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CELEBRATING 75 YEARS

THE NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®

The National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC) will **celebrate 75 years** in 2026 in Waco, Texas - the *“World’s Greatest Square Dance Event”*.

The convention is a one-of-a-kind event that has been held annually since its inception in 1952. The first square dance convention was held in Riverside, California. The Convention Committee called the event the National Square Dance Convention. This event was a huge success, and plans were made to repeat the event in another part of the United States. The Convention Committee in charge of these first conventions met and agreed on plans and guidelines for hosting future annual conventions. Thus, the National Executive Committee (NEC) was formed with the responsibility of overseeing the planning and execution of the annual event. In 1962, the Convention Committee applied for and received a registered trademark for *“National Square Dance Convention®”*.

The convention features a comprehensive Education Program with sessions, demonstrations, and workshops. It covers all aspects of dancing, exhibitions, bid sessions, special events, and shopping. Attendees enjoy connecting with dancers and leaders from around the world, and many distinguished Dance Leaders participate annually.

The National Executive Committee (NEC) consists of past Convention General Chairmen; this is the sole path to membership. The NEC meets at least twice annually during Pre-Convention and Convention weeks. Members invest several days monthly and additional weeks for these events. Serving in a volunteer role, NEC members receive no compensation and are responsible for their own registration and travel expenses.

The NEC selects future convention sites from qualified bids based on broad criteria reflecting dancers' needs. Bidding cities must submit proposals to the NEC 90 days before the next NSDC. The winning city is announced at the Convention Closing Ceremony.

The largest convention was held in Anaheim California in 1976 with an attendance of 39,796. In 2020, the convention was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic.



Below are the Convention registration totals per year. **938,835 registrations to date!**

YEAR	CITY	ATTENDANCE	YEAR	CITY	ATTENDANCE
1952	Riverside, CA	6,500	1989	Oklahoma City, OK	20,572
1953	Kansas City, MO	5,000	1990	Memphis, TN	23,651
1954	Dallas, TX	5,354	1991	Salt Lake City, UT	17,840
1955	Oklahoma City, OK	7,644	1992	Cincinnati, OH	20,703
1956	San Diego, CA	12,253	1993	St. Louis, MO	18,808
1957	St. Louis, MO	8,454	1994	Portland, OR	21,170
1958	Louisville, KY	8,027	1995	Birmingham, AL	12,719
1959	Denver, CO	8,848	1996	San Antonio, TX	16,638
1960	Des Moines, IA	12,328	1997	Orlando, FL	13,410
1961	Detroit, MI	18,195	1998	Charlotte, NC	13,085
1962	Miami Beach, FL	10,336	1999	Indianapolis, IN	10,011
1963	St. Paul, MN	10,863	2000	Baltimore, MD	10,059
1964	Long Beach, CA	14,790	2001	Anaheim, CA	13,011
1965	Dallas, TX	11,196	2002	St. Paul, MN	8,828
1966	Indianapolis, IN	14,016	2003	Oklahoma City, OK	7,732
1967	Philadelphia, PA	9,729	2004	Denver, CO	8,607
1968	Omaha, NE	10,284	2005	Portland, OR	8,136
1969	Seattle, WA	12,673	2006	San Antonio, TX	7,188
1970	Louisville, KY	19,542	2007	Charlotte, NC	8,021
1971	New Orleans, LA	13,636	2008	Wichita, KS	5,997
1972	Des Moines, IA	15,823	2009	Long Beach, CA	4,912
1973	Salt Lake City, UT	16,121	2010	Louisville, KY	6,295
1974	San Antonio, TX	18,052	2011	Detroit, MI	3,677
1975	Kansas City, MO	22,052	2012	Spokane, WA	5,576
1976	Anaheim, CA	39,796	2013	Oklahoma City, OK	4,203
1977	Atlantic City, NJ	24,568	2014	Little Rock, AR	3,843
1978	Oklahoma City, OK	23,879	2015	Springfield, MA	4,004
1979	Milwaukee, WI	22,170	2016	Des Moines, IA	3,914
1980	Memphis, TN	26,841	2017	Cincinnati, OH	3,561
1981	Seattle, WA	24,379	2018	Kansas City, MO	3,170
1982	Detroit, MI	18,050	2019	Atlanta, GA	4,049
1983	Louisville, KY	30,953	2020	Spokane, WA, Cancelled	0
1984	Baltimore, MD	20,052	2021	Jackson, MS	1,826
1985	Birmingham, AL	17,783	2022	Evansville, IN	2,032
1986	Indianapolis, IN	27,192	2023	Mobile, AL	2,312
1987	Houston, TX	20,164	2024	Milwaukee, WI	2,564
1988	Anaheim, CA	26,967	2025	Shreveport, LA	2,201





The National Square Dance Convention® National Executive Committee (NEC) has set up a new Facebook page to post dance activities and new items. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1262399389176755> and like our new page.



GLINDA TORVIK

Glinda Torvik passed on March 16, 2026.

Chris Hall, Glinda’s daughter, said it best (posted on Facebook).

“If there is one thing I hope people remember about Mama, it was her heart. Glinda Torvik had a way of making you feel like you mattered—really mattered. When she was with you, she wasn’t halfway paying attention or distracted. She was present. She listened with her whole face, laughed with her whole body, and loved with a kind of warmth that wrapped around you. Being in her presence made life feel lighter, safer, easier. She could lift your spirit just by walking into the room.”

Many dancers knew her as “Glinda the good witch!” Glinda loved life and especially loved dancing. When she graduated from square dance lessons Dad took her to her first Convention. She was hooked. Glinda and Dan made it part of their life to promote dancing wherever they went. She loved the National Square Dance Convention® and wanted to see it continue and thrive after Covid. She could be seen taking pictures at every event they attended, posting later for all to enjoy.



Dan and Glinda Torvik live in Tennessee. They were asked to host the 70th National Square Dance Convention® (70th NSDC) in Jackson, MS in June 2021. They agreed. They and their team presented a Bid in 2017 at the 66th NSDC in Cincinnati, OH. The bid was awarded to Dan and Glinda, and to Jackson, MS. Dan and Glinda joined the National Executive Committee (NEC) in July 2021 and requested Member Emeritus in June 2025.



Warning!

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS
NOW!**



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.

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



The 75th National Square Dance Convention offers a set of diverse hotel experiences during

Hotel	Waco CC Distance	Rate	Reservation Deadline	Free Amenities			
				Breakfast	Parking	Wi-Fi	Laundry
Hilton Waco 113 S University Parks Dr	SOLD OUT						
Courtyard 101 Washington Ave	SOLD OUT						
Cambria Hotel <i>110 S MLK Jr Blvd</i>	6-8 min walk	\$172/night	6/9/2026		✓	✓	
Even Hotel 110 S MLK Jr Blvd	SOLD OUT						
Holiday Inn Express 101 Taylor St	SOLD OUT						
Spring Hill Suites 115 S Jack Kultgen Expressway	SOLD OUT						
Aloft Waco <i>900 S 11th St</i>	5 min drive	\$159/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
LaQuinta 911 S 10 th Street	SOLD OUT						
Element Hotel <i>2200 Robinson Dr</i>	7 min drive	\$154/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Home2Suites <i>2500 Bagby Ave</i>	7 min drive	\$174/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	

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.

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

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Pet-Friendly Hotels



The short answer is YES! All but two of our hotels allow pets!

Hotel	CC Distance	Accept Pets?	Pet Fee	Additional Info
Cambria Hotel	6-8 min walk	No	N/A	No pets are allowed except for service animals
Aloft Waco	5 min drive	Yes	\$0	2 pets max up to 40 lbs.
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

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

Enjoy having your furry companion with you at your hotel!

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75th National Square Dance Convention[®] – Waco, TX

June 24-27, 2026

Camping/RV



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



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



Magnolia RV Resort (above) 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 a pancake breakfast on weekends. More details on previous page.

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?

Here are some special things you'll enjoy:

- A huge, multi-hall event with dancing from morning to late night.
- Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Round Dance, Contra, Line, Clogging, and Youth halls running at the same time.

A warm, welcoming atmosphere.

Dance Halls and Activities

- Square Dance Halls: All programs, all day.
- Round Dance Halls: Phases II–VI with teaches and walk-throughs.
- Contra & Line Dance: High-energy, beginner-friendly sessions.
- Clogging: Demonstrations, workshops, and open dancing.
- Youth Hall: Fun, lively, and family-friendly.

Callers, Cuers and Workshops

- Dance to top callers and cuers from across the country, even the world.
- Attend education sessions on dozens of topics.
- Try new dance forms—many workshops and clinics welcome beginners.



Tips for a Great First Convention

- Wear comfortable shoes—you'll walk and dance a lot.
- Bring a small tote for water and snacks.
- Don't hesitate to visit new halls, everyone is friendly.
- Check the daily schedule to plan your favorite sessions.

The Spirit of the Convention

Expect smiles, laughter, and lots of “Where are you from?” It's a celebration of dance, friendship, and tradition—perfect for newcomers.

Welcome to your first National Square Dance Convention—enjoy every step!

Waco Mammoth National Park



Waco Mammoth National Monument tells the story of one of the most remarkable Ice Age discoveries in the United States. The site preserves the only known nursery herd of Columbian mammoths ever found, a group of massive animals. Standing up to 14 feet tall and weighing around 20,000 pounds each, these massive animals roamed what is now Central Texas thousands of years ago.

The heart of the monument is a fossil bed left exactly where the animals fell, known as an *in situ* dig. Visitors can see mammoth bones still embedded in the earth beneath a climate-controlled shelter. This rare preservation

gives scientists and visitors a direct window into the Pleistocene world and how these animals lived, traveled and died together.

Guided tours run every 30 minutes and take visitors from the Welcome Center down a paved path to the dig shelter. Tours last 45 minutes to an hour and explain the Ice Age environment and why the site is scientifically important.

You'll find trails and outdoor areas to let you explore the surrounding landscape, which would have been home to mammoths, camels and other Ice Age animals.

More information on next page

IT'S WACO Y'ALL!

Waco Mammoth National Monument

Waco Mammoth National Monument sits within 100 acres of wooded parkland along the Bosque River surrounded by oak, mesquite and cedar trees. It is home to our nation's only recorded discovery of a nursery herd of Colombian (Pleistocene) mammoths. The mammoth fossils at Waco Mammoth National Monument are protected by a building called the Dig Shelter.

Tickets are not needed to enjoy the park, just to view the Dig Shelter on a guided tour. All tours lead to the Dig Shelter so you can enjoy our amazing fossils.

Tour ticket fees:

- Adults (18-61): \$6
- Seniors (62+): \$5
- Military (w/ID): \$5
- Youth (4-17): \$5
- Children (3 & under): Free

Features:

- Accessible Free Parking
- Picnic Area. Water Fountains
- Walking Trails - Paved and Unpaved
- Youth Activity Area

Address

- 6220 Steinbeck Bend Dr., (254) 750-7946

Hours

- Open Monday – Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Guided tours of the Dig Shelter available daily.



[Waco Mammoth National Monument](#)

75th National Square Dance Convention®

EDUCATION PROGRAM

“The more classes you take, the more diamonds of knowledge you hold!”

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

“It’s Been 75 Years: Why Change Now?”

Thursday, June 24th 9:30 – 10:00 AM

Convention Center-McLennan Hall

ORGANIZATIONS ROUND TABLE

“From Vision to Reality: Success Stories and Strategies for Implementing Change”

Thursday, June 24th 10:15–11:30AM

Convention Center - McLennan Hall

LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Build Your Skills as a Club or Organization Leader

Check-in at the Education Check-In Desk

Hilton Hotel on the First Floor Hallway Between Brazos Ballroom and the Education Rooms

EDUCATION PANELS AND SEMINARS

Check the Program Book or the Convention App for the Schedule and Descriptions

Hilton Hotel on the First Floor – Lavaca, Sabine, and Guadalupe Rooms

SEW & SAVE PROGRAM

Check the Program Book or the Convention App for Schedule and Activities

Hilton Hotel on the First Floor – Brazos Rooms A and C

SHOWCASE OF ORGANIZATIONS

What are National Organizations doing to promote square dancing?

Located in the very wide inside hallway that backs up to McLennan 209.

Glass windows are on the other side of the hallway.

NEC ARCHIVES ROOM

Explore the history of our national square dance event!

Convention Center, Main Floor in Lone Star Room 105



Exciting youth activities

Dear Parents,

As we gear up for the 75th National Square Dance Convention®, we want to extend a warm welcome to all the families joining us in celebrating this milestone event! While we will not have a dedicated youth room this year, we want to assure you that there will be **plenty of fun, engaging and age-appropriate activities** planned specifically for our teen dancers.

Our goal is to make this convention a memorable experience for dancers of all ages. Here's a glimpse of what your youth can look forward to:

- **Youth-focused dance sessions:** Specially scheduled square and round dance sessions tailored for youth, with energetic callers and cuers who know how to keep the floor lively and fun.
- **Workshops and skill-building:** Opportunities for youth to improve their dancing skills, learn new moves, and even try out calling in a supportive environment.
- **Games and 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.



Why bring your youth?

Square dancing is more than just a fun activity—it's a community. By bringing your youth to the convention, you're giving them the chance to build lifelong friendships, gain confidence and leadership skills, and be part of a vibrant, intergenerational tradition.

We're committed to making this a safe, joyful, and enriching experience for all our young dancers. So, pack those dancing shoes and get ready for an unforgettable time at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®!

If you have any questions or would like more details about youth programming, feel free to reach out to our Youth Coordinator, Kati Raleigh, at yodelergirl@yahoo.com.

We can't wait to see you on the dance floor!

Learn to Trash Dance!

Trash Dancing is one of our new classes at the 75th NSDC.

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

Trash Dancing consists of short, stylish additions inserted between the square dance

calls – never replacing them and never messing anybody up. It is about fun, syncopation and musicality while staying on time and rhythm, as well as respecting the caller and the square.

Trash Dancing helps clubs grow! Smiles drive retention, creativity welcomes new dancers, and video-friendly moments help clubs showcase and recruit online.

Come check out the Trash Dancing class at the Waco convention and discover the Trash Dance Society too.




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.

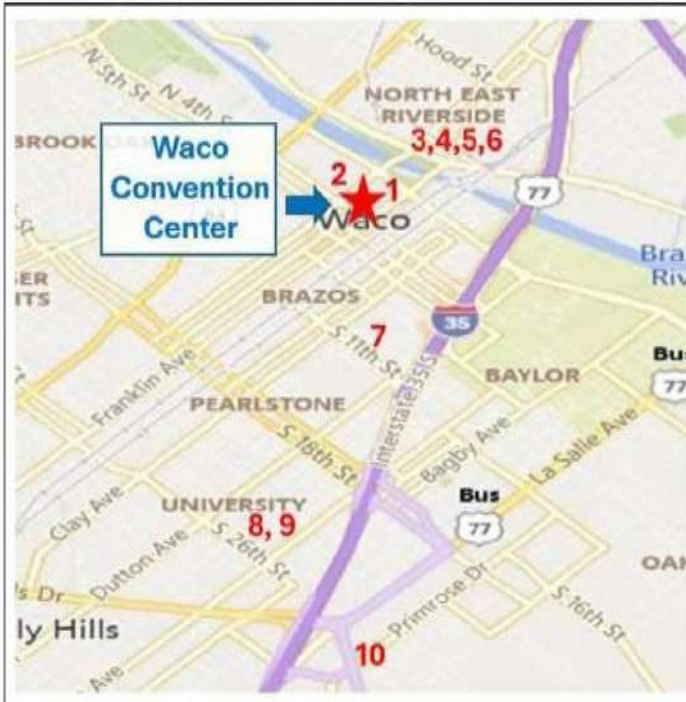
TO DONATE GO TO:
<https://www.gofundme.com/i/ghostriders-band>
NOTE: there is a slide bar at the bottom where you can give gofundme a "tip" for their services.
It is defaulted to a percentage but can be set to zero.

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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Call for a 10% discount on you stay.

Say You are with the Square Dance Convention

Registration Long Form



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Waco Convention Center - June 24-27, 2026

100 Washington Ave, Waco, TX

WE'RE GOING TO TEXAS Y'ALL

Register online at 75nsdctx.com

Zelle your payment to 75nsdc@gmail.com

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

75NSDC

9597 Jones Rd Ste #122

Houston, TX 77065

Email: register.75nsdc@gmail.com

For Convention Use Only

Registration # _____

Date Received _____

Payment Processed _____

Check# or Ref# _____

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.



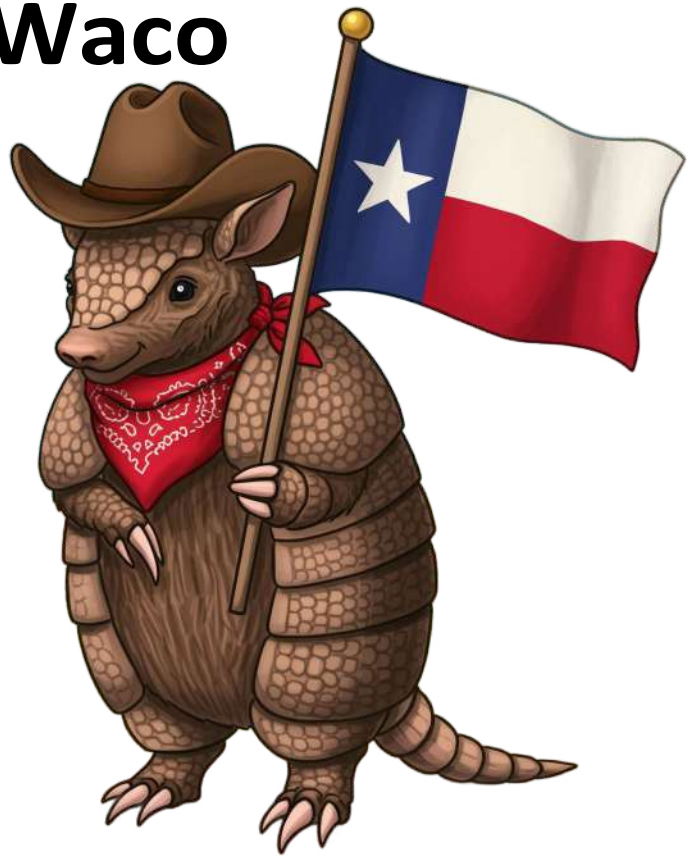
Fly Through the Convention Center



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

Team Waco

We have a dedicated staff for the 75th National Square Dance Convention® which will be June 24-27, 2026. This month we're featuring all of our committees. If you know one of these people, be sure to thank them for their hard work in bringing you the convention we're all looking forward to.



General Chairman: Gary and Claudia Lester

Assistant General Chairman: Billy and Ramona Grimsley

Convention Secretary: Pamela Smith

Computer Coordinator: Fisher Reynolds

Convention Webmaster: Matt Whiteacre

Legal Advisor: Charles Zagara

Traveling Team: Andy and Sandy Remson, John and Cindy Brahm, Everett and Tina Kelly

Special Promotions: Kimberly Vennard

Business Committee

Trent and Beth Hubbert: Business Chairman

Charles and Carol Thornburg: Assistant Business Chairman

Katie Hubbert: Assistant

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Solo Dancers Are Vital to Us!



Solo dancers will be a vibrant and visible part of our 75th National Square Dance Convention®. When you arrive in Waco, be sure to pick up your complimentary **Ask Me to Dance** ribbon at check-in. It's a simple way to connect—whether you meet a partner in one of the halls before you square up or during the special dance held in honor of our solo dancers.

All of this is being coordinated by our Solo Director, Jan Albers, former president of both the Houston Square and Round Dance Council and the Texas Association of Single Square Dancers. As the ambassador to our solo dancer community, Jan will complete more than 1,000 official visitations in 2026, dancing two to five nights each week. Her dedication has earned her more than 1,000 friends and contacts across the country—people she proudly calls her “family.”

What keeps her inspired? In Jan's words: “I am happy to be a square dancer, and just the friendship and love of my fellow square dancers is more than sufficient.”

Join Jan in Waco and experience the Texas hospitality, warmth and camaraderie that will make our convention unforgettable!

Step Out On The Brazos

Dance on the Historic Suspension Bridge

Thursday, June 25, 9:00 am

Keith Klix, Caller

The historic Chisholm Trail passed through Waco in the late 19th century as a major route for driving Texas cattle to Kansas railheads. Running from South Texas through Austin, Belton, and Waco to Fort Worth, this route allowed for the transportation of millions of cattle between 1867 and the mid-1880s.

The Waco Suspension Bridge, completed in 1870, was a transformative feat of 19th-century engineering that served as the first permanent bridge to cross the Brazos River. At the time of its opening, its 475-foot span made it the longest single-span suspension bridge west of the Mississippi River.



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 count-less hours, and pour their passion into every product and interaction.

They help pre-serve the traditions we cherish while also introducing fresh ideas that keep our community vibrant and growing.

We invite you to take a moment to get to know them. Please visit <https://75nsdctx.com/vendors/> to watch short videos showcasing each vendor's specialties. You'll hear their stories, see their work, and understand why they're such an essential part of this historic celebration.

Let's show our appreciation by supporting them, sharing their stories, and stopping by their booths in Waco. Because without our vendors, the convention wouldn't be the same.

Please see next page for a listing of our vendors.



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.



Vendors coming to the Waco convention

Tag-Em! Engraving
Brantley's Western Supply
CALLERLAB

CTP (Caller Teaching Programs)
Quiltedb

Boon Healthy Living
Maverick Man/Kat's Artisan Jewelry

Hilton Audio Products of Texas

Quilted Dragon Crafts

Mimi's Twisted Wire

Sew-Em-Up Fashions

Dance Shoes of Tennessee

Southern Belle Designs

Eva's Petticoats

~Please see 75nsdc.com/vendors~



Getting to Waco

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

BY CAR

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

BY AIR

Waco Regional Airport (ACT) is serviced by American Eagle with flights to and from Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW). Nearby airports are DFW, Dallas Love Field (DAL), Austin-Bergstrom (AUS), and Killeen-Fort Hood (GRK). They all offer connections to Waco via shuttle or rental car.

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

BY BUS

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

BY SHUTTLE

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

LOCAL OPTIONS ONCE YOU'RE HERE

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

RIDESHARE AND TAXIS

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

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



Square Dance Etiquette

Following these time-honored “rules” will enhance the fun for you and everyone in your square.

Treat everyone in your square with courtesy; be friendly and helpful.

Avoid actions to make anyone else in your square uncomfortable.

Refrain from criticism. If it is necessary, make sure it is constructive.

Help less experienced dancers if needed.

Dance gently, don't use an excessive grip or jerk/push others through the square.

Communicate. Advise your partner and others in the square if you have an injury or impairment that may impact your ability to twirl, etc.

Observe personal hygiene and cleanliness. Be sure to use deodorant and use colognes in moderation or not at all. Remember, cologne may trigger an allergic reaction for someone else.

Avoid alcoholic beverages before and during dances. No alcohol is allowed in the Waco Convention Center. Dancing requires your best mental and physical alertness.



If possible, enter the dance floor with a partner. If you need a partner, it is acceptable to stand at the edge of the floor and hold one hand in the air indicating that you are ready to dance.

Join the first square you come to. Walk around the outside of the square to the nearest open position.

If no squares are available to join and you wish to create a new square, raise your hand and use your fingers to display the number of couples. The caller should see your upraised hand and encourage others to complete the square.

And We Have a Winner!

Five Ways to Win in Sew and Save

Make and Take Your Own Special Prizes.

Sew and Save is offering four classes where you can make your own “prizes” to take home. These prizes include boot noodles, Texas-specific bolo ties and pins, bluebonnet necklaces or dangles with beads, and little turtle charms that move. Check the Sew and Save class listings to find out dates and times of these classes.

Participate in the Community Project (mastectomy aprons) and win charms, dangles, and possibly a charm bracelet.

Win prizes in the Sew and Save Brown Bag Raffle. Simply take the Sew and Save flyer in your 75th NSDC registration packet to Sew and Save in the Hilton Hotel, Brazos Room C, and receive two days’ worth of brown bag raffle tickets. Check out all the items being raffled (including gift baskets, sewing tools, handmade items, and assorted other prizes) and place the appropriate tickets for that day in the bag corresponding to the items you would like to win. There will be two drawings, one on Thursday (winners posted Friday morning) and one on Friday (winners posted Saturday morning). There will be different raffle items each day.

Silent Auction for Sewing Machines. There will be three sewing machines to bid on in the Silent Auction: two gently used Brother sewing machines and one antique Singer Featherweight Sewing machine. Just write your name and bid amount on the Silent Auction bid sheet. Keep checking back to see if someone else has placed a higher bid so you have the chance to increase your bid. The highest bid at 5 p.m. on Thursday will get one of the Brother sewing machines. The highest bids for the Singer Featherweight machine and the other Brother machine at 5 p.m. on Friday will be the winners of those machines.

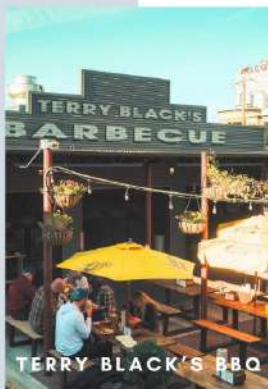
Items on the Free Table

If you aren’t feeling lucky enough to win in the Brown Bag Raffle or Silent Auction, just step over to the free table and take whatever items you can’t live without.



Make your own Boot Noodles

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

Young at Heart to Perform

Young at Heart Square and Line Dance Club has been proudly serving the Mountain City, Tenn. area for more than 20 years. Located in a small Appalachian community in the northeastern corner of the state, Young at Heart has long been committed to preserving and promoting square dancing while welcoming dancers of all ages and experience levels.

Like many clubs, Young at Heart faced significant challenges during the COVID pandemic and came close to closing its doors. Through persistent advertising, community outreach, and dancing throughout Johnson County, we slowly rebuilt our membership and momentum. Today, our club is growing once again and currently has 33 members.

Over the past three years, we have experienced an exciting shift in the age range of our dancers, now spanning from 12 to 80 years old. Our group thrives on high-energy music, enthusiasm, and creativity. Several of our dancers have even choreographed their own moves, adding a unique and personal flair to our dance floor.

We are deeply thankful for the many callers who have shared their time and talent with our club. Special appreciation goes to our club callers, Vic Lenta and Joshua Ransom, who have generously volunteered their time to teach our classes for the past two and a half years, helping guide our club out of financial hardship and into a season of renewed strength and growth.



Heritage Dancers coming to Waco

The Heritage Dancers promote awareness of the historic and artistic value of square dancing, the folk dance which is truly American in origin. Further, the Heritage Dancers strive to demonstrate through educational exhibitions and entertainment the unique place that square dancing hold in our culture.

The public is generally aware of the variations in ethnic folk arts throughout the world. This is due in part to abundant travel opportunities, education and the "melting pot" nature of our culture. However, many people are not as well-informed about the richness of the art forms that have originated here and are unique to our nation. Modern Western Square Dancing is a case in point. This, like the people who have contributed to its development, is a product of the cultural variety that makes our country great. Contributions have been made by English, French, Scottish and Irish settlers; the Spanish and Mexican influence in the Southwest; and by the pioneers, cowboys, miners and ranchers during the Westward movement of the 1800s. Twentieth-century influences came from Henry Ford and Lloyd Shaw, to say nothing of the many innovative callers.



The Heritage Dancers were organized in 1986 by founder and director, Ruth Walker-Hagan, to bring this cultural heritage to the attention of the North American public. Extensive research (pre-internet) resulted in a series of dances performed to authentic music in period-appropriate costumes. The ever-expanding repertoire currently includes about a dozen core routines dating from the Colonial period up through the 1950's, plus a variety of variations and "spin-off" routines created for different numbers of dancers and for special events.

The Heritage Dancers have performed at many U.S. National Square Dance Conventions, three Canadian Square Dance Conventions, multiple USA West Square Dance Conventions, a variety of State Conventions and Festivals, and various local community events. We look forward to these many opportunities to bring history to life through square dancing.

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 SESSIONS**
(Keynote Address and Bid Session)
- **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 the LCP Program

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

There's a Free App for That

Exciting news for the 75th National Square Dance Convention[®] in Waco, Texas!

Everyone registered for the convention will get **FREE** access to the official **Convention App!**

The Education Committee wants to make sure you know how to use it, so here's what to expect:

- **Written instructions** will be available in the **April or May edition** of *National Squares e-Magazine*, on the **75th NSDC Facebook page**, and on our **website**.
- The app is expected to go **live in May**. Once it's available, we encourage you to use the instructions to explore all the exciting events, educational sessions, and dance opportunities planned for the **Diamond Jubilee celebration!**
- There will be a **class on how to use the app on Wednesday afternoon** before the convention starts, and possibly another on **Thursday afternoon**.
- The **time and location** for these classes will be announced in a future issue of the e-Magazine.

We're thrilled to offer this free perk and can't wait to see you in Waco!



75th National Square Dance Convention[®]

June 24-27, 2026 • Waco Convention Center

Register for the 75th NSDC at

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

Scan the QR Code to follow us on Facebook for the latest news

We're Going to Texas, Y'all!





Welcome Dancers!

Come Czech Us Out

You'll Love Our
Sausages and Kolaches

HOURS & LOCATION

Slovacek's West is located in the town of West, TX, about 20 miles north of Waco. Our store is directly accessible from I-35 at Exit 353.

STORE, BAKERY & MEAT MARKET

SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS

6 AM - 9 PM

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

6 AM - 10 PM

Gas/Diesel Pumps are available to pay by card 24/7.

CAFÉ

SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS

10 AM - 8 PM



Quilt Trip

My dear husband, Art, is muttering about the best route from St. Louis to Waco using his trusty 1999 Rand McNally atlas along with cell phone apps. “Grumble, grumble.” “What dear?” I ask in my sweetest voice. “What do you mean that we only have a week for the round trip? I NEED to find quilt shops.” Art did that snort thing before mansplaining geography and the space/time continuum. We came to an agreement, which in Wanda terms means visiting quilt shops before my Discover card melts.

I also rationalize going to quilt shops because I get inspiration for dance skirts. Skirts we have made with quilting fabric include Milwaukee’s red spinner, black and white for Evansville and Shreveport’s yellow and blue. Who knows what fabric I will choose next?

To that end I am sharing a few quilt shops in Texas that I would like to visit.

In the Dallas/Fort Worth area, you can find Quilt Country. The recently renovated shop is a riot of color from solids to large floral Kaffe Fassett. I noticed a cat print batik that has a place in my cat collection.

There are so many shops in the Greater Houston area that it is difficult to choose just one. Houston hosts the International Quilt Festival yearly, bringing thousands of enthusiasts inspiring lots of browsing. Tea Times Quilting is a shop with a broad range of fabrics to please most quilters.



This applique quilt is one of Wanda’s. It is all batiks with a hand-dyed border.

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Quilt Trip

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San Antonio and Katy, a suburb of Houston, are homes to Sew Special. The Katy store offers lots of classes and fabric to suit. Almost anything a quilter might want can be found there, including mail orders, at the San Antonio site.

I looked at the famous football rivalry towns, Austin and College Station. A wide range of fabrics and quilting services are offered at the Austin shop, Honey Bee Quilt Store. College Station has a shop that looks like fun, Sew Much Class.

I have to say that Waco has several shops from which to choose. I noticed that the Heritage Quilt Barn is on the way to West, which is famous for kolaches. Heritage Quilt Barn has fabrics from traditional to modern and everything in between. If you can't get to any other shop, this one looks interesting.

Please visit our convention vendor who deals in quilts: ww.quiltedb.com



Art's pieced king-sized quilt with black squares. Yes, those black squares are 1 inch and the corners meet.



Wanda wears her Spinner skirt, which she made when she and husband Art were Assistant General Chairman at the Milwaukee national convention. Here they're receiving a special thank-you gift.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OPERATING SOFTWARE (NCOS) CONVENTION STAFF TRAINING

Location: Marriott Hotel 1st Floor Meeting Room A

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

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 louisandangiemcclore@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.**

Contra Callers You'll Hear at the 75th NSDC!

Marc Airhart	Austin, TX
Lissa Bengtson	San Antonio, TX
Gary Chamberlain	Warner Robins, GA
Rich Goss	Vancouver, WA
Betsy Gotta	North Brunswick, NJ
Richard MacMath	Austin, TX
Linda Mrosko	Temple, TX
Deanna Palumbo	Knoxville, TN
John Roby	San Antonio, TX
Barbara Smith	Houston, TX
Rosemarie Swanson	Bryan, TX
Stan Swanson	Bryan, TX
Seth Tepfer	Decatur, GA
Sharon Trimble	Easton, PA
Jim Wass	Riverdale, MD
Wayne Weston	Canyon Lake, TX

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[®]**

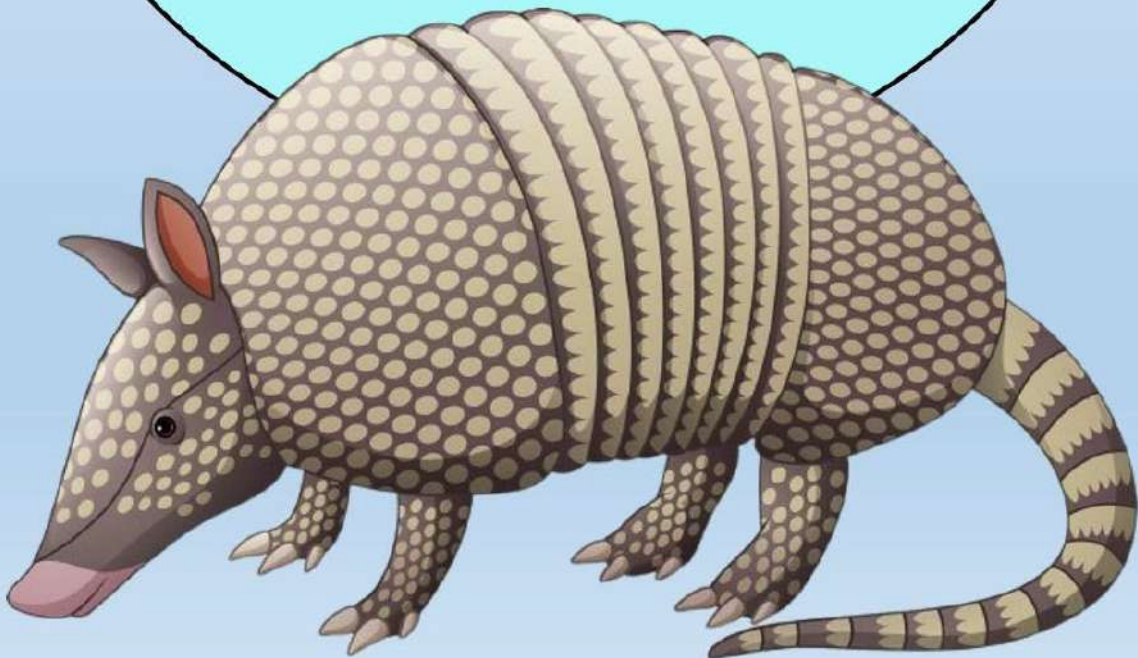


**June 24-27 2026
DIAMOND JUBILEE**

ARCHIVE ROOM

A BLAST FROM THE PAST
at the 75th National Square
Dance Convention in June 2026
in Waco, Texas!

Stop by the Archive Room to
see a remarkable treasure
trove of old and newer
program books, convention
badges, belt buckles and other
square dance memorabilia!



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	2,531
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 Feb. 28, 2026

Alaska 0
Alabama 87
Arkansas 57
Arizona 26
California 122
Colorado 80
Connecticut 1
Delaware 2
Florida 87
Georgia 88
Hawaii 4
Iowa 25
Idaho 5
Illinois 41
Indiana 33
Kansas 36
Kentucky 43
Louisiana 39
Massachusetts 10
Maryland 34
Maine 8
Michigan 23
Minnesota 51
Missouri 64
Mississippi 25
Montana 3
North Carolina 23

North Dakota 6
Nebraska 7
New Hampshire 5
New Jersey 17
New Mexico 20
Nevada 4
New York 11
Ohio 103
Oklahoma 87
Oregon 12
Pennsylvania 33
Rhode Island 0
South Carolina 26
South Dakota 11
Tennessee 62
Texas 925
Utah 13
Virginia 23
Vermont 1
Washington 23
Wisconsin 38
West Virginia 4
Wyoming 0

International Registrations

Australia 6
Austria 6
Belize 2
Canada 11
Germany 23
Japan 12
Netherlands 2
Sweden 3
Switzerland 2
Taiwan 19

Top 6 States in Registrations

Texas 925
California 122
Ohio 103
Georgia 88
Alabama 87
Oklahoma 87



Sew & Save Program

I SEW!

SEW NO!

I'd Like to Try!

I Have 2 Left Thumbs!

I'm the Crafty Type!



Anyone can participate in the Sew & Save Program

Hilton Hotel, First Floor, Brazos Rooms A & C

Thursday & Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday from 10:00 AM to Noon

<p>Sewing Demonstrations and Seminars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Classes and demonstrations are facilitated by volunteer dancers for dancers! ❖ Check the daily program books or the convention app for the schedule 	<p>Make & Take Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Walk away with a craft item to take home. ❖ Bluebonnets, Bolo Ties & Pins, Boot Noodles and Turtles.
<p>Pattern and Tracing Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Stop by to trace patterns you can take home. ❖ Skirts, sleeves, men's ties, and more 	<p>Displays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ideas for creative square dance clothing
<p>Raffles and Silent Auction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Raffles on Thursday and Friday for sewing tools, gift baskets, and handmade items ❖ Win an antique Singer Featherweight sewing machine OR one of two sewing machines during the Silent Auction on Thursday and Friday 	<p>Sew & Save Booklet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ LOTS of ideas, patterns, directions, presentations, and more! ❖ Available for purchase as a USB drive or link to a downloadable file (Pre-purchase through registration or buy onsite at Ways & Means)
<p>Free Table</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Donated fabric, yarn, patterns, and trims available to go to a new home 	<p>Service Project – Mastectomy Aprons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Patterns are pre-cut- All you have to do is sew! ❖ Earn dangles and a charm

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!

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

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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®
June 24-27 2026
DIAMOND JUBILEE

Waco

WACO CONVENTION CENTER

GRAND SQUARE INTERNATIONAL Inc.

Caller EDUCATION PROGRAM™

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.



75NSDC INC is not liable for any claims, damages, actions, or causes of actions to person or property arising from or connects with the use of any services or facilities. All participants of activities do so at your own risk. This includes acts of active or passive negligence by agents or volunteers of 75NSDC INC. Additionally, 75NSDC INC and any volunteers are not responsible to any person for loss of time or money due to a change or delay beyond our control.



See pages 7-8 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 9-10 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!

Word Search

GRANDPAPPY DILLO'S WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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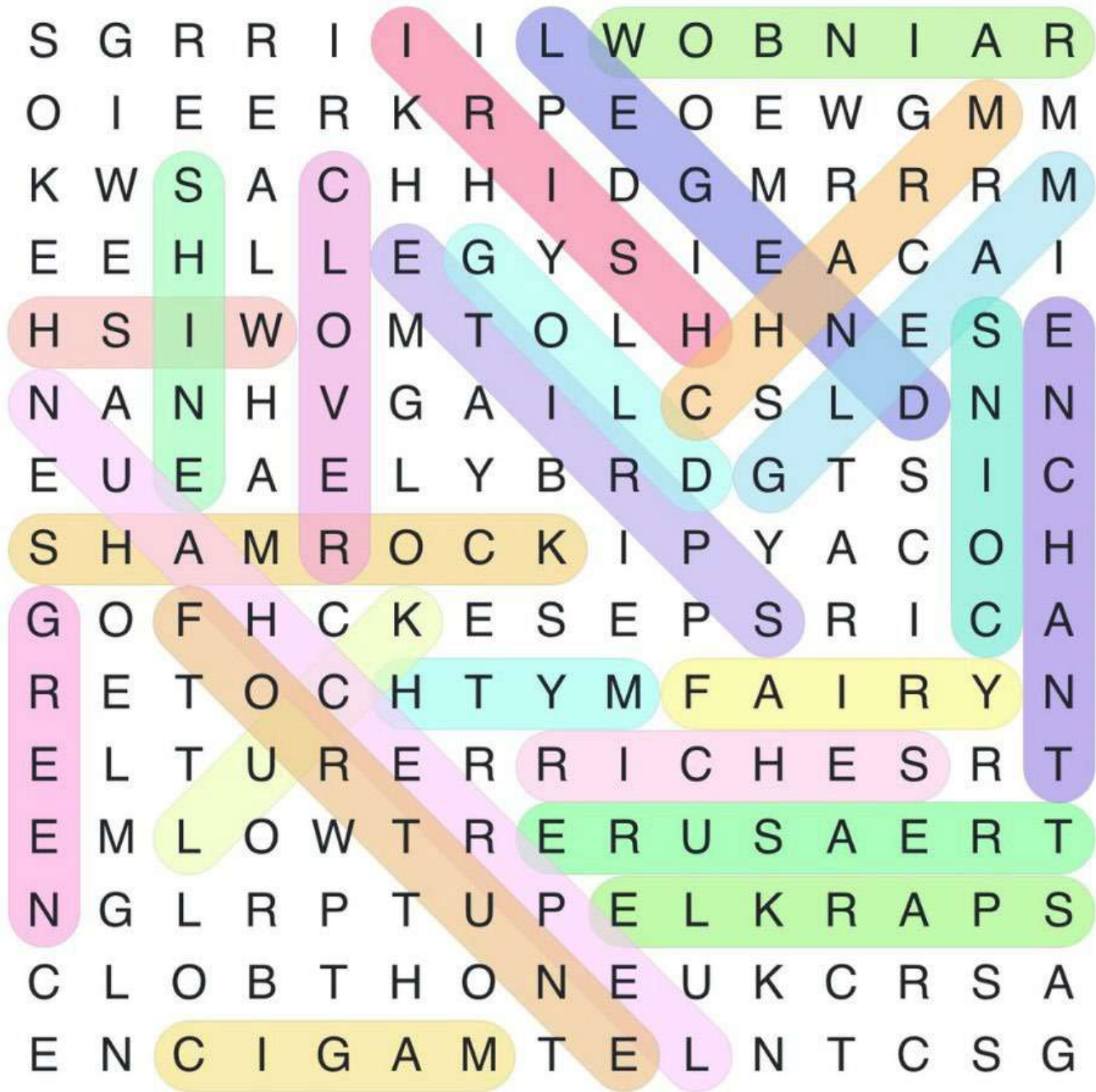
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 TREASURE
 WISH



Answers on next page

Word Search Answers



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Talk Like a Texan



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

1. That melts my butter.

Now it's your turn:



2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

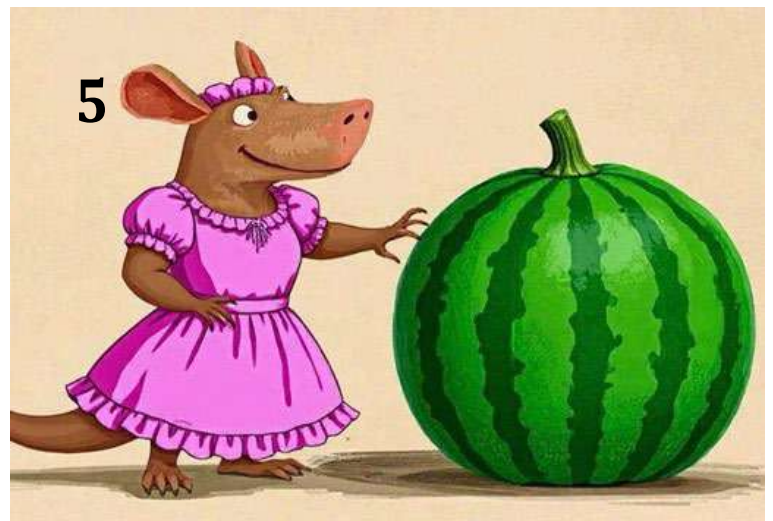
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6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____



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Talk Like a Texan

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Club Outfits



B&B Squares: Char VanBergen, Sylvia Barrett, Duane Bistodeau, Michelle Rasmussen, Michelle Neutz, Diane Rumsey, Dan Barrett, Theresa Bistodeau, Ilene Hagen, Debbie Upham



Fairbees: Alfreda Blake and Amelia Strickland

Many clubs have matching or coordinating outfits. We'd like to feature these 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 April 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. Thank you—Karen Nace



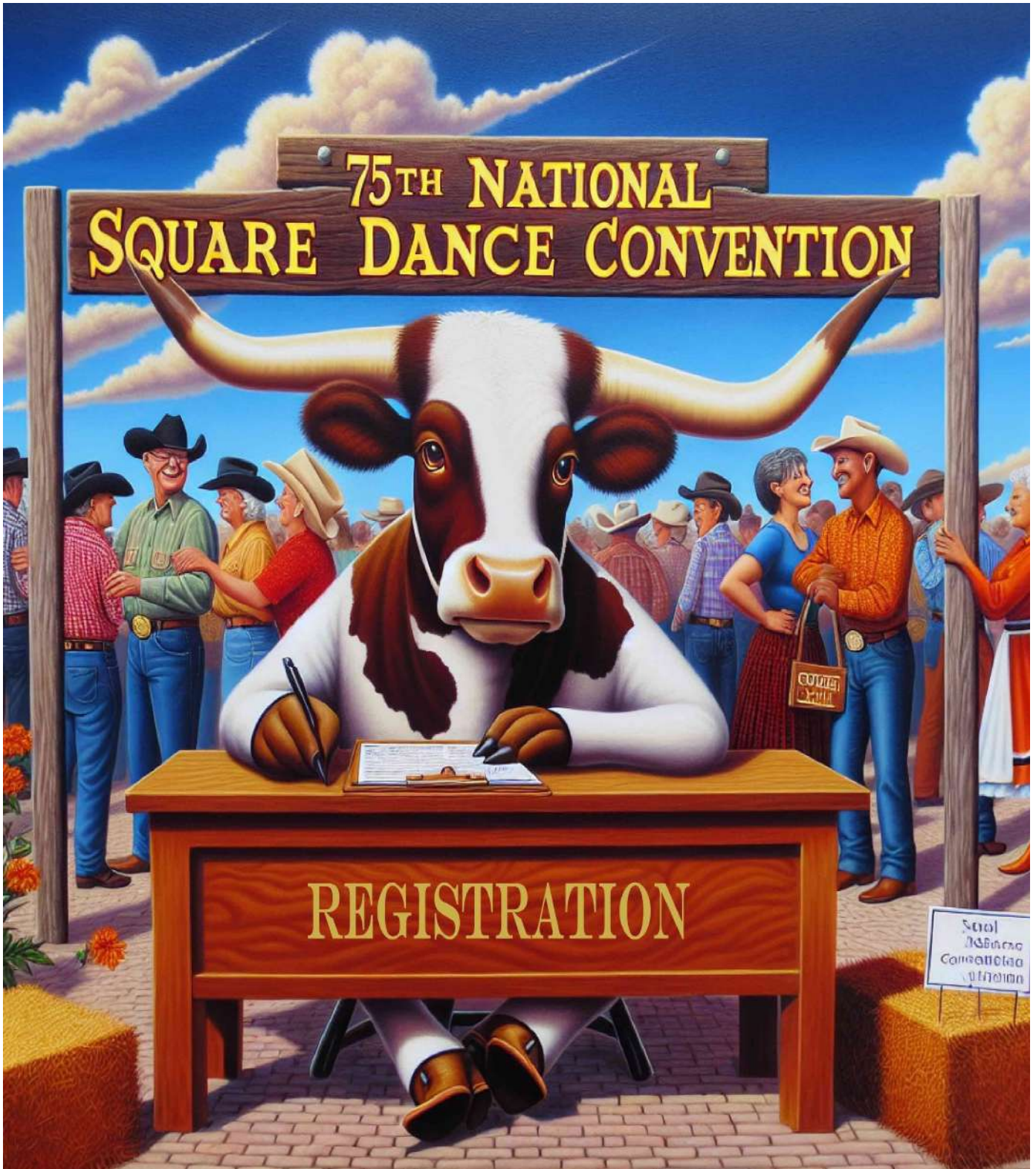
Talk Like a Texan Answers

From activity on two previous pages

1. That melts my butter.
2. Ugly as a mud fence
3. As welcome as a skunk at a lawn party
4. She's dancin' in the hog trough.
5. A man's like a watermelon. You can't tell how good he is 'til you thump him.
6. He's got horns holdin' up his halo.
7. As exciting as waiting for paint to dry
8. Let's blow this pop stand.
9. Useless as two buggies in a one-horse town



What Are You Waiting For?



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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, 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!

United Square Dancers of America

Premier Sponsor of the
75th National Square Dance Convention®



1981: USDA was established at the 30th NSDC in Seattle, Washington

1991: 10th Anniversary celebrated at the 40th NSDC in Salt Lake City, Utah

2006: 25th Anniversary celebrated at the 55th NSDC in San Antonio, Texas

2026: 45th Anniversary celebrated at 75th NSDC in Waco, Texas

Who is USDA?

- All-volunteer organization, created by dancers for dancers.
- The only national dancers' organization.
- Represents square, round, contra, clogging, line, and heritage dance.
- Board of Directors comprised of voting delegates from each affiliate organization.
- Executive Committee of elected officers and appointed chairpersons that oversees the operations of USDA programs and services



Did you know that USDA offers all these programs and services (and more)?



USDA News Quarterly Publication
Dancer Insurance Program
Founders Memorial Youth Scholarships and Youth Grant Program
Leadership and Education Materials
Beyond the Dance Floor Webinar Series
501(c)(3) Group Exemption Program
USA Traveler Program
Centennial Award Program
Support for Handicapable Dancers



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



76TH NSDC WILL BE HELD AT:
EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER
LOVELAND, COLORADO



- Close to area hotels, restaurants and attractions
- Compact convention center – it's easy to move between halls
- One level
- 770 parking spaces
- 8 Tesla EV stations
- 4 regular EV stations (2027)
- Variety of vendors
- Dance flooring including modular flooring over carpet
- Built in water bottle filling stations in hallways
- Convenient restrooms
- Education sessions and archive rooms in convention hall



With over 36,000 square feet, the total Ballroom space at the Embassy Suites

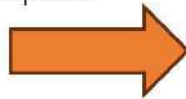
and Convention Center in Loveland, Colorado has lots of room for square dancing, round dancing, contra and line dancing. There will be additional rooms dedicated to educational purposes such as Sew and Save and NEC Archives.



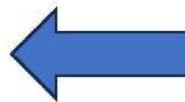
High Meadow Ballroom

Photo taken of dancers livin' it up square dancing at the Embassy Suites during the Pre-Convention this past January.

Notice the modular flooring over the carpet that made dancing smooth and lower impact!



You can always take a break from the action and relax in the beautiful, open Atrium area. Plenty of comfortable seating and tables.



Atrium seating area



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 convention registration 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

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

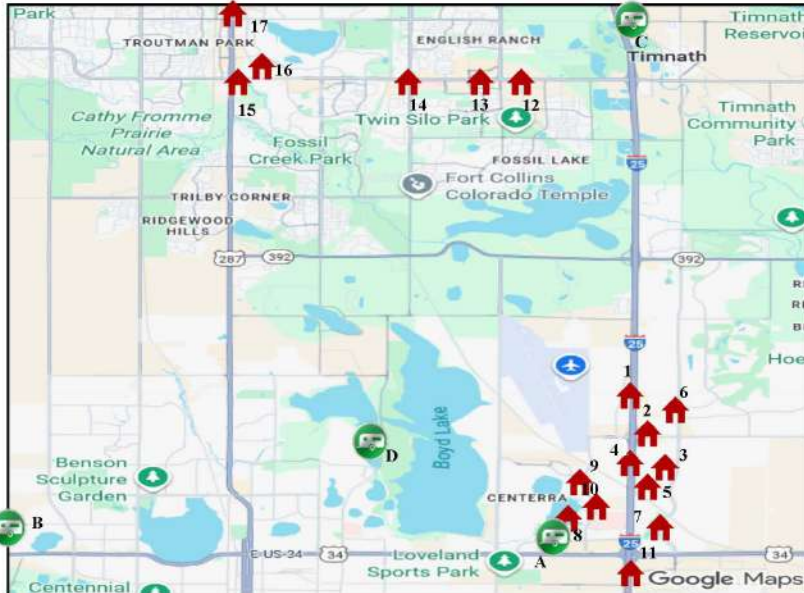
You must update your profile yearly & online by 12/31/26 @ sdconvention.com

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>

STAY IN STYLE AT THE 77TH NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION IN DAYTONA BEACH, FL

Get ready—your perfect convention home base is waiting! Our contracted hotels span \$159 to \$254 per night, giving you choices from ocean-kissed relaxation to Speedway-side excitement. Stay steps from the Ocean Center, soak up the beach, or settle into a comfy inland suite—every option comes packed with amenities to keep your convention experience easy and enjoyable. Rooms become available for booking about a year before the event, unless you're taking advantage of the Wave Payment Program for early access.

Host Hotel: Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort



Address: 100 N Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32118

The official host hotel for the 77th National Square Dance Convention is the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort. Located steps from the Ocean Center, this pet-friendly beachfront resort features multiple dining options, two pools, ocean-view whirlpools, a fitness center, and beach rentals. It's within walking distance of the Daytona Beach Boardwalk and Main Street Pier, and near family attractions like the Museum of Arts & Sciences and Ponce Inlet Lighthouse. Resort packages include beach games and kid-friendly amenities. Participates in the Wave Payment Plan.

Dance Leader Hotel: Hard Rock Daytona Beach

Address: 918 N Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32118



The official Dance Leader hotel, the Hard Rock Hotel Daytona Beach, offers a lively and luxurious experience. Oceanfront with nearly 500 rooms offering ocean or city views including from balconies or sunrooms. Amenities include spa and salon services, music-inspired experiences, and pet-friendly accommodations. Participates in the Wave Payment Plan.

Wave Payment Plan (WPP)

Pay for your hotel (Host Hotel or Dance Leader Hotel) over time through the Convention. No credit check or interest. Automated payments must be completed by April 15, 2028. Plans are refundable and changeable with approval. Details available on the Convention website.

<https://77nsdcfl.com/register/wave-payment-plan/>

Partner Hotels for the 77th National Square Dance Convention®

Holiday Inn & Suites Daytona Beach on the Ocean

Address: 930 N Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32118

This oceanfront property offers comfortable rooms, a heated outdoor pool, beachside fire pits, and easy access to the Boardwalk and Pier. Its location places guests within walking distance of the Ocean Center, making it a strong option for families and dancers who want beachfront convenience at a great value.



Best Western Plus Daytona Inn Seabreeze

Address: 730 N Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32118

Best Western Plus provides a balance of comfort, affordability, and oceanfront views. Guests enjoy complimentary breakfast, a beachfront pool, and quick access to restaurants and entertainment. It's a practical choice for dancers looking for value without sacrificing location.

The Daytona, Autograph Collection

Address: 1870 Victory Cir, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

A modern, stylish hotel located near the Daytona International Speedway, The Daytona offers a unique motorsports-themed experience with upscale rooms and amenities. While not oceanfront, it provides a polished, contemporary stay with easy access to major roadways and a short drive to the Ocean Center. Pet Friendly.

Fairfield by Marriott Daytona Beach

Address: 1820 Checkered Flag Blvd, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Fairfield offers clean, modern accommodations with complimentary breakfast and reliable service. It's a strong fit for dancers who prefer Marriott-brand consistency and comfort at an accessible price point.

Courtyard by Marriott Daytona Beach

Address: 1605 Richard Petty Blvd, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Courtyard provides spacious rooms, a bistro café, and a relaxed atmosphere. Its location offers quick access to both the Speedway area and the beachside district, making it a flexible option for attendees who want convenience in all directions.

Homewood Suites by Hilton Daytona Beach

Address: 165 Bill France Blvd, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Homewood Suites is ideal for extended stays or attendees who prefer apartment-style comfort. With full kitchens, complimentary breakfast, and evening socials, it's a great match for families, long-stay volunteers, and dancers who want extra space to unwind. Pet Friendly.



Wave Payment Plan

Book your 77th National Square Dance Convention® Hotel in Daytona Beach and pay over time. This flexible installment plan helps you budget with ease—no interest, no credit checks, and no stress.

See more details and specifics on our website!

<https://77nsdcfl.com/wave-payment-plan/>

How It Works:

- 1. Apply for a Plan:** Fill out the pre-registration form, choose your hotel option and travel dates and then complete the WPP form.
- 2. Pay Over time:** Enjoy peace of mind knowing your trip will be fully paid before you arrive. Make fixed payments over your selected term with no interest and no prepayment penalties.





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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Advertiser:		Date:
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City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	
Email:		

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

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Send Contract, payment in full and copy to:

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

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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.**

