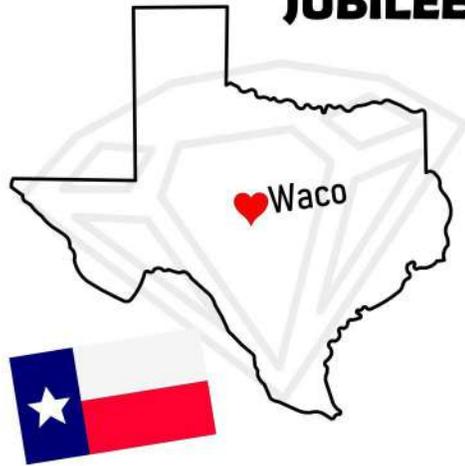


75th National
Square Dance
Convention®

**DIAMOND
JUBILEE**



June 24-27 2026

NATIONAL SQUARES

e-Magazine



Texas Sports Hall of Fame

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NCOS TRAINING

Are you working on a Future Convention? Do you need training using the National Convention Operating Software (NCOS)? Barry & Anita Johnson will be hosting NCOS Training in Waco TX. Future Convention Team Members using the NCOS are strongly encouraged to attend.

CONVENTION STAFF TRAINING

Location: Marriott Hotel 1st Floor Meeting Room B on Wednesday and 1st Floor Meeting Room A on Thursday and Friday

Please check below the sessions you plan to attend.

Wednesday, June 24th, 2026

_____ 2:00 pm **Mobile App Overview (1.5 hrs)**

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

_____ 8:30 am **Intro to NCOS** – setup procedure, global assignments, password, etc.

_____ 9:30 am Instructor Break (15 mins)

_____ 9:45 am **Mobile App Overview (1.5 hrs)**

_____ 11:15 am Lunch Break

_____ 1:00 pm **Program, Round Dance (1.5 hrs)**

_____ 2:30 am Instructor Break (15 mins)

_____ 2:45 pm **Program, Square Dance, Contra, Lines (1.5 hrs)**

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

_____ 8:30 am **Pre-Convention Module (1.5 hrs)**

_____ 10:00 am Instructor Break (15 mins)

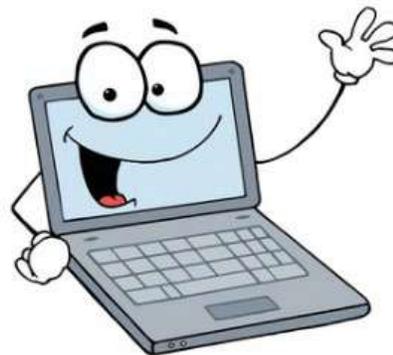
_____ 10:15 am **Services (1.5 hrs)**

_____ 11:45 am Lunch Break

_____ 1:00 pm **Education 9 (1.5 hrs)**

_____ 2:30 pm Instructor Break (15 mins)

_____ 2:45 pm **Registration & Housing (1.5 hrs)**



ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Convention / Committee: _____

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



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
DIAMOND JUBILEE**

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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?

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



Enjoy having your furry companion with you at your hotel!

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



Camping/RV



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: 15% Square Dance discount. The campground is about 11 miles from the Waco Convention Center. 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 Saturdays and Sundays. 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 Hotel Booking Portal, but only by contacting the campground directly.



Camping/RV



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

Waco Creekside Resort is offering convention-goers a 15 percent discount. The park has 50 RV sites with full hookups. There are also treehouses (right) and cabins. Pet-friendly. Please see previous page for details.



Waco Offers Lots to Do

Come to Waco,
Texas for the 75th
National Square
Dance Convention[®]
(NSDC) on
June 24-27, 2026, in
the beautiful
Waco Convention
Center!



The 2026 convention is the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee, so help us celebrate 75 years of square dancing! Besides squares, 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 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!

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®

Benefit Dance April 18

SATURDAY NIGHT SQUARE-OFF!

75TH NSDC vs 77TH NSDC
Two AGC Callers, One Dance Floor



Representing
the 75th NSDC

BILLY

"BOX THE GNAT"

GRIMSLEY



Representing
the 77th NSDC

DAVE

"DIVE THRU"

VIEIRA

At the end of the night, vote for your favorite
caller and they will be belted champion!

Date: April 18, 2026

Time: Dinner 6pm -7pm Dance 7pm - 9pm

Location: Hanger Squares Dance Club

901 Buckingham Dr. Friendswood TX 77546

\$15 Dinner Donation



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!

Go ahead and ask someone to dance: Looking for “*Ask Me to Dance*” ribbons and dancing with someone new is a fun way to get to know them better.

Attend social events: Mixers, After Parties and themed dances offer excellent opportunities to mingle.

Go out to eat: Get your new friends and explore the local restaurants.

Take a Tour: Check the 75nsdctx.com website for the latest tours. Reserve your tour early.

Expand Your Horizons: Conventions offer a wide variety of events to suit all interests and skill levels, so jump in!

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First National Convention?

Plus-Level intro sessions: If you're comfortable with Basic and Mainstream calls, try a Plus-level intro to learn more challenging moves.

Line dancing intro sessions: Explore the world of line dancing, which often goes along with square dances.

Round dancing is another dance that often appears at square dances. Learn the basics of round dancing, which is a choreographed partner dance. Grab your partner and attend the Intro to Round Dancing.

Our convention will have special events like the Sights and Sounds of Texas and the Wednesday performance and early BBQ dinner with The Malpass Brothers. Don't be afraid to step outside of your comfort zone and try something new!

After the Convention

Stay in Touch: Exchange contact information with friends you made at the convention.

More next month!



Karen Nace, Melody Purnell and Tina Kelly
of Houston Area Camping Squares

Show Off Your Club Outfit!

Many clubs have matching or coordinating outfits. We'd like to feature those in upcoming e-Magazines.

If you would like to contribute a photo, please send it to karennace@gmail.com.

In your email, please identify the people and the club. Check with the people to make sure they don't mind being in our publication.

Your deadline is March 1.

Your picture should feature two to three people. Rarely can we run huge horizontal group shots because the magazine's format will not allow it.

Texas Sports Hall of Fame



Meet the Legends!

The Texas Sports Hall of Fame is located in Waco, Texas. Its mission is to preserve and honor the achievements of athletes, coaches, and sports figures who have strong ties to Texas.

The museum includes several major exhibits areas:

The Texas Sports Hall of Fame Gallery highlights inductees from a wide range of sports.

The Southwest Conference Gallery houses the largest collection of Southwest Conference memorabilia in existence.

The Texas High School Football Hall of Fame occupies its own wing and recognizes outstanding players, coaches, and teams from across the state.

The Health, Fitness, and Education Center has interactive displays designed for students and youth groups. Additional exhibits honor Texas sports broadcasters and journalists.

Many well-known athletes have been inducted into the hall, including Nolan Ryan, Earl Campbell, Sheryl Swoopes, Tom Landry, and Clyde Drexler.

For information:

www.tshof.org

(254) 756-1633

1108 University Park Dr.

Waco, TX 76705

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:

nuts on a
'55 Ford.

Now it's your turn:

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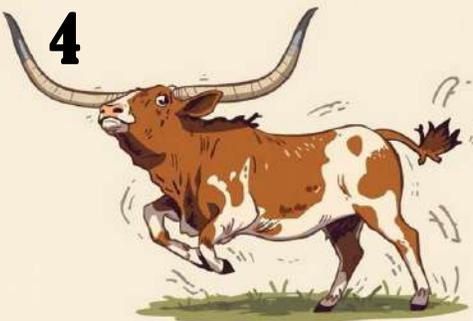
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Talk Like a Texan

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If you're really going to talk like a Texan, you must be wearing cowboy boots and a Western hat.

Feature by Wanda Kruse

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Fun Youth Activities



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 the youth can look forward to:

- Youth-focused dance sessions
- Workshops and skill-building
- Games and icebreakers
- Youth parade and performances
- Mentorship and community

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.

If you would like more details about youth programming, feel free to reach out to our Youth Coordinator, Kati Raleigh, at yodelergirl@yahoo.com. We can't wait to see you on the dance floor!

Just Joking Around

Grandpappy Dillo Yarns



What is an armadillo-shaped candy called?

An armadil-lollipop.

*You make my heart do the
armadillo roll—full of love and armor.*

What do you call a dancing armadillo?

A twist-a-dillo

*Dating advice? Be like an armadillo,
strong on the outside but warm on the inside.*

**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.

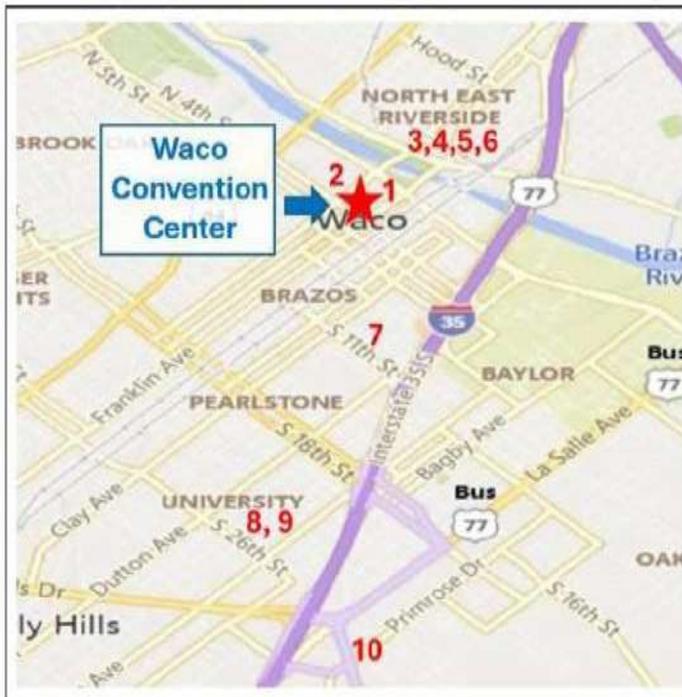
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
ALL DONORS ELIGIBLE FOR A GRAND PRIZE DRAWING



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

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 # _____

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 (\$35 after 4/30/2026)	# _____ @ \$30.00	\$ _____
Round Dance Syllabus - <input type="checkbox"/> USB Drive	# _____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Printed copy (Must be purchased by 4/30/2026)	# _____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Printed copy & USB (Must be purchased by 4/30/26)	# _____ @ \$25.00	\$ _____
Sew & Save Book - <input type="checkbox"/> USB Drive or <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Download	# _____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
Hearing Assistance Device (N/C) - Refundable Deposit	# _____ @ \$50.00	\$ _____
Wednesday Night Special Event - Malpass Brothers		
Dinner* & Show \$55 per person Premium Seating		SOLD OUT
<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner* & Show \$45 per person Standard Seating	# _____ @ \$45.00	\$ _____
*Dinner Entrée BBQ Beef _____ or Grilled Chicken _____		
Convenience Fee for Credit Card Processing	3.5%	\$ _____
TOTAL		\$ _____

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

Check Enclosed Cash (in Person) Credit Card Zelle

Name on Card: _____

Card Type (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, Discover): _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

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

INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM

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

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

DANGERS - 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 the Convention Center



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

Live Music in Contra Halls

Thank
you!

74th
NSDC

General Chairmen
Ted & Tonia Hofmeister
and their fabulous team

For your donation of
\$1500 to the 75th NSDC
\$1500 to the 76th NSDC
\$1500 to the 77th NSDC
for
LIVE MUSIC in the Contra Hall(s)!



Malpass Brothers Concert



Wednesday, June 24, 2026 Malpass Brothers concert.

You're in for a treat!



Word Search

GRANDPAPPY DILLO'S WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

O S V N O E C A R B M E D P O B C
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ADORE	CHOCOLATE	FEBRUARY	LOVE
ARROW	CRUSH	FLOWERS	PASSION
BALLOONS	CUPID	FRIENDSHIP	PINK
BOUQUET	DARLING	GIFT	
CANDY	DATE	HEART	
CARD	DEVOTION	HONEY	
CHARM	EMBRACE	HUG	
CHERISH		KISS	



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Is Graduation in Your Future?

The Leadership Certification Program is designed to help dancers become better leaders. The program enriches a dancer's knowledge of relevant issues facing our pastime, provides information and materials to assist in promoting an interest in dancing and suggests ideas and strategies to help deal with local club challenges.



Requirements for LCP Certification

- **MANDATORY SESSION**
(Keynote address)
- **FOUR CORE SESSIONS**
- **TWO ELECTIVE SESSIONS**

Upon completion, you will receive:

- An LCP Graduate dangle with a rhinestone in the eye of the armadillo
- A graduation certificate in a beautiful certificate holder
- Admiration of other dancers for the knowledge and leadership abilities you now have

Upon partial completion, you will receive:

- An LCP Attendee dangle that signifies you are in the process of completing LCP

Remember, the more classes you take, the more diamonds of knowledge you hold.

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

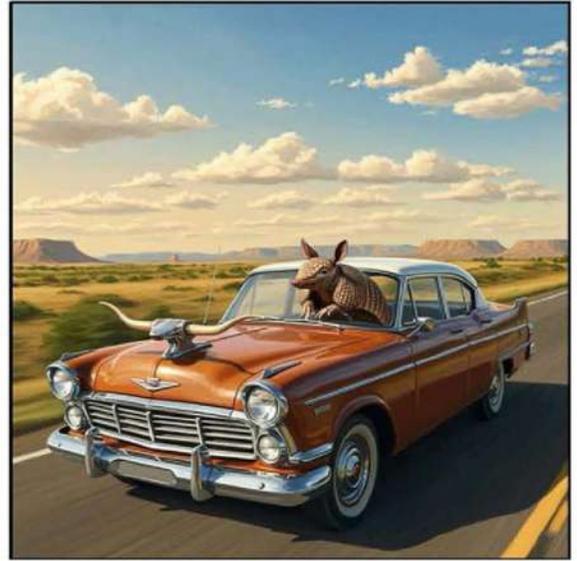
Waco Streak and GoGOWaco provide luxury shuttle service from DFW and Dallas Love Field. Airport Transportation of Waco offers hotel and airport transfers.

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>.



Sew Mastectomy Aprons

Would you like a charm, dangles and a charm bracelet from Sew and Save at the 75th NSDC in Waco? If so, participate in the Mastectomy Apron Community Project! Just complete one apron and you will receive a charm. Individuals completing five aprons will get a red dangle plus the one-apron charm. Those completing 10 aprons will be given a blue dangle in addition to the charm and red dangle. If you make more than 10 aprons, you will receive a charm bracelet along with the charm and two dangles. To facilitate getting a lot of aprons made, the fabric will be pre-cut so all you have to do is sew!

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

The Mastectomy Apron project was started at the 72nd National Square Dance Convention® in Mobile, AL. These “aprons” carry the bag that surgical tubes drain into following a mastectomy. All aprons created in Waco will be donated to the Pretty in Pink Foundation, which ensures that quality lifesaving medical treatment is available to breast cancer patients.



Word Search Answers

O	S	V	N	O	E	C	A	R	B	M	E	D	P	O	B	C
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S	N	O	O	L	L	A	B	N	E	S	C	T	T	U	G	I

From Word Search on page 26

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!

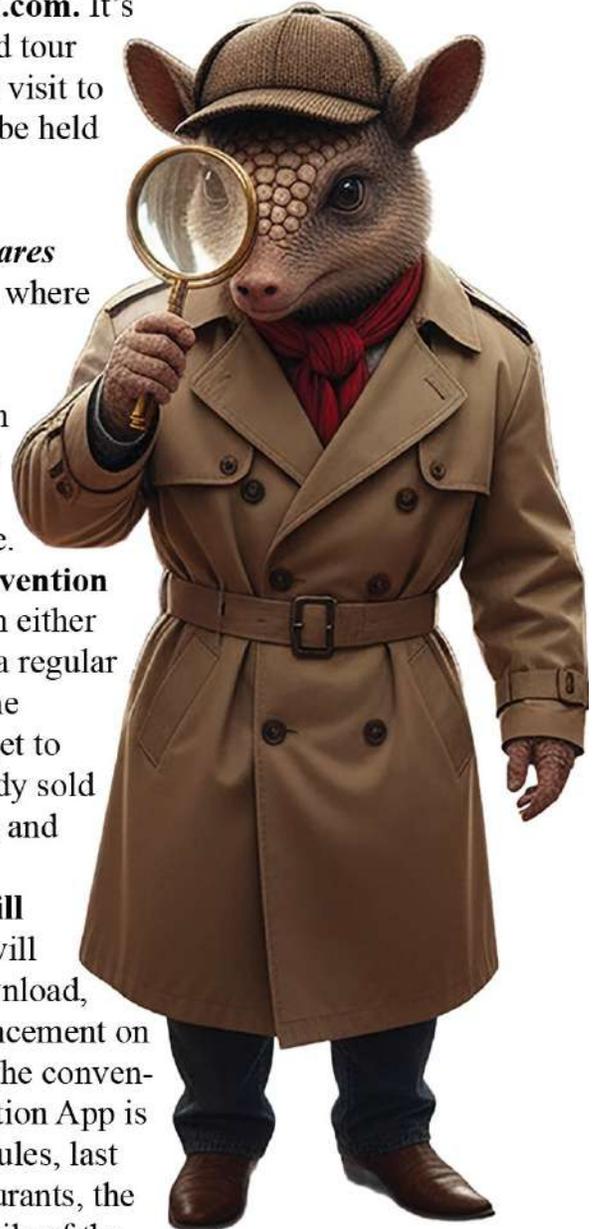
1. Visit the convention website at www.75nsdctx.com. It's full of forms, links, special events, hotel details and tour information... all the details you need to plan your visit to the 75th NSDC at the Waco Convention Center to be held June 24-27, 2026.

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!

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
Chisholm Hall
Doors Open 1:00 pm
Show Starts 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	2,319
January	1,306	1,350	1,700	1,807	1,686	2,430
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 Jan. 31, 2026

Alaska 0	Michigan 23	Texas 894
Alabama 82	Minnesota 50	Utah 11
Arkansas 53	Missouri 62	Virginia 23
Arizona 26	Mississippi 25	Vermont 1
California 119	Montana 3	Washington 22
Colorado 70	North Carolina 21	Wisconsin 30
Connecticut 1	North Dakota 6	West Virginia 4
Delaware 2	Nebraska 7	Wyoming 0
Florida 85	New Hampshire 5	
Georgia 86	New Jersey 17	
Hawaii 4	New Mexico 18	International Registrations
Iowa 23	Nevada 4	Australia 6
Idaho 5	New York 11	Belize 2
Illinois 40	Ohio 95	Canada 11
Indiana 31	Oklahoma 82	Germany 23
Kansas 35	Oregon 11	Japan 10
Kentucky 43	Pennsylvania 33	Netherlands 4
Louisiana 39	Rhode Island 0	Switzerland 2
Massachusetts 10	South Carolina 26	Taiwan 19
Maryland 34	South Dakota 11	
Maine 8	Tennessee 62	



Talk Like a Texan Answers

From activity on pages 16-17

1. As tight as the rusted lug nuts on a '55 Ford
2. That floats my boat.
3. The porch light is always on.
4. He's in a sod-pawin', horn-tossin' mood.
5. Like putting socks on a rooster
6. She's got some snap in her garters.
7. As welcome as an outhouse breeze.
8. If you lie down with dogs, you get up with fleas.
9. Nervous as a long-tailed cat in a room full of rockers.

Top 6 States in Registrations

Texas 894 / California 119

Ohio 95 / Florida 85

Georgia 86 / Alabama 82



Sew and Save at the 75th NSDC

*Enjoy these Sew and Save classes at the
75th National Square Dance Convention®
in the Waco Convention Center on June 24-27, 2026*

SEWING 101

This class is for people who are new to sewing.

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 shirt 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, adjust it for your body proportions, and how to properly cut out fashion.

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 of 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 a little something extra to it, like your favorite design, bling, or beads. The list is endless.

Make sure to check the 75th NSDC's Convention App (available for download in May) for dates and locations.



**Sign up for the National Convention and help
celebrate the Diamond Jubilee at
<https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>**

Convention Badges



You'll want to stop by the NEC Archive Room, which will feature 74 national convention name tags arranged across three display cases.

These items, along with the cases, were donated by square dancers Jack and Peggy Smith and Marvin Fishman, all of whose contributions highlight the history and spirit of square dancing.

Marvin Fishman, a longtime attendee of national conventions, is expected to join the upcoming convention in Waco this June.



Marvin Fishman

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: Call Gary Lester 281-857-3177



Bio: Billy and Romana Grimsley

Assistant General Chairman

Ramona started square dancing in 1976 in Austin, TX with the Whirly Birds, as most of the couples were stationed at Bergstrom Air Force Base. Their caller was Joe Brown. She danced with them until 1978, when the club was forced to move due to the YWCA closing and the club merging with the Shirts N Skirts in Georgetown, TX.

Because of the distance from Austin and finding out she was going to have a baby boy with two more baby boys following, she took a parenting break and started back in 2000 with the Waterloo Squares in South Austin after a divorce. Ramona and Billy met at square dancing and married in 2024. Both of them are very enthusiastic dancers, enjoy entertaining folks in their square, and above all want to preserve square dancing in the USA!

Billy started square dancing at the age of 14 in a church group and recruited his friends from school as well as his family in the Seguin area. Soon his group began driving to surrounding towns like San Antonio, Gonzalez, Shertz and Marble Falls. In 2011, Billy decided to learn how to call and took his first caller school weekend in California. It was like lightning struck his heart, and he continued to practice on his own. At his first national convention in Arkansas, Billy attended a GSI Callers School. As of 2017, he held various positions in his club called the Wheel and Deals and is currently president. Billy and Ramona served as presidents of Austin Square and Round Dance Association and were asked to serve as Assistant General Chairman of the 75th NSDC by Claudia and Gary Lester. Their pre-requisite for this position is the ability to instill “jubilee” into the thousands of dancers who will be joining us at the 75th NSDC Diamond Jubilee.



Bio: Ken and Dawn Hengst

Ceremonies Coordinator

Ken and Dawn Hengst began their square dance journey in 2016 when some friends invited them to Fun Night at the Hey Lollies in Houston. Dawn knew that very first night that they would take the lessons – she was a little more enthusiastic than Ken at the beginning. But as they began dancing, Ken also became a very dedicated member of the activity. Ken and Dawn consider their friends' invitation as a wonderful gift that has allowed them to meet and befriend countless fabulous people.

Ken and Dawn truly embrace the social aspect of square dance. They belong to the Hey Lollies, Texas Renegades and Tim's Gems. They love to visit each club in the Houston area, dance whenever they travel and really enjoy dance weekends around the country along with state and national conventions.

They have also become active in the leadership of square dance. Ken and Dawn have served as Secretaries and Class Coordinators for the Hey Lollies. They recently completed their term as Presidents of the Houston Square and Round Dance Council, where they previously held the offices of First and Second Vice Presidents. They have served as Historians for the Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers, and they are some of the founders and current leadership team for the Texas Renegades. They are also members of Caller Lab.

As Ceremonies Coordinators for the 75th National Square Dance Convention[®] Ken and Dawn want to bring a fun, exciting atmosphere to the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. They invite you to attend the ceremonies to see what they have in store for you.

When they are not doing something related to square dance, Ken and Dawn enjoy spending time with their daughter and son-in-law and especially with their two grandchildren. They also love to travel and are likely to show up anywhere in the US for a dance! They are both retired from their professional careers.



Free School for Callers

GRAND SQUARE INTERNATIONAL and the NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®

present the

GSI/NSDC Callers School

for registered guests of the National Convention

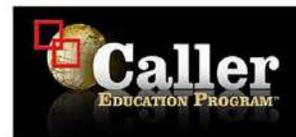
THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S
FREE!

75TH Waco
TEXAS

75th National Square Dance Convention®
Waco
June 24-27 2026
DIAMOND JUBILEE

DON'T WAIT, REGISTER TODAY for the CONVENTION! <https://www.75nsdc.com/register-online>

CALLER SCHOOL WILL BE at the WACO CONVENTION CENTER, 100 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701



Sunday, June 21st, Noon — Wednesday, June 24th, Noon, 2026

Sign up for the Caller School now at www.gscallerschool.com

Email: Tony@TonyOxendine.com for more info. Do it now!



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 6-7 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 8-9 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?



Find your pot of gold at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®!

- Dance Workshops
- Education Classes
- Dancing Morning 'Til Night
- Dance to Live Music
- Great After Parties
- Enjoy Top Dance Leaders
- The Malpass Brothers Show
- Exciting Fashion Show
- Sew and Save Projects
- Celebrate America's
 Birthday & the NSDC's
 Diamond Jubilee
- Spectacular Opening
 & Closing Ceremonies
- Enjoy Fabulous Tours &
 Food of Waco
- Catch Up with Old Friends
 & Make Some New Ones



*Fill your pot of gold with all this & more at the 75th NSDC
June 24-27, 2026 in the Waco Convention Center!*
Sign up today at <https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>



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**





MEET ROMEO and JULIET!

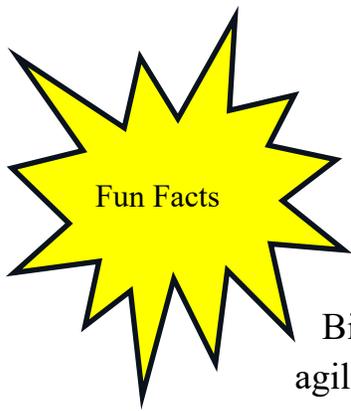


OFFICIAL MASCOTS OF THE 76TH NSDC CONVENTION IN LOVELAND, COLORADO

Team Loveland chose the majestic and rugged Big Horn Sheep to represent our convention in 2027. We named our mascots Romeo and Juliet because they found True Love in Loveland, Colorado -----

AMERICA'S SWEETHEART CAPITAL!





The Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep is Colorado's official animal and Colorado is home to the largest population of the species anywhere. Bighorns prefer steep, high mountainous terrain and are quick footed and agile like us **Square Dancers !**



Big Horn Sheep are a popular attraction for wildlife enthusiasts and tourists. They are frequently spotted in Rocky Mountain National Park which is a short drive from Loveland. There is also a tour of the Park offered during the convention that you will not want to miss. You can sign up for this exhilarating tour on your convention registration form.

At the convention, our Ways and Means committee will have adorable plush Big Horn Sheep stuffed animals for sale. They make wonderful gifts to take home and remind you of a wonderful square dance convention in the Colorado Rockies.



“Mountain Royalty” bronze sculpture in Benson Sculpture Park in Loveland. One of many works of art displayed in this lovely outdoor park located near the convention center.

Courtesy of Town of Loveland – Art in Public Places.
“Mountain Royalty” John Marsico



Planning Tips for The 76TH NSDC



- ✓ 1. **Getting Registered**
 - Don't wait! Visit www.76nsdc.com now. You'll get a registration number from the system. Keep your registration number handy; you'll need it often.
- ✓ 2. **Booking Your Trip to Colorado**
 - Denver International Airport (DEN) serves 27 carriers with nonstop service to 230 destinations throughout the Americas, Europe, and Asia.
 - Frontier, Southwest, and United all have hubs at DEN.
 - Colorado is near the center of the US, so driving here is a viable option.
- ✓ 3. **Reserving Your Stay in Northern Colorado**
 - 76 NSDC has contracted with 17+ quality hotels in Northern Colorado (12 mi. or less from the Convention Center). Prices range from \$109 to \$239 per night.
 - Links for booking hotels will be sent to all registrants starting in July 2026, prioritized in the order the long forms are received. Booking your hotel stay with this system is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!** Rooms will be scarce at this time in 2027. There's a national horse show in town during our convention and a national high school girls' softball tournament immediately following it.
 - 76 NSDC has vetted 6 campgrounds around the convention center. Prices, discounts, commute time, and other important factors vary greatly, so **go to the website** for important detailed information and links to register (www.76nsdc.com/accommodations/). Links for reserving campsites are available NOW. The best sites will go quickly, so snag your site soon!
- ✓ 4. **Motoring Up to Loveland**
 - Reaching Northern Colorado by car (rental or personal) is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!** This is the West; you need your own "horse" 🐎 .
 - Airport Shuttles from DEN to FNL (Loveland/Ft. Collins airport) are Landline and Groome (see **Transportation** tab at www.76nsdc.com).
- ✓ 5. **Getting To and From the Convention Center**
 - Primary modes of transportation in Loveland/Ft. Collins are Lyft, Uber, Ztrip (taxi), and City of Loveland Transit (very limited).
 - Convention-sponsored shuttle buses are possible; costs and schedules are not finalized at this time.
- ✓ 6. **Being At The Convention Center**
 - Ample parking at or adjacent to the Convention Center will be available @ \$15/day with unlimited in/out privileges.
 - Lunch and dinner buffets will be available at the Embassy Suites dining room on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the Convention. Tickets are available @ 76nsdc.com/register/.

The 76NSDC Registration, Housing, and Transportation Committee





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
 First Name & Last Name for **CONVENTION BADGES** Sub-Totals

No. of past NSDC's prior to 76th	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

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

TOURS can be purchased online at 76nsdc.com/tours

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

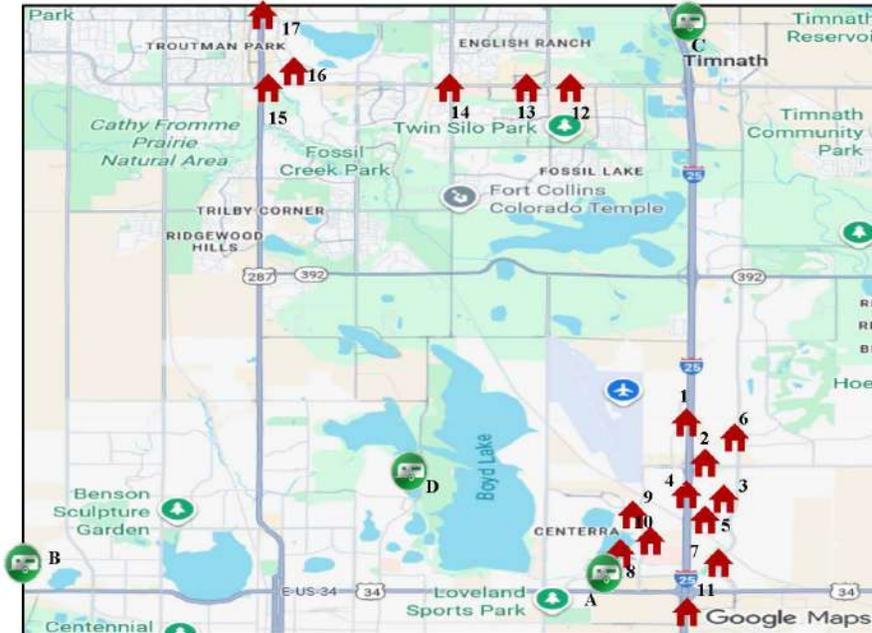
Square Dance Program – check all levels you wish to dance:
 Mainstream Plus Advanced Challenge
 Contra Lines Rounds Phase II III IV V VI
 Handicapable Solo
 Education Leadership Certification Program: Yes No
 Pre-registration to attend education sessions is not required.
 Visit 76nsdc.com for more information

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>

New Circle Squares Presents

MARCH 21, 2026



Nick Hartley



Earle & Carol Collins



Dave Vieira

Split the pot
Silent Auction

11:30AM-12:00 Early Rounds
12:00-2:00 Mainstream
2:00-4:00 Plus with Rounds
4:00-5:00 A Dance



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Mail below form and payment
no later than March 9th to:
Dave Vieira, P.O. Box 770477, Ocala, FL, 34477
Cell: 214-952-5269. Email: DVCaller@gmail.com

Make Checks Payable to: Dave Vieira

Register: Name(s):

Last: _____ First: _____

Last: _____ First: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Email _____



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Get to Know the World Class Ocean Center in Daytona Beach, FL-Class Ocean Center

Proud Venue of the 77th National Square Dance Convention®

The Ocean Center in Daytona Beach is more than a convention venue—it's a coastal landmark, a modern gathering place, and a vibrant hub for events of every size. As it celebrates its 40th anniversary, the Ocean Center has emerged from a sweeping renovation with renewed energy, upgraded amenities, and a refreshed look that perfectly complements the excitement of the 77th National Square Dance Convention®.

Getting to Daytona Beach is simple, with four airports offering convenient options for travelers.

- Daytona Beach International Airport (DAB) – Just 10 minutes from the Ocean Center, DAB is the closest airport and offers quick security, easy navigation, and major carrier-carrier service.
- Orlando International Airport (MCO) – About 60 minutes away, MCO provides extensive domestic and international flights, making it ideal for travelers seeking maximum flexibility.
- Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB) – Roughly 50 minutes from Daytona Beach, SFB is known for its ease of use and value focused-focused airlines.
- Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) – Located 90 minutes north, JAX offers another broad selection of carriers and routes.

Nearby Attractions for Pre and Post- and PostConvention-Convention Fun

Daytona Beach is a destination, but it also serves as a gateway to some of Florida's most famous attractions. Many attendees choose to extend their stay and explore the region.

Within Daytona Beach:

- Daytona International Speedway – Home of the Daytona 500 and year-round-round tours
- Ponce Inlet Lighthouse – Florida's tallest lighthouse with stunning views
- Marine Science Center – A family friendly-friendly attraction focused on sea turtle and bird rehabilitation
- Historic Beach Street District – Shopping, dining, and riverfront charm

Within Driving Distance:

- Walt Disney World Resort – About 60 minutes away, offering four theme parks, two water parks, and endless entertainment
- Universal Orlando Resort – Roughly 60 minutes away, featuring Universal Studios Florida, Islands of Adventure, and the Wizarding World of Harry Potter
- SeaWorld Orlando – Approximately 60 minutes away, with marine life exhibits and thrill rides
- St. Augustine – About 60 minutes north, the nation's oldest city filled with history, architecture, and coastal beauty

A Perfect Match for the 77th National Square Dance Convention®

With its modern amenities, coastal setting, and walkable surroundings, the Ocean Center is an exceptional venue for the 77th National Square Dance Convention®. Its recent renovation ensures that the facility is not only beautiful but also highly functional—ready to support the energy, excitement, and community spirit that define this beloved annual event.

From the first welcome to the final farewell, the Ocean Center provides the perfect backdrop for unforgettable memories, fellowship, and world-class dancing.





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: _____





National Squares E-Magazine Advertising Space Contract

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Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
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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.**

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

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

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

(FIRST) (LAST) (FIRST) (LAST)

Address: _____ Child _____ Child _____

(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@wascacclubs.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.

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Tom called for WASCA
34 times starting in 1986.

He will be missed by his
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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.*

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August 20 to 22, 2026

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

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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.**





USDA Youth Dancing Grant Program



USDA is pleased to offer a NEW opportunity for square dance clubs or organizations to receive financial assistance to support developing or growing their youth dancing activities. This is a newly funded GRANT program specifically directed to assist in the involvement, recruitment and fostering of youth growth within the square dance community. It is currently funded in the amount of \$5,000 annually.

A club or organization may apply for grant funds from \$250 to \$1,000 to supplement existing funds and/or cover funding shortfalls related to youth dance promotion and activities. Examples might include helping offset the costs for a group of youth taking lessons (assisting their families) or underwriting the costs for youth/families to attend a State or National Convention.

The application process is simple: The club or organization completes a short application form accompanied by a one-page, typed, double-spaced letter outlining the:

- A. Need and usage of the Grant.
- B. How many youth will be impacted.
- C. What has the applying organization directed towards this request?
- D. Has the organization requested a previous Grant? If so, when, and was the previous grant approved?

The application, along with additional information, are available at https://www.usda.org/Youth_Dancing/. Applications are reviewed and approved or denied within 30 days of receipt. Each application is evaluated by the USDA Youth Grant Committee based on its own merit and need.

Here is a testimonial from our first grant recipient:

Young at Heart Square & Line Dance Club is thrilled to acknowledge the United Square Dancers of America's remarkable support through their Youth Grant, empowering our family and youth group in Mountain City, Tennessee to nurture the next generation of dancers. This funding will unlock opportunities for our youth to attend 2-3 square dance conventions this year, fostering growth, connection, and a lifelong passion for dance. A sincere thank you to United Square Dancers of America (USDA) for believing in our mission.

