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NEC Editor Comments

Are you ready to go to Waco Texas Y'all!

We're about 5 months away . . .



Did you hear that the FIFA Soccer World Cup is scheduled for Dallas & Houston in June 2026? What does that mean for square dancers you ask? *You need to book airline and car rental tickets as early as possible.*



Are you “following” the *National Square Dance Convention*® Facebook page – if not please do. We're working to add more information and post events pictures.



January was eventful for the Convention Teams, who met in Loveland, Colorado for the annual 76th NSDC Pre-Convention meeting—about 15 months before the main event. The teams shared insights and learned from past experiences. We look forward to seeing you at the 76th National Square Dance Convention® in Loveland in 2027.





Getting ready for the dance



**2026 Loveland CO
Pre-Convention**





2026 Loveland CO
Pre-Convention



Warning!

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS
NOW!

WARNING



Due to the FIFA World Cup Soccer Tournament taking place in Texas in June, airline and car rental rates have almost doubled.

PLAN AHEAD!

Make sure you make your airline and car rental reservations now.

75th National Square Dance Convention[®]



**June 24-27 2026
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Convention Hotels

The 75th National Square Dance Convention 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 (Host Hotel) 113 S University Parks Dr	Connected to Waco CC	\$174/night	5/29/2026	✓	✓	✓	
SOLD OUT							
Courtyard (Dance Leader Hotel) 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?

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Enjoy having your furry companion with you at your hotel!

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



Camping/RV



See photos next page

It's time to finalize your camping reservations! We have negotiated discounted rates with two Waco-area campgrounds. You will need to make a reservation directly with the campground of choice, request the **"Square Dance Convention"** discount and pay directly to the campground.

These are the campgrounds offering the Square Dance Discount:

Waco Creekside Resort: Offers 15% discount. The campground is about 11 miles from the Waco Convention Center. Offering campsites, cabins and tree houses.

1972 Leroy Parkway
Elm Mott, TX 76640
(254) 651-3999
wacocreeksideresort.com

Magnolia RV Resort offers you 10% off your stay. There's a pool in addition to a complimentary breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. The campground is about 8 miles from the Waco Convention Center.
3096 New Dallas Hwy.
Waco, TX 76705 / (254) 799-3105
magnoliarvresort.com

Please note that camping fees will not be collected through the 75NSDC Hotel Booking Portal, all fees are paid directly to the campground.



Camping/RV



Magnolia RV Resort is offering convention-goers a 10% discount. 42 full hookup sites. Pull-through sites only. Please see previous page for details. Magnolia RV Resort is pet-friendly, has a swimming pool and has a pancake breakfast on weekends. More details on previous page.

Waco Creekside Resort is offering convention-goers a 15% discount. The park has 50 RV full hookup sites. There are cool tree houses (right) and cabins for rent. Pet-friendly campground. Please see previous page for details.



Waco Offers Lots to Do

Come to Waco,
Texas, for the
75th National
Square Dance
Convention®
June 24-27, 2026,
in the beautiful
Waco Convention
Center! The
convention is the



NSDC's Diamond Jubilee, so help us celebrate 75 years of square dancing! Besides squares, come enjoy rounds, contra, lines, clogging, and exhibition groups. We'll keep the fun going with an outrageous fashion show and nightly After Parties. Shop for new dance attire, 75th NSDC memorabilia, and assorted other items in our vendor area. Take advantage of the many workshops and educational opportunities while at the 75th NSDC! We'll see you there!

Czech Out Something Sweet



There is something utterly delicious that you must try when visiting Waco— kolaches. Czech immigrants brought these sweet dough pastries to Texas offering such flavors as apricot, prune, farmer’s cheese, and poppy seed. Sausage Pig-in-a-Blankets, called klobasneks, have been added to the menu depending on the bakery. No matter which kolache one prefers, the traditional Czech pastry has undeniably become a food that intertwines with nostalgia for Czechs and Texans alike.

Are your tastebuds tingling and you just **HAVE** to find these tantalizing pastries? There is only one thing to do – take I-35 to West, Texas. In about 20 minutes you’ll have several bakeries from which to choose.

The Czech Stop is a touristy gas station counter at I-35 exit 353. Word has it that this is

a favorite spot for Baylor students. 105 N College Ave, West, TX 76691; (254) 826-4161.

Slovacek’s store is somewhat of a Czech-themed attraction, giant and pristine with a dog park, gift shop, cafe, and bakery, but the real draw is the meat market and sausages. Located inside The Pizza House at 511 W Oak St, West, TX 76691; (254) 826-3327.

For some Texas vibes, pull up a table at Gerik’s Ole Czech Bakery & Deli. Besides kolaches, there are taxidermies, neon beer signs, vintage flags and retro light fixtures. 214 Melodie Dr, West, TX 76691; (254) 826-4525.

We hope you’re ready to head out I-35 for a delicious treat. Kolaches are always worth the drive!

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 as a new square dancer or new National Convention goer to navigate your first convention and make it an unforgettable experience. Get ready for a whirlwind of do-si-dos, promenades, and making new friends! ***But remember the National Convention is more than a dance!***

- Don't be afraid to dance! Jump in and join the dances. Even if you make a mistake, it's okay we've all made a mistake! Everyone is there to have a good time.
- Attend workshops, which are a great way to learn new moves, improve your technique, and expand your square dance knowledge. Look for beginner-friendly sessions.
- Introduce yourself. Square dancing is all about community. Introduce yourself to other dancers, callers, and cuers. Ask where they're from and what they enjoy about square dancing.
- Take breaks, stay hydrated, and get enough rest. There's no need to do everything in one day!
- Meet new people and build connections. Conventions are fantastic opportunities to meet square dancers from all over the country (and even the world!). Here are some ways to spark conversations and



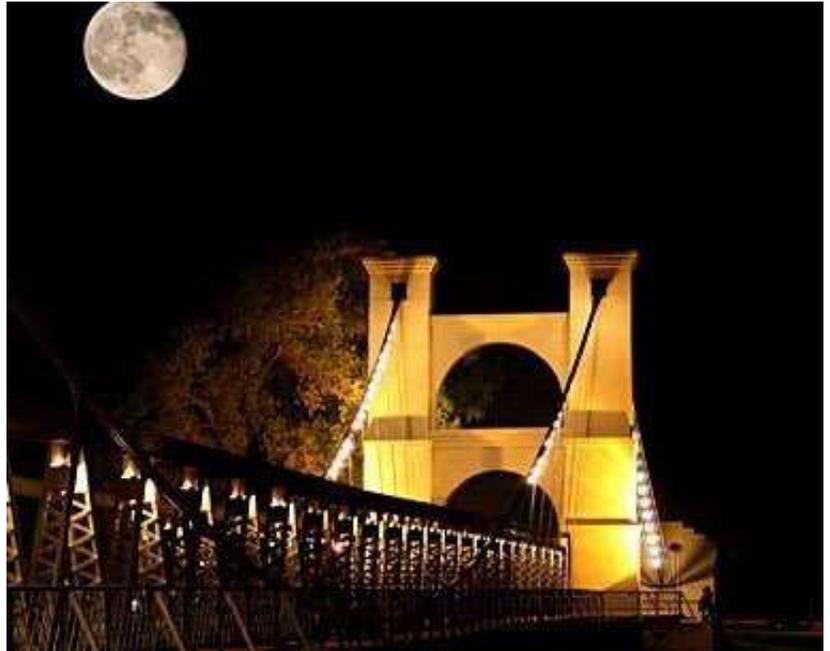
build lasting friendships:

- Complement their attire: A simple compliment on someone's skirt or shirt can be a great icebreaker.
- Ask about their dancing experience: "How long have you been square dancing?" or "What's your favorite call?" are easy conversation starters.
- Share Your Own Story: Talk about how you got into square dancing and what you enjoy about it.

More next month!

Pedestrian Suspension Bridge

Waco's Historic Suspension Bridge was the longest single-span suspension bridge west of the Mississippi when it was completed in 1870. The bridge holds a historic role as a Chisholm Trail crossing over the Brazos River.

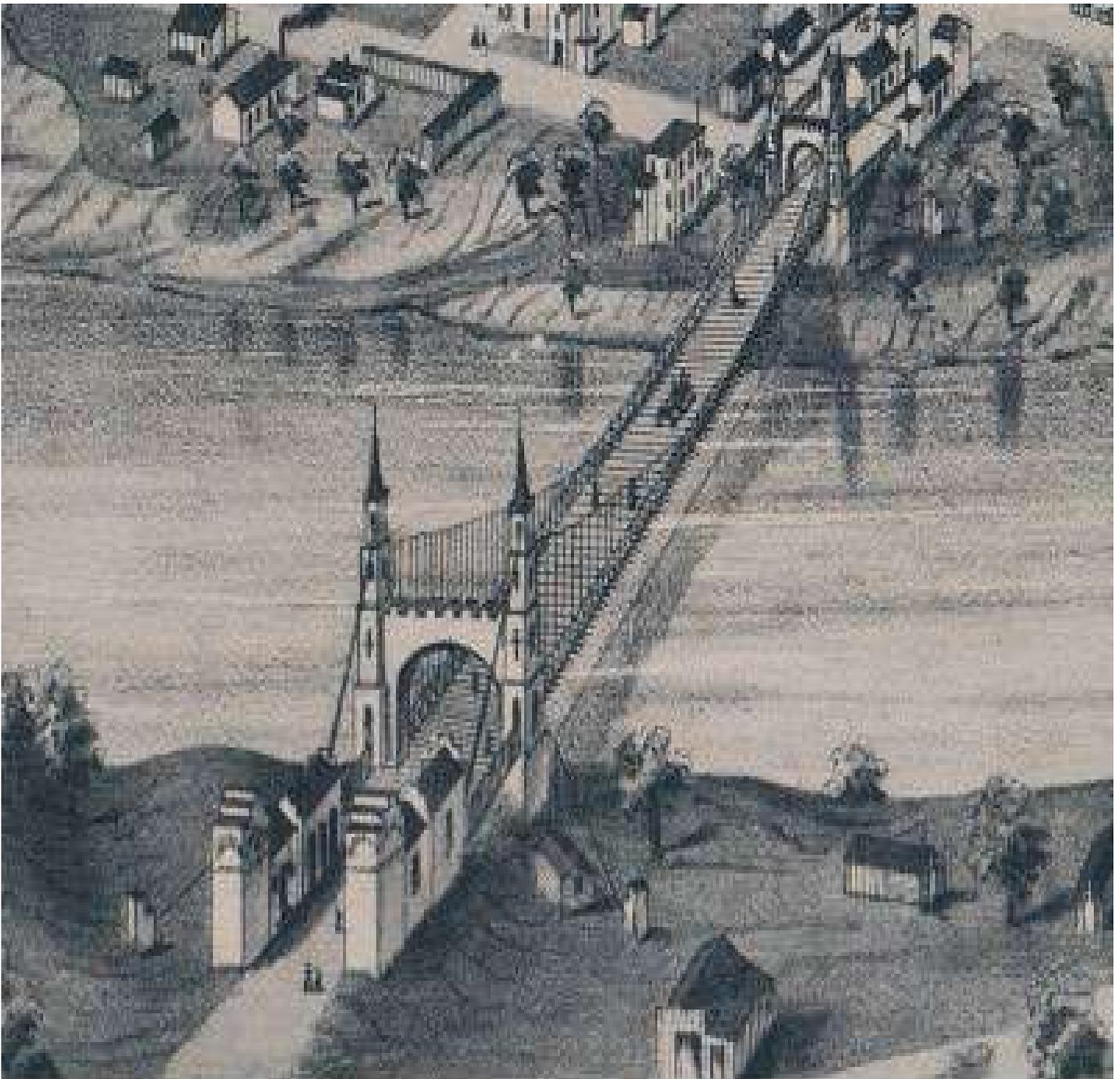


The economic impact was immediate: Waco grew into a regional hub for cotton and cattle, rivaling larger Texas cities by the early 1900s. The bridge operated as a toll crossing until McLennan County purchased it in 1889, later transferring ownership to the City of Waco with the requirement that tolls be removed. Over the decades, the bridge underwent several renovations, including major updates in 1914 that reshaped its towers and strengthened its cables.

The bridge is now pedestrian-only and is the site of many community events and festivals. The old suspension bridge connects the Waco Convention Center to three hotels on the other side of the Brazos River: The Cambria, the Even and the Holiday Inn Express.

The Waco Suspension Bridge stands as a pedestrian landmark linking Indian Spring Park and Doris Miller Park. More than a century and a half after its debut, it remains a symbol of Waco's resilience, ingenuity, and enduring connection to the Brazos River.

Pedestrian Suspension Bridge



Bridge shown on an 1873 Bird's Eye View map of Waco.

Pedestrian Suspension Bridge



Pedestrian Suspension Bridge



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.



Please Submit Your Dancer Profile

JAN. 31, 2026

is the **deadline** for Dance Leaders to submit their **profiles** for the 75th National Square Dance Convention® in Waco, TX.

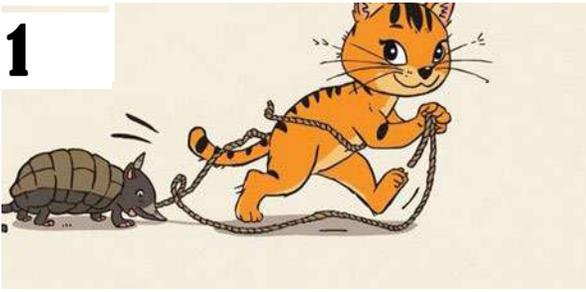
If you have registered as a Dance Leader for the 75th NSDC (deadline was Dec. 31, 2025), you will have received your Dance Leader registration number and you can then proceed by submitting (online) your Dance Leader profile at **sdconvention.com**

Convention is
June 24-27, 2026
in Waco, TX



Talk Like a Texan

1



Each picture depicts a Texas saying. See if you can decipher the saying. We're giving you the first answer:

1. Look what the cat dragged in.
Now it's your turn:

2



2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

3



7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

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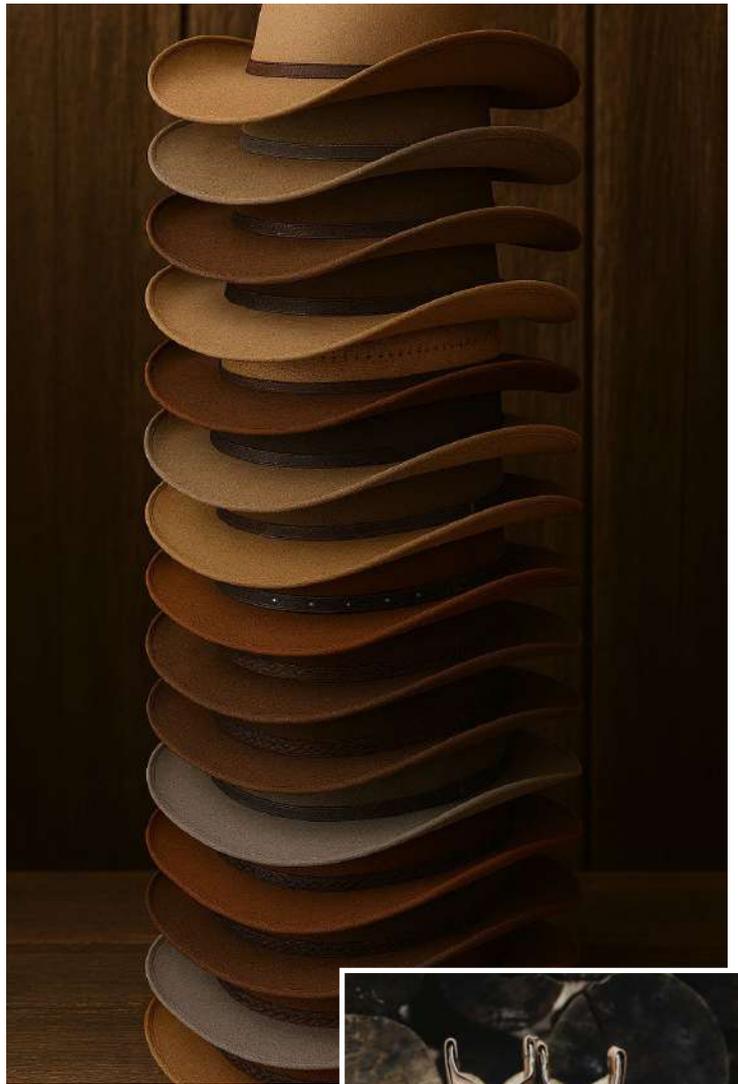
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Talk Like a Texan



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To officially talk like a Texan, you must be wearing cowboy boots and a Western hat.

Need a Sweet Gift?

Searching for a gift for your Valentine?
Give him or her a registration to the 75th
National Square Dance Convention[®]



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

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[®]!

Just Joking Around

Grandpappy Dillo Yarns



Dillos are snow good at skiing, it's all downhill from here!

Life's a slope, so the armadillo keeps rolling on.

Ski you later, dillo!

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

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.

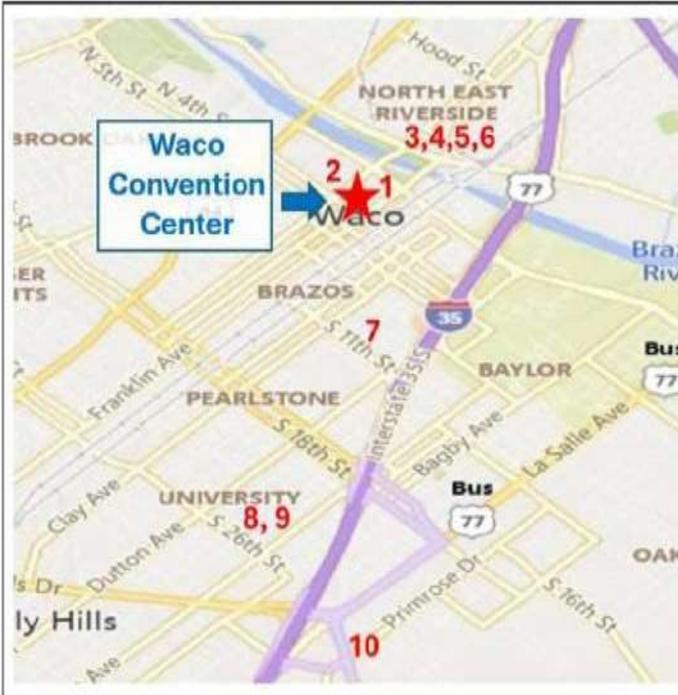
It is defaulted to a percentage but can be set to zero.

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

Registration Long Form

Name: _____

More information available at www.75nsdctx.com



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

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

register.75nsdc@gmail.com or

75nsdchousing@gmail.com

No airport shuttle services provided

See www.75nsdctx.com for transportation information.

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

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

Make your own RV & CAMPING ACCOMMODATIONS

Waco Creekside RV Resort

www.wacocreeksideresort.com

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

Call for a 15% Discount on all Cabins, RV Spots and Treehouses

Magnolia RV Resort www.magnoliarvresort.com

3096 New Dallas Hwy, Waco TX 76705 254-799-3105

Call for a 10% discount on you stay.

Say You are with the Square Dance Convention

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 # _____

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 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!



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[®]

Waco

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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/>



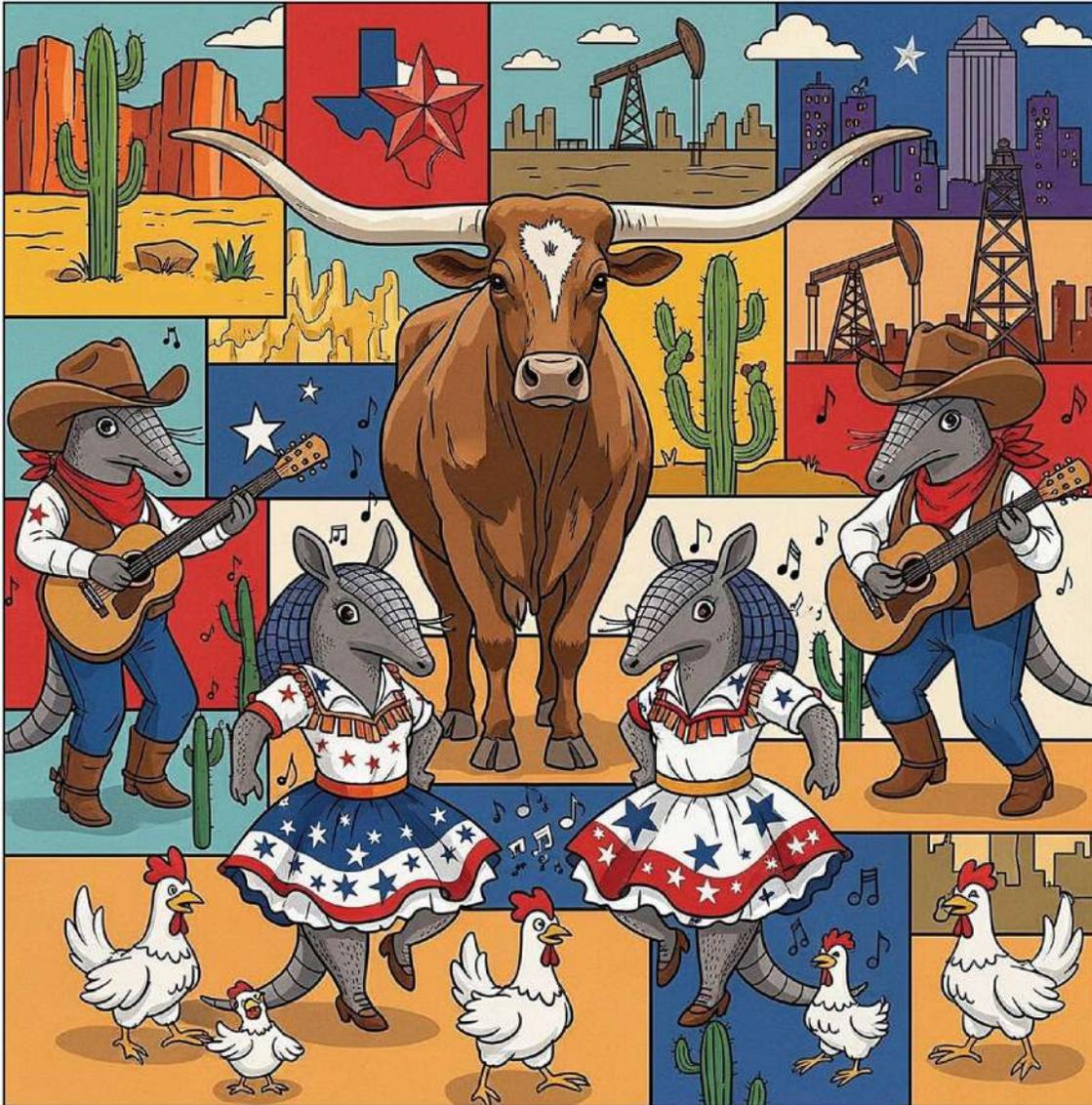
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Waco is Quaint



C'mon down!

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



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



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

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

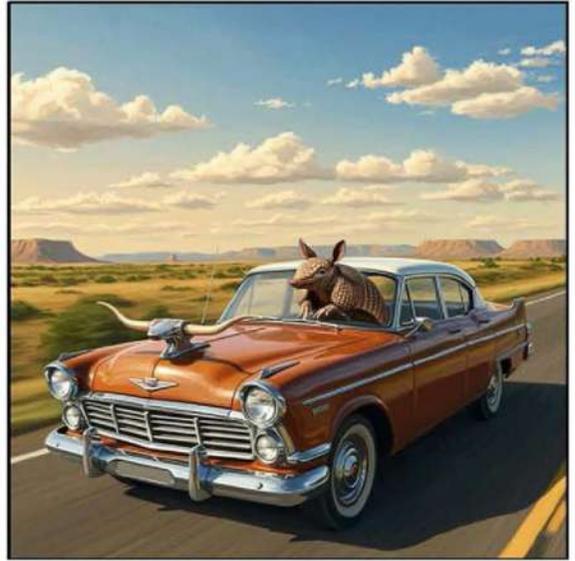
Waco Streak and GoGOWaco provide luxury shuttle service from DFW and Dallas Love Field. Airport Transportation of Waco offers hotel and airport transfers.

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



Contra: Where to Dance

I'll visit the Contra Hall at the 75th National Square Dance Convention[®] but meanwhile, where can I try it?

www.folkmads.org

www.snmds.org

<https://www.squaredancelubbock.com/contra>

www.taada.us

www.satxcontra.org

www.scissortail.org

www.nttds.org

www.bcscontra.org

www.hatds.org

For more info,
contact Lissa Bengtson
contralabfinance@gmail.com

Scan to donate to Lissa's fundraiser
"Help Contralab Fund Live Music for NSDC
2026"

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

Make and Take Classes

The Sew and Save rooms are not all about sewing. There will also be cute crafts to make:

Bluebonnets

Make a bluebonnet dangle or necklace with beads.

Bolo Ties and Pins

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 Texas Bolo Tie or decorative pin. We have all sorts of little Texas related do-dads along with some “bling” for you to choose from. Your one-of-a-kind bolo will be a great reminder of the wonderful time you had in Waco at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®.

Boot Noodles

In this workshop, participants will be given all the supplies and instructions to complete a set of two Boot Noodles. These wonderful creations will keep your boots standing tall for years to come.

Turtle Charms

In this class you will create a little turtle charm that actually moves. You will put



a pin through a donut bead and turtle bead, then attach them to jump rings, so that the turtle glides off and on the donut bead – as if it is resting on a life preserver and then moving off for a swim.

Last Chance Make and Takes

If you missed one of the Make and Takes, or if you want to make another item you already made, come to this class and use the remaining supplies to make whatever you want, and you will receive a different dangle AND a charm bracelet on which you can put your dangle and other charms.

Word Search



GRANDPAPPY DILLO'S WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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BLIZZARD	FLAKE	ICICLE	SNOW
CHILLY	FREEZE	JANUARY	SOUP
COLD	FROST	MITTENS	SWEATER
COZY	GLOVES	PARKA	TOBOGGAN
DECEMBER	HIBERNATE	SCARF	WINTER
EARMUFFS	HOLIDAY	SLED	
FIREPLACE	ICE	SLEIGH	

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Answers on page 40

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're going to Texas y'all! Information is easy to find and we have several options!

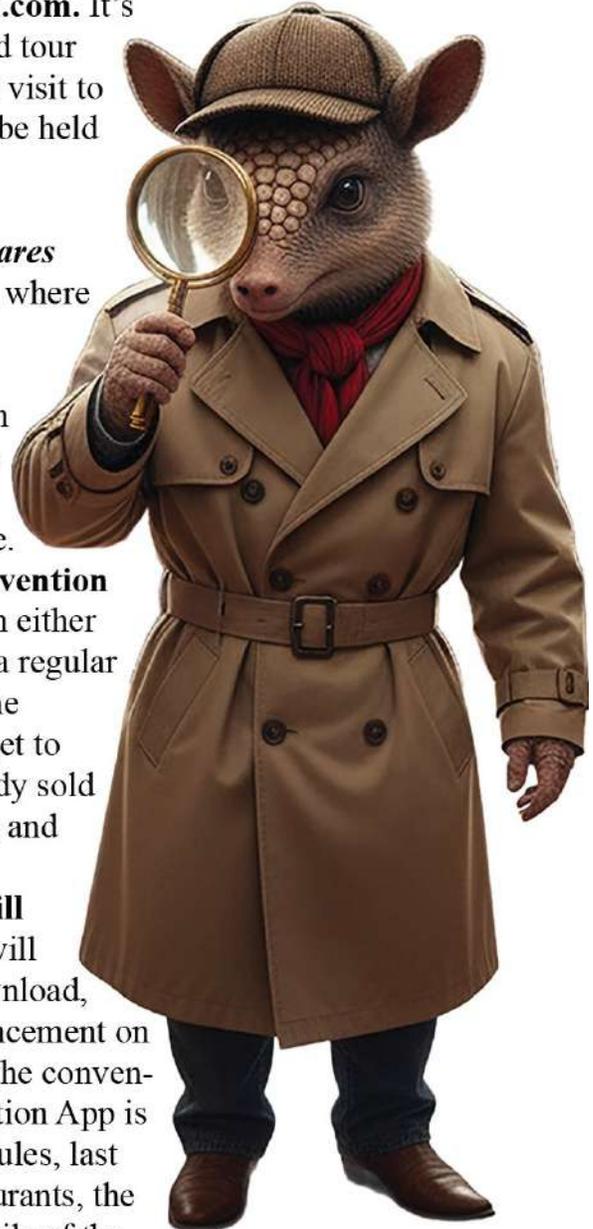
1. Visit the convention website at www.75nsdctx.com. It's full of forms, links, special events, hotel details and tour information... all the details you need to plan your visit to the 75th NSDC at the Waco Convention Center to be held June 24-27, 2026.

2. Follow us on Facebook for news and events.

3. Subscribe to (it's free) and read *National Squares e-Magazine*. Each edition contains the who, what, where and when of the 75th NSDC. 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 click on the edition's icon to download a copy from the website.

4. Sign up for the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee convention in Waco at www.75nsdctx.com/register/. You can either download a form to complete and email or send via regular mail, or to make it even easier you can complete the online form directly within the website. Don't forget to make your hotel reservation, some hotels are already sold out, but there are still plenty of options for lodging and even camping.

5. This year at the 75th NSDC, all registrants will have access to a free Convention App. The app will be released in May prior to the convention for download, watch Facebook and the e-Magazine for an announcement on its availability. A class will also be offered during the convention on how to use the app, if needed. The Convention App is a handy tool and will have all the up-to-date schedules, last minute schedule changes, event information, restaurants, the sights of Waco, safety information, and all the details of the 75th NSDC. Join our mascot, Armie the Armadillo, in the Waco Convention Center!



The team of the 75th NSDC looks forward to your attendance at the spectacular Diamond Jubilee. It's an event not to be missed!

Word Search Answers



From puzzle on page 37

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	2,318
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 Registrations

Who's coming to Waco as of Dec. 31, 2025

Alaska 0	Michigan 21	Texas 870
Alabama 78	Minnesota 47	Utah 11
Arkansas 51	Missouri 57	Virginia 21
Arizona 23	Mississippi 23	Vermont 1
California 102	Montana 3	Washington 21
Colorado 64	North Carolina 21	Wisconsin 29
Connecticut 1	North Dakota 6	West Virginia 4
Delaware 2	Nebraska 7	Wyoming 0
Florida 83	New Hampshire 5	
Georgia 80	New Jersey 17	
Hawaii 4	New Mexico 14	International Registrations
Iowa 23	Nevada 4	Australia 6
Idaho 5	New York 10	Belize 2
Illinois 40	Ohio 93	Canada 11
Indiana 31	Oklahoma 74	Germany 23
Kansas 34	Oregon 11	Japan 4
Kentucky 43	Pennsylvania 29	Netherlands 4
Louisiana 37	Rhode Island 0	Switzerland 2
Massachusetts 9	South Carolina 26	Taiwan 18
Maryland 34	South Dakota 11	
Maine 8	Tennessee 60	



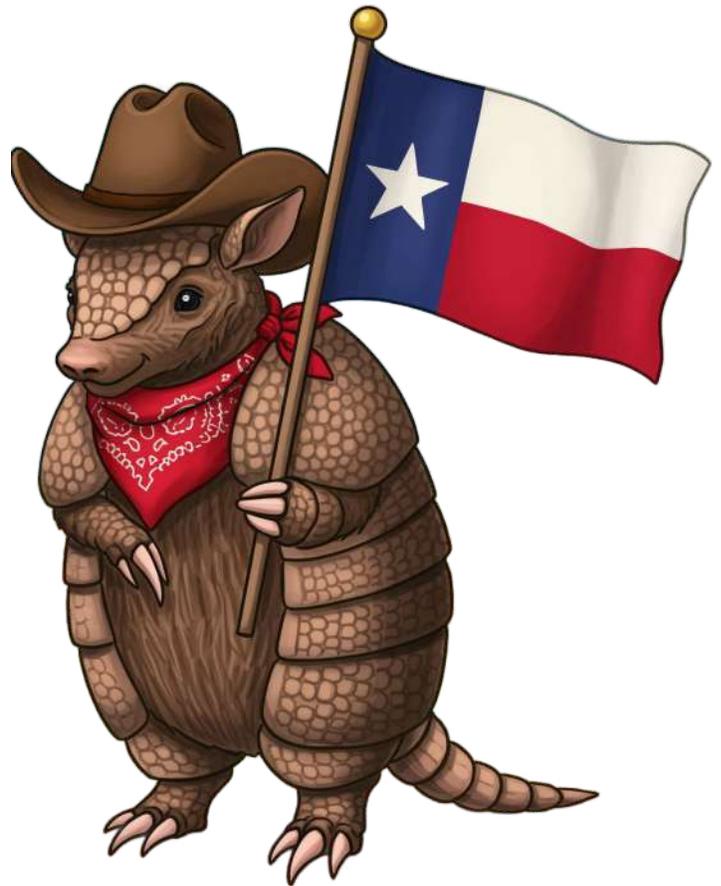
What Classes Would You Like?

The Education Committee Chairman for Loveland and Daytona Beach would like your input concerning what classes you would like to have presented at the 76th and 77th National Square Dance Conventions®. They can either be classes that are currently offered and you would like to have repeated or classes that offer new information on any topic that will benefit square or round dancing.

These classes can be caller/cuer related, or classes focused on leadership of clubs, associations or federations, publicity/computer technology classes, or any classes that don't fit into one of these categories.

The Education Chairman are also interested in what classes you would like to have taught in Sew and Save as well as what projects you would like presented in the Make & Take section of Sew and Save.

Topic requests can be emailed to Sally Bennett-Schmidt at sbennettschmidt@gmail.com for classes in Loveland or Brooke Peters at



educationdaytona@gmail.com for classes in Daytona Beach. You may also request classes on any Education evaluation sheet in Waco at the 75th NSDC in June of 2026.

Top 6 States in Registrations

Texas 870 / California 102 / Ohio 93

Florida 83 / Georgia 80 / Alabama 78



NEC Archive Room



The Waco mascots are checking out belt buckles from previous conventions. You can see these buckles along with the new Texas buckle, which will be on display in convention's Archives room.

If you would like to order your own Waco belt buckle, please see pages 48 and 49.



The National Executive Committee is looking for the [26th NSDC, Atlantic City NJ, 1977.](#)

Do you have one or know where we can find one?



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!



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 Education Committee:

Brooke Peters

- Education Chairman (see bio next page)
- Secretary
- Vice Chairman-Organizations
- Round Table

Everett Kelly

Assistant Education Chairman

Sally Bennett-Schmidt

- Vice Chairman-Education Sessions
- Reports and Statistics

Jamey Klix

- Sew and Save Vice Chairman
- Volunteers

Carol Teal

Sew and Save Director

Jamey Klix and Carol Teal

Sew and Save booklet, workroom and clinics

Ted Lizotte

Keynote Speaker

Tina Kelly

NEC Archives

Marilyn Schmit

Showcase of Education



Bio: Brooke Peters

Education Chairman

Brooke Peters was encouraged to take square dance lessons by a contra dance friend in 2018. Several weeks after graduation, she volunteered to be club vice-president and then club president for the next five years. She became active on the board of Austin Square and Round Dance Association a year after graduating, rotating between Vice-President and President for the next five years.

Brooke attended her first National Square Dance Convention® in 2019 in Atlanta and loved it. She said it was like a dancer's Disneyland because there were so many different things to do. There she discovered the Education Classes and got her Leadership Certificate Program (LCP) certificate. She was the Vice-Chairman of Education for the 70th NSDC in Jackson, MS and has helped on Education Committees ever since. She just finished as Vice-Chairman of Education in Shreveport, will be the Chairman of Education for Waco and in Daytona Beach, and the Assistant Education Chairman in Loveland, CO.

Brooke holds a master's degree in nursing with a minor in Nursing Education from the University of Washington. She served for 20 years in the Army Nurse Corps, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1998. After a few years in civilian nursing she became a massage therapist with her own massage business until she retired after 17 years. Her hobbies over the years have included dancing, scuba diving, distance running, traveling, hiking and animal rescue.

In May of 2024 Brooke left Texas and moved to Fruita, Colorado, where she now lives with her four rescue dogs. She hosts English Country Dances at her home twice a month and continues to square and contra dance and hike when she has time.



In Case You Missed It



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**Dance leader
profiles due
Jan. 31!
See page 19**



Talk Like a Texan Answers

From activity on pages 20-21

1. Look what the cat dragged in.
2. You think I just fell off a turnip truck?
3. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree.
4. Dumber than a box of rocks.
5. Preaching to the choir.
6. Hot enough to fry an egg on the sidewalk.
7. Taking it to the bank.
8. Faster than greased lightning.
9. Knee high to a grasshopper.



Tours



Fixer Upper and City Tour

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

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



Haunts and Legends Mobile Ghost Tours

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

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

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

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

Book ahead so you and your friends have a spot!

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

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



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See pages 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 pages 7-8 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





76 NSDC Pre-Convention



Our 76th National Square Dance Convention® Pre-convention in Loveland Colorado on January 9-10, 2026 was an amazing success! Our entire team is working very hard to organize and coordinate a productive and fun event in June 2027.

This Pre-convention event served as a “dry run” for the 2027 national event.



The National Executive Committee (NEC) was in attendance and provided us with invaluable feedback, guidance, and support.

We're looking forward to seeing you all on June 23-26, 2027.

Come Dance in the Heart of the Rockies





In Loveland, Valentine's isn't just a day, it's a season. For more than 80 years, the Sweetheart City has embraced all things love with cherished traditions and heartwarming experiences. Every January and February, the city comes alive with iconic celebrations like the **Valentine Remailing Program**, Rotary Valentine Hearts, the Little Miss Valentine and Mr. Cupid Contest, and the Valentine's Day Group Wedding, all leading up to the crown jewel: **the Sweetheart Festival**.

You can participate in the Valentine Remailing Program by clicking on this [link](#) and selecting the blank or inscribed cards of your choice.

Let Loveland capture a piece of your heart





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

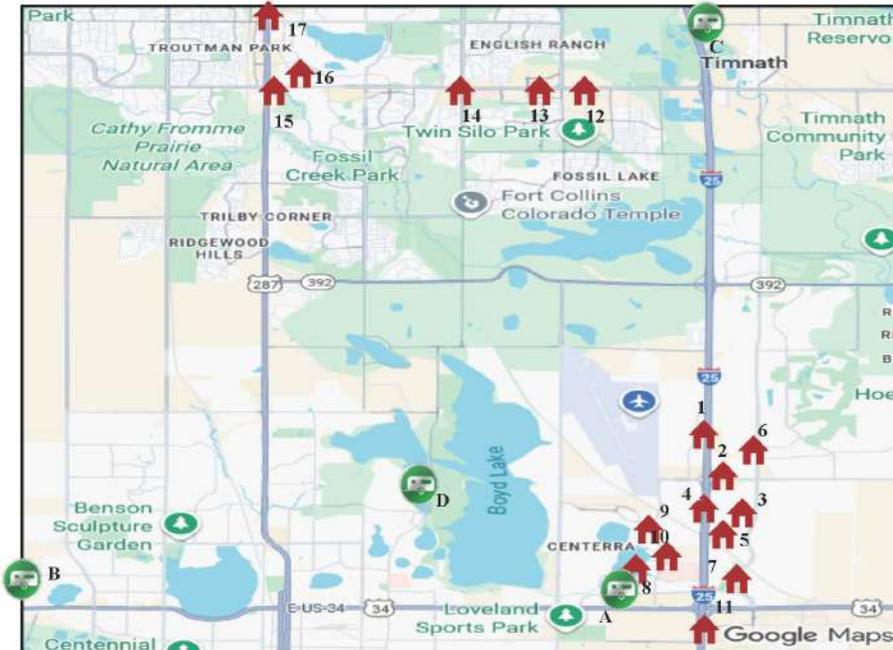
DANCERS: Please help us plan! Check all that apply...
 Square Dance Program – check all levels you wish to dance:
 Mainstream Plus Advanced Challenge
 Contra Lines Rounds Phase II III IV V VI
 Handicapable Solo
 Education Leadership Certification Program: Yes No
 Pre-registration to attend education 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>

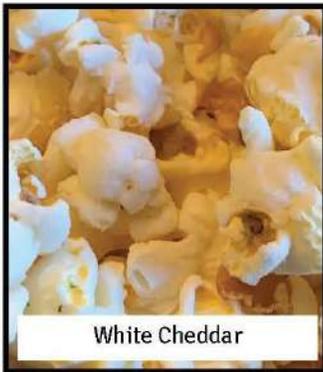
The Daytona 500

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.

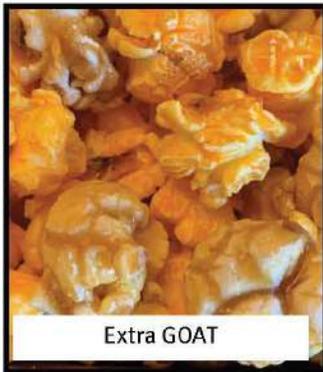
- **Inaugural race (1959):** Lee Petty won the first-ever Daytona 500 after a controversial three-day photo finish review. The race featured 59 cars, including 20 convertibles, and was the first event at the new Daytona International Speedway built by NASCAR founder [Bill France Sr.](#)
- **Early history:** 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.



Popcorn Fundraiser!



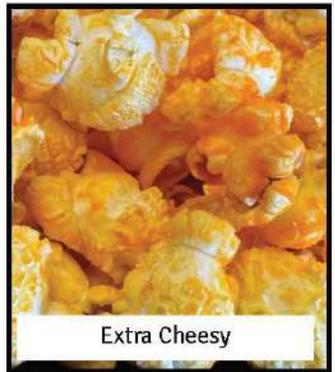
White Cheddar



Extra GOAT



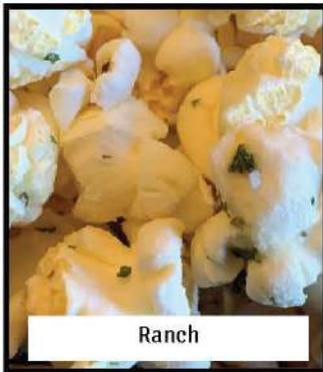
Caramel Pecan



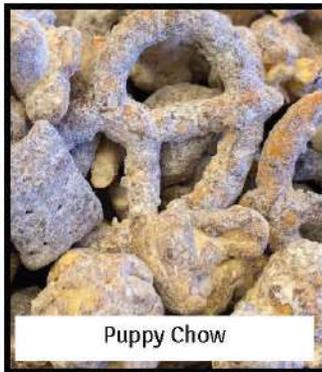
Extra Cheesy



Extra Buttery Caramel



Ranch



Puppy Chow



Kettle Corn

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

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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
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: _____





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Your New Year's Resolution: SEE THE USA WITH USDA!

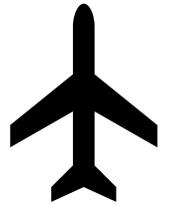
USDA's USA Traveler Program

Do you like to square dance? Do you like to travel? Then USDA's USA Traveler Program is made for you! Make your New Year's resolution now to travel in 2026!



The program is intended to promote visitation throughout all 50 states by encouraging dancers to attend club dances, festivals, state conventions, or national conventions across state lines and around the United States. *The goal – to dance at an event in each of the 50 United States!* Dancers participating in the USA Traveler Program carry a form to be signed by an official at a club dance, festival, or convention.

As the forms are completed (in sets of 12 states), they are submitted to the USA Traveler Program chair. Upon completion of the first 12 states, the dancer receives a USA Traveler badge and a bar denoting 12 states visited. New forms can then be completed for subsequent sets of 12 states (no duplication permitted), with new bars awarded at 24, 36, 48, and 50 states. Each participant who reaches 48 and 50 states will also be awarded paid admission to the next National Square Dance Convention. Then it's time to start again for a "second time around" award!



If you haven't yet started the USA Traveler Program, now is the time. If you started before, check out which states you still need to visit! Just download a form from the USDA website at www.usda.org/traveler.htm, get it signed off at a local dance, and start traveling! For further information, check out the website or contact the USA Traveler Program chairman Jerry & Donna Robey at Traveler@usda.org.

So make your New Year's resolution now - Head out to see the USA with USDA!



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in 2025**

**Register
TODAY
for 2026!**

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"65 and Stayin' Alive"

MARCH 26 - 28, 2026

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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: _____
(FIRST) (LAST) (FIRST) (LAST)

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/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: _____

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**

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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
square dance family.

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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

By Marriott

5700 28th Street Southeast

Grand Rapids, MI 49546



Room Reservations: Cost \$129.00 +taxes/night

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

Mention the Michigan Square Dance Convention when making your reservation.

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



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

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



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

