKI PARK

- 220 South 2nd Street

#### TERRY & JO'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- Waco natural groceries? Whether you like sandwiches or burritos, Terry & Jo's the place for vegan and gluten-free whether for something in-store or to-go.
- 1121 Speight Avenue

#### TOM'S BURGERS

- Offers gluten-free buns
- 6818 Sanger Avenue

#### TORCHY'S TACOS

- 801 South 5th Street

#### TWISTED ROOT BURGER COMPANY

- Veggie and Vegan Burger options
- 801 South 2nd Street

#### VITEK'S

- It's not really vegan, or vegetarian, but gluten-free some options.
- 1600 Speight Avenue



<https://www.wacowise.com/veggievggf>

# NEC Archive Room

We invite you to stop by the NEC Archive Room and immerse yourself in 75 years of National Convention history. This unique experience offers something for everyone, whether you are a long-time attendee or new to the convention community.

You'll want to take a minute to see the green outfits the National Executive Committee (NEC) wore for many years. The outfit on display is courtesy of the family of Butch and Ampie Hayes, who were the General Chairman of the 1969 National Convention in San Antonio, TX.

In addition, you'll want to examine program books from previous years. You might be surprised by how many dancers you recognize from past conventions. Displays include specially designed belt buckles created to commemorate past conventions, as well as badges from each event throughout the years.

Additionally, discover the extended travels of Gary and Claudia Lester, our General Chairman, who have journeyed far and wide in support of our square-dancing community.



Ampie and Butch Hayes were General Chairman of the 1969 San Antonio square dance convention. Their family donated the green outfits they wore while on the National Executive Committee (NEC).

We will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the convention. Please stop in!



# Caller Classes

Caller classes are for prospective callers, new callers, experienced callers and anyone interested in the things that callers learn in order to make our sport fun. All of these classes are taught by very experienced members of CALLERLAB.

The eight classes that are being offered include:

- Theme Tips: teaching tips, workshop, and extended applications for enjoyable dancing
- How to Use Music to Better Sell Your Dance
- The Mechanics of Great Teaching: how to be an effective leader
- Basic Sight Calling: moving dancers from point A to point B with purpose
- How to be an Effective Club Caller
- So You Want to be a Caller
- Dancers: smoothness, styling, and etiquette
- Modular Calling – your new best friend



These classes will be described in greater detail in upcoming e-Magazine issues. For those participating in the Leadership Certification Program, all these classes will be considered Electives.

# Find the Sparkle

**Education Sessions** are a valuable part of the **National Square Dance Convention®** experience. They're a great way to **rest your feet** between dances and **learn something new!**

Just like diamonds come in many cuts and colors, our education sessions offer a variety of topics to explore. For the **75<sup>th</sup> NSDC in Waco**, we're organizing these sessions into **four main categories** to help you find what interests you most.

Stay tuned for more details on each category and the exciting sessions planned!

<b>Dancer Leadership</b> 📖 Classes designed to help dancers build their leadership knowledge and skills to be effective club & association leaders.	<b>Current &amp; Future Callers</b> 🎵 Sessions organized by CALLERLAB to support new and experienced callers continue to hone their craft.
<b>Publicity and Promotion</b> 🎵 Sessions to help promote and market your club and events via traditional and social media.	<b>Potpourri</b> ❖ Classes on a variety of other topics of interest to dancers, leaders, callers and cuers, travelers, and more!

## Dancer Leadership Classes

Here are a few of the classes aimed at helping current and prospective club and organization leaders build their knowledge and skills:

- 📖 Toolkit for Club Leaders
- 📖 How to Build a Sustainable Club
- 📖 Are You Prepared? Emergency Plans at a Dance
- 📖 Negotiating Caller Contracts
- 📖 Solo Dancers: Can They Save Square Dancing?
- 📖 Spice Up Your Dances, Liven Up Your Club
- 📖 Who's Insured at Your Dances?

Continue your education at the  
**75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®**  
Register at <https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>



June 24-27, 2026  
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# 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	<b>1,819</b>
July	1,140	903	1,315	1,373	1,251	<b>1,934</b>
August	1,177	971	1,417	1,473	1,330	<b>2,050</b>
September	1,191	1,040	1,463	1,543	1,367	<b>2,110</b>
October	1,219	1,100	1,535	1,594	1,434	<b>2,173</b>
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	
<b>Final Total</b>	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 October 31, 2025

Alaska 0	Massachusetts 9	Tennessee 57
Alabama 74	Michigan 19	Texas 841
Arkansas 50	Minnesota 34	Utah 9
Arizona 21	Mississippi 23	Vermont 1
California 91	Missouri 53	Virginia 21
Colorado 59	Montana 3	Washington 19
Connecticut 0	Nebraska 5	West Virginia 4
Delaware 2	Nevada 1	Wisconsin 26
Florida 79	New Hampshire 5	Wyoming 0
Georgia 78	New Jersey 15	
Hawaii 4	New Mexico 14	<b>International Registrations</b>
Iowa 23	New York 10	Australia 4
Idaho 4	North Carolina 21	Belize 2
Illinois 37	North Dakota 6	Canada 9
Indiana 30	Ohio 92	Germany 21
Kansas 31	Oklahoma 64	Japan 4
Kentucky 43	Oregon 11	Switzerland 2
Louisiana 37	Pennsylvania 22	Netherlands 3
Massachusetts 9	Rhode Island 0	Taiwan 18
Maine 8	South Carolina 26	
Maryland 33	South Dakota 11	



# Put Your Dancing Shoes On!



## Top 6 state registrations

Texas 841

Ohio 92

California 91

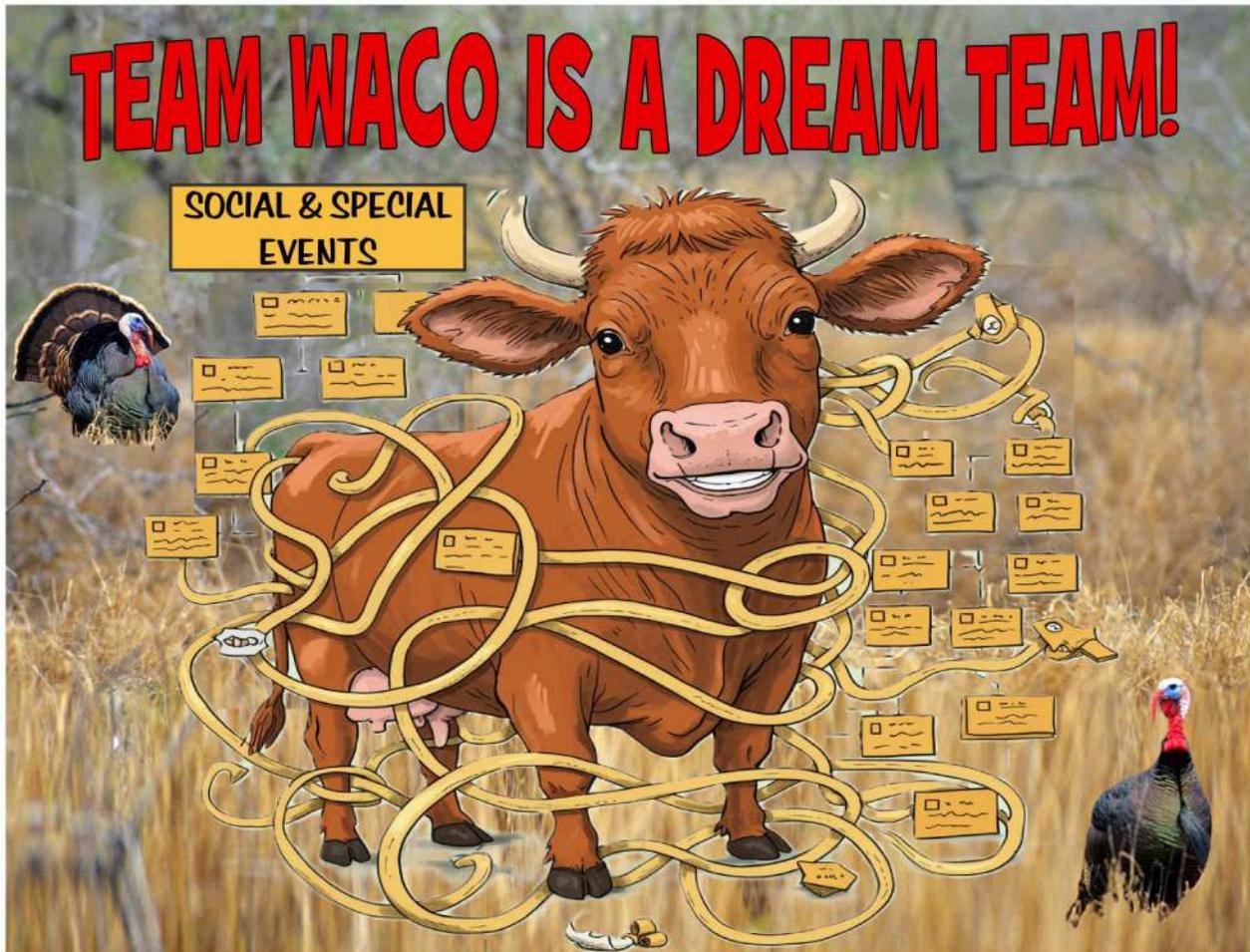
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# Behind the Scenes



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 Social & Special Events Committee:

**Edd and Rhonda Harshbarger**  
Social & Special Events Chairman  
(see bio, next page)

**John and Melinda Bassett**  
Social & Special Events  
Assistant Chairman

**Cinda Siegel**  
Hospitality Vice Chairman

**Rachel Masten**  
Hospitality Co-Vice Chairman

**Roxie Walker**  
Fashion Show Vice Chairman

**Jerry and Brenda Fabian**  
Tours Vice Chairman

**John and Laura Alexander**  
Special Event Director

**Jan and Yasuko Andersen**  
International Director



# Bio: Edd and Rhonda Harshbarger

## Social and Special Events Chairman

Edd is originally from Norfolk, Virginia. He learned to square dance while in the Air Force stationed in Germany in 1963. He wasn't very interested in going to a square dance at that time until a fellow airman invited him to a dance and told him there would be girls there! He was hooked!

Rhonda is an 8<sup>th</sup> generation Texan and took square dance lessons while living in Austin in 1987. They met when Edd came to angel at Rhonda's lessons. And the rest, as they say, is history -- they have been married since 1988, and have a blended family with a son, a daughter, and 6 grandchildren (5 boys and 1 girl), ranging in ages from 29 to 5 – Tyler, Connor, Max, Avery, M.J., and Cullen.

Edd and Rhonda have been members of the Tomball Promenaders for several years and are currently serving as co-secretary of the club. They are former members of the Woodlands Stars. Their first National Convention was in Houston in 1987, right after Rhonda graduated from lessons. There were over 20,000 dancers at the Houston Astrodome.

Edd worked in the banking industry, in lending and collections, retiring in 2015.

Rhonda has worked as a paralegal for the past 40 years, focusing mainly on plaintiff personal injury, medical malpractice, and product liability. She is semi-retired, working part-time as office manager for her law firm, where she has been for the past 13 years.

Edd and Rhonda also bowl in a league, and they enjoy traveling both in the States and abroad.



# Square Dance Etiquette

## 10 tips for a great time:

**Arrive on time.** Being punctual helps you catch the first tip and keeps the dance floor flowing smoothly.

**Dress for the occasion.** Choose comfortable shoes and clothing you can move in. Traditional square dance attire is often encouraged, but neat, casual wear is always welcome.

**Practice good hygiene.** Dancing means close contact—fresh breath, clean hands, and fragrance-free choices make it pleasant for everyone.

**Be warm and welcoming.** Smile, make eye contact, and greet fellow dancers with kindness. A friendly floor is a happy floor.

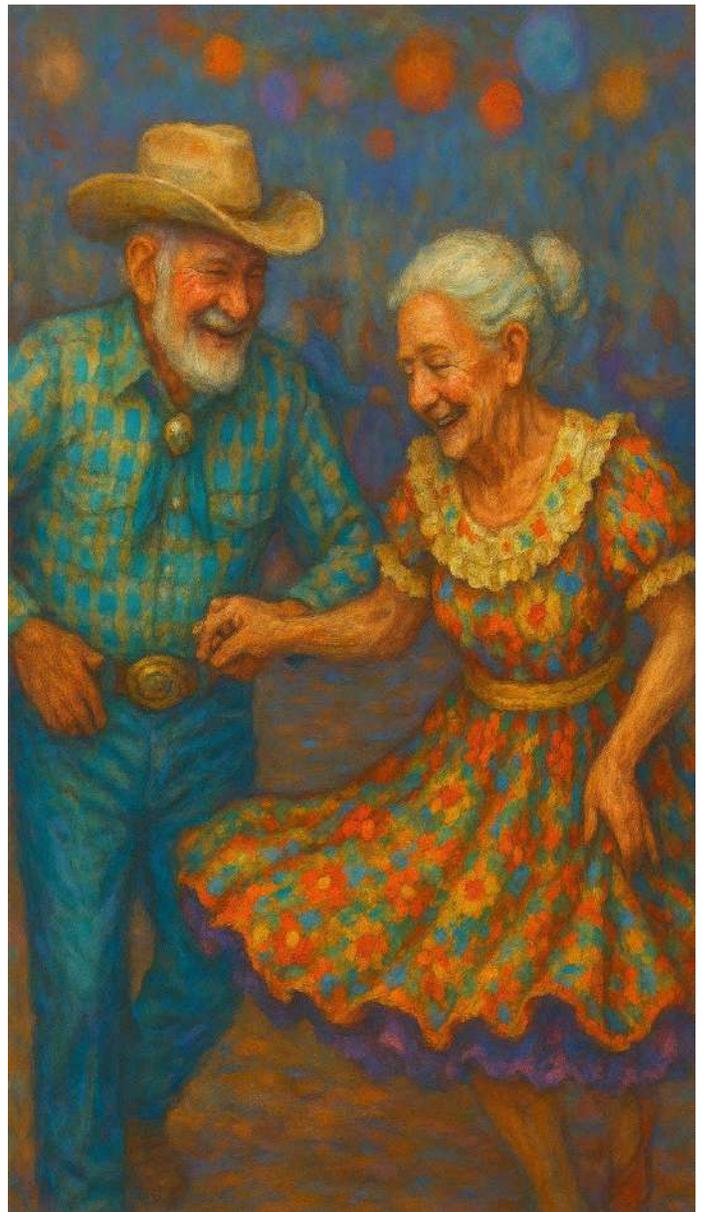
**Tune in to the caller.** Listen closely and follow cues promptly. Avoid chatting during calls so everyone can hear clearly.

**Hold your place.** Stay in your square and maintain formation. If you get turned around, rejoin smoothly without disrupting others.

**Encourage newcomers.** Support beginners with patience and positivity. A little kindness goes a long way.

**Dance gently.** Use soft handholds and smooth movements. Square dancing is about cooperation, not competition.

**Show appreciation.** At the end of each



tip, thank your partner, the square and the caller. Gratitude is part of the tradition.

**Enjoy yourself!** Square dancing celebrates rhythm, community, and joy. Relax, laugh, and let the music move you.



# Ruby Red grapefruit



Ruby Red grapefruit isn't just a breakfast staple—it's a Texas-born treasure with a vibrant history, a sweet flavor, and a powerhouse of health benefits. From its accidental discovery in the Rio Grande Valley to its rise as a citrus superstar and state fruit of Texas, Ruby Red has earned its place in kitchens, juice bars, and wellness routines across the country.

The Ruby Red grapefruit was first discovered in 1929 by Paul E.E. Smith, a farmer in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. He noticed a strikingly red

interior in the fruit of one of his grapefruit trees—a natural mutation that would change the citrus world forever. This vivid red flesh was not only beautiful but also sweeter than traditional grapefruit, making it instantly appealing to consumers.

Texas embraced the Ruby Red as its own, and by the mid-20th century, it became a commercial hit. Today, the Rio Grande Valley remains the epicenter of Ruby Red grapefruit production, thanks to its fertile soil and sunny climate.



# Calling All Leaders

75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® Education Program  
Everything that glitters is not gold (or diamonds) - It's Education!



*Would you like to build your skills to become a better leader?*

*Are you interested in enriching your knowledge about the operations of dance clubs and organizations?*

*Do you need resources to support and promote dancing in your area?*

*Do you need opportunities to exchange ideas with others about issues and challenges facing our activity?*

**The Leadership Certification Program may be for you!**

- Sign in and pick up an LCP worksheet at the Education Check-in table
- Attend **Eight (8)** Education Sessions at a National Square Dance Convention®
  - 2** **Mandatory Sessions** (Bid Session and Keynote Address)
  - 4** **Core Sessions** (select from a range of Education Classes)
  - 2** **Elective Sessions** (select from a range of Education Classes)
- Have the volunteer room host in each class initial your worksheet.
- Turn in your worksheet at the Education table to get your completion certificate and dangle! (You have up to four years to complete the program.)
- Go back and apply your new skills and knowledge within your club or organization!



*The more classes you take,  
the more diamonds in your bag!*

**Sign up for the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®**

<https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>

June 24-27, 2026 • Waco Convention Center, Texas



# 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.

# 75<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL *Square Dance Convention*<sup>®</sup> Tour Brochure

Guided tour reservations are open. You must sign up at:  
[75nsdctx.com/tours](http://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](http://75nsdctx.com) website are many self-guided tours.



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**See pages 5-6 if you're looking for a hotel.** For your convenience and savings, we have negotiated special square dance 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 7 if you're planning to camp for the 75th National Square Dance Convention®.** We have negotiated special square dance convention rates with two Waco-area RV parks!

# What Are You Waiting For?



# Let's Wear Red, White and Blue

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

75th National Square  
Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>

June 24-27 2026  
DIAMOND JUBILEE



## 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](mailto:louisandangiemcclure@gmail.com) 678-956-0287**





# 76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>



October 15, 2025

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the 76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> and the National Executive Committee, we want to invite you to attend our **Pre-Convention in Loveland, Colorado** on **January 9-10, 2026**. Our team has been busy preparing for your arrival and hope to show you our hospitality. We look forward to sharing with you our plans for the 76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> and to help future convention committees with their preparations. Our Registration Desk will be open Thursday, January 8, 2026, from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM and again on Friday from 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM for your convenience. As part of the sign-in process, we will provide copies of the Final Registration Form so that you can convert your registration to the final form. We encourage all attendees to complete the Final Registration Form prior to arrival or when signing in as it's a requirement to attend the Pre-Convention Dance on Saturday night.

On **Thursday, January 8, 2026**, we will provide meeting rooms in the afternoon for upcoming conventions to “fine tune” their presentations for their National Executive Committee (NEC) meetings, scheduled for Friday afternoon, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Friday morning**, let us show you our beautiful City of Loveland and all it has to offer to convention attendees. The virtual tour and presentation will begin at 8:35 AM, in Canyon Maple C.



*Loveland 2027 Convention Team*



**Friday morning**, there will be a guided tour of our Convention facilities for the NEC, General Chairman, and Assistant General Chairman. NCOS training will be available for all other attendees in the Lake Loveland room. Please bring a laptop and your username/password for NCOS so you can participate.

**Friday evening**, please join us for a fun evening with our Counterparts and NEC Phase Advisors. Dinner will be at the Embassy Suites Hotel & Convention Center. We hope this is an evening of fun as well as a valuable opportunity to continue building relationships.



*Caller Justin Russell*

On **Friday night**, we will have a dance to raise funds for our convention. Justin Russell from Memphis Tennessee will be our featured caller, the cuer will be John Herr. Cost for attendees is a suggested donation of \$20.00. The dance will be held in the Pinyon Pine Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 with the dance starting at 7:00 PM.



*Cuers John and Karen Herr*

**Saturday morning** starts at 8:30 AM with the NEC General Session, followed by committee Breakout Sessions. These sessions will allow each of the 76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> committees to share their progress, including the challenges and successes, in planning our convention. This is a wonderful time to share ideas and ask questions. After the Breakout Sessions, we will have lunch and continue discussions from the morning sessions. We will reconvene in the afternoon for the 76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> report presentation and feedback session from the NEC.



*Mountain Magic*

**Saturday night** put on your dancing shoes and join us for the official 76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> Kick-Off Dance featuring Mountain Magic (Bear Miller, Roger Schappell, Jeff Palmer, & Debbie Steinkirchner) with Cuers, Chelsea & Mitchell Thompson.



*Cuers Chelsea and Mitchell Thompson*

The dance is free to all registered for the 76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>. Otherwise, the fee is \$80 with complimentary registration to the 76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>. The dance will be held in the Pinyon Pine Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 PM with the dance starting at 7:00 PM.

We have a fun-filled event planned for you, so make plans to join us. We have enclosed the Pre-Convention Registration Form, the Final Registration Form and the Benefit & Pre-Convention Dance Flyer. **Please complete these forms and return them to us by 12/1/2025.** If you have any questions or special requests, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing you in Loveland, CO in January and again in June 2027.



**Bob & Sue Peterson**  
Asst. General Chairman  
[76nsdcage@gmail.com](mailto:76nsdcage@gmail.com)

**Art & Lilly Hardin**  
General Chairman  
[gc@76nsdc.com](mailto:gc@76nsdc.com)

# **COME DANCE IN THE HEART OF THE ROCKIES**

## **Loveland, Colorado 2027**



Join the 76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® for a...



# ROCKY MOUNTAIN DANCE WEEKEND JANUARY 9-10, 2026

## **Benefit Dance - Friday, January 9th**

Pre-rounds at 7 p.m. with John Herr (1 round between tips) Squares

7:30-10 p.m. with Justin Russell from Tennessee

Location: Pinyon Pine Ballroom at the  
Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center, Loveland, Colorado

## **Pre-Convention Dance - Saturday, January 10th**

Pre-rounds at 7 p.m. with Mitchell Thompson (1 round between tip)

Squares 7:30-10 p.m. with Mountain Magic

Location: Pinyon Pine Ballroom at the  
Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center, Loveland, Colorado

### **Optional Buffet Dinner**

**Saturday at the Embassy Suites in Loveland from 5-6:30 p.m.**

\$35 per person, Menu: pork loin roast, tossed salad, vegetables, rolls, beverage & dessert

Reservations required. Contact Bob Peterson at [rbpeterson.summit@gmail.com](mailto:rbpeterson.summit@gmail.com)

Visit our website at <https://76nsdc.com> to register for the  
76<sup>th</sup> NSDC to be held in Loveland, CO on June 23rd-26th

You can also register during the Benefit & Pre-Convention Dances  
at the reduced rate - Prices increase on January 11, 2026

*There's a lot to  in Loveland, Colorado!*





# 76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention PRE-CONVENTION REGISTRATION\*

Loveland, Colorado  
January 8, 9, and 10, 2026

**Pre-Convention  
Registration  
Forms**

Register Online at <https://76nsdc.com/>

\*Deadline for registrations is December 20, 2025

Primary Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name (1): \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's Last Name (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ First Name (2): \_\_\_\_\_

If you are part of a Future NSDC Committee, please provide the following information: NSDC# \_\_\_\_\_

Your Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: If you need hearing assistance for any part of the Pre-Convention, please bring your own.  
Hearing assistance devices will not be provided at the Pre-Convention.**

## HOUSING

All housing will be made at the Embassy Suites Hotel where Pre-Convention activities will occur. If you have any questions, please visit the 76<sup>th</sup> NSDC website: <https://76nsdc.com/>, or contact Bob Peterson @ 214.604.7310. The hotel has free self-parking for registered guests and must be booked by December 20, 2025. If you choose to make your reservation by phone, be sure to state you are with the 76<sup>th</sup> NSDC to get the rate listed below.

**Embassy Suites by Hilton Loveland Conference Center**

**\$159 + taxes & fees per Night Wednesday-Saturday**

**Includes free parking, free breakfast, and manager's evening reception**

Check-in Time: 4:00 p.m. MST Check-out Time: 12:00 p.m. MST

Make Hotel Reservations at: [NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE PRE-CONVENTION](#)

Airport Shuttle: Groome Transportation: [groometransportation.com](http://groometransportation.com), 928.350.8466





## Culinary Selections

Note: All meals will be served in the Embassy Suites facility.



### FRIDAY

#### 1. Lunch

Soup du Jour + Salad + Sandwich Bar and Beverage

\$25.00 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Counterpart Dinner

Baked Chicken Parmesan, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Garlic Toast, Beverage, and Dessert

\$35.00 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### SATURDAY

#### 3. Counterpart Working Lunch

Southwest Taco Bar: Seasoned Ground Beef, Soft or Hard Shell, Fixins<sup>®</sup>, and Beverage

\$25.00 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Final Dinner (before dance)

Savory Pork Loin, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Dinner Roll, Beverage, and Dessert

\$35.00 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due for Meals Above = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Enclosed Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to 76NSDC.

Credit Card: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Card# \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Card Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

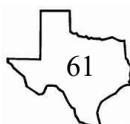
### Breakout Sessions:

Indicate who will attend each session by entering 1 or 2 or B (both)

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IF REGISTERING BY MAIL: 76 NSDC

358 Blue River Pkwy. Unit E-307  
Silverthorne, CO 80498





**76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>**  
 Embassy Suites & Conference Center – June 23-26, 2027  
 4705 Clydesdale Pkwy, Loveland, CO 80538  
**DANCE IN THE HEART OF THE ROCKIES**  
 Register online at [76nsdc.com](http://76nsdc.com)

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:**

**76NSDC**  
**358 Blue River Pkwy. Unit E-307**  
**Silverthorne, CO 80498**

**For Convention Use Only**  
 Registration # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
 Payment Processed \_\_\_\_\_

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

Check box to opt out of email sharing. \*Email address shared with the NEC only

No. of past NSDC's prior to 76th	First Name & Last Name for CONVENTION BADGES	Sub-Totals
1. Adult	_____	\$ _____
2. Adult	_____	\$ _____
3. Youth	_____ DOB ____/____/____	\$ _____
4. Youth	_____ DOB ____/____/____	\$ _____

Badge: Pin (N/C) \_\_\_\_\_ Magnet \$3 \_\_\_\_\_ Lanyard \$5 \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 76<sup>th</sup> NSDC Souvenir Program Book (dailies not included) # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Round Dance Syllabus\*: USB Drive \_\_\_\_\_ Print \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hearing Assist Device No charge – Refundable Deposit # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hearing Assist Device Purchase \* # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Wednesday Night Special Event – John Denver Tribute Band \***  
**Dinner & Show \$75.00/person\* # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Dinner Entrée Choice: Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_**  
**\*ITEMS MUST BE ORDERED BY APRIL 30, 2027**

Lunch Buffet Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dinner Buffet Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Menus available online ([76 NSDC.com](http://76NSDC.com))  
**Credit Card Processing Fee 3% \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**PAYMENT:**  Check  Cash  Credit Card type \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 #'s \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Cash in-person **only**, credit card in person or online, **only**)

**Dressy casual attire allowed until 6:00 p.m.**  
**Proper dance attire is requested after 6:00 p.m. for all dancers.**  
**76<sup>th</sup> NSDC Convention badge required for entrance to all convention activities.**  
**Shoes must be worn at all times.**

**INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM**

1. You may complete this form online at [76nsdc.com](http://76nsdc.com)
2. Please **PRINT** legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
3. **If you have already PRE-REGISTERED**, please enter names in the appropriate space for each badge and enter \$0 in subtotal by each name already registered to avoid duplicate charge.
4. **Registration Fees:** Youth (born after 6/26/2010) \$30, under 5, free. List Date of Birth (DOB) for youth only. Adult \$90 until 5/1/27, \$105 thereafter.
5. **Registrations are non-transferable.**
6. No partial (one, two or three day) registrations.
7. A \$10.00 fee per person will be imposed for cancellations or changes before April 30, 2027. **No refunds after April 30, 2027.**
8. Registrations received after April 30, 2027, will receive email confirmation only.
9. If sending by postal service, enclose check/money order for payment in full; you will **NOT** be invoiced! Check or Money Order must be payable in U.S. funds to 76th NSDC. **Do Not Send Cash.**

**TOURS can be purchased online at [76nsdc.com/tours](http://76nsdc.com/tours)**

**DANCERS: Please help us plan! Check all that apply...**

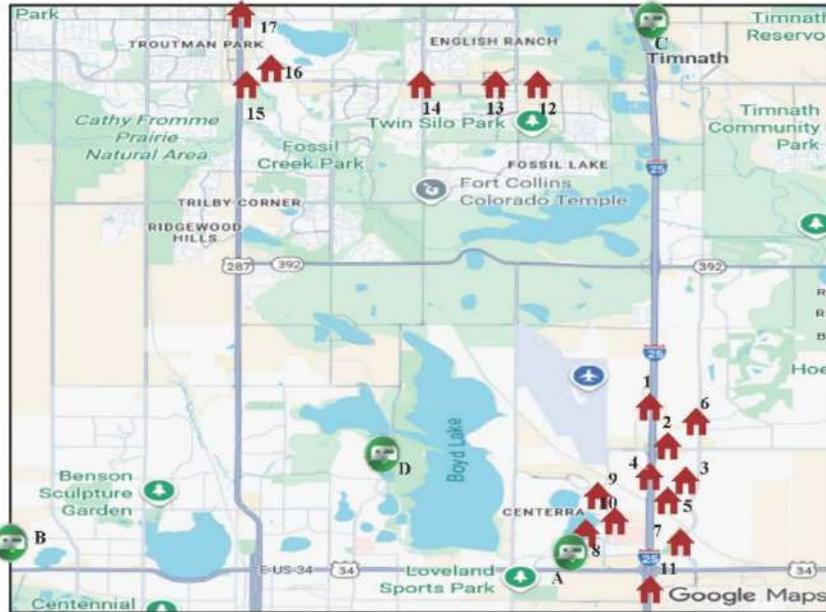
Square Dance Program – check all levels you wish to dance:  
 Mainstream  Plus  Advanced  Challenge   
 Contra  Lines  Rounds Phase II  III  IV  V  VI   
 Handicapable  Solo   
 Education Leadership Certification Program:  Yes  No  
 Pre-registration to attend education sessions is not required.  
 Visit [76nsdc.com](http://76nsdc.com) for more information

**PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS**

You must update your profile yearly & online by 12/31/26 @ [sdconvention.com](http://sdconvention.com)  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



For transportation options from Denver International Airport Visit: [76nsdc.com](http://76nsdc.com). Transportation will not be furnished by the convention.

### Housing Guidelines

Register early to have your hotel room choice available, but no later than May 1, 2027. A web link to the hotel reservation system will be sent to attendees in the order that the registration forms are received.

You must be registered for the convention with a registration number to receive the convention rate.

**Shared Rooms** – Only one person per room should make a reservation.

**Housing Block** requests are due by July 15, 2026, contact Dennis Miller [rhchair76nsdc@gmail.com](mailto:rhchair76nsdc@gmail.com). Block reservations must be complete by September 15, 2026.

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

Additional Hotels and a shuttle service may be added. See [76nsdc.com](http://76nsdc.com) for latest information.

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

You will be emailed a direct secure link to our hotel booking service

Code	Hotel	Rate
1	Embassy Suites - Headquarters on Convention Site	\$229
2	Microtel Inn (.6 mi./3 min.)	TBD
3	Holiday Inn Express (.7 mi./3 min.)	TBD
4	Candlewood Suites (.8 mi./4 min.)	TBD
5	My Place Hotel (.8 mi./3 min.)	TBD
6	SpringHill Suites (1.3 mi./5 min.)	\$199
7	Courtyard Loveland (2.8 mi./8.0 min.)	\$209
8	Residence Inn (3.2 mi./8 min.)	\$209
9	Fairfield Inn Loveland (3.3 mi./9.0 min.)	\$189
10	Hampton Inn Loveland (3.6 mi./8.0 min.)	\$195
11	Wingate (4.1 mi./10.0 min.)	\$109
12	Fairfield Inn Ft. Collins (8.3 mi./13.0 min.)	\$195
13	Garden Inn Fort Collins (8.8 mi./15.0 min.)	\$239
14	Hampton Inn Ft. Collins (9.9 mi./17.0 min.)	\$224
15	Courtyard Ft. Collins (10.3 mi./18.0 min.)	\$169
16	Candlewood Suites Ft. Collins (11.2 mi./19.0 min.)	\$169
17	Marriott Ft. Collins (12.1 mi./21.0 min.)	\$219

Help us plan. This does not reserve a hotel room. Enter preferences Code #.

First preference \_\_\_\_\_ Second preference \_\_\_\_\_ Third preference \_\_\_\_\_

Room nights needed (4 night minimum):

Su 6/19  M 6/20  T 6/21  W 6/22  Th 6/23  F 6/24

Sa 6/25  Su 6/26 Number of additional nights prior to 6/19 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of additional nights after 6/26. \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of nights requested \_\_\_\_\_

### Arrange your own RV & Camping Accommodations

- A. **Loveland RV Resort** (approx. 4 mi. from Convention Center)  
4421 US Hwy 34 (Loveland) (970) 667-1204 [www.lovelandresort.com](http://www.lovelandresort.com)
- B. **Riverview RV Park** (approx. 8 mi. from Convention Center)  
3444 River Rim Rd. (Loveland) (970) 667-9910 [www.riverviewrv.com](http://www.riverviewrv.com)
- C. **Wellington KOA** (approx. 22.3 mi. from Convention Center)  
4821 E. County Rd. 70 (Wellington) (720) 650-5777 [www.koa.com](http://www.koa.com)
- D. **Boyd Lake State Park** (approx. 7.9 mi. from Convention Center)  
3720 N. County Rd. 11c (Loveland) (970) 669-1739  
<https://cpw.state.co.us/state-parks/boyd-lake-state-park>



# **ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING FUNDRAISER**

## **Why are we collecting cans?**

To raise money for sound equipment for the convention.

## **How can you contribute?**

Give Dave Viera a bag of cans OR collect your own cans, turn them in to your nearby recycling center, and donate the money to 77th NSDC either by mailing it in or handing in to the General Chairmen or Assistant General Chairmen.



# Daytona Beach History: The Daytona 500

The Daytona 500 originated in 1959 with the opening of the [Daytona International Speedway](#), after racing had been moved from the beach to a permanent track. The inaugural race was won by [Lee Petty](#) after a three-day photo finish review with [Johnny Beauchamp](#). Since 1982, the Daytona 500 has been the season-opening race for the [NASCAR Cup Series](#) and is considered the most prestigious event in the sport.

- **Inaugural race (1959):** Lee Petty won the first-ever Daytona 500 after a controversial three-day photo finish review. The race featured 59 cars, including 20 convertibles, and was the first event at the new Daytona International Speedway built by NASCAR founder [Bill France Sr.](#)
- **Early history:** The 1960 race remains the slowest in history, while other early races are remembered for unique achievements, such as [Fireball Roberts'](#) 1962 victory, which included winning the pole and qualifying race as well, or [Tiny Lund's](#) 1963 win on a single set of tires.
- **National broadcast:** In 1979, the Daytona 500 became the first NASCAR event to be broadcast live on national television, which helped significantly elevate the sport's profile.
- **Notable winners and moments:** The race has featured many historic moments, including [Richard Petty's](#) first victory in 1964 and his record seven total wins. [Bobby Allison's](#) 1988 win is particularly memorable as his son, [Davey Allison](#), finished second, marking the only father-son 1-2 finish in the race's history. Tragedy also struck in 2001 when [Dale Earnhardt](#) was killed in a crash.
- **Modern era:** The race has undergone numerous changes and updates, including resurfacing the track in the 1990s and the addition of attractions like [Daytona USA](#) to showcase the history of the sport. It continues to be a major event in American motorsports.





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](http://www.77nsdcfl.com)**  
**This form expires on January 23, 2027**

**Zelle® your registration fee to [77nsdcfl@gmail.com](mailto:77nsdcfl@gmail.com)**

**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 convention information

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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Statement Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Internal Use Only) Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sent: \_\_\_\_\_





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I (We) offer to purchase from the National Executive Committee of the National Square Dance Convention® advertising space in the National Squared E-Magazine for the advertisement of the above listed advertiser in accordance with the ad sizes indicated below and in accordance with the rates, terms and conditions listed. **No alcoholic beverage advertisements will be accepted.**

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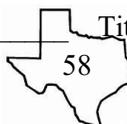
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# USDA Supports Youth Dancers!

The United Square Dancers of America – the national dancers’ organization – is proud to support youth dancers and youth square dancing across the country.

USDA awards a \$2500 merit-based scholarship annually to students who have shown their dedication to the promotion and perpetuation of the total square dance movement. In June 2025, the scholarship was awarded to Elizabeth Herdt from Merrill, Wisconsin. Elizabeth will be using the scholarship to support her education at the University of Oshkosh nursing program. Outgoing USDA presidents Ellery and Karen Gulbrand were able to personally present Elizabeth with the award at her home club, Square Em Up, in Merrill.

The USDA Founders Memorial Youth scholarship is open to any active square, round, contra or clogging dancer who is a high school senior or college freshman planning to continue their education. Applicants must be a dancer within a USDA Affiliate Organization. **Completed scholarship applications are due on or before February 1 of each year.** The USDA Youth Scholarship program is primarily funded by generous donations from square dance organizations and individual dancers. Contributions are always welcome! USDA is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so donations are tax-deductible to individuals or businesses.

USDA also supports youth dancers through various activities at the annual National Square Dance Convention. In recent years, USDA has sponsored a pizza party for youth and donated gift cards, which are given away during the convention through drawings in the youth dance hall. In addition, USDA encourages the use of the frog symbol to let youth dancers know they are welcome in a square and has adopted the Greek letters Upsilon Sigma Delta ( $\Upsilon\Sigma\Delta$ ) to represent Youth Square Dancers of America.



USDA Youth Programs and the Founders Memorial Youth Scholarship will be the focus of the next USDA Beyond the Dance Floor Webinar, which will be held on Saturday, December 13, at 11:00 Pacific/2:00 Eastern time. Dan Reedy, former USDA Youth Advisor, and Katie Raleigh, current USDA Youth Advisor, will be sharing everything you need to know about how USDA supports youth dancers. Log-in information will be posted on the USDA website at [www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org). Further information about USDA Youth Programs can be found on the USDA website at [www.usda.org/Youth.php](http://www.usda.org/Youth.php). Inquiries may also be directed to the USDA Youth Program Advisor at [Youth@usda.org](mailto:Youth@usda.org).



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March 26-28, 2026 Email: [2026FestivalDirectors@wascaclubs.com](mailto:2026FestivalDirectors@wascaclubs.com)

You can register and pay here: <https://www.wascaclubs.org/festival/index.php>

Adult #1 (Badge): \_\_\_\_\_ Adult #2 (Badge): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Rounds:  II-IV  IV-VI

Lines:  Solo Dancer:

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Festival Registration until Oct 31, 2025 at \$100.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Registrations Received after November 1, 2025 at \$110.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Children (17 & under) Registration at \$20.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No mailed/emailed registrations will be accepted after **March 9, 2026**  
Amount Enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate method of payment:  Cash  Check  Money Order  Credit Card

NOTE: CREDIT CARD CHARGE WILL APPEAR AS WASHINGTON AREA SQUARE DANCE COOPERATIVE (TM) GREENBELT, MD

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make checks and money orders payable to **WASCA**

Mail to: **STEVE AND LINDA TOTH 7226 Mandan Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770 (978) 729-0395**  
Or Email to: [FestivalRegistration@wascaclubs.com](mailto:FestivalRegistration@wascaclubs.com)

**2026 Festival Hotel**

Hilton Washington Dulles Airport  
13869 Park Center Road, Herndon, VA 20171  
Phone +1 703-478-2900

Rate is \$139 plus taxes  
WASCA Rates Expire **February 22, 2026**  
[tinyurl.com/2026WASCAFestivalHotel](http://tinyurl.com/2026WASCAFestivalHotel)



**The Festivities begin Thursday at 7 PM  
and continue until Saturday Midnight**

**Photo Disclaimer**

By registering and participating in the WASCA Festival, you give your consent and authorization for your likeness in photograph(s) or video(s) to be used in WASCA's publications and in any and all other media, whether now known or hereafter existing. You further acknowledge and agree that you will make no monetary or other claim against WASCA for the use of any WASCA Festival photographs or videos which contain your likeness.

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**Tom Miller Memorial**

Tom called for WASCA  
34 times starting in 1986.

He will be missed by his  
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**FREE PARKING  
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*Before 6 PM, the dress code is casual*

*After 6 PM, Square Dance/Evening Attire  
are Admired but not Required*

*Please, use common sense  
so you don't offend anyone.*

# 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**

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**5700 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.squaredance-michigan.com/convention)



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

