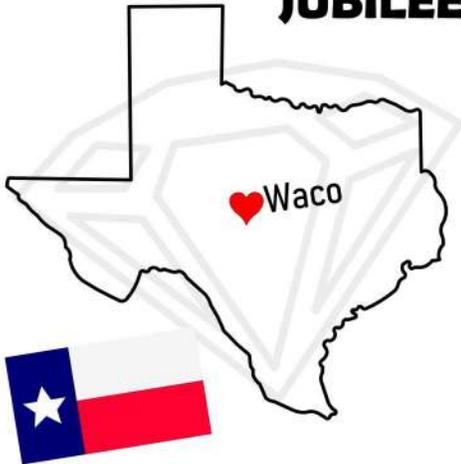


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NEC Editor Comments

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

The National Executive Committee (NEC) is responsible for awarding future conventions; however, we are searching for an organization to host the 78th National Square Dance Convention® in 2029. *Are you interested?* We'd like to talk with you about hosting the National Convention.

The **76th NSDC Pre-Convention** meeting is scheduled for **January 9-10, 2026**, in Loveland Colorado . Are you registered for the Loveland Colorado Convention? If not, please send in your registration short form today before the price increases.

Attention 75th NSDC Dance Leaders - The deadline for Dance Leaders to submit their dance profiles is quickly approaching. The Program Committee will begin to program the Dance Leaders after the holidays.

2026 Waco Texas Convention Check List:

- ✓ Registration Long Form Completed
- ✓ Hotel Registration Made
- ✓ Wednesday Night Special Event Tickets
- ✓ Convention Program Book
- ✓ Tours, tours, tours
- ✓ Give your toes a rest and volunteer to help a Convention Committee during the Convention

Please invite your friends to join you at the 75th NSDC in Waco, Texas.

Where will we go in 2029 and beyond??

The National Executive Committee (NEC) is looking for locations for future Conventions.

Is your organization interested? Please contact the National Executive Committee Presidents

Louis & Angie McClure

louisandangiemcclure@gmail.com

678-956-0287



Reasons to Come to Waco



Attend the 75th NSDC

Come to Waco, Texas, for the 75th National Square Dance Convention® June 24-27, 2026 in the beautiful Waco Convention Center! It's also the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee so help us celebrate 75 years of square dance! Enjoy square dancing, rounds, contra, line, clogging and exhibition groups. Dance to top dance leaders and live music. We'll keep the fun going with nightly After Parties and an outrageous fashion show you don't want to miss. Shop for new dance attire, 75th memorabilia, and assorted other items in our spacious vendor area. Take advantage of the many workshops and educational opportunities while at the 75th NSDC!



for Fellowship, Food

Catch up with old friends and make new ones! Dance with people from all across the United States and Internationally! Fashion yourself a foodie? Feed your appetite with the great Southern comfort food, barbeque, Tex-Mex and diverse, classic Texas flavors that Waco is known for! There's several restaurants just across the street from the Waco Convention Center as well as numerous local favorites such as Magnolia Table, Café Homestead, OneThirtyFive Prime, Milo's, Silos Baking Co., and Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant within walking distance or a short drive. Visit our website for a local dining guide: <https://75nsdctx.com/food-menus/>.



and Texas Adventure!

Explore the 100+ acre Waco Mammoth National Monument, the 52-acre Cameron Park Zoo featuring over 300 species, the Carleen Bright Arboretum, take the kids to the Hawaiian Falls Waterpark or to Waco Surf, discover the Homestead Craft Village, go horseback riding, and more. Did you know Waco is the home of Dr. Pepper and its unique Museum, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and the Texas Sports Hall of Fame? It's also the site of Magnolia Market, founded by Chip and Joanna Gaines from *Fixer Upper*. The 75th NSDC Team has put together great information for you on both guided and self-guided tours at <https://75nsdctx.com/tours-guided-or-self-guided/>.

75th National Square
Dance Convention®



June 24-27 2026
DIAMOND JUBILEE

Follow the 75th NSDC's Facebook group to keep up with all the latest news of the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee in 2026, just scan the QR Code to join!



Don't miss the celebration, register now at
<https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>

Convention Hotels

The 75th National Square Dance Convention^R 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
Hilton Waco <i>(Host Hotel)</i> 113 S University Parks Dr	Connected to Waco CC	\$174/night	5/29/2026	✓	✓	✓	
SOLD OUT							
Courtyard <i>(Dance Leader Hotel)</i> 101 Washington Ave	Across the street from Waco CC	\$164/night	5/29/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Cambria Hotel 110 S MLK Jr Blvd	6-8 min walk	\$172/night	6/9/2026		✓	✓	
Even Hotel 110 S MLK Jr Blvd	6-8 min walk	\$164/night	6/9/2026		✓	✓	✓
Holiday Inn Express 101 Taylor St	6-8 min walk	\$149/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
SOLD OUT							
Spring Hill Suites 115 S Jack Kultgen Expressway	2 min drive	\$147/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aloft Waco 900 S 11th St	5 min drive	\$159/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
La Quinta 911 S 10th Street	5 min drive	\$159/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Element Hotel 2200 Robinson Dr	7 min drive	\$154/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Home2Suites 2500 Bagby Ave	7 min drive	\$174/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	

What to Expect Next?

- 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



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?

Please reach out to Phil Henderson, Housing Vice-Chair at 75nsdchousing@gmail.com or 832-541-3002.

75th National Square Dance Convention[®]



Enjoy having your furry companion with you at your hotel!

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



Camping/RV

We have two privately-owned RV Resorts within a short drive from the Waco Convention Center (100 Washington Ave, Waco, TX), along with park options through the Corps of Engineers, and there's FREE parking at the convention center.

1. WACO CREEKSIDE RESORT, 1972 Leroy Parkway, Elm Mott, TX 76640, just 11 miles north of the convention center, (243) 651-3999, info@wacocreekside.com, www.wacocreekside.com. This resort has 50 RV sites available with full hookups. Waco Creekside Resort also has cabins and treehouses, most are IBR IBA. The resort has a laundry facility onsite and is pet friendly.

Offers 15% discount off standard rates when you mention you are a square dancer with the 75th NSDC



2. MAGNOLIA RV RESORT, 3096 New Dallas Highway, Waco, TX, just 8 miles north of the convention center off the I-35 service road, (254) 799-3105, magnoliarvresort@gmail.com, www.magnoliarvresort.com. This resort has 42 full-service sites. Pull-through sites only.

Pancake breakfast on weekends. Magnolia RV Resort is pet friendly and has a swimming pool.

Offers 10% discount off standard rates when you mention you are a square dancer with the 75th NSDC

Looking for something more rustic?

There are several Corps of Engineers parks in the Waco area. These are government owned and operated and do NOT offer a square dance discount. The COE does not accept reservations more than 6 months in advance. There is a security gate that locks at 10 p.m. and there is no code. However, you can leave a buddy's car just inside the gate and upon return from After Parties can use the emergency exit to re-enter and then drive buddy's car to campsite. There are a limited number of 50-amp spaces. Not all sites have sewer hookups but there is a sewer dump station. Closest COE parks are Midway Park (2332 W. Hwy. 6, Waco, TX) and Speegleville Park (3400 Over Flow Rd, Waco, TX). For more information, go to www.recreation.gov or call 1-877-444-8777.

If you have any questions about camping at the 75th NSDC, contact Janet or Jeb Jonas at: NSDC75campers@yahoo.com.



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Scan the QR Code to register today or go to
www.75nsdctx.com/register



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®

75nsdc@gmail.com

ORDER FORM

SOLD TO: 75NSDC **ORDER DATE:** 4/20/2025
ADD: 8587 Jones Rd., Ste 122 **CELL:** (281) 857-3177
CITY: Houston **ST:** TX **ZIP:** 77065 **EMAIL:** 75nsdc@gmail.com



ACTUAL SIZE: 3.375" x 5"

PROD#:	QTY:	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	SUB-TOTAL
18503	2	75th National Square Dance Convention	\$ 94.95	189.90
	2	(BACKPLATE) JEWELERS ENGRAVING - 1 LINE	12.50	25.00
		(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	21.00
1			SUB TOTAL	
			SALES TAX	0
			TOTAL	235.90

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Call Gary Lester 281-857-3177

75NSDC
9597 Jones Rd Ste 122
Houston, TX 77065

Thank You!



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?

Welcome to the wonderful world of the 75th National Square Dance Convention® in Waco, Texas June 24-27, 2026. This guide is designed to help you, a new square dancer, navigate your first convention and make it an unforgettable experience. Get ready for a whirlwind of do-si-dos, promenades, and making new friends!

Before You Go:

Registration: Make sure you're officially registered for the convention, as early as possible at <https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>

After Registration: About a week after you register you will receive an email from the Housing Vice Chairman with a link to the Hotel Reservation System. Book as early as possible, as accommodations often fill up quickly. If you're a camper, call the campgrounds listed on the website and make your reservation directly.

What to Pack: Comfortable shoes are a must! Pack your square dance attire – women's square dance outfits and their petticoats (evenings), men's square dance attire (evenings), men's and women's casual clothing (daytime), and so on, plus any medications you may need.

Review the Schedule: Familiarize yourself



with the convention schedule. Identify your level of dancing, time and hall schedule. Try a new dance level introduction session and attend education classes, keynote address and roundtable sessions that pique your interest. Don't forget the opening and closing ceremonies! A special free convention app will have all these details. It will be available in May of 2026.

Reach Out: Connect with your local square dance club or association. They may have some experienced convention-goers, who can offer advice and support.

More next month!

Dr Pepper Museum



The Dr Pepper Museum in Waco tells the story of America's oldest major soft drink, born in 1885 at a local drugstore, and celebrates its deep ties to the city.

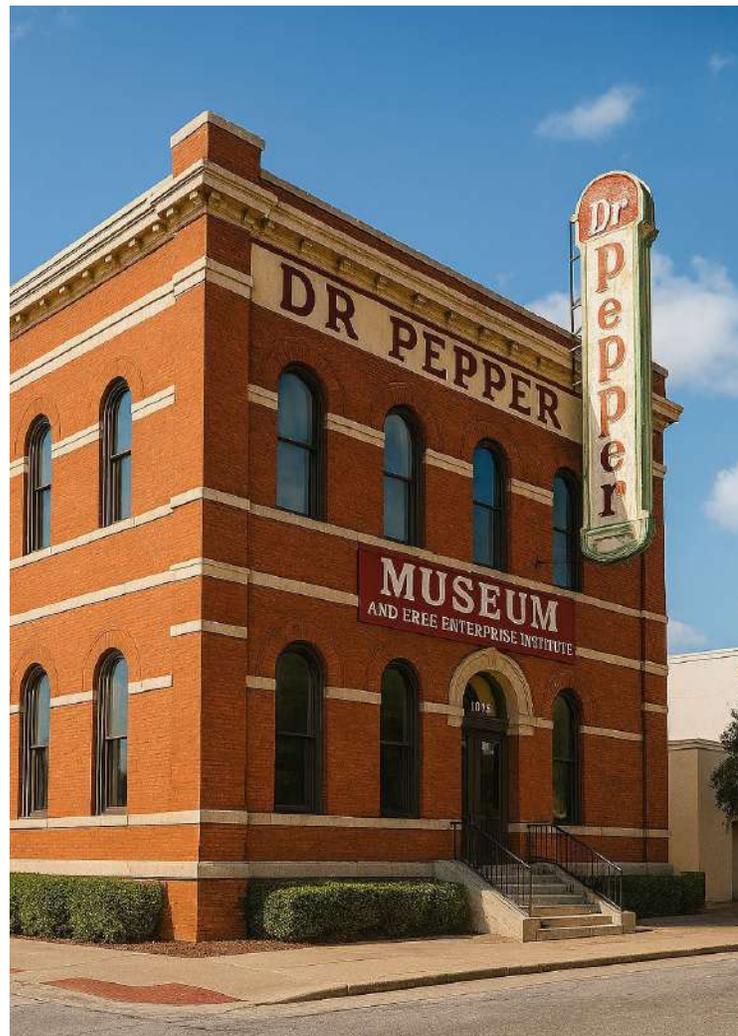
In downtown Waco, the Dr Pepper Museum stands inside the historic 1906 bottling plant on Fifth Street. This sturdy brick building, scarred but still standing after the devastating 1953 tornado, became the perfect home to honor the drink invented by pharmacist Charles Alderton at the Old Corner Drug Store in 1885. Originally called a "Waco," the fizzy concoction quickly grew in popularity, leading to the formation of the Artesian Manufacturing and Bottling Company in 1891.

Today, visitors explore exhibits on the drink's quirky advertising, soda fountain culture, and the broader soft drink industry. The museum also emphasizes the free enterprise system, showing how a small-town invention grew into a global brand. Guests enjoy interactive displays, historic artifacts and, of course, a cold Dr Pepper included with admission.

In short, the Dr Pepper Museum is both a tribute to Waco's heritage and a celebration of American innovation, preserving the legacy of a hometown favorite that became a worldwide icon.



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Dr Pepper Museum

IT'S WACO, Y'ALL! DR PEPPER MUSEUM

Whether you call it soda, pop, or coke, in Waco it's "Dr Pepper" which originated in Waco. Check out the Dr Pepper museum and you can be a Pepper, too. The self-guided tour includes all Museum exhibits with a complimentary drink at the Soda Fountain.

Open 7 Days a Week. 10 AM to 5:30 PM, year-round except on holidays.
Paid public parking is available, \$10 plus fees for five hours
General Admission: \$12. 4 Years and Under - Free

More Dr Pepper Experiences! Check out their website for details and prices.

What is Make-A-Soda?

- Choose one of seven signature Dr Pepper flavors offered and learn more about the soda making process

Paranormal Experience

- An exclusive Paranormal Experience at the Dr Pepper Museum where you might see floating orbs, shadow figures, voices, apparitions, and overwhelming emotions.

Extreme Pepper Experience!

- The ultimate VIP experience for the person obsessed with Dr Pepper including Make-A-Soda.

Dr Pepper Museum
300 South 5th Street
Waco, TX 76701

Wouldn't you like
to be a Pepper, too?



Are You a Caller?

If So, We Have Classes for You!



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.

Learn to Trash Dance!



Trash Dancing is one of our new classes at the 75th 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, and never messing anybody up. It is about FUN, SYNCOPATION, and MUSICALITY while staying on time and rhythm, as well as 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®!



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[®] 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

Just Joking Around



GRANPAPPY DILLO YARNS

WITH SPECIAL GUEST

WINSTON YANG

What character do armadillos dress up as
around Christmas?

"Sandy Claws"

Why do some armadillos have great service on
their cell phones?

They have nine bands.

Why is it difficult to insult armadillos?

They have thick skin

What old arcade game is nostalgic for armadillos?

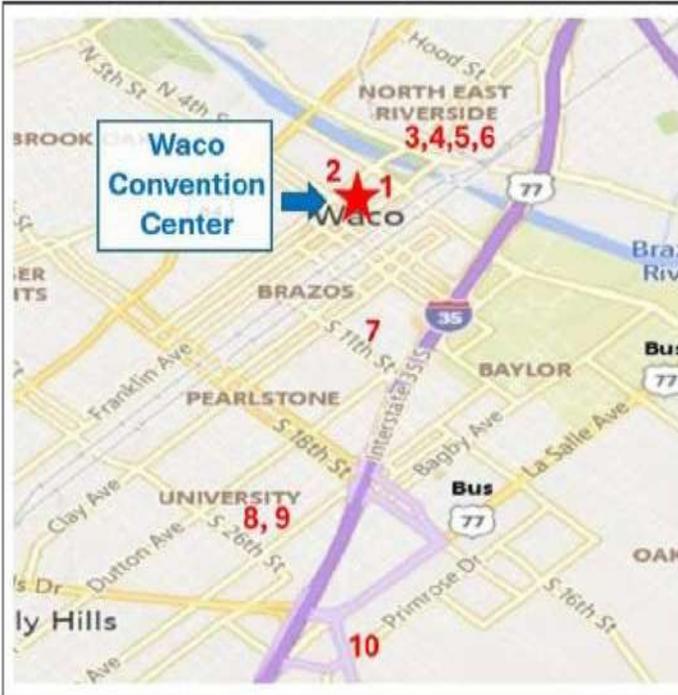
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Registration Long Form

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.

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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

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' ALL

Register online at 75nsdctx.com

Zelle your payment to 75nsdc@gmail.com

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

75NSDC

9597 Jones Rd Ste #122

Houston, TX 77065

Email: register.75nsdc@gmail.com

For Convention Use Only

Registration # _____

Date Received _____

Payment Processed _____

Check# or Ref # _____

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

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

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

Magnet for Badge (pins provided free)	# _____ @ \$2.00	\$ _____
75 th NSDC Souvenir Program Book	# _____ @ \$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 4/30/26)	# _____ @ \$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.



Fly Through Tour



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

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 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



75th National Square Dance Convention®
June 24-27, 2026 • Waco Convention Center

Wear Your 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[®]
June 24-27 2026
DIAMOND JUBILEE

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



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



June 24-27, 2026 • Waco Convention Center

C'mon down!

Enjoy the Sights and Sounds of Texas at the 75th National Square Dance Convention[®]



Waco Convention Center • June 24-27, 2026

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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



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.

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.

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

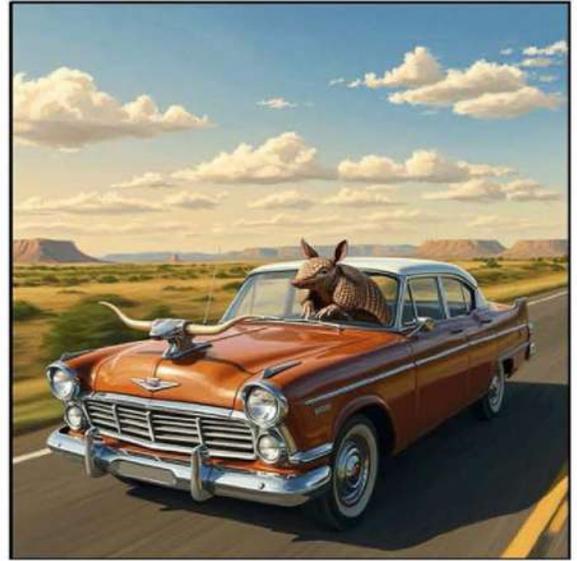
Waco Streak and GoGOWaco provide luxury shuttle service from DFW and Dallas Love Field. Airport Transportation of Waco offers hotel and airport transfers.

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>.



Go Fund Me for Contra Musicians



As an ancestor of modern square dancing, Contra dancing shares many similarities but also has many differences. A Contra dance has a caller, but the focus is on the music rather than the caller. A Contra caller may call the repeating sequence of a Contra dance about five or six times, by then the dancers have memorized it and the caller can drop out to let dancers just enjoy each other and the vibrant traditional music.

We can thank immigrants from England, Scotland, Ireland and France who brought their traditional dances and music instruments to New England. French Canadian influences were mixed in, and the dance style became rowdy and boisterous, and the delightful dances spread throughout the U.S. Most modern Contra dance groups will only dance to live music because of the incredible energy created by a Contra Band, which can consist of two musicians to 30!

There are many active Contra groups in the U.S. They can be found by consulting www.cdss.org. We'll see you in the Contra Hall at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®.

Help bring live Contra music to the Waco and Loveland conventions using the Go Fund Me codes below.

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gofundme



Funds are collected by Contralab and transferred to the NSDC during the convention.

For more info contact Lissa at Contralabfinance@gmail.com

Sew and Save Classes

Sewing 101

This class is for people who are new to or would like to sew.

Make it Yours

Resale items can be turned into works of art by your creativity. Make a T-shirt into a one-of-a-kind top by adding lace, fabric, or trim. Make a plain skirt unique by adding appliques, lace or trim. Make a crew neck into a V neck, a must for some of us.

Tablecloth Skirts

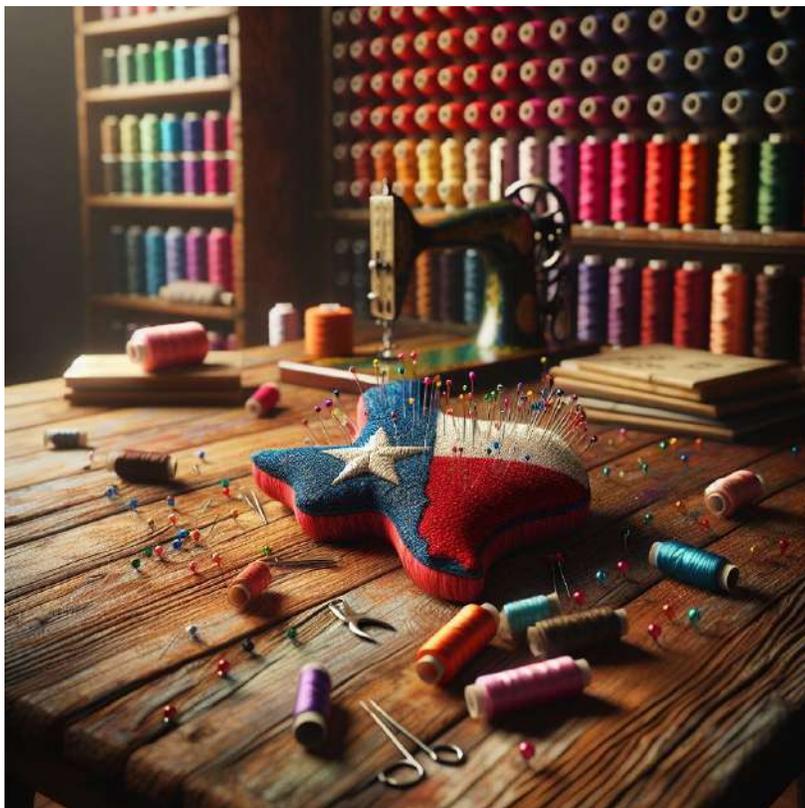
Did you know you can turn a tablecloth into an attractive square dance skirt? It is possible! Let Carol show you how to do it during this informative class.

Sewing 102

This class is for people who already know how to sew. It will cover how to read a pattern and adjust it for your body proportions, and how to properly cut out fabric.

Putting a Yoke on a Non-Yoke Shirt

Learn how to turn a normal dress shirt into a fancy square dance shirt by



adding a yoke to it. The shirts you make will be more unique and personalized than any you could buy at a store.

Adding to It

This class will show you how to take any outfit and make it unique and something you really love simply by adding something to it, like your favorite design, bling, or beads. The list is endless.

Make and Take news next month

Word Search

GRANDPAPPY DILLO'S WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



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COLD
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FESTIVE
FIREPLACE
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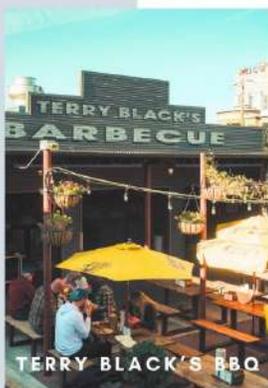
There's an App for That



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.

Great Waco 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 Colcord 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 Mezcaleria

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

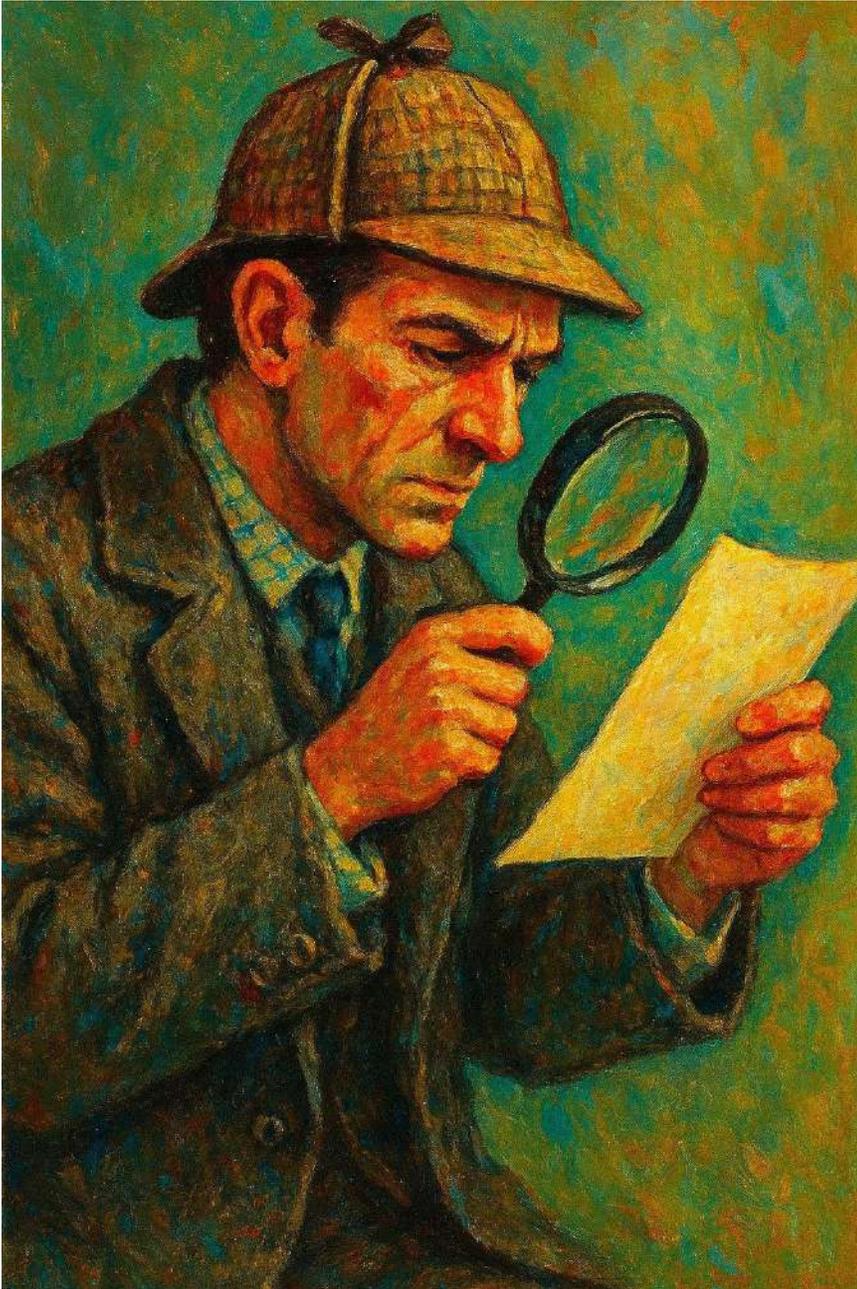
Union Hall - Food Hall

720 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701

Vitek's

1600 Speight Ave, Waco, TX 76706

Need Information?



We have lots of info for you:

Visit our website at 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.

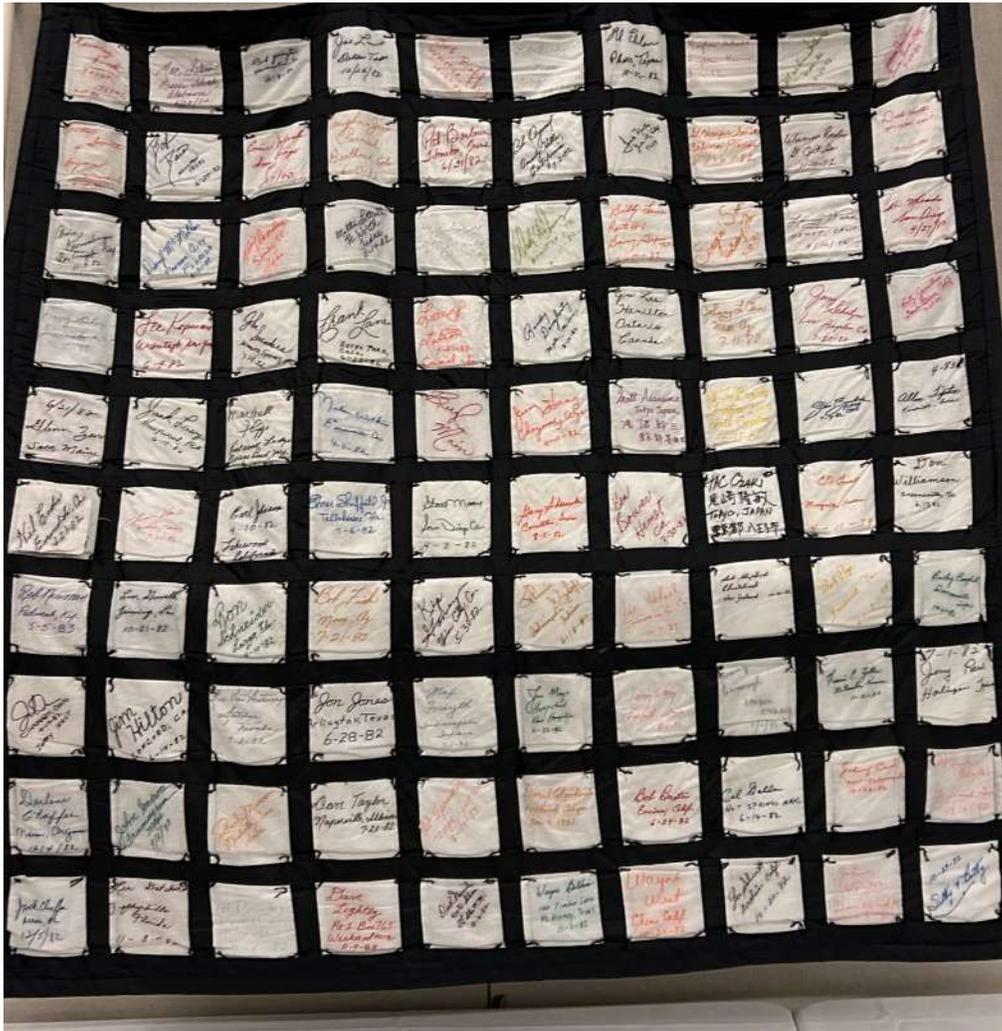
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send. You will be notified each month when the latest edition is released. You can also click on the edition's icon to download a copy from the website.

Sign up for the Waco convention's Diamond Jubilee at 75nsdctx.com/register/



NEC Archive Room



One of the highlights of the Archive Room is a small square quilt from 1970. This special quilt features the signatures of many past and current callers, with each square lovingly crafted to honor their contributions. The quilt stands as a testament to the enduring spirit and camaraderie of the community.

The NEC Archive Room offers a fascinating glimpse into the rich history of the national convention. Visitors will find a variety of memorabilia and artifacts that celebrate the legacy and traditions of this event.

Word Search Answers

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Fashion Show

You Don't Want to Miss
This...

*Sights and Sounds
of Texas*

It Ain't Your Mama's

**FASHION
SHOW**

**Saturday
June 27
1:30 pm**

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



June 24-27 2026

DIAMOND JUBILEE

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	1,819
July	1,140	903	1,315	1,373	1,251	1,934
August	1,177	971	1,417	1,473	1,330	2,050
September	1,191	1,040	1,463	1,543	1,367	2,110
October	1,219	1,100	1,535	1,594	1,434	2,173
November	1,221	1,159	1,584	1,638	1,496	2,221
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 Nov. 30, 2025

Alaska 0	Michigan 19	South Carolina 26
Alabama 76	Massachusetts 9	South Dakota 11
Arkansas 51	Maryland 33	Tennessee 60
Arizona 23	Michigan 19	Texas 848
California 95	Minnesota 34	Utah 9
Colorado 61	Missouri 57	Virginia 21
Connecticut 0	Mississippi 23	Vermont 1
Delaware 2	Montana 3	Washington 19
Florida 82	North Carolina 21	Wisconsin 26
Georgia 79	North Dakota 6	West Virginia 4
Hawaii 4	Nebraska 5	Wyoming 0
Iowa 23	New Hampshire 5	
Idaho 4	New Jersey 15	
Illinois 39	New Mexico 14	International Registrations
Indiana 31	Nevada 4	Australia 4
Kansas 32	New York 10	Belize 2
Kentucky 43	Ohio 92	Canada 9
Louisiana 37	Oklahoma 65	Germany 21
Massachusetts 9	Oregon 11	Japan 4
Maryland 33	Pennsylvania 22	Netherlands 3
Maine 8	Rhode Island 0	Switzerland 2
		Taiwan 18



Put Your Dancing Shoes On!



Top 6 State Registrations

Texas 848

California 95

Ohio 92

Florida 82

Georgia 79

Alabama 76



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 Business Committee:

Trent and Beth Hubbert
Business Chairman (see bio next page)

Charles and Carol Thornburg
Assistant Business Chairman

Katie Hubbert
Assistant

Bob and Melody Purnell
Finance Vice Chairman

Sheryl Oliver
Ways and Means Vice Chairman

Bruce and Wanda Carter
Vendors Vice Chairman

Angie Engledow
Photography Directory

Oscar and Susi Alleman
Passport Book Director

Bio: Trent and Beth Hubbert

Business Chairman

Knowing our daughter was going off to college soon, we began to look for a new activity we could share together. We stepped onto the dance floor at Friendswood's Hanger Squares club in 2020, eager to learn Mainstream. When COVID paused our lessons, we stayed connected to the community and returned stronger, and in 2022 finally completed Mainstream and then Plus in 2023.

Hanger Squares, celebrating over 51 years with about 35 members, offers Mainstream, Plus, and line dancing every Saturday night, with the occasional round dance. Our own progression from students to board members reflects Hanger's spirit of mentorship and fun.

Upon graduating Mainstream, we were elected 3rd Vice Presidents charged with special events and event planning. We quickly took on Social Media Manager and Marketing Coordinator roles to amplify club visibility. In 2023, we supported the Lessons Coordinator, driving a new class of 20 dancers recruited and graduated, entirely through our social campaigns. We were also the Pre-Convention Managers for the 75th that took place in March of 2025.

As Business Chairmen for the 75th NSDC in Waco Tx, our goal is to uphold the National Square Dance Convention® as the premier gathering for square and round dancers worldwide. We want attendees to:

- Dance across Mainstream, Plus, and specialty tracks
- Network with club leaders and emerging talent
- Discover fresh marketing strategies to grow local clubs

All of this has led to our new position as the General Chairman of the 77th NSDC to be held in Daytona Beach, FL in 2028, where we want to provide updated avenues to keep future square dance conventions current with the times through new technology which you will start to see at the 75th NSDC in Waco.

Married for 34 years, we share a daughter, two fur babies, and one beloved grand-dog and grand-tortoise. Originally from St. Louis, we planted roots in Texas in 2006 and have called Friendswood home ever since.

Trent holds a bachelor of science in electrical engineering and an MBA, is certified as a Project Management Professional (PMP), and serves as a volunteer firefighter in League City, Texas. Beth, who earned her degree in Technical Illustration, owns an online quilting and fabric business and leads a quilting ministry at our church.

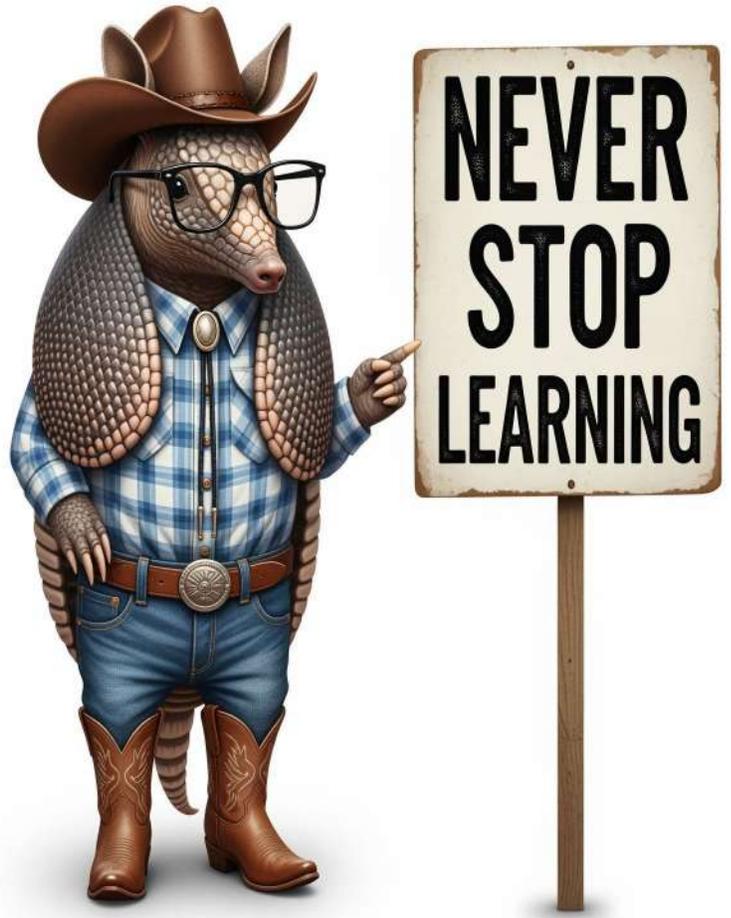
Our combined passion for precision, creativity, and community drives every partnership, event, and dance floor we touch. We can't wait to welcome you to Waco, Texas in 2026 and again in Daytona Beach, Florida in 2028 — where tradition meets innovation, and every square is a new friendship!



Things to Learn at the Convention!

Leadership Classes

- Leadership Toolkit: USDA resources for Club and Organization Leaders
- Who is Insured at Your Dance?
- USDA 501(c)3 Nonprofit Group Exemption Program
- How to Build a Sustainable Club
- Solo Dancers: Are They the Key to Saving Square Dancing?
- Medical Emergency Plan and Intervention - Being Prepared.
- Spice Up Your Dances and Your Club
- Negotiating Caller and Cuer Contracts



Social Media and Publicity Classes

- Social Media Across Generations
- Facebook and Instagram Basics
- Facebook Events Made Easy: Share Your Dance!
- Marketing Your Club
- Advertising and Marketing in 2026 and Beyond
- Creating Eye-Catching Flyers that People Will Read
- Dramatic Digital Flyers that People Won't Scroll Past



Fixer Upper and City Tour

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

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



Haunts and Legends Mobile Ghost Tours

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

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

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

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

Book ahead so you and your friends have a spot!

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

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



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See pages 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!



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?

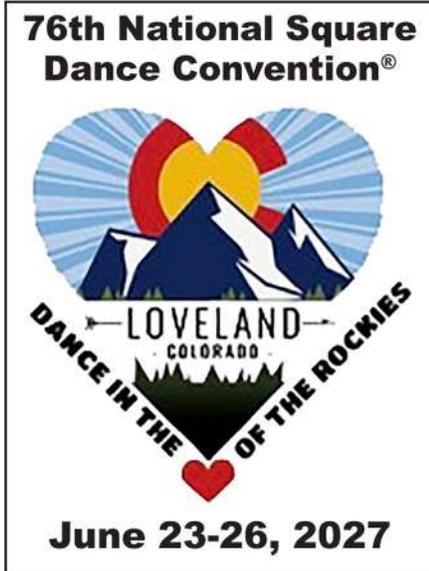


UPCOMING

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





SWEETHEART DEAL!!!



We're gearing up for our 76th NSDC Pre-Convention on January 9-10, 2026, along with a Benefit Dance on Friday night, January 9th and Pre-Convention Dance on Saturday night, January 10th. (see flyer on next page) If you are planning to attend the Pre-Convention sessions and/or any of the catered meals, please go to [Pre Convention – 76th National Square Dance Convention®](#) to register as soon as possible.



Get your Valentine's postmarked from the Sweetheart City, Loveland, Colorado. Valentines will be available at the 76th NSDC Ways and Means table at our Pre-Convention, Jan. 9-10.



The charge for each Valentine is \$5.00 and includes the postage stamp.

Also, note that the registration fee for the 76th National Square Dance Convention® goes up to \$90 after the Pre-Convention. If you haven't registered yet be sure to register at the Pre-Convention, online ([Register – 76th National Square Dance Convention®](#)) or use the form below by January 10th to get the \$80 price.

COME DANCE IN THE HEART OF THE ROCKIES

76th National Square Dance Convention®

Loveland, Colorado

June 23-26, 2027



Join the 76th 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

Visit our website at <https://76nsdc.com> to register for the
76th 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!





76th National Square Dance Convention[®]
 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

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 _____ # _____ \$ _____
 76th 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.
76th NSDC Convention badge required for entrance to all convention activities.
Shoes must be worn at all times.

INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM

- You may complete this form online at 76nsdc.com
- Please **PRINT** legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
- 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.
- 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.
- Registrations are non-transferable.**
- No partial (one, two or three day) registrations.
- A \$10.00 fee per person will be imposed for cancellations or changes before April 30, 2027. **No refunds after April 30, 2027.**
- Registrations received after April 30, 2027, will receive email confirmation only.
- 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

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

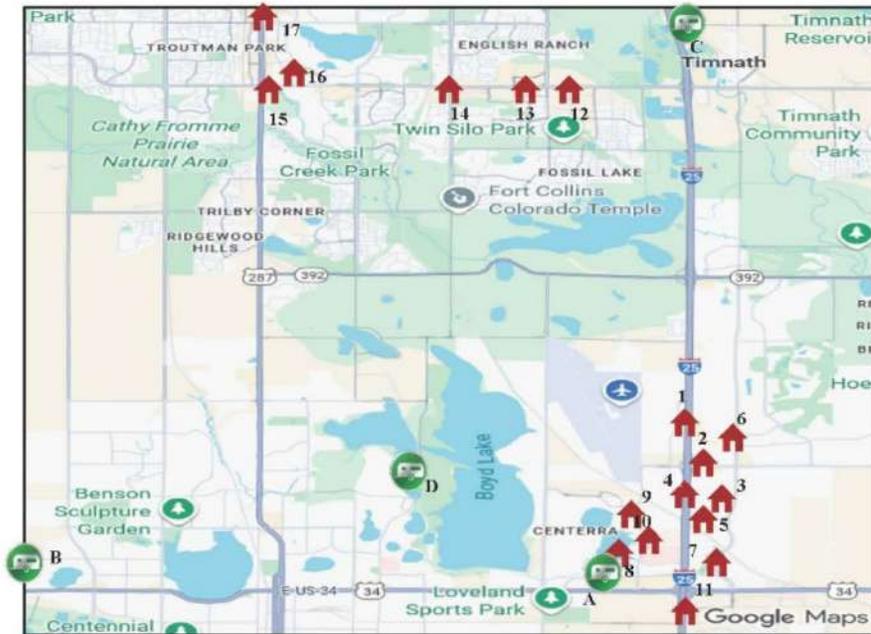
Square Dance Program – check all levels you wish to dance:
 Mainstream Plus Advanced Challenge
 Contra Lines Rounds Phase II III IV V VI
 Handicapable Solo
 Education Leadership Certification Program: Yes No
 Pre-registration to attend education sessions is not required.
 Visit 76nsdc.com for more information

PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS

You must update your profile yearly & online by 12/31/26 @ sdconvention.com
 Name _____ Type: _____
 Name _____ Type: _____

HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE

Name: _____



For transportation options from Denver International Airport Visit: 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. 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 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
- B. **Riverview RV Park** (approx. 8 mi. from Convention Center)
3444 River Rim Rd. (Loveland) (970) 667-9910 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
- 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>

Daytona Beach during the Holidays

Daytona Beach offers a festive Christmas season with major attractions like the Magic of Lights drive-through display at the Daytona International Speedway and the charming Daytona Beach Christmas Boat Parade on the Halifax River, alongside historic tours at the elaborate Stetson Mansion and local holiday events, concerts, and markets, making it a vibrant coastal Christmas destination.

Key Holiday Events:

- **[Magic of Lights:](#)**

A dazzling drive-through experience at the Daytona International Speedway featuring millions of LED lights and digital animations.

- **[Daytona Beach Boat Parade:](#)**

Watch beautifully decorated boats parade along the Halifax River, a cherished local tradition.

- **[Stetson Mansion Christmas Spectacular:](#)**

Tour Florida's Gilded Age mansion in nearby DeLand, known for its incredibly elaborate holiday decorations.

Other Festive Activities:

- **[Holiday Concerts & Parades:](#)** Look for local holiday parades, community events, and concerts at venues like the Daytona Bandshell or Peabody Auditorium.
- **[Riverfront Esplanade:](#)** Enjoy seasonal decorations and activities along the downtown waterfront.
- **[Pop-Up Bars:](#)** Keep an eye out for festive holiday-themed bars, like the Miracle Bar at McCoy's.
- **[Farmers Markets:](#)** Find local crafts and holiday treats at Daytona Beach Farmers Markets.

When to Visit:

- December offers mild weather, with daytime temperatures in the 60s and 70s, perfect for enjoying outdoor holiday lights and events.

Popcorn Fundraiser!



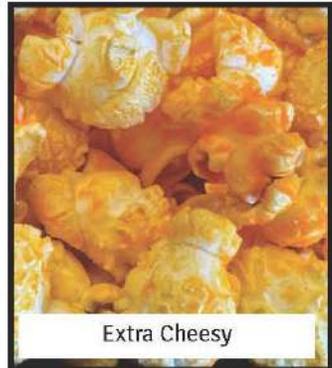
White Cheddar



Extra GOAT



Caramel Pecan



Extra Cheesy



Extra Buttery Caramel



Ranch



Key Lime Pie



Double Play

\$12 per bag, clubs will get \$1 back per bag sold.

Starts Jan 17th!

Check out our website for more information.





Registration # _____
Dangles

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

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

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

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Primary Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

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

Credit Card Type: _____ Credit Card #: _____

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

Statement Mailing Address (if different): _____

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

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

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

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

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





National Squares E-Magazine Advertising Space Contract

Advertiser:		Date:
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City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	
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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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Ads are to be in Word Format or Camera-ready copy, layout, and payment in full must be received by the 15th of the month before the month in which the ad is to run. **Payment may be made using cash or check payable to the National Executive Committee.**

Send Contract, payment in full and copy to:

Angie McClure,
3917 Bloomfield Way SW, Gainesville GA 30504
Phone: 678-956-0287 Email: louisandangiemcclure@gmail.com

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Do You Hear What I Hear? Getting the Word Out About USDA Programs and Services!

How does USDA – the United Square Dancers of America – get the word out about our events, programs, and services? Check out the following!



USDA News: Our quarterly newsletter is packed full of information about USDA programs and services along with special articles and fliers about dancers and dancing around the country. Check out the USDA News website at www.usda.org/USDA_News.php to find out how to subscribe as well as to look at current and past editions.

USDA Facebook Group:

Follow USDA on Facebook to keep up with our latest news as well as announcements about national square dance activities. To join, go to Facebook and search for United Square Dancers of America.



**United Square Dancers of
America - USDA**

Public group · 2.5K members

Beyond the Dance Floor: Our monthly webinar series offers presentations and discussions on timely topics of interest to the dance community. Some sessions highlight USDA programs and services while others feature topics such as marketing our activity, “growing” new callers and cuers, encouraging solo dancers, and more. Upcoming sessions are announced on the USDA website as well as on Facebook. Videos and handouts from past sessions are also available on the website (<https://www.usda.org/WEBinar/>).

[Printable Copy of Beyond The Dance Floor](#)

[Hand Out's, Video's & Other Material](#)



**The United Square Dancers of America's Zoom
Series**

Beyond the Dance Floor

**SOLD OUT
in 2025**

WASCA'S 2026

**Register
TODAY
for 2026!**

"65 and Stayin' Alive"

MARCH 26 - 28, 2026

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WASHINGTON AREA

SQUARE DANCER'S COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION'S

65th SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE FESTIVAL



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March 26-28, 2026 Email: 2026FestivalDirectors@wascaclubs.com

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

Adult #1(Badge): _____ Adult #2(Badge): _____
(FIRST) (LAST) (FIRST) (LAST)

Address: _____ Child _____ Child _____
(FIRST) (LAST) (FIRST) (LAST) (FIRST) (LAST)

City / State: _____ Zip: _____

Please check your HIGHEST level of dance
Phone: _____ Squares: M P DBD A2 C1

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 \$ _____

_____ Registrations Received after March 1, 2026 at \$120.00 ea \$ _____

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

No mailed/mailed 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: _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

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

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



**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.

By attending WASCA, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree not to hold WASCA or the venue liable for any illness or injury.

**Tom Miller
Memorial**

Tom called for WASCA
34 times starting in 1986.

He will be missed by his
square dance family.

**FREE PARKING
10% FOOD DISCOUNT
FREE SHUTTLES TO:**

- IAD AIRPORT
- METRO STATION
- DULLES, STEVEN UDVAR-
HAZY CENTER
(SMITHSONIAN
AIR & SPACE MUSEUM)

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

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.square-dance-michigan.com/convention



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

