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NEC Editor Comments

How are National Convention locations selected you ask?

The National Executive Committee (NEC) is made up of General Chairmen from past National Conventions. The NEC is responsible for selecting the National Convention locations. Organizations interested in bidding for a National Convention are required to submit a Bid Package containing information on the proposed location.

Friday morning the Bidding Organizations will provide a presentation to the Convention Attendees. This is an exciting event almost like a pep rally. During this event, the attendees will learn what the proposed city has to offer to the dancers.

Make plans to join us on **Friday, June 26th at 9:00 AM** in the McLennan Hall #3 for the Public Bid Session. The NEC will officially announce the convention award during the Closing Ceremony on **Saturday, June 27th**.



Is your organization interested in bidding for a National Convention? If Yes – please contact Louis & Angie McClure for details – louisandangiemcclure@gmail.com



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.

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CONVENTION HOTELS

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 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
SOLD OUT							
Cambria Hotel <i>110 SMLK Jr Blvd</i>	6-8 min walk	\$172/night	6/9/2026		✓	✓	
SOLD OUT							
Aloft Waco <i>900 S 11th St</i>	5 min drive	\$159/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
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	✓	✓	✓	

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





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
SOLD OUT				
Cambria Hotel	6-8 min walk	No	N/A	No pets are allowed except for service animals
SOLD OUT				
Aloft Waco	5 min drive	Yes	\$0	2 pets max up to 40 lbs.
SOLD OUT				
Element Hotel	7 min drive	Yes	\$50/day	Maximum amount of \$150 during entire stay.
Home2Suites	7 min drive	Yes	\$75 deposit	Deposit if non-refundable

Questions?

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Enjoy having your furry companion with you at your hotel!

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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.

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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 also has 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®

Your First National Convention?

What can you expect if this is your first national convention? First of all, you'll encounter all kinds of people from all walks of life, with dancing the common denominator!

The National Square Dance Convention® moves from city to city across the U.S. The last three conventions were held in Mobile, AL, Milwaukee, WI, and Shreveport, LA. This year's convention will be June 24- 27, 2026 in Waco, TX.

There will be plenty of halls for different levels and types of dances, such as Mainstream, Plus, Advance, Challenge, and various levels of round dance, contra, line dance, clogging, youth, and specialty.

Prior to the National Square Dance Convention® in Waco, there are Trail Thru dances being held across the United States leading to the convention. There are multiple callers traveling the historic Route 66, some starting in California, and another group beginning in Chicago and both making a detour south to Dallas-Fort Worth and on to Waco.

The 75th National Square Dance Convention® starts at 4:30 PM Wednesday, June 24, 2026, with a concert by The Malpass Brothers, *which is sold out*.



At 7 PM the opening ceremonies spectacular show begins, followed by the Trail End dances from 8 to 10 PM.

The convention opens at 9 AM Thursday, Friday and Saturday, ending at 10 PM each night. Several special after parties each night extend the dancing for another hour.

So make sure to pack some comfortable shoes, and be ready for a lot of walking and, of course, dancing.

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

Scooter Rentals Available

**For your convenience, a limited number of
Mobility Scooters are available for the
75th National Square Dance Convention®.**



Pride Victory Scooter \$250 for the week.

Pride Go-Go Elite Scooter \$200 for the week.

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Call Gary Lester
281-857-3177

with your credit card to reserve.

Pick up in Waco Convention Center lower lobby.

Important Services and Security Information

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SECURITY

- No clear bags required.
- No bag searches or security lines.
- No metal detectors.
- Only main entrances will be open for access to the building.
- Please do not prop open doors to allow others entry through side entrances.
- All doors can be used for exiting the building.
- Yes, guns are allowed in the Waco Convention Center.



HB1927 made it legal in Texas for most people 21 years or older to carry a handgun in a holster without a permit openly and/or concealed unless specific signage states otherwise. Penal code 46.02 is amended to make it lawful for most people aged 21 years or older to display a handgun if it is carried in a holster. A person who removes their handgun from its holster in public may be guilty of a crime

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

In case of an emergency the first call is to call 911. The fire department is less than 1 mile from the convention center with a maximum travel time of 3 minutes. Someone should plan to meet the emergency response team at the entrance. The upper-level entrance (Hilton level) is on Franklin Ave. The lower-level entrance (Courtyard by Marriott level) is on Washington Ave.

AED DEFIBRILLATORS

AED Defibrillators are located on the upper and lower levels along with Stop Bleed kits and basic emergency/first aid kits. When you arrive at the convention center make note of their location. On the lower level they can be found near the bottom of the escalators. On the upper level they are located outside Chisholm Hall.

FIRST AID STATION

The First Aid station will be located in the upper-level lobby area.

Basic first aid supplies will be available to handle minor cuts, bruises, blisters etc. Ice bags will be available for slightly sprained ankles. A limited supply of OTC medication will be available for purchase at the 75th Ways and Means table.

MONEY MATTERS

The Waco Convention Center is primarily a cashless venue, accepting credit cards, debit cards, and mobile payments like Apple Pay or Google Pay for services. Bring a card for payments at concessions or vendor booths as it is designed to speed up transactions. You may still want to bring a small amount of cash for your travels, tipping, etc.

What's to ♥ about the venue for the 75th National Square Dance Convention®?



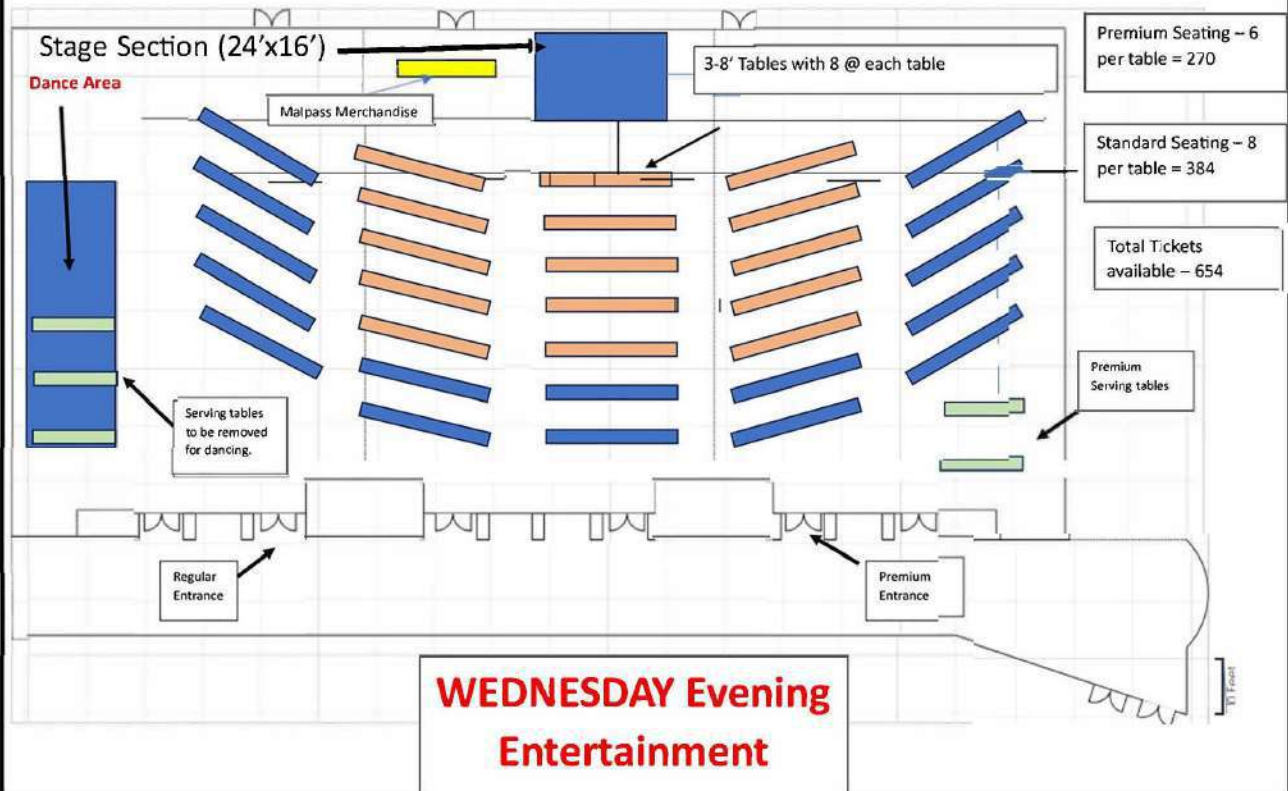
Waco Convention Center *100 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701*

- Location: Close to Waco hotels, restaurants & attractions
- Compact: Convention center is easy to maneuver & laid out for convenience
- Accessibility: With only two levels there are plenty of elevators & escalators, ADA approved ramps, lifts & restrooms, mobility scooters available for rent
- Design: Plenty of natural light & convention restrooms
- Water: Built-in water bottle filling stations in hallways
- Parking: 900 free parking spaces, additional spaces in easy walking distance
- Concessions & Vendors: There will be plenty of concessions, vending food, & a great variety of vendors tailored to dancers & callers
- Dance Floors: Flooring includes bamboo wood, polished concrete, commercial vinyl, modular wood over carpet, & new modular plastic flooring over carpet
- Education & Archives: Education sessions & archives in attached hotel meeting rooms for a conducive learning atmosphere

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Did you buy tickets for the 75th NSDC's Wednesday Night Special Event? Seeking information for planning your arrival?

McLennan Hall Setup for Wednesday Night Special Event



The Wednesday Night Special Event featuring a catered BBQ Beef or Grilled Chicken dinner and a performance of The Malpass Brothers (which is now SOLD OUT) will be held Wednesday, June 24, in McLennan Hall on the upper level inside the Waco Convention Center. Ticketholders purchased either Standard or Premium seating. You may begin lining up at 4 p.m. Dinner to be served starting at 4:30 p.m. The Malpass Brothers Show begins at 5:15 p.m. The diagram shows the location of the hall entrances, stage, and seating chart. Each brown bar on the diagram (Premium seating) or blue bar (Standard seating) represent three separate tables. Seating will be on a first come basis, according to Standard or Premium tickets.

You're in for a great meal and fantastic show, see you in Waco!

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Want to attend a religious service while at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®? *These churches near Downtown Waco welcome you!*

Columbus Avenue Baptist Church

1300 Columbus Ave., Waco (254) 752-1655
Approximately 4 min.

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

515 Columbus Ave., Waco (254) 753-4501
Approximately 3 min.

First Baptist Church of Waco

500 Webster Ave., Waco (254) 752-3000
Approximately 4 min.

Saint Francis Catholic Church

315 Jefferson Ave., Waco (254) 754-7971
Approximately 3 min.

First Methodist Church of Waco

1300 Austin Ave., Waco (254) 754-4685
Approximately 4 min.

Antioch Community Church

(non-denominational)
510 N. 20th St., Waco (254) 754-0386
Approximately 7 min.

Church on the Rock

5400 Bagby Ave., Waco (254) 265-0201
Approximately 11 min.

75th National Square Dance Convention®
in the Waco, TX Convention Center
June 24-27, 2026



For convention information visit:
<https://75nsdctx.com>
or scan the QR Code



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 25 — 9:30-10 a.m.

Convention Center – McLennan Hall

ORGANIZATION ROUNDTABLE

"From Vision to Reality: Success Stories & Strategies for Implementing Change"

Thursday, June 25 — 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Convention Center – McLennan Hall

LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Build Your Skills as a Club or Organization Leader

Daily — Sign up at the Education Check-In Desk

Hilton Hotel first floor hallway between Brazos Ballroom & Education Rooms

EDUCATION PANELS & SEMINARS

Check Program Book or Convention App for Schedule & Descriptions

Hilton Hotel on the first floor – Brazos Rooms A & C

SEW & SAVE PROGRAM

Check Program Book or Convention App for Schedule & Activities

Hilton Hotel on the first floor — Brazos Rooms A & C

SHOWCASE OF ORGANIZATIONS

What are National Organizations doing to promote square dancing?

Located 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

Don't miss the Diamond Jubilee, Sign up: <https://75nsdctx.com>



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.


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.

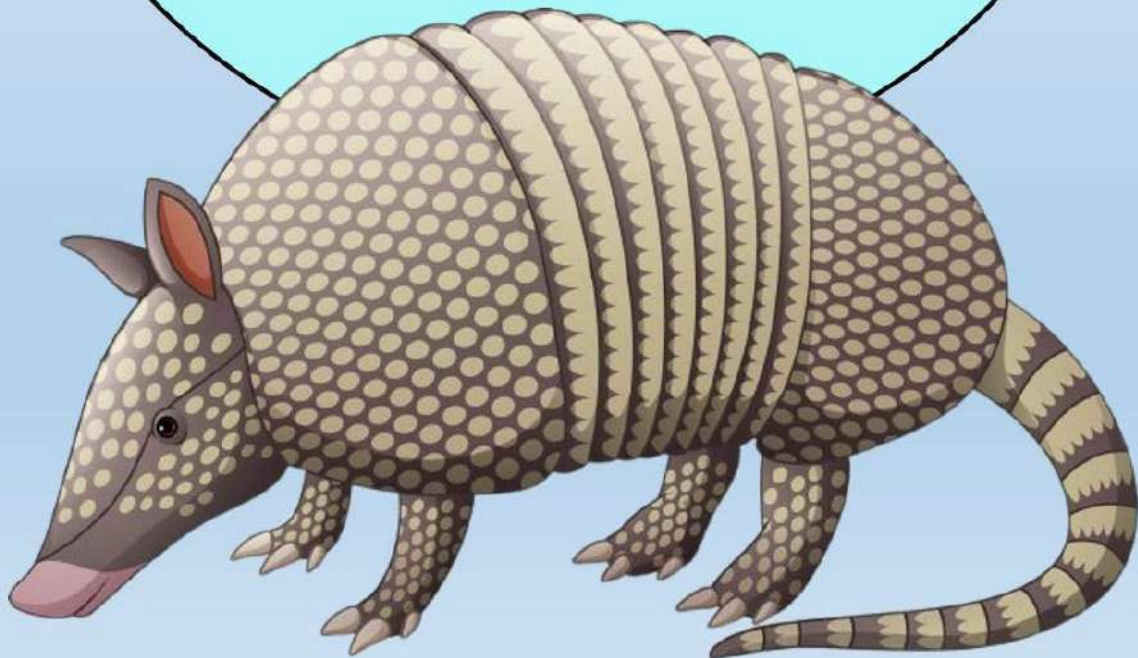
TO DONATE GO TO:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/ghostriders-band>
NOTE: there is a slide bar at the bottom where you can give gofundme a "tip" for their services.
It is defaulted to a percentage but can be set to zero.

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

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!



Classes for Future, New Callers at 75th NSDC

If you have every wondered what you need to know to be a caller or dance leader, or just want to improve your knowledge of calling, make sure to attend one or more of these FREE classes at the 75th National Square Dance Convention® in Waco, Texas to be held June 24-27, 2026, in the Waco Convention Center. Choose from:

Modular Calling – Your New Best Friend

How to Use Music to Better Sell Your Dance

Dancers: Smoothness, Styling, and Etiquette

**The Mechanics of Great Teaching: How to be
an Effective Teacher**

How to be an Effective Club Caller

So You Want to be a Caller

**Basic Sight Calling: Moving Dancers from Point A
to Point B with Purpose**

**Theme Tips: Teaching Tips, Workshops,
and Extended Applications**



Registering for the 75th NSDC is easy, go to <https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>. Make sure to download the 75th NSDC's free Mobile App once it is available for the latest class and event information as well as any schedule changes. The App should be available a few weeks ahead of the convention. The 75th NSDC is a great place to learn to be a caller or to work on your skills. Classes will be taught by top dance leaders!



Club Outfits

Some of the Hanger Squares members show off their coordinating clubwear, from left, Trent Hubbert, Beth Hubbert, Joyce Jackson, Suzi Aleman and Oscar Aleman.

Tours to Explore

There are three choices for making your tour plans while you are in Waco:

1. **VIATOR** provides a variety of Waco tours and adventures. Use the link to see a list of all the tours available, including details about cost, availability, and the tour meeting spot. <https://www.viator.com/Waco>
2. On the **MAGNOLIA** website you can sign up for signature tours and experiences. If you register for a tour on the Magnolia website, you can receive a 15% discount during checkout using PROMO CODE 75NSDC. (You MUST use the website and include the 75NSDC Promo Code to get the discount.) Please wear your convention badge when attending tours. <https://magnolia.com/pages/magnolia-market>
3. **SELF-GUIDED TOURS** are also available. Waco is home to a number of worthwhile destinations! Use the link below to learn about several of the finest, including the Dr Pepper Museum, the Waco Mammoth National Monument, the Craft Village at Homestead Heritage, and more! <https://75nsdctx.com/self-guided-tours/>

Although our 75th NSDC team is not organizing any tours that leave from the convention center, there will be a tour table at the Convention Center with information about some of the tours.

What to Expect in the Dance Halls

SQUARE DANCING

Special activities to look forward to:

Dancing:

Mainstream

Plus

Advance

Challenge

Intros to Plus, Advance, and Challenge

High Energy and Hot Hash for Mainstream and Plus

Workshops:

Specialty Squares

Hex

Intro to Hex

6-Couple Rectangles

Kaleidoscope

Old Tyme Square Dance Calls

Two special hours of overseas callers

Special teen dances

ROUND DANCING

Daily Round Dance workshops/clinics will include:

Intro to Rounds

Hustle

Phase 4 WZ

Phase 3/4 WCS

4 Cha

5/6 Quickstep

4/5 Rumba

5/6 Tango

38 Teacher exhibitions

36 Showcase/teaches, one for each dance showcased.

There will be a high quality of staff and teachers. **Roundalab** will be held at the Convention location for the first time in many years; it should increase the level of experienced and proficient cuers, which will lead to a great round dance program at the Waco convention!

CLOGGING

Why not try out the Clogging sessions?

The Introduction to Clogging workshop will provide the basic steps in clogging and will include one-hour sessions starting at 9 a.m. Thursday and continuing on Friday and Saturday. Day 1 will feature Lanita Hammett from Arkansas, who is an experienced clogger and teacher. On Day 2, Jack McFarland will pick up where Lanita left off and add his own style to the basic lessons. Day 3 will wrap up the introductory format with Kayla Barton introducing some of her specialties including drag slides, buck and flatfoot. No experience required.



PLUS
SATURDAY EVENING
SQUARE/ROUND DANCE

AFTERPARTY

Masters of Ceremonies:

Betsy & Roy Gotta

Dance to your long-time favorites. and discover new favorites. too!

The **ARTS**

*The Alliance of Round,
Traditional and Square-Dance, Inc.*
<https://www.arts-dance.org>

June 27th, 2026
10:00 to 11:00 pm
McLennan Hall #3

Contra Clinics at the 75th National Square Dance Convention[®]

Join us for exciting contra clinics in the Contra Hall (lower level) inside the Waco Convention Center

Introduction to Contra Dancing

Each morning at 10 a.m. there will be a contra clinic called Introduction to Contra Dancing. The basic moves of contra dancing are the same as square dancing, but the focus will be getting used to a long line of couples rather than a square. Long lines “for as many as will” allows greater participation of the entire hall of dancers — as long as a dancer can find one other person to dance, they may join the long line.

Instructors for the Introduction to Contra clinics:

Thursday, June 25 10-11 a.m. Betsy Gotta
Friday, June 26 10-11 a.m. Deanna Palumbo
Saturday, June 27 10-11 a.m. Seth Tepfer



Contra Chestnuts, English Country Dancing and Scottish Country Dancing

From noon to 1 p.m. the Contra Hall will offer three other clinics.

Thursday, June 25 12 – 1 p.m. Contra Chestnuts by Rich Goss
Friday, June 26 12-1 p.m. English Country Dancing by Lissa Bengtson
Saturday, June 27 12-1 p.m. Scottish Country Dancing by John Roby

“**Contra Chestnuts**” will feature the foundational dances that have made contra dancing popular. Some will date to before the Civil War and some may have been written in the past couple of decades. Rich Goss will explain the history and significance of each dance.

Here are a couple of links to examples of “chestnut” dances:

A Chorus Jig - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YG9OWAsUb48>

Soldier’s Joy - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_IyAPAJJ54

English Country Dancing is one of the ancestors of contra dancing and has been enjoyed for hundreds of years. First collected and documented in the 1600’s, English Country dances are still created today. We’ll be sure to include some from the time of the American Revolution. Lissa Bengtson leads the English Country dance group in San Antonio and produced a delightful “Bridgerton Tea” this past March.

Childgrove - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8FmMPEFMwYQ>

The Duke of Kent’s Waltz - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJxWLTjRccY>

Scottish Country Dancing is also an ancestor of contra dancing. Most Scottish Country dances are done in sets of six or eight dancers, but some are done in long lines. John Roby is the leader of the Bluebonnet Scottish Country Dancers in San Antonio, which sponsors a yearly ball in April with world-famous musicians.

Mrs. Stewart’s Jig - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtVJaNDdn8o>

Tulloch Gorm - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVtY95NjXTU>

Check the 75th NSDC’s Mobile App (available in May) for the latest schedules.

Enjoy dancing to live music? Stop by the Contra Hall nightly from 7-10 p.m. featuring O’Malarkey from San Marcos, TX, on Thursday, the Lone Star Pirates from San Antonio, TX, on Friday, and Laura Brand and John Roby from Houston and San Antonio, respectively, on Saturday.

To sign up for the 75th NSDC, go to: <https://75nsdctx.com/register/>

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AFTERPARTY!

75th NSDC

Thursday June 25

Texas South 116-117

10-11 pm

TECHNO

Contra

Dance smooth.

Dance cool.

Dance groovy!

(Recorded, specially edited music)

AFTERPARTY

Friday June 26
10-11 pm



TEXAS ROADHOUSE

Texas South 116-117
DANCE HALL/SPJST

style dancing.
All kinds of polka,
schottische, cumbia, waltz,
2-step, etc. Recorded music.



Live Music in the Contra Hall

at the 75th NSDC 7-10 pm

O'Malarkey
San Marcos, TX



Thursday



**Lone Star
Pirates**

San Antonio, TX

Friday



**Laura Brand
& John Roby**

Houston, TX & San Antonio, TX

Saturday



Some of the Contra Callers you'll Meet at the 75th NSDC



Rich Goss
Vancouver, WA

Rich Goss is another highly experienced contra caller who has traveled across the United States. He is in demand for calling at major contra weekends. Also a choreographer, we'll enjoy some of his contra creations.



Seth Tepfer
Decatur, GA



Seth is one of our nationally-known contra callers. He is often the "headliner" at major contra-dance weekends and is renowned for teaching dances quickly and well. He has choreographed many fun and interesting dances, and calls English Country Dance as well as contra dances.



Betsy Gotta
North Brunswick, NJ

Betsy Gotta is at every National Square Dance Convention, both in the Contra Hall and calling squares. She instructs clearly with a terrific sense of humor.



Deanna Palumbo
Knoxville, TN

A familiar face and voice at the NSDC Contra Hall, Deanna's energy lifts you right up on the stage with her. A clear instructor, she is able to bring the enthusiasm in the hall to a fever pitch, while her melodious voice makes every dancer confident.



Marc Airhart
Austin, TX

Marc's profession as a Science Communicator has trained him to use his skills in calling contra dances. Known for his high energy, he chooses dances that are delightful and interesting. Marc is in demand as a caller throughout Texas.

More of the Contra Callers you'll Meet at the 75th NSDC



Barb Smith has significant experience calling contra dances for square dancers. She has helped organize the contra dancing at the Texas State Festival for several years. Her kind, lovely voice ensures each dancer understands the moves and does them in time to the music!

**Barbara Smith
Houston, TX**

**Rosemarie Swanson
Stan Swanson
Bryan, TX
Lissa Bengtson
San Antonio, TX**



Retired Texas A&M professors Stan and Rosemarie Swanson call regularly in their hometown of Bryan, TX and frequently in San Antonio. Stan composes computer music as well. In a quiet moment, ask him about reconceptualizing electrodynamics and ask Rosemarie about protein structure predictions. Ask Lissa about cats.

ALSO...



**Rich MacMath
Austin, TX**



**John Roby
San Antonio, TX**



**James Wass
Riverdale, MD**



**Linda Mrosko
Temple, TX**



**Gary Chamberlain
Warner Robins, GA**



**Wayne Weston
Canyon Lake, TX**

**and Sharon Trimble
Easton, PA**

Education Classes

**Keynote Address: It's Been 75 Years:
Why Change Now?**

Ted Lizotte (LCP mandatory class)

**Organization Roundtable: From Vision
to Reality—Success Stories and
Strategies for Implementing Change**

Ted Lizotte, Theresa Berger, Shawn
Brown, Mike Seastrom and Jeremy Butler
(LCP mandatory class)

Bid Session For Future Conventions

National Executive Committee
(LCP mandatory class)

**For Current and
Future Callers**

Modular Calling: Your New Best Friend
Brad Caldwell and Charlie Robertson
(LCP elective class)

So You Want to Be a Cuer
John and Karen Herr ((LCP elective class)

**How to Use Music to Better Sell Your
Dance**

Scott Bennett and Buddy Weaver
(LCP elective class)

**Dancers: Smoothness, Styling and
Etiquette**

Dan Sahlstrom and Ted Lizotte
(LCP elective class)

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the Waco convention June 24-27.**

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the LCP class type at the bottom of
each listing in case you are going
through the Leadership Certification
Program. See full details at
<http://75nsdc/education-schedule>**

**The Mechanics of Great Teaching: How
to Be an Effective Teacher**

Shauna Kaaria and Jack Pladdys
(LCP elective class)

How to Be an Effective Club Caller

Vernon Jones and Jeremy Butler
(LCP elective class)

So You Want to Be a Caller?

Bear Miller and Tom Davis
(LCP elective class)

**Basic Sight Calling—Moving Dancers
from Point A to Point B with Purpose**

Eric Henerlau and Barry Johnson
(LCP elective class)

**Theme Tips: Teaching Tips, Workshop,
and Extended Applications for Enjoyable**

**Dancing—Patty Greene and Tony
Oxendine (LCP elective)**

Education Classes

Publicity and Promotion

Creating Eye-Catching Flyers that People Will Read

Karen Nace (LCP elective class)

Advertising and Marketing in 2026 and Beyond (ARTS)

Erin Byars (LCP elective)

Facebook Events Made Easy: Share Your Dance!

Thom Dang (LCP core class)

Using Facebook and Instagram to Market Square Dancing: Some Basics

Katie Hubbert with Trent Hubbert (LCP core class)

Marketing Your Club: Strategies and Success Stories

Mike Hogan (LCP core class)

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Digital Marketing to Different Generations

Trent Hubbert with Katie Hubbert (LCP core class)

Dramatic Digital Flyers that People Won't Scroll Past

Karen Nace (LCP elective) (LCP elective class)

Education Classes

Potpourri

We're in Waco, Y'all: Overview

Bobby Horner
(LCP elective class)

The ABCs of Hosting a National Square Dance Convention®

Louis and Angie McClure
(LCP elective class)

Personal Safety: Refuse to be a Victim!

Manuela Ptacek
(LCP elective class)

Trash Dancing

Billy Grimsley, Charlie Whisner and Tim Austin
(LCP elective class)

Start Your Engines: Looking Ahead to the 77th NSDC

Trent and Beth Hubbert
(LCP elective class)

Traveling Squares

Dave and Heidi Heffron

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(LCP elective)

Travel Safety: It's All in Your Head

Manuela Ptacek (LCP elective class)

Heading to the Heart of the Rockies: Looking Ahead to the 76th NSDC

Art and Lilly Hardin
(LCP elective class)

Using Positive Communication to Resolve Negative Situations

Erin Byars (LCP elective class)



Education Classes

Club and Organization Leadership

Music Licenses: Know the PROs for Your Event

Kevin Klein (LCP core class)

Leadership Toolkit: USDA Resources for Club and Organization Leaders

Scott and Sandy Ebright
(LCP core class)

Negotiating Caller Contracts

Ken Hengst, Mike Seastrom, Jack Pladdys, Mike Kellogg (LCP core class)

Who's Insured at Your Dance?

Elizabeth Sanders (LCP elective)

Solo Dancers: Are They the Key to Saving Square Dancing?

Ri-Shea Schlitter (LCP core class)

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Medical Emergency Plan and Intervention: Being Prepared

Lorri McIntosh (LCP core class)

How to Build a Sustainable Club

Buddy Weaver (LCP core class)

USDA 501(c)3 Nonprofit Group Exemption Program

Jim Maczko, Pat Inglis, Jim Taylor
(LCP core class)

Creating Community Within Your Club

Cindy McLaren, Deborah Levin
(LCP elective class)

LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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8:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Thursday and Friday

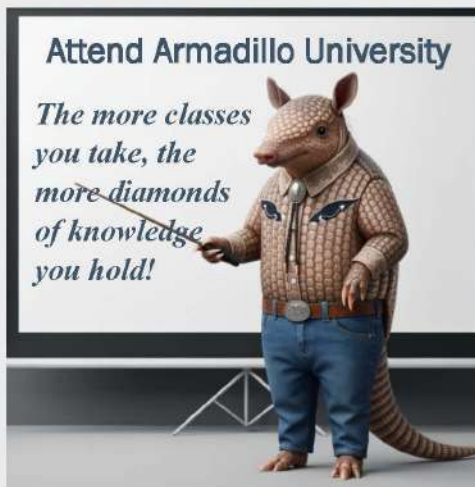
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ATTEND the classes and get a signature from the Room Host at each session.

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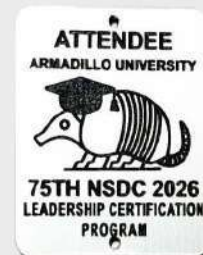
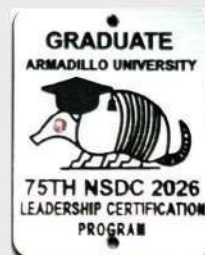
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75th National Square Dance Convention®



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Are You Ready for 75th National Square Dance Convention®?

Do you love the excitement of a big celebration? Then you don't want to miss the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the 75th National Square Dance Convention® in the Waco Convention Center. The year 2026 marks the Diamond Jubilee of the National Square Dance Convention® and the 250th Birthday of the United States of America. You know Texas likes to do things bigger; the Opening and Closing Ceremonies will be unlike anything you have seen or heard yet at a NSDC.

OPENING CEREMONY - JUNE 24

The Opening Ceremony will be held Wednesday, June 24. Seating will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Chisolm Hall. A cartoon video will begin at approximately 6:55 p.m. (dependent on the end of the Malpass Brothers show.) The Opening is scheduled to begin promptly at 7 p.m. Special music and video effects will open the ceremony, followed by the *National Anthem* performed by Jerry Morris, presentation of the Colors by the Ft. Cavazos 36th Engineer Brigade, the National Executive Committee and special remarks. Get ready for the biggest NSDC kickoff you have ever seen!

CLOSING CEREMONY - JUNE 27

The Closing Ceremony will be held Saturday, June 27, in Chisolm Hall. The Parade of States line up and seating will begin at 5 p.m. with the Parade starting at 5:30 p.m. After the Pledge and Prayer, Alexia Foster will sing the *National Anthem*. Be prepared for an exciting conclusion of the Diamond Jubilee in the Closing Ceremony, followed by final dances and After Parties.

Entertainment for both events is still evolving. More details to follow.

You can find convention information at <https://75nsdctx.com>. To sign up, click "Register" on the home page to complete and submit your form or scan QR Code.



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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

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Business Chairman: Trent and Beth Hubbert
Assistant Business Chairman: Charles and Carol Thornburg
Assistant: Katie Hubbert
Finance Vice Chairman: Bob and Melody Purnell
Ways and Means: Sheryl Oliver
Vendors Vice Chairman: Bruce and Wanda Carter
Photography Director: Angie Engledow
Passport Book Director: Oscar and Suzi Aleman

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Education Chairman: Brooke Peters
Assistant Education Chairman: Everett Kelly
Secretary: Brooke Peters
Vice Chairman Education Sessions: Sally Bennett-Schmidt
Vice-Chairman Sew and Save: Jamey Klix
Director: Carol Teal
Sew and Save Booklet, Workroom and Clinics: Jamey Klix and Carol Teal
Volunteers: Jamey Klix
Reports and Statistics: Sally Bennett-Schmidt
Keynote Speaker and Roundtable: Brooke Peters
Archives: Tina Kelly
Showcase of Education: Marilyn Schmit

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Dance Program

Michele Russell: Program Chairman
Vernon Jones: Squares Vice Chairman
Dennis Artz and Patricia Morley: Rounds Vice Chairman
Lissa Bengston: Contra Vice Chairman
Billy Grimsley: Lines Vice Chairman
Jack and Dana McFarland: Clogging Director
Kati Raleigh: Youth Vice Chairman
Jan Albers: Solos Director

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Audrey Mansell: Publicity Chairman
Karen Nace: National E-Squares Magazine Vice Chairman
Sally Henderson: Social Media Director
Kaye Gregory: Program Book Vice Chairman
Philip and Melody Moorehouse: Media Recognition Vice Chairman

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Fisher and Maria Reynolds: Registration and Housing Chairman
Fisher and Maria Reynolds: Registration
Phil Henderson: Housing Vice Chairman
Jeb and Janet Jonas: RV and Camping Vice Chairman
Louis and Janet Klein: Late Registration Director

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Edd and Rhonda Harshbarger: Social and Special Events Coordinator
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Roxie Walker: Fashion Show Vice Chairman
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John and Laura Alexander: Special Event Director
Jan and Yasuko Andersen: International Director

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Dean Haney: Transportation Vice Chairman
Gailleen Dillashaw: First Aid Director



Malpass Brothers Concert



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Celebrating our Vendors

As we prepare to gather in Waco, Texas, for the 75th National Square Dance Convention® from June 24–27, 2026, there's a special group of people we want to shine a spotlight on—our incredible vendors.

These dedicated individuals and businesses are more than just merchants. They are the heartbeat of the convention experience, bringing color, creativity, and craftsmanship to every participant. From dazzling dancewear and handcrafted accessories to innovative tools and treasured keepsakes, each vendor brings something unique that enhances our shared love of square dancing.

Their booths are places of discovery - where you can find the perfect twirl-worthy skirt, a new pair of boots that feel just right, or a conversation that turns into a lifelong connection. Many of these vendors travel great distances, invest countless hours, and pour their passion into every product and interaction. They help preserve the traditions we cherish while also introducing fresh ideas that keep our community vibrant and growing.

We invite you to take a moment to 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 wonderful 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.

Visit Our Vendors



Vendors coming to the Waco convention

Tag-Em! Engraving

Brantley's Western Supply

CALLERLAB

CTP (Caller Teaching Programs)

Quiltedb

Boone 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

Rancher Hat Bar

3 Crafty Sisters

~Please see 75nsdc.com/vendors~

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Be a Leader: Earn Your LCP Certificate, Special Dangle at the 75th NSDC



Want to become a leader, or increase your leadership skills? Sign up for the Leadership Certificate Program at the 75th National Square Dance Convention® to be held June 24-27, 2026 in the Waco Convention Center. The program can be easily completed during the 75th NSDC, but you can take up to four years to finish. Upon completion you will receive a Certificate of Completion and a special LCP dangle to add to your badge. Here's what you need to do:

Sign up for the LCP and pick up your LCP worksheet at the Education Sign-In Desk in the Hilton Hotel, located in the hallway that faces the covered walkway between the Hilton and the Waco Convention Center.

- The Education Sign-In Desk will be open from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Thursday,
- 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Friday, and
- 8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. on Saturday.

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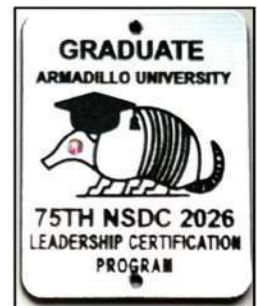
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Go back and apply your new skills and knowledge in your club or organization.



There will be a variety of education classes offered at the 75th NSDC, including several new courses. Class times and locations will be included in the national convention's Mobile App. Also check <https://75nsdctx.com> for information. Go to "About" and toggle down to "Education." Select "Education Classes." Questions? Email Everett Kelly, Assistant Education Chairman, ekelly1948@yahoo.com or Brooke Peters, Education Chairman, kbrookepeters@gmail.com.

Attend Armadillo University: *"The more classes you take, the more diamonds of knowledge you hold!"*



REGISTER FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION:

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

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.



Please check your schedule for performance time.

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.



You should always 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.

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>.



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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 the calls 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.



Five Ways to Win in Sew and Save

Participate in the Community Project and win charms, dangles, and possibly a charm bracelet.

Win prizes in the Sew & Save Brown Bag Raffle

Simply take the Sew & Save flyer in your 75th NSDC registration packet to Sew & Save in the Hilton Hotel, Brazos Room C, on Thursday and Friday 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 tickets for that day in the bag corresponding to the items you would like to win. There will be two drawings - one on Thursday (posted Friday morning) and one on Friday (posted Saturday morning). There will be different raffle items each day.



Make your own Boot Noodles

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 5:00 pm on Thursday will get one of the Brother sewing machines. The highest bids for the Singer Featherweight machine and the other Brother machine at 5:00 PM 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 & Take Your Own Special Prizes Sew & 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, or little turtle charms that move! Check the Sew & Save class listings to find out dates and times of these classes.

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

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Heritage Dancers coming to Waco

The California 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 holds 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 California 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 1950s, 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.

Please check your schedule for performance time.

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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 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.

Hungry at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®?

Check out these options!

WACO CONVENTION CENTER

Slovacek's will be the exclusive caterer inside the Waco Convention Center in the kiosk area on the upper level. Slovacek's will also be the caterer for the Malpass Brothers event Wednesday night during the convention. In the kiosk area, shop Slovacek's for a variety of hot sandwiches, kolaches (meat, fruit or cream cheese filled and a Texas favorite), salads, chips, bottled water and fudge. Exact menu and pricing has not yet been announced. For information on Slovacek's visit: <https://www.slovacek.com/>. Note the Waco Convention Center is primarily a cashless venue, accepting credit cards, debit cards and mobile payments like Apple Pay or Google Pay for services. Bring a card for payments at concessions or vendor booths as it is designed to speed up transactions.



CONVENTION HOTELS

Both the convention's host hotel, Hilton Waco (connected to the Waco Convention Center), and the dance leader hotel, Courtyard by Marriott (across the street from the convention center on the Washington Avenue side), will offer specials and buffets in their respective restaurants during the convention. For general information go to <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/actwhhf-hilton-waco/dining/> and <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/wcocy-courtyard-waco/dining/>. During the convention, you can check the dining rooms in both hotels for specials.

AREA RESTAURANTS

There are numerous restaurants and bistros just across Franklin Avenue from the convention center offering a variety of foods to please the tastebuds. Many others are within an easy few blocks walking distance.

Check for food signs inside the Waco Convention Center and check the 75th NSDC's Convention App (available in May) for the most up-to-date information as details are subject to change. Looking for suggestions or help with directions? Stop by the 75th NSDC's Information Booth.

Sign up for the 75th NSDC at <https://75nsdctx.com>.

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Wondering what the Waco Convention Center has to offer at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®?

Scan the QR Code to explore our venue in a Fly Through Tour!



Convenient services for you at the 75th NSDC:

- Hearing Assist
- Free Wifi
- First Aid Station
- Concessions
- Scooter Rentals
- Vending
- Water Bottle Filling Station
- Free Parking!

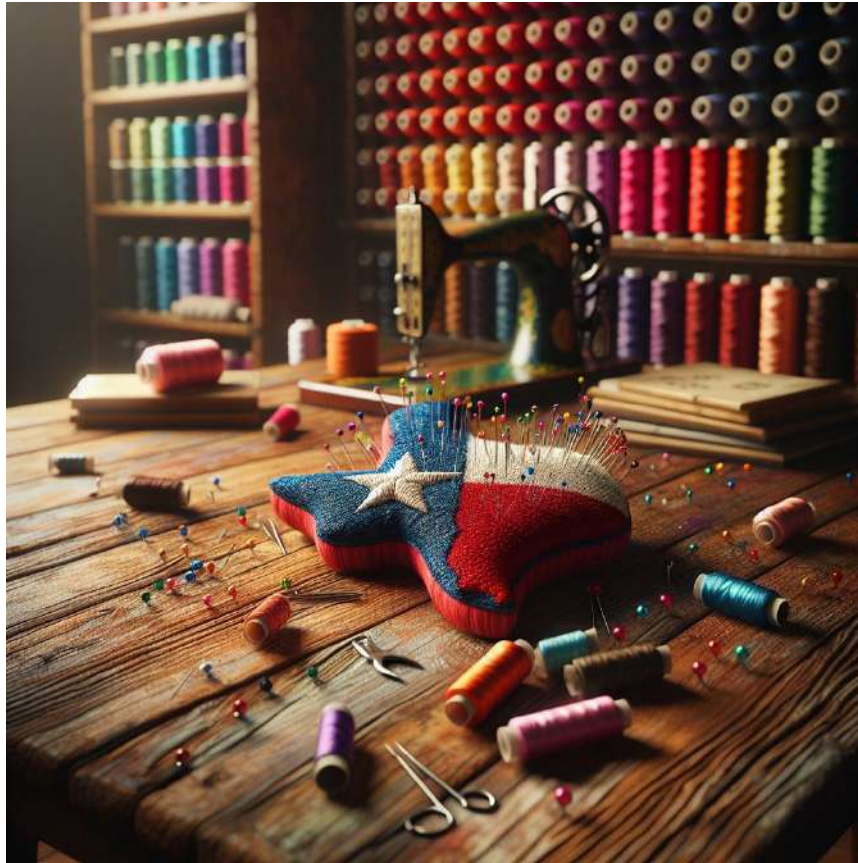


Keep up to date with all the news and events on our Facebook page. Scan the QR Code for Facebook.

We're Going to Texas Ya'll!

Need to sign up for the 75th NSDC? Go to our website at <https://75nsdctx.com> and click on Register.

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Sew & Save at a Glance

Thursday, June 25

Category	Time	Title and Presenters	Room
Community Project	10:00 AM	Mastectomy Aprons (Klix and Teal)	Brazos C
Sewing Seminar	10:00 AM	Sewing 101 (Godsey)	Brazos A
Sewing Seminar	11:00 AM	Make it Yours (Klix)	Brazos A
Make & Take Workshop	11:00 AM	Bluebonnets (Asp)	Brazos C
Sewing Seminar	1:00 PM	Tablecloth Skirts (Teal)	Brazos A
Make & Take Workshop	1:00 PM	Bolo Ties and Pins (Klix)	Brazos C

Friday, June 26

Category	Time	Title and Presenters	Room
Community Project	10:00 AM	Mastectomy Aprons (Teal)	Brazos C
Sewing Seminar	10:00 AM	Sewing 102 (Varner)	Brazos A
Make & Take Workshop	10:00 AM	Boot Noodles (Klix)	Brazos C
Sewing Seminar	11:00 AM	Putting a Yoke on a Non-Yoke Shirt (Brahm)	Brazos A
Sewing Seminar	1:00 PM	“Adding to It” (Klix)	Brazos A
Make & Take Workshop	1:00 PM	Turtles (TBA)	Brazos C

Saturday, June 27th

Category	Time	Title and Presenters	Room
Community Project	10:00 AM	Mastectomy Aprons (TBA)	Brazos C
Make & Take Workshop	10:00 AM	Last Chance for Make & Takes (TBA)	Brazos C

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**

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

Location: Marriott Hotel 1st Floor Meeting Room A

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

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	2,634
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 April 4, 2026

Alaska 0
Alabama 87
Arkansas 57
Arizona 29
California 125
Colorado 81
Connecticut 1
Delaware 3
Florida 97
Georgia 88
Hawaii 4
Iowa 25
Idaho 5
Illinois 46
Indiana 35
Kansas 39
Kentucky 43
Louisiana 39
Massachusetts 10
Maryland 36
Maine 5
Michigan 23
Minnesota 55
Missouri 71
Mississippi 28
Montana 3
North Carolina 24

North Dakota 6
Nebraska 9
New Hampshire 5
New Jersey 17
New Mexico 20
Nevada 4
New York 11
Ohio 103
Oklahoma 91
Oregon 12
Pennsylvania 33
Rhode Island 0
South Carolina 26
South Dakota 11
Tennessee 63
Texas 974
Utah 13
Virginia 23
Vermont 1
Washington 28
Wisconsin 42
West Virginia 4
Wyoming 0

International Registrations

Australia 6
Austria 3
Belize 2
Canada 11
Germany 23
Japan 12
Netherlands 2
Sweden 7
Switzerland 2
Taiwan 20

Top 7 States in Registrations

Texas 974
California 125
Ohio 103
Florida 97
Oklahoma 91
Georgia 88
Alabama 87



National Square Dance 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



**Help Us Commemorate this
Important Milestone in Waco!**

Make the Most of the Convention App



This year everyone who registered for the 75th NSDC in Waco will get the convention mobile app for free! The application has been improved and will be much more robust than in the past. Not only will the entire convention schedule be accessible using the app, but additional information such as maps, vendors, restaurants and live-streamed classes will be included.

A class teaching how to use the Convention App will be offered twice at the 75th NSDC at the Marriott meeting room A. Classes will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, and at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, June 25. The classes are the same.

The Convention App will go live about a month before the start of the convention, so registered dancers can begin learning to use the application on their own or just wait for one of the classes.

Hearing Assistance Available

There will be 20 Landmark radio-receivers available for loan on a first-come, first-served basis (\$50 deposit). The Waco convention will be using Landmark audio transmitters, which work with any number of radio-receivers. The 75th will also be selling a limited number of transmitters; check at the Ways and Means table.



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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 facilitated by volunteer dancers for dancers! ❖ Check the Program Book, 75th NSDC website 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 danglers and a charm bracelet for completing multiple aprons
<p>Give-Aways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Bring in the small flyer from your registration packet to receive a small gift AND exchange the flyer for tickets to win additional raffle prizes. There will be prizes including gift baskets, sewing tools, and handmade items! ❖ Raffle drawings will be Thursday and Friday afternoon. Winning tickets will be posted on Friday and Saturday mornings. <p><i>All prizes must be claimed before 1:30 PM on Saturday.</i></p>	

Get your Merchandise!



We will have all kinds of Waco convention merchandise:

T-shirts

Belt towels

Texas-themed items

Stuffed mascots, as held at top by Gary and Claudia Lester, our General Chairman.

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The GSI Callers School is sold out.

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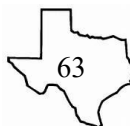
CONVENTION! <https://www.75nsdc.com/register-online>

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



*Please Join the 75th National Square Dance Convention[®]
for this Important Educational Roundtable Event*

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

Change doesn't happen on paper — it happens in clubs, on the dance floor, and in the community. This roundtable brings together callers and leaders who are already putting the TIPPP Framework into action. Hear real-life success stories from clubs that have made change happen in their local areas and learn practical steps you can take to guide your own dancers and organizations. From navigating the simplified 50-call entry program to using the new teaching order and playbook, panelists will share strategies for building buy-in and helping your dancers thrive. Whether you're leading a small club or part of a large organization, this session offers tools and inspiration to help you carry the Diamond Jubilee spirit forward into a bright future.

Moderators: Ted Lizotte & Teresa Berger, CALLERLAB

TED LIZOTTE

Ted Lizotte is Chairman of the Board for CALLERLAB and has been featured at numerous conventions, festivals and dances both nationally and internationally.

Ted learned to square dance in 1988 and began calling the same year. He began teaching classes in the 1990s and has taught beginner calling classes every year since. He became the club caller for Tech Squares of MIT in 1997 and still teaches their 12-week Crash Course. Known for his smooth-flowing choreography and music usage, he calls Beginners through C1.

In 2017, Ted started his own music label and is the owner and producer of Throw Back Tunes and co-owns and produces TOTL Recordings with Tony Oxendine.

From Manchester, NH, Ted has been a member of CALLERLAB since 1991 and earned Accredited Caller Coach designation in 2020. He has served on the CALLERLAB Board of Governors since 2018 and was elected to the Executive Committee in 2021. He was named CALLERLAB's Chairman of the Board in April 2023.



TERESA BERGER

Teresa Berger grew up in the square dance activity and started calling in 2010. She calls and teaches square dancing through Plus, cues Rounds through Phase III, teaches Line Dances, and records for Rhythm Records.

Teresa is a member of CALLERLAB and a life member of the Indiana Dancers Association (IDA). Teresa currently serves as the Executive Director of CALLERLAB, the International Association of Square Dance Callers, and also as the Executive Secretary for the CALLERLAB Foundation for the Preservation and Promotion of Square Dancing.



Attend Keynote Address by Ted Lizotte at 9:30 a.m. titled "It's Been 75 Years: Why Change Now?"

As the NSDC celebrates its Diamond Jubilee, be inspired and energized as we look ahead to the future of our activity. This keynote sets the stage by exploring the motivations behind the Transitional Implementation Phase of the Program Policy currently in progress at CALLERLAB, and what it means for dancers, callers, and clubs.

Thursday, June 25 • 10:15 am • Waco Convention Center, TX

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

Introducing the Educational Roundtable Panelists...

JEREMY BUTLER



Jeremy and his wife Jamie live in Virginia Beach, VA. He started calling in 1996. He is the club caller for the Capitol Squares (A2/C1) in Richmond, VA, and The Square Edges (Plus) in Newport News, VA. Jeremy is also a traveling caller and calls for festivals and dances in many places around the country.

He is the current Advanced Program Committee Vice-Chairman, Applications Review Committee Chairman, a member of the Board of Governors in CALLERLAB, and is the Membership Committee Chair for the Virginia State Callers Association.

Jeremy has recorded for both Crown Records and Royal Records and calls the SSD program through C1.

MIKE SEASTROM



Mike Seastrom has been dancing since 1960 and calling since 1963. He lost a bet to his mother who insisted he try square dancing at least three times. The third time he was hooked. He taught his first class in 1963 after borrowing money from his parents to buy a small sound system. He was able to pay them back before the class was over and he's been calling ever since.

He calls and teaches Basic through C-1 programs, prompts Contras, teaches Line Dances, and enjoys dance party events when his schedule allows. Mike currently teaches for the Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club in Thousand Oaks, CA, and teaches the Social Square Dance program, which enables him to teach two classes a year plus a Summertime Funshop of SSD calls.

Calling has given Mike the opportunity to travel extensively in the United States, Canada, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Germany, Costa Rica, New Zealand, Australia, and Japan. He said he feels "dancing as a team of eight" is the best recreation in the world. As a recently retired dentist, calling has been an avocation quite different from his "Dr. Mike" side. He added, thankfully, his wonderful wife Lisa, family, and staff have been tremendous support.

SHAWN BROWN



Shawn Brown was introduced to square dancing in 2009 and began calling less than a year later at age 14. In 2011, he called his first National Square Dance Convention® in Detroit, MI.

In 2012, he became a recording artist for Gold Rush Records, becoming one of the youngest recording artists of the time. Today, he is a co-producer for Gold Rush Records, along with his father, Scott Brown.

Shawn works as a local and regional traveling caller, also traveling nationally, calling SSD through A2. He has called in 25 states, and in 2017 he called his first festival as a featured caller in Biloxi, MS, with Lisa Minton and Scott Brown. In 2023, he was blessed with the opportunity to work as a caller coach during the Grand Square International (GSI) Caller School in Mobile, AL.

Shawn joined CALLERLAB in 2011. He has been a presenter on several panels at CALLERLAB and NSDC conventions. He currently serves on the Caller Training, Mainstream, Marketing, and Music Producers committees.

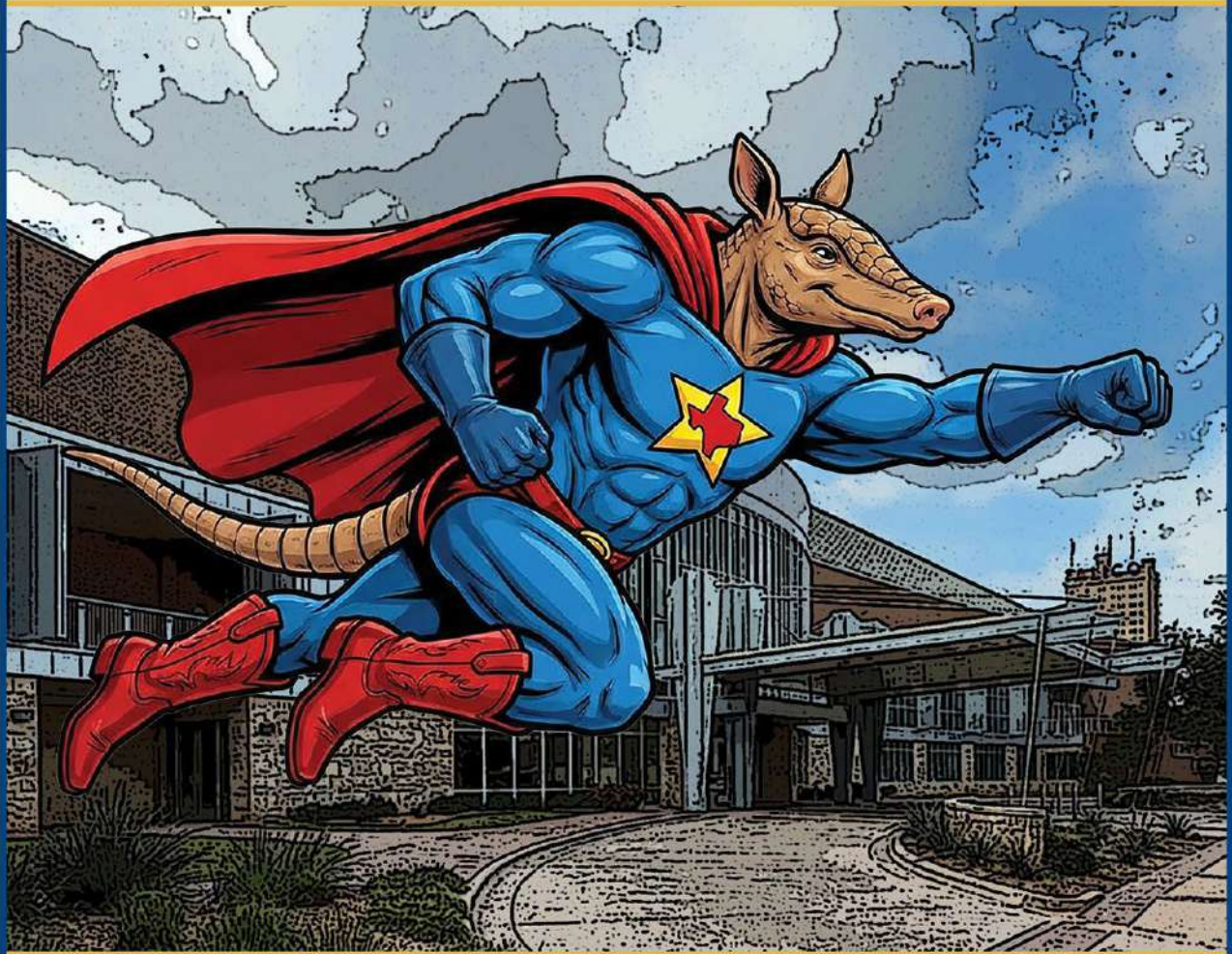
At home, he calls and teaches for Gold Rush Outlaws, Dip N' Dive and Square One (Shawn co-founded Square One in January of 2024 with Matt Williams and Lori Ritchey), while dedicating most of his time to the promotion and preservation of square dancing.

Add the Educational Roundtable and Keynote Address to Your Must-Do List of Events at the NSDC!

Thursday, June 25 • 10:15 a.m. • Waco Convention Center, TX

BE A HERO...

Save Money, Fight the Registration Fee Increase



Registration Fees for the NSDC go up May 1st

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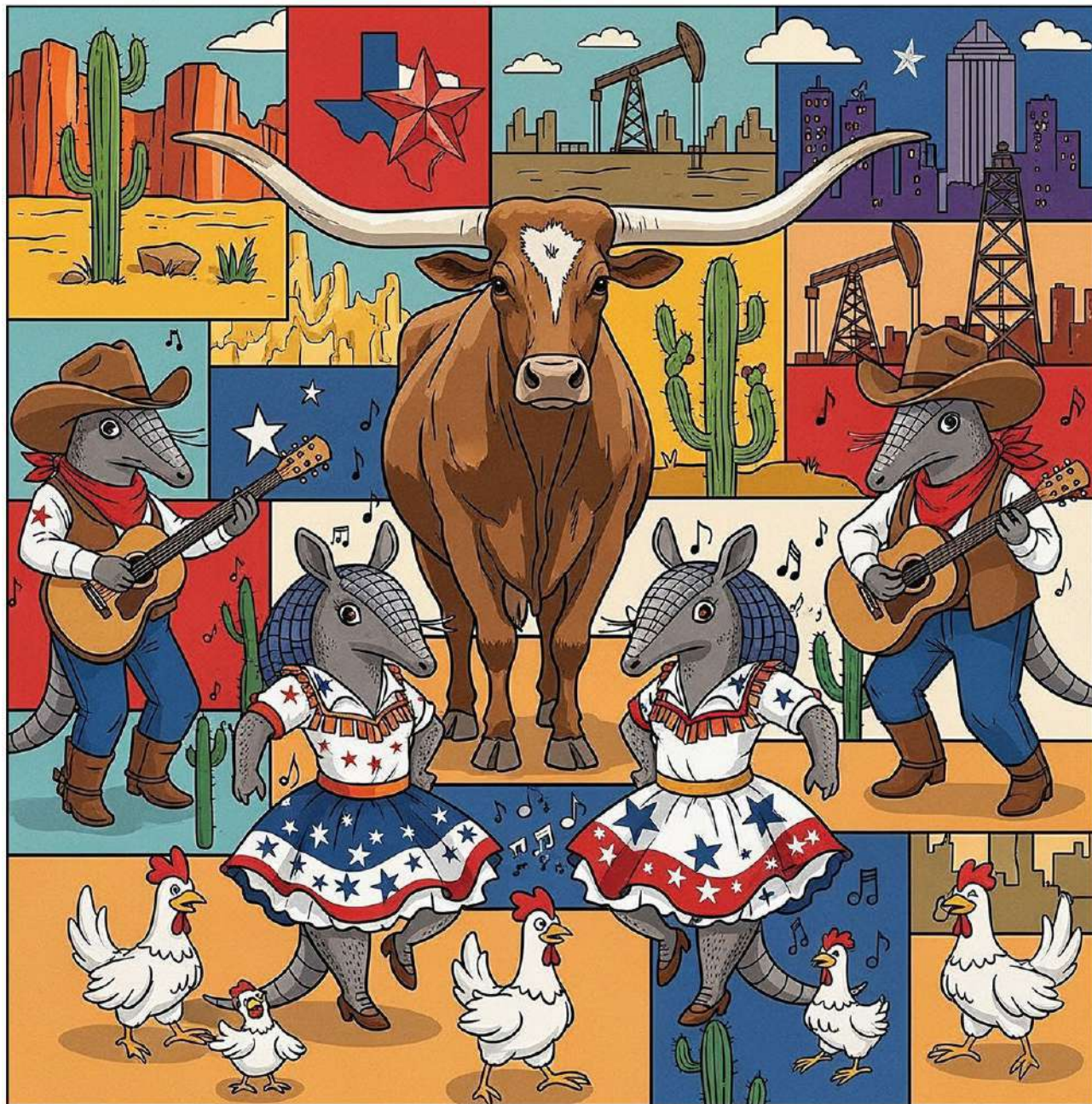
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Save today at: <https://75nsdctx.com/register/>

Scan the QR Code to join our Facebook Group



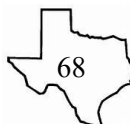
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Special Performance
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David Guess, Director



Helping Here.

Waco Convention Center Chisholm Hall
Friday - June 26, 2026 - 6:00 pm



Getting Around Waco for the 75th NSDC June 24–27, 2026 • Waco, Texas

Carless in Waco? You have several easy ways to get to your scheduled city tours and around the convention area.

Ride-Share Options

Uber

- Scan the Uber QR code to download the app.
- Create an account with your phone number and email.
- Add a payment method.
- Enter your pickup and destination in the “Where To” box.
- Choose your ride type and fare, confirm pickup, and request your ride.
- You may also reserve rides in advance.



Lyft

- Scan the Lyft QR code to download the app.
- Create an account with your phone number and email.
- Allow or deny location permissions as you prefer.
- Enter pickup and destination, select a ride option, confirm, and request.
- Advance ride scheduling is also available.



Taxi Service

- **Yellow Cab Waco:** 254-349-2083

LaSalle–Circle Shuttle

- Pay-to-ride shuttle serving Magnolia Market, Texas Ranger Museum, Texas Sports Hall of Fame, shopping, and dining areas.
- **Fares:** \$1.50 one-way • \$3 day pass
- **Flag-to-ride:** You may board anywhere along the route.
- Shuttle map: <https://destinationwaco.org/map/>
- Real-time GPS tracking: <https://wacotransit.transloc.com/routes/36/stops>

Waco Transit (Public Buses)

- Info: <https://www.waco-texas.com/Departments/Transit-System> (waco-texas.com in Bing)
- **Accessibility:** Not all buses are handicap accessible. For wheelchair-accessible buses call **254-750-1613**.
- **Hours:**
 - Mon–Fri: 5 a.m.–7 p.m.
 - Sat: 6 a.m.–8 p.m.
- **Fares:** \$1.50 single ride • \$3 day pass (cash only).
 - Discounts for Seniors & Disabled riders.
 - Children 5 and under ride free.
- **Evening Service:** Mon–Sat, 8:30–11:30 p.m. (reservation required). Fare: \$3 one-way.
- **Waco Transit App:** Download from the App Store or Google Play to book and manage rides.
- How-to-ride video: https://youtu.be/e3_FrKNxnVM?si=eLB2pGgHJFrR_rRg



Parking Near the Convention Center

- **Free parking** available in lots at Franklin Ave & 3rd Street.
- **Hilton lot** is for hotel guests only.
- **Free parking** garage on 4th Street between Austin Ave & Franklin Ave (look for the bright green pillar).
- Downtown parking map: <https://www.waco-texas.com/About-Waco/Public-Parking> (waco-texas.com in Bing)

EV Charging Stations

- Waco has **130 charging stations**.
- Map: <https://www.plugshare.com/directory/us/texas/waco>

Need Help?

Visit the **75th NSDC Tours Booth** in the Waco Convention Center.
We can help you download apps and walk you through transportation options.

Information courtesy of the City of Waco and Destination Waco



Pharmacies

CVS Pharmacy
820 S. Fifth St. Waco, TX (254) 296-0175
Approximately 5 minutes

24 Hr. Pharmacy
Walgreens
4100 Bosque Blvd. Waco, TX (254) 751-7215
Approximately 11-14 minutes

H-E-B Pharmacy
6:00 am – 11:00 pm
801 N IH-35 Bellmead, TX (254) 799-0253
Approximately 7 minutes



Veterinary Care

Texas Animal Center
4900 Steinbeck Bend Rd.
8 minutes away from Waco Convention Center

www.tamcwacovet.com

254-753-0901

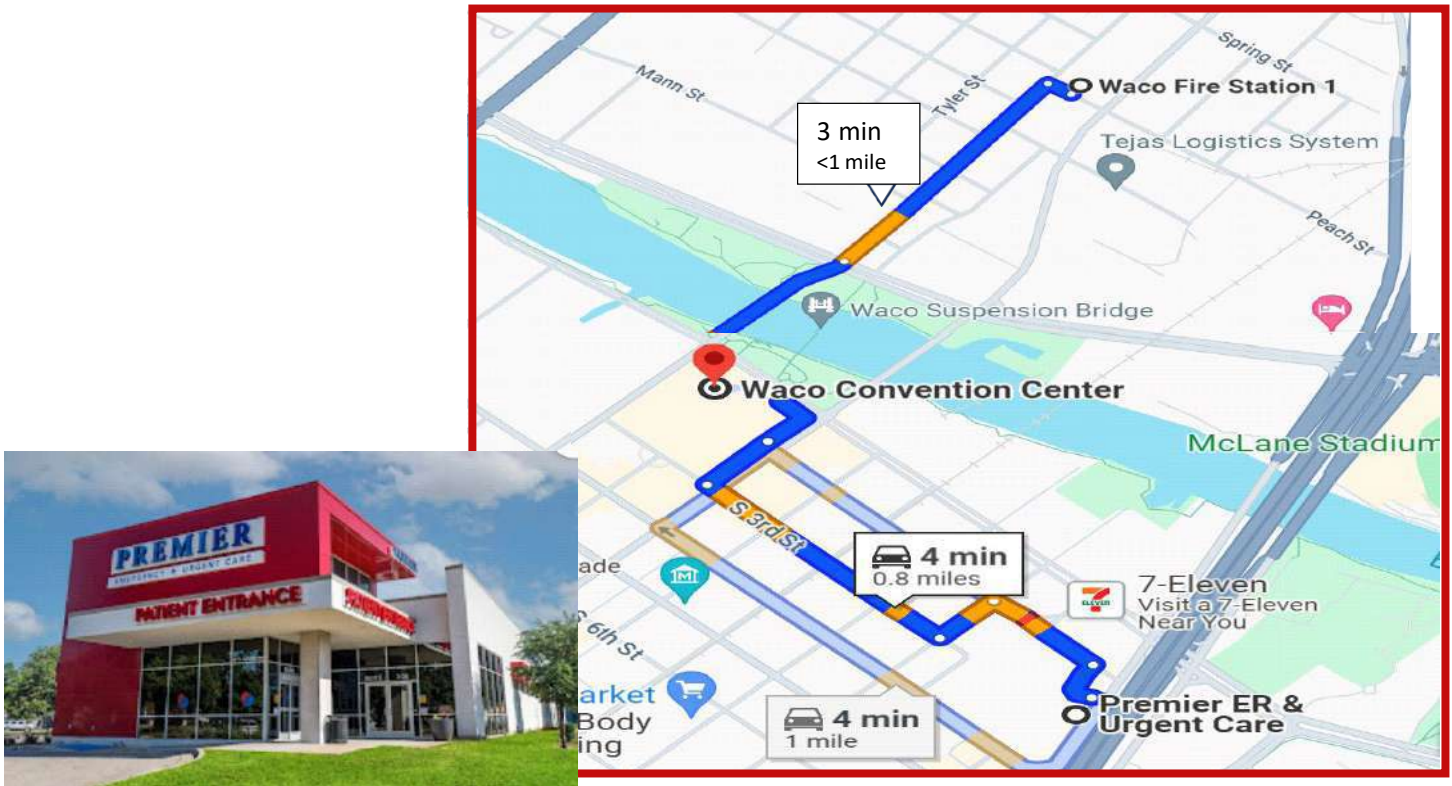
tamcvetstaff@gmail.com

Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

EMERGENCY HELP IS ONLY 4 MINUTES AWAY!



About This Location

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

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

Grandpappy Dillo Yarns

Cheesy Arm-a-roni Name Game.

- A calm armadillo is an Arma-Chill-O.
- A Farm-Adillo runs a drives tractor and bails hay.
- An Arma-Dozer flattens obstacles.
- A Tank-A-Dillo is built like a tank but loves cuddles.
- An Arma-Solo rolls on through life, a Lone Ranger.
- An unstoppable force is a Dilla-Nator, "I'll be back!".
- An Arma-Dawn is a morning Dillo. .
- Arma-Gizmo - The tech-savvy armadillo.
- A chef specializing in grilled food is an Arma-Grillo.

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



GRANDPAPPY DILLO'S WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

S R S A K N A O U T D O O R S
 D G S I S S Y A P E G L L D A
 U E T G K R R E O U N R R O S
 B E G C S O L T N E D A A P P
 A E I R P W B E D U L D D I A
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 P F B U M B R E L L A I G M H
 O D M K P M O O L B A O W C S

APRIL	EGGS	LAMBS	RAIN
BLOOM	FLOWERS	OUTDOOR	SHOWERS
BUDS	GARDEN	PARADE	SPRING
BUNNY	GREEN	PICNIC	UMBRELLA
CHICKS	GROW	PLANT	WIND
EASTER	KITE	PUDDLE	

Answers on page 79

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. I can't trust him farther than I can throw him.

Now it's your turn:

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____



Answers on next page

Talk Like a Texan Answers

From activity on previous page

- a. I can't trust him farther than I can throw him.
- b. Fit to be tied
- c. Only a fool argues with a skunk, a mule or a wagon train cook.
- d. Church is out.
- e. Hotter than a burnin' stump

Housing



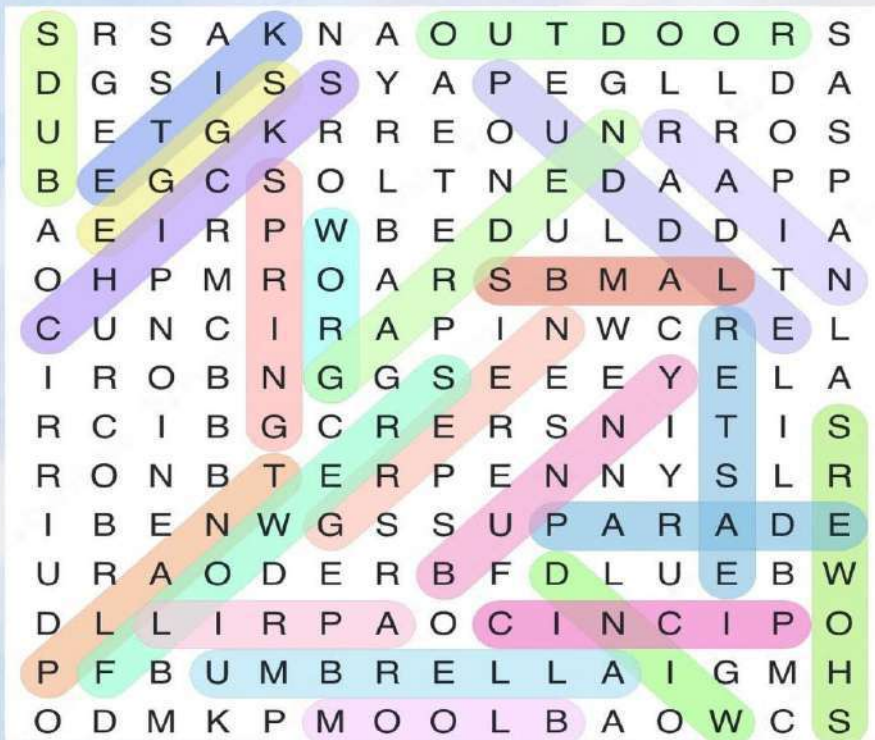
See pages 7-8 if you're looking for a *hotel*. For your convenience and savings, we have negotiated special square dance convention rates with a number of Waco hotels. There are even pet-friendly options!



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!

GRANDPAPPY DILLO'S WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

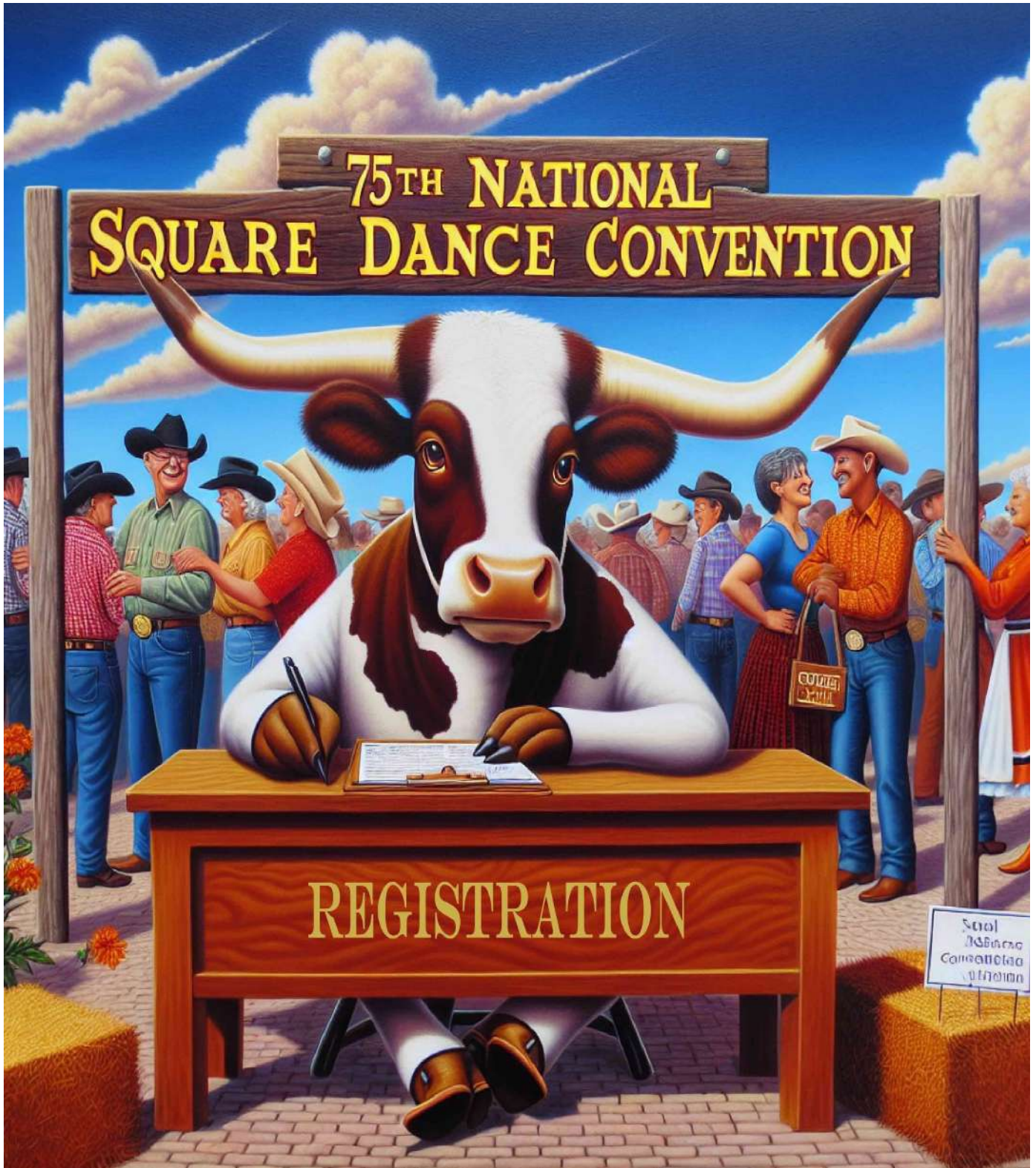
April Answers



From puzzle on page 76



What Are You Waiting For?



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!

Fly Through the Convention Center



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

Discover Waco, Loveland, Daytona Beach at 75th NSDC

Join the excitement and find out what surprises are in store at the National Square Dance Convention® this year in Waco, Texas to be held June 24-27, 2026, and at the next two national conventions. If you are still not sure if you want to attend the 76th or 77th NSDC, we have classes that will introduce you to the host cities and all there is to do.

Bobby Horner, formerly with Destination Waco, will take you on a digital tour of Waco, including tours, historic homes, points of interest, outstanding Mexican food, and “All Things Magnolia.” He will also share some of the very unique events planned during the 75th NSDC. If you have any questions at all about Waco, just ask Bobby.

Art and Lilly Hardin, the General Chairman for the 76th National Square Dance Convention®, would like to invite you to “Dance in the Heart of the Rockies” in June 2027. This is your chance to learn the top 10 reasons to travel to Loveland, Colorado – from having all dancing under one roof to staying at the gateway to the Rockies. Colorado’s square dance history has deep roots due to the efforts of Dr. Lloyd “Pappy” Shaw, who helped revitalize square dancing in the 1930s. Don’t miss this presentation!

Join Trent and Beth Hubbert, the General Chairman of the 77th National Square Dance Convention®, for a high-octane preview of what awaits you in Daytona Beach, Florida. This dynamic presentation will take you on a digital tour of the sights, sounds, and sunshine that make Daytona a must-visit destination for dancers in 2028. From the legendary Daytona International Speedway to the stylish Hard Rock Hotel and from thrilling water sports to relaxing beachfront strolls, Daytona offers something for everyone. Whether you’re a seasoned convention-goer or considering your first NSDC, this class will show you why Daytona Beach is the place to be. Come for the dancing — stay for the adventure!

If you haven’t yet registered for the 76th or 77th NSDC – you can do so in Waco at Loveland’s or Daytona Beach’s registration booth. If you haven’t signed up for the 75th NSDC, go to <https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>. You can complete your registration online or download a copy of the form to complete and mail in. Need assistance with registration? Email register.75nsdc@gmail.com or 75nsdchousing@gmail.com.



TRAIL END DANCE

*to the 75th National Square
Dance Convention*

**Tuesday,
June 23**

Dan Preedy
Washington



Mainstream
WITH ANNOUNCED
PLUS TIPS

7:00 - 9:00 pm **Mike Bramlett**
Texas



Swingtime Center

5100 SE Loop 820,
Fort Worth, TX 76140

(817)478-9959

Ken Burke
Tennessee



Ray Brendzy
Canada



Sponsored by
The Roadrunners
of Fort Worth, TX

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**



COME DANCE IN THE HEART OF THE ROCKIES

AT THE 76TH NSDC IN LOVELAND, COLORADO...

AND SIGN UP FOR SOME AMAZING TOURS!



High on many folks' **Bucket List** is a tour of **Rocky Mountain National Park:**

June 23 & June 25, 2027

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

\$130.00 per person

"Come with us to Rocky Mountain National Park's 415 square miles (265,807 acres) encompassing a spectacular range of mountain environments. From meadows found in the montane life zone to glistening alpine lakes and up to the towering mountain peaks, there is something for everyone to discover!"

Check out our website for our wide selection of tours!!

<https://76nsdc.com/>



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CAMPING/RV

Planning to Camp/RV for the 76NSDC? Make your reservations NOW!



Photos Courtesy of Loveland RV Resort

The Convention's Camping & RV Vice Chairman, Terry and Marcia Brubaker, along with Dennis Miller, Registration & Housing Chairman, personally researched and visited a number of sites in the vicinity of the Convention and selected the best six. Three of these sites are already taking reservations. The closest one to the convention is the Loveland RV Resort which is starting to fill up quickly with

20% of sites already booked. It's a pleasant place as you can see from the photos. If you choose Loveland RV Resort, make sure to register for the convention first, then ask for the Square Dance Convention 10% discount. Be sure to clarify their policies for cancellations, etc. The Convention website contains very important information about registration dates and the other campgrounds; please visit: <https://76nsdc.com/accommodations/> and scroll down below the hotel offerings.





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 c/o Art Hardin
22 Heathers Way Trail
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 _____
***THESE 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

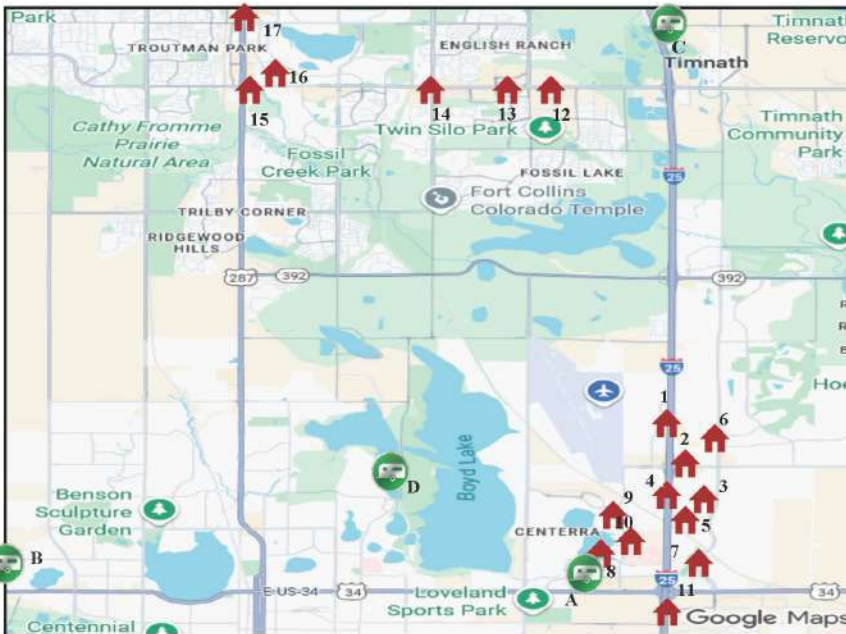
You must update your profile yearly & online by 12/31/26 @ sdconvention.com

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 this registration form is 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 min)	\$189
10	Hampton Inn Loveland (3.6 mi/8 min)	\$195
11	Wingate (4.1 mi/10 min)	\$109
12	Fairfield Inn Ft. Collins (8.3 mi/13 min)	\$195
13	Garden Inn Fort Collins (8.8 mi/15 min)	\$239
14	Hampton Inn Ft. Collins (9.9 mi/17 min)	\$224
15	Courtyard Ft. Collins (10.3 mi/18 min)	\$169
16	Candlewood Suites Ft. Collins (11.2 mi/19 min)	\$169
17	Marriott Ft. Collins (12.1 mi/21 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 6/20 M 6/21

T 6/22 W 6/23 Th 6/24 F 6/25 Sa 6/26 Su 6/27

Number of additional nights prior to 6/20 ____ Number of additional nights after 6/27. ____ Total number of nights requested ____

Arrange your own RV & Camping Accommodations

- A. **Loveland RV Resort** (4 mi/8 min) 4421US Hwy 34 (Loveland) (970) 667-1204 www.lovelandrvresort.com
- B. **Riverview RV Park** (14 mi/23 min) 3444 River Rim Rd. (Loveland) (970) 667-9910 www.riverviewrv.com
- C. **Wellington KOA** (22 mi/23 min) 4821 E. County Rd. 70 (Wellington) (720) 650-5777 <https://koa.com/campgrounds/fort-collins-north/>
- D. **Boyd Lake State Park** (8 mi/16 min) 3720 N. County Rd. 11c (Loveland) (970) 669-1739 <https://cpw.state.co.us/state-parks/boyd-lake-state-park>

IMPORTANT. Visit 76nsdc.com for **discount** information and other important details. (Boyd Lake can only be booked 6 months ahead, others start 2 Jan 2026.)



Register **NOW**

for the

77TH National Square
Dance Convention®

77nsdcfl.com

*June 28 to July 1, 2028
in Daytona Beach, Florida!*





WHY REGISTER NOW? THE IMPORTANCE OF REGISTRATION



BEST EVENT SPACE & SERVICES

Expected attendance numbers dictate prices for food, halls, and preparation.



CLEARER PICTURE OF FINANCES

Helps keep the Convention affordable by being able to plan in advance, avoiding last-minute expensive surprises.



SMOOTH EVENT OPERATIONS

Helps determine the number of volunteers needed to support registrations, halls, tours, and hospitality



FANTASTIC PROGRAMMING

Provides information about early interest, allowing optional activities to be offered, expanded, or upgraded.



POWERFUL SPONSORSHIPS

Strengthen the ability to secure sponsorships by showing early momentum.



ACCOMMODATIONS & PERKS

Don't miss out on special hotel rates, tours, or special events



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Ensure the right amount of vendors, food, transportation, and merchandise.



FLEXIBLE PAYMENT OPTIONS

Use the wave payment option as early as possible. Spread out the expense.

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Registration # _____
Dangles

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

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

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

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Primary Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Partner's Last Name (if different): _____ First Name: _____

Email Address (if different): _____

Youth Names & DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Alt Number: (____) _____

Check if you want to opt out of email sharing. Email addresses shared only with the NEC for upcoming convention information

Pre-Registration Prices (US currency only) \$80.00 each x _____ **until 1/23/2027** = \$ _____

Youth born after July 1, 2011 \$30.00 each x _____ **until 1/23/2027** = \$ _____

Sub Total: \$ _____

Credit Card Processing Fee 3% (Example: \$160 x 3% = \$4.80) \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Cash Received \$ _____ Check # _____ (Payable to 77 NSDC Inc.) Zelle

Credit Card Type: _____ Credit Card #: _____

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

Statement Mailing Address (if different): _____

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

PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Please CIRCLE all that apply

Dancers: Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Handicapable, SOLO
Leaders: Squares, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Clogging. Education Presenter Topic: _____
Arrive Early or Stay Late # Days _____? Stay at Convention Hotels, RV Camping

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

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

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





National Squares E-Magazine Advertising Space Contract

Advertiser:		Date:
Address:		
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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.**

Please indicate by circling the advertisement size and the number of times the ad is to run. If the ad is to run multiple times, the copy of the ad may change from one issue to the next at the discretion of the advertiser.

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	<u>Full Page</u>	<u>½ Page</u>	<u>¼ Page</u>
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2 - 5 Per issue	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$9.00
10 Issues	\$120.00	\$90.00	\$80.00

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

Send Contract, payment in full and copy to:

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

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Advertiser's Authorized Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Title: _____





United Square Dancers of America at the 75th NSDC

ALL dancers are welcome at USDA-sponsored activities.



USDA ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, June 23 – 11:30 AM

McLennan Hall – Waco Convention Center

Share in our 45 years of accomplishments and learn about how USDA supports dancers and promotes dancing across the country.

USDA-SPONSORED AFTER PARTY

Friday, June 25 – 10:00 PM

Live Band Hall

**SQUARE DANCE AFTER PARTY with the
Ghost Riders Live Band**

Celebrate our 45th Anniversary!



USDA-SPONSORED EDUCATION SESSIONS

Hilton Hotel – Guadalupe Room

Thursday, June 24

**2:15 PM: Leadership Toolkit: USDA Resources for
Club and Organization Leaders**

Scott & Sandy Ebright, USDA President

Friday, June 25

10:15 AM: USDA 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Group Exemption Program

Jim Maczko & Pat Inglis, Program Administrators, and Jim Taylor, USDA Treasurer

1:30 PM: Who's Insured at Your Dances?

Elizabeth Sanders, USDA Insurance Director

Live Lively –



Square Dance!

Please stop by the USDA table at the Showcase of Organizations to see our display and pick up some of our free Educational Publications.



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.**

