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Website: <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com>

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Please send any club reports, photos, or questions about The Modern Square (including e-Edition notifications, ad copy, or for the **ASSDF website**) to Daryl Stout, Editor/Webmaster/Circulation Chairman, via email to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com – other contact info for the Editor, and the **ASSDF Officers** is elsewhere in this issue.

Policies:

1. All items are now due on the Editor's Desk no later than 3pm Central Time, on the Sunday after the last Saturday of the month, before the month of issue.
2. There is no word limit on club reports. **Minor editing is done** for grammar, punctuation, typos, and continuity.
3. Letters to the Editor must be signed. **Names will be omitted upon request.**
4. Adjacent state **Multi-Day Festival flyers** will be in the full-Edition.
5. Non-commercial ads that are submitted to promote dance events within the Federation area will be accepted **only** from **ASSDF** clubs, organizations, and their Callers and Cuers.

Advertisements:

All Special Dance flyers are **FREE**, but ads for one's business/job, or other personal ads, are \$10 per month, or \$60 per year. In other words, if you buy a year's worth of ads, it's like you'll get six months free!!

Advance Payment is required to the ASSDF Treasurer, before the ad will run. All flyer and ad copy should be sent to the Editor before the deadline that is noted above. Be sure that all the information that's in the dance flyer, ads, etc., is **correct** before submission for publication.

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President's Message

Here are your 2026 ASSDF Officers – please thank them for serving!!



Tom and Kim Fox
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Square/Round Dance Social Media/Websites:

Here are club Facebook pages (search for the groups), plus websites for square and round dance clubs, organizations, callers, and cuers. A file with links is at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>. If you, your club, or organization isn't listed below, please send an email to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com with the info.

Arkansas Clubs, Callers, and Cuers On Facebook:

Arkansas' Fall Festival, Arkansas State Square Dance Federation, Arky Cloggers, Blue Belles and Beaus, Guys N Dolls, Heber Springers Square Dance Club, Levi's And Lace, Maverick Mixers, Pioneers, Square Dancing With Jay King (River City Squares), Southern Swingers, Star Steppers, The Three Amigos, Twirling Funtimers, and the Twirling Lariats.

Square/Round Dance Clubs/Organizations Websites:

Arky Cloggers, Callerlab, Roundalab, National Square Dance Convention®, East Texas Square and Round Dance Association (ETSRDA), Rebel Rousers (Dallas, TX), Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square Dance, North Texas Square & Round Dance Association (NORTEX), Heart of America Single Square Dancers Association (HASSDA), & Texas Association of Single Square Dancers (TASSD).

Caller and Cuer Websites: Nelda Eaton

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From The Editor



First, we hope that everyone has had a happy holiday season, and with the new year comes changes and resolutions. In my case, I've had to **CHANGE BOTH** my **EMAIL** and **MAILING** addresses...whether it's for items on upcoming club dance and special dance schedules, or something else. The fastest way to get the items to me is via email to either assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com (the Editor's Email), or to my personal email of n5vlz@duck.com -- the personal address is checked several times a day, while the Editor's email is checked first thing in the morning.

If you need to send items via Postal Mail, please send them to **P.O. Box 55655, Little Rock, AR 72215-5655**. Since I'm living in what was my late parent's home (they started square dancing 2 ½ years before me, and I regret that I waited so long), the Postal Service feels that "the house is vacant" (since the rest of my immediate family is dead and gone). I had to get a P.O. Box several years ago, as folks were stealing stuff from the home mailbox. If you send it to my street address, it will be returned as **UNDELIVERABLE**. I only get to the Post Office Box once or twice a month, so sending stuff via email is faster.

Second, thoughts and prayers to go **ASSDF Publicity Chairpersons** Mike and Ellen Lewis, with a recent cancer diagnosis. They have seen an oncologist and have a plan of action to deal with this development. They won't be dancing for a while, but we wish all the best for them.

Third, while the calendar changes, the **Executive Board** and **Appointed Officers** of the ASSDF have **NOT** changed...and we thank each of them for serving another term. A photo of them is elsewhere in this issue. The **only change** is in the **2026 Fall Festival Chairpersons**, Rickie and Theresa Muth, with the **Heber Springers Club** hosting the Fall Festival...more details on that are later in this column. Please note that the **Google Events Calendar app** has been **discontinued**, so it has been **removed** from the **Upcoming Events** page on the **ASSDF website**.

Fourth, with all the holiday eating, the acronym **D.I.E.T.** stood for "Did I Eat That??" (**LOL!**), but square dancing is a great way to dance off all that holiday food. So, we start the new year right, for you to "**M.E.T. Your Kicks Dancing In 2026**" with The Three Amigos...2 callers, then a husband-wife caller team. These are Phil Moorehouse (**M**), Nelda Eaton (**E**), and Blake and Amanda Throgmartin (**T**). The dance will be at American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane). See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events** for more info.

Fifth, our own Nelda Eaton, who calls for both the **Guys N Dolls**, and for the **Twirling Lariats**, will doing **Nelda's Plussers** – Plus Dancing with Country/Western or Line Dancing between tips, at their place, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The upcoming dates are **January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8, 2026**. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events** for more info.

Sixth, there are other special dances coming up this year, including the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo** in early March, as well as the **76th ASSDF Fall Festival** Oct. 8-10, 2026, at the Van Buren County Fairgrounds in Clinton, Arkansas, hosted by the **Heber Springers**. There are even 2 clogging workshop weekends that are scheduled in February and April, respectively.

Flyers for all of these are elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** at <https://www.arkansasquaredance.com/events> -- as well as in the **Special Events Calendar** elsewhere in this issue.

Seventh, many thanks go out to Roy Hestand from the **Pioneers**...to Anieta England from the **Twirling Funtimers**...and to Theresa Muth of the **Heber Springers**, for providing info on their **2026 Special Dances**. If your club has special dances scheduled, please email the info (and flyer info if that is available), to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com at your earliest convenience. The **publication deadline** is at 3pm Central Time on the Sunday following the last Saturday of the month, before the month of issue.

Eighth, back to the Fall Festival, this year, it's known as "**The Clinton Stampede**". It will feature National Caller Ken Burke doing the Trail

End Dance Thursday night...National Caller Scott Bennett will call the Friday night dance...with Arkansas' Callers and Cuers on Friday and Saturday afternoon, plus Saturday evening. Further details will be published in **The Modern Square** and placed on the **ASSDF website** as soon as possible.

Ninth, when you go travel dancing, please be sure to take flyers of Arkansas' Special Dances, as well as your **Arkansas Traveler** form, so you can work to obtain your 2026 badge at the **ASSDF Fall Festival**. You can find it elsewhere in this issue, as well as on the **ASSDF website** under **Resources** (<https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>).

Tenth, with winter upon us, please call before you travel. Many clubs will be **DARK** if winter weather is an issue. You can get the info on road conditions at <https://www.idrivearkansas.com> plus area weather conditions, forecasts, and bulletins at <https://www.weather.gov/lzk> -- also, if you feel ill on a dance night, or have been sick with the flu or otherwise, please stay home.

Eleventh, the **Southern Swingers** are starting lessons on Tuesday, January 6th, at their regular dance place in Bossier City, Louisiana. That same evening, the **Arky Cloggers** will be having an **OPEN HOUSE**, at their regular dance place on Conway. Flyers for these are on the **ASSDF website** at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/new-dancers> -- if your club is planning lessons (square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, clogging), send an email to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com at least a month before the lessons start, if at all possible...so I can get these into the full and compact e-Editions, and on the **ASSDF website**.

Special Dance Photos from much of the month of December 2025, are downloadable at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>, were obtained from the emails, Facebook pages, plus **ASSDF** club and special dances from the **Arky Cloggers**, **Blue Belles And Beaus**, **Heber Springers**, **Levi's And Lace**, **Maverick Mixers**, **New Kids Block Party**, **Pioneers**, **River City Squares**, **Southern Swingers**, and the **Twirling Lariats**.

Thanks to Corben Geis, Elaine Cox, Amanda Hargrove-Throgmartin, Lanita Hammett, Jody King, Daryl Stout, Carole Baker, Ginny Short, Kim Deane, Theresa Muth, Cathy Beesley, and to Becky Hestand for the photos.

Please visit our Facebook page and our website for any last-minute changes/updates, including dances in states surrounding Arkansas, and contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Editor's Email: assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/185342434341988>

Website: <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com>

We hope to see you on the dance floor in 2026!!

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman



If, for whatever reason (duplicate emails, no longer interested, no longer dancing, etc.), you decide that you **no longer want emails** concerning the releases of **The Modern Square**, or **ASSDF Club Updates** with **Special Dances** or **cancellations**, please send an email to the Editor at assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com, and request to be **REMOVED** from the email list.

You will receive a **final message** from the Editor, **confirming** that your email has been **removed** from the list. While you can still download or view items from the **ASSDF website** (QR Code above on the upper right), **you will no longer receive notices of these updates.**

The **ASSDF** thanks you in advance for your assistance in this.

Where are your special events?

Please notify *The Modern Square* Editor of your club's special events with all pertinent information included. The sooner that **all** information is provided, the earlier the listing will appear.

Further info/flyers, are at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events>



To visit the **ASSDF website**, you can either **scan the QR code** above, or take your favorite browser to <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com>

National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC)

2026 - June 24-27, 2026

75th NSDC Host City:
Waco, Texas

2027 - June 23-26, 2027

76th NSDC Host City:
Loveland, Colorado

2028 - June 28 to July 1, 2028

77th NSDC Host City:
Daytona Beach, Florida

2028 - June 27-30, 2029

78th NSDC Host City:
To Be Announced

Registration Forms for the next NSDC are elsewhere in this issue. The costs **INCREASE** (and **no refunds**) on May 1 before the next NSDC. Links to upcoming NSDC websites are located at <https://nsdcnec.com>

National Squares e-Magazine is published from August through May in the interest of the NSDC, by the host city of the upcoming NSDC. Go to <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> for links to thumbnails of the last **10** issues; then click on the desired issue(s) to view, or download and print the PDF file(s). Topics covered include Registration/Housing/RV Camping, Callers School (held prior to the NSDC), badges/ribbons, Solo/Single Dancers (unmarried or without a dance partner), Program Books/Daily Schedules (individual and total), Souvenirs, Vendors, Dance Facilities Map, Wednesday Night Dinner And Show, Trail-End Dances, Group Exhibitions, Workshops, Tours, Pre/Post Convention Events, Restaurants, Travel Options, Places To Visit, Various NSDC Committees, Upcoming NSDC Info, Mobility Scooters, First Aid, Educational Forums, Fashion Show, Showcase Of Ideas, Sew And Save, General Info, Ceremonies, Ads, and much more.

**75th National Square
Dance Convention®**



Due to vision issues, I no longer drive, and can't be at dances, etc. unless someone offers transportation. Please advise me if your info (club contact, dance day/time) in The Modern Square or on the ASSDF website, is wrong; as I can't fix it if I'm not told.

Most of the special dance photos are from club Facebook groups, although not everyone is on Facebook. If nothing's sent in or posted, nothing's published in The Modern Square, or on the ASSDF website. There's no word limit on club reports, but minor editing is done for typos, grammar, and continuity. The issue publication deadline is 3pm, US Central Time, on the Sunday, after the last Saturday of the month, before the month of issue.

If emails to you are returned, due to your box being full/over quota, or the address isn't valid, you won't receive notices on Modern Square releases or ASSDF club updates, until you contact me with updated info. Please let me know if you no longer want these emails.

Please CALL BEFORE TRAVELING, in case of last minute changes or cancellations. If you've been ill, feel ill on a dance night, or if weather is an issue, please stay home.

NONE of the ASSDF Officers will EVER send emails, Facebook messages, etc., asking for money, gift cards, etc.; those are SCAMS! Clubs with Facebook pages MUST police them, as scammers are posting things like "club T-Shirts", "death of a celebrity", "deleting all inactive members", "wanting part time work," (NOTHING to do with square dancing). These posts/emails have viruses to steal your identity, delete, destroy, or encrypt your data, where you'd have to pay a HUGE cost to get it back.

If you see these emails, DELETE them. And, if you see these ads, DON'T click on ANY part of them. Instead, report them to the group administrators, so the post can be deleted, and the poster can be banned from the group. Then, BLOCK that person in your email spam filter, and your Facebook profile. This helps keep that spam off your page. If not, someone will get their identity/data stolen, your Facebook page could get hacked, or you could be "left on the hook, financially".

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman, ASSDF



WELCOME NEW DANCERS

Presented by the Arkansas State Square Dance Federation

www.arkansassquaredance.com

2025



For those **new dancers who have just graduated** from class, or for those **going to graduate from class soon**, the ASSDF has prepared a **New Dancers Manual**. It includes **General Guidelines, Resources And Websites, The Ten Commandments Of Square Dancing**, a list of **ASSDF Clubs**, plus a **QR code** and links to the **ASSDF website**.

It's a 7 page **PDF** file, downloadable from the **Resources** page on the **ASSDF website** (<https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>), that you can print out for your new graduates, or you can give these to recent graduates. They are sure to appreciate this info. Note that some of the clubs noted may no longer be dancing, or part of the **ASSDF**.

Arkansas State Square Dance Federation

Fall Festival

October 9-10, 2026

Van Buren County Fairgrounds
1827 Hwy 16 Clinton, AR 72031



Featured Caller on Friday Night

Scott Bennett

Lawton, OK



Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email _____ Club Name _____

Tickets (per person) *Under 18 free with Adult*

Friday/Saturday (early Registration) \$30 x ____ = _____ Friday Only \$20 x ____ = _____

Friday/Saturday (after 09/30/2026) \$35 x ____ = _____ Saturday Only \$20 x ____ = _____

Mainstream _____ Plus _____ Advance _____ Lines _____ Clogging _____ Contra _____

Are you a square dance CALLER? _____

Mail registration and payment to Lanita Hammett, 1533 Hwy 300, Houston, AR 72070-8307
Please ensure checks are payable to ASSDF Early registration must be postmarked by September 30, 2026

October 8, 2026 - Trail End Dance
sponsored by the
Heber Springers



GUYS 'n DOLLS NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Wednesday Dec. 31st, 2025

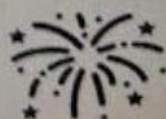
9pm to midnight

Food, Fireworks and Fun

Nelda Eaton will be calling

Gary and Linda Carlile's shop

Behind 6 Cardinal Ln.



Rhonda 903-276-3422 or Shelly 903-293-0945 for details

The Three Amigos -- M.E.T. Your Kicks To Dance In 2026



Phil Moorehouse
Maverick Mixers



Nelda Eaton
Twirling Lariats



Blake & Amanda Throgmartin
Levi's And Lace

Saturday, January 3, 2026 – 7pm – Admission: \$10 per person
American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane
(Mann Road And Leah Lane), Mabelvale, AR

For more information, please contact:

M. – Phil Moorehouse: (501) 960-4476

E. – Nelda Eaton: Cell: (903) 278-8068

T. – Blake Throgmartin: (501) 622-9402

Amanda Throgmartin: (501) 655-9767



**WHEW! HOPEFULLY BY NOW MOST
OF THE HOLIDAY CRAZINESS IS OVER!**

You've shopped, stood in line, baked cookies, decorated the tree,
planned menus, entertained the in-laws (and endured the out-laws.)

You've sat through pageants and programs, shopped some more,
made lists, shopped some more, baked more, wrapped more, stood
in line again, waited for presents to be delivered by the shipping heroes

(USPS, UPS, FedEx and Amazon). More shopping, more cooking, checking the menu and calendar again....



Stop! Take a deep breath. Now it is time for YOU!!!

Yes! You deserve a gift for **YOU!**

Come to the **ARKY CLOGGERS** open house on Tuesday, **January 6th** from **6:00 to 7:00 PM** at the DAV Building at **1490 South Donaghey in Conway, AR**. Come make friends with a fun, crazy group! While you are there you can register for some door prizes to be given away! Stay and learn a little bit about clogging. (It is a second language for your feet!) This is designed for the absolute beginner that knows **NOTHING** about clogging. You don't need to have any prior dance experience. You don't need a partner. If you are old enough to read this then you are old enough to learn to clog. It is great fun for the entire family and for **ALL** ages. Bring a friend and double your fun!



Lanita Hammett-CCI (501) 889-4679



ArkyCloggers@gmail.com



ArkyCloggers.com



ARKY CLOGGERS-Fan Page

Open House - 01/06/2026

Learn more about what we do

Drop in during the OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, January 6th, 2026 from 6:00 to 7:00. Meet the rest of the team, register for door prizes, make some new friends and discover the exciting world of clogging. You can find us in the Disabled American Veteran's building at 1490 South Donaghey in Conway.

Don't worry! Clogging is so much fun for all ages. It's great exercise for the entire family. You don't even need a partner or any previous dance experience. Just come for a visit and you'll wonder why you never tried clogging sooner.

Feel free to give me a call at (501) 889-4679 if you want to get any more information. Check out some pictures of the fun things the ARKY CLOGGERS have done over the last few years. We can't wait to meet you!

SOUTHERN SWINGERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB
BEGINNERS SQUARE DANCE LESSONS
STARTING TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2026



Registration 6:30 to 6:55 PM

Dancing 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Free Admission in January

Refreshments

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Casual Dress – Comfortable Shoes – Wear a Smile

Fun and Laughter

Dancing is a low impact activity

We dance to a variety of music

People of all ages enjoy the benefits of dancing

Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Rd (Highway 3) Bossier City, LA
(Just south of Kingston Road Intersection)

For More Information: Go to Facebook: Southern Swingers Square Dancers

Email: sssquaredance@gmail.com

Twirling Funtimers



Passing Through Arkansas

Square DANCE

Wednesday January 7, 2026

6:00-8:30pm, \$7

Caller: Tim Tyl



Lloyd Travis Community Center
14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR
www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers
Call 870-404-4158 for info



Southern Swingers First Dance of 2026

Saturday, January 10th
Caller K.O. Jeans
Promenade Hall 5400 Benton Rd
Bossier City, LA
7:00-9:30

Members \$6.00
Guest \$11.00
Spectators FREE

For information email
[sssquaredance@ gmail.com](mailto:sssquaredance@gmail.com)
or check out our Facebook page
Southern Swingers Square Dancers
Wear your favorite winter dance attire



PLUS SQUARE DANCING
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At
The Eaton's Shop
1519 County Road 4003
New Boston, TX 75570
On the
2nd Tuesday of each month
January thru December 2026
Workshop at 6:30 pm
Dancing from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
CALLER: NELDA EATON

Directions from Mt. Pleasant via Interstate 30:

Take Exit 198 to Highway 98 and turn right (south). Go approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile on Highway 98 and turn left (east) on Country Road 4001. Go $\frac{1}{2}$ mile (to first crossroads) and turn right (south) on County Road 4003. Go $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and the road will curve to the right. Look straight ahead in the curve for a driveway. Follow the driveway beside the house to the shop which is located behind the house.

If traveling from Texarkana on I-30, once you take Exit 198, turn left (south) on Highway 98, and then follow the directions listed above.

NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP

For additional information contact Nelda Eaton at:

Cell Phone: 903-278-8068

Email: EatonSDCaller@gmail.com

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WWW.GENERALBUTLERBASH.COM

JANUARY 16 & 17, 2026

SPECIAL
GUEST CALLER



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TWO FULL TIME DANCE HALLS
OUR 14TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION**

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2292 US 27 #300 SOMERSET, KY 42501**

Caller Clinic with Dan Sahlstrom Friday 10 am - 12:30 pm in Courtyard Hotel.
Free to registered Callers or \$30 per Caller if not registered for the weekend.

Rounds and A2 dancing starts at 1 pm Friday, Plus at 3 pm.

Check out www.generalbutlerbash.com for complete schedule.

**MAIL IN
OR REGISTER ONLINE.**
Scan the QR Code or see reverse for details.





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**SOUTH TEXAS
SQUARE &
ROUND DANCE
ASSOCIATION**



17th Annual
FEBRUARY FRENZY
February 13 & 14, 2026

JOEY DUHAMEL

Calling

MARILYN AND JERRAL WAGUESPACK

Cueing

Bauer Community Center

2300 N HWY 35 Port Lavaca, TX.

Friday Night:

7p.m. -- Pre-Rounds (Dance Attire Appreciated)

7:30 – 9:30 p.m. -- Mainstream/Announced Plus

Saturday:

1:15 – 3 p.m. -- ROUNDS (Casual attire permitted)

3:15 – 5 p.m. -- FUN SQUARES

RELAXATION, TOURISM, AND OTHER FUN

7 p.m. – Pre-Rounds (Dance Attire Appreciated)

7:30 – 10:00 p.m. -- Mainstream/Announced Plus

(Dance Attire Appreciated)

SEE BACK FOR: Donation & Contact information

HOST HOTEL:

La Quinta Inn & Suites, 910 Highway 35 North, Port Lavaca, TX

361-552-8800 (DO NOT call the 800 number)

Reservations must be made by: February 1, 2026

(Ask for the square dance block)

Camping:

Bauer Community Center parking lot:

Motor homes and campers (SELF CONTAINED) – FREE

Lighthouse Beach RV Park – 30 & 50 Amp:

Portlavaca.org website & click on “BOOK”

Texas Lakeside RV Resort – 361-575-2267 or
Texaslakesideresort.com

FURTHER Information and questions contact:

Dennis Pyron – 361-549-1491; dennispyron@gmail.com

PRE-REGISTRATION: (Must be received by: February 1, 2026)

PRE-REGISTRATION with the form below or apply with the QR Code:

Name(s) & Phone Number: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Please indicate Number of Attendees in adjacent box

QR – ONLINE REGISTRATION

(PRE-REGISTRATION REQUESTED, (PP)-PER

PERSON)

Dance Event: Age: Over 17 Number 17 & Under Number

Friday evening (PP) \$10.00 ☐ \$5.00 ☐

Fun Squares (PP) \$10.00 ☐ \$5.00 ☐

Saturday Evening (PP) \$15.00 ☐ \$5.00 ☐

(PRE-REGISTRATION REQUESTED)

FULL PACKAGE (PP) \$25.00 ☐ \$10.00 ☐

(Rounds, Friday Eve., Fun Squares, Saturday Eve.)

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Saturday Package (PP) \$25.00 ☐ \$10.00 ☐

(Rounds, Fun Squares, Saturday Eve.)



AMOUNT INCLUDED WITH THIS PRE-REGISTRATION FORM: _____

Questions: 3615491491 or dennispyron@gmail.com

NO REFUNDS AFTER FEBRUARY 2, 2026

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Jet Roberts



Charlie Robertson

February 20th, 21st and 22nd 2026

The Lake Murray Lodge

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580-223-6600

www.stateparks.com

\$50.00 Per Person Pre Sale \$60.00 at the Door

Register online at: www.crdancing.com/events

Call Charlie at 580-618-8508 or Kristi at 580-618-2048

email: crsquaredance@yahoo.com

Gateway to the Ozarks Clogging Workshop

24th ANNUAL WORKSHOP
Saturday, February 28, 2026

9:00 – 12:00

Lunch

1:30 – 4:30

Registration begins at 8:30

2 Halls of Clogging
Fun
Main Hall - Easy to high
Intermediate
Open Hall - beginners,
Basic, Advance

Marr Street Production
111 Marr Street
Pocahontas, AR 72455

Instructors:

Lanita Hammett, AR – CCI Shaina Morgan, AR – CCI Kaydin Seawel, AR – CCI
LaRhetha Morrison, OK – CCI Candidate

Arkansas Clog Council meeting to follow workshop - Dues of \$15.00 Due January 1, 2026 – Family rate 3 or more \$40.00

Pre-registration - \$30.00 per Dancer, Syllabus \$5.00(Deadline February 18, 2026)

*****AR Council members pre-registration only \$25.00*****

Registration at door - \$40.00 per Dancer

Checks Payable to: Dance Tyme Studio

Kathey Wilson

296 CR 368

Jonesboro, AR 72401

Information

dancetymestudio@gmail.com

870-243-8113

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Please check if you are a Beginner ☐



SAVE THE DATE
Mt. Nebo
Spring Fling
March 6-7, 2026

LOCATION:
Mt. Nebo State Park,
16728 W. State Hwy. 155,
Dardanelle, AR 72834

FEATURED CALLERS:

Jay King, Tim Tyl & Phil Moorehouse

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

4-5:30 p.m., 7-10 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

10 a.m.-12 p.m., 2-5 p.m., 7-10 p.m.

Sponsored by the Arkansas State Square Dance Federation

Hosted by the Twirling Lariats & Maverick Mixers



REGISTRATION FORM

Save money and register early, \$25 per person by March 1. Price increases to \$30 pp after March 1. Registration includes dancing both days.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Send reservation form & check made out to ASSDF to ASSDF Treasurer:

ASSDF

1533 Hwy. 300

Houston, AR 72070

LODGING

For information about Mt. Nebo State Park visit:

<https://www.arkansasstateparks.com/parks/mount-nebo-state-park>

Limited cabins and campsites are available at Mt. Nebo State Park.

For cabin reservation information go to:

<https://reserve.arkansasstateparks.com/mount-nebo/lodging>

For camping reservations go to:

<https://reserve.arkansasstateparks.com/mount-nebo/camping>

Additional lodging is available in Dardanelle and other nearby towns.

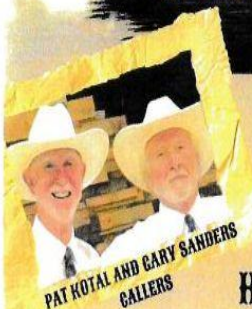
FOOD OPTIONS

No restaurant is available in the state park, but there are food options in Dardanelle and nearby towns. Additionally, we hope to offer a meal option.

We plan to offer dinner on March 6 as well as lunch and dinner on March 7 for an additional small fee. Check here if interested ____.

Check the ASSDF website and Facebook for details as they develop.

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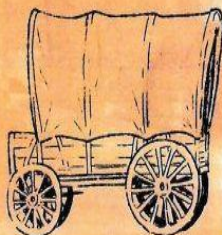


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**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
AUDRA HILL
936-222-0705**



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Trail In Dance
April 10, 2026



L-R: Shane Greer, Monty Hackler, Bill Powell, Ken Burke,
Tim Tyl, & Bobby Willis

**You won't want to miss the shenanigans when
these 6 callers get together! Featuring
Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, & Star Tips
Square Dance starts at 7 pm \$10 per person**

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2026

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Square Dance Festival featuring:



Tim Tyl and Ken Burke

I'm a little bit

COUNTRY

&

I'm a little bit

ROCK-N-ROLL!!



April 17 & 18, 2026

Friday evening: 7-10PM

Saturday afternoon: 1-5PM

Saturday evening: 7-10PM



Holmeswood Baptist Church

9700 Holmes Rd, KC, MO 64131



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www.FedDance.WeSquareDance.com

Clogging in the Natural State



Bar-B-Que Lunch on Saturday with paid Registration

April 24 & 25, 2026

American Legion

9925 Leah Lane

Mabelvale, AR – West Little Rock, AR

Featured Instructor:

Chip Summey, CCI-NC



ACC Instructors:

Lanita Hammet, CCI-AR

Cathy Micheals, CCI-TX

Joe Dawley, CCI-KS

Alice Havel, KS

Preregister for only \$40

\$35 for ACC Members

Syllabus \$15

Til 4-15

\$50 at door

HOST HOTEL

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West Little Rock, AR

501-455-3300

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<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/arkansascloggingcouncil/>

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10th Annual

"MAINSTREAM EXTRAVAGANZA"

It's Mainstream Dancing the way it should be!!!! FUN FUN FUN!!!!

Tim Tyl



**Marilyn & Jerral
Waguespack**

Featured Cuers



Monty Hackler



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May 22 - May 24, 2026

AMERICAN LEGION HALL 2015 EAST US HWY 80, MINEOLA, TEXAS

<u>Friday (Casual)</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday (Casual)</u>
Trail End Dance 7:30-9:30	Rounds Workshop 9:00-10:30	Trail Out 9:30-11:00 am
With Rounds	Mainstream Workshop 10:30-12:00	With Rounds
Hot Hash Tip 9:30-10:00	Lunch 12:00-2:00	All Gospel Singing Calls
	Mainstream Workshop 2:00-3:00	
	Dance the Workshops 3:00-3:30	
	Early Rounds 6:00-6:45	
	Dance 7:00-10:00	Tips with one round between

Weekend Package \$40/person (\$80/couple); \$45/person at the door (\$90/couple)

No Split Tickets

For Hotel and Camping information: See back of Flyer or contact Howard & Sandra 903-312-3713

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Mail-in & early registrations must be postmarked by May 15, 2026

Mail registrations & payment to:
Howard & Sandra Rowan
PO Box 2397
Lindale, Texas 75771-2397
Cut on dotted line and return with payment.
Make checks payable to Mineola Railers SDC
include "Mainstream Extravaganza" on memo
line

Chapel Hill

Get-Away

Plus Weekend



Jet Roberts



Charlie Robertson



Rounds by
Connie and Robert Wise

Dancing starts at 10 am Friday
Dancing Starts at 10 am Sat

14 Hours of
Dancing!!

May 22nd and 23rd, 2026

Henry Horton State Park

4201 Nashville Hwy Chapel Hill, TN

\$65.00 per person presale / \$80.00 per person at the door

Register at www.crdancing.com/events

Lodge Reservations: 888-TN-PARKS

\$138.00 per night plus tax

Cabins and camping also available

Additional Info: Contact Kristi@charlierobertson.biz

Texas State Federation of Square & Round Dancers
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64th Annual Texas State Federation Square & Round Dance Festival



Dancing Across Texas Longview 2026



June 4, 2026 - Trail End Dance
June 5, 2026 - Pre-Festival Dance
June 6, 2026 - 64th State Festival
Business Meeting: June 7, 2026

Festival Chairman
Gary & Linda Carlile
6 Cardinal Ln.
Texarkana, TX 75501
lindacarlile77@aol.com
crgary@aol.com

Assistant Festival Chairman
Mike & Shelly Whitehurst
New Boston, TX 75501
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June 5 & 6, 2026

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Allen & Marcia Hahn

Hesston, KS

620-217-1280 Cell

hahn@southwind.net

Dancer Coordinator

Brenda Mears

Emporia, KS

620-344-2517 Cell

jbmeares1979@gmail.com

West Heights UMC—Family Center, Door D

745 N Westlink Ave.

Wichita, KS 67212

Friday - 6:30 to 10:30 pm

Saturday - 8:30 am to 10:30 pm

Pre-order ribbons on our website:

www.kansassquaredancefestival.com

Deadline for ribbon purchase BY MAIL is: May 1, 2026

In order to receive your ribbon(s) via return mail

include a self address stamp envelope

**Host Hotel - Double Tree by Hilton Wichita Airport
& Best Western Plus Wichita West Airport Inn**



HASSDA FESTIVAL

July 10-11, 2026

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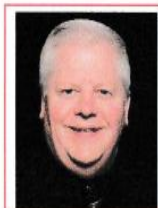
Mainstream

PLUS

"A"



NICK HARTLEY



DAN SAHLSTROM



TIM TYL



MITCHELL & CHELSEA THOMPSON, cuer

TRAIL END DANCE

Dan Sahlstrom, caller and cuer

JULY 9, 2026 (Thursday night)

Anderson Building on Lyon County Fairgrounds

Hiway 50 & Industrial Road, Emporia, KS

7:00 to 9:30 p.m. \$8 donation payable at the door

Sponsored by Bluestem Swingers

Visit
EMPORIA KS

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Individual registration - please check appropriate blanks:

_____ Friday & Saturday All Events Prior to June 15, 2026	\$40.00
_____ Friday & Saturday All Events payable at the door	\$50.00
_____ One Day/Night	\$30.00
_____ Individual Square/Round Dance Sessions	\$15.00

Total individual registration fees enclosed \$ _____

*Dance registration provides a complimentary membership to HASSDA for adults (**18 years of age & up**) from August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027.*

(Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.)

Make Checks Payable to: HASSDA Festival 2026

685 Newman Road

Havensville, KS 66432

Festival Contact: Maye Wegner ~785-806-8314 or HASSDA-FESTIVAL@wesquaredance.com

Square Dance Attire Admired, Not Required

Cancellation Policy:

- Full Refund will be given if cancellation notice is received prior to June 15, 2026.
- One-half Refund will be given for cancellation between June 16 and July 1, 2026.
- No Refund will be given for cancellation after July 1, 2026.

All requests for cancellation must be in writing or e-mail to HASSDA Festival Contact.

New Member ☐ **Renewal** ☐ **Single** ☐ **Married** ☐ **Youth** ☐ (under 18 = ½ price)

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SQUARE DANCE WEEKEND
PLUS / ADVANCED



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10AM TO 10PM**

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\$98 PER NIGHT

JULY 10TH AND 11TH 2026

FOR INFORMATION

KRISTI
580-618-2048
CHARLIE
580-618-8508

\$60 PER PERSON PRESALE BEFORE 6/15/26
\$70 PER PERSON AFTER 6/15/26

TO REGISTER:
WWW.CRDANCING.COM/EVENTS

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JOIN the FUN at "51"

AUG. 6, 7 & 8 2026

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Tentative Schedule

THURSDAY

Trail-in Dance 8:00-11:00pm

4 Square Dance Halls

2 Dedicated Rd Dance Halls

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

10:00am – 11:00pm

9 Halls of Dancing

***Live Band: Evening Hours**

W.L. Mills Conference Center
234 Airport Road
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

ROUNDS

Phases II-VI

Waltz - Rumba
Foxtrot - Jive
Mambo - Cha
Bolero - 2 Step
W Coast Swing

SQUARES

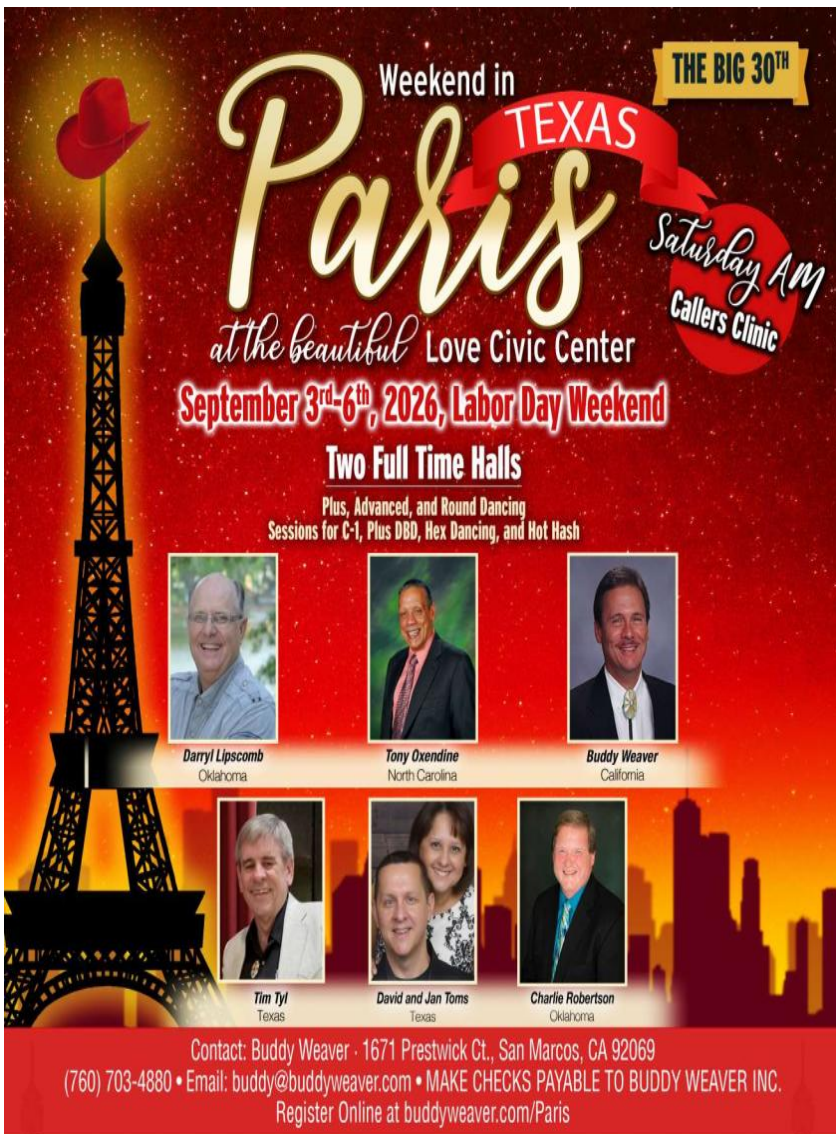
SSD/ Club 50 - DBD
Mainstream - Hex
Plus - Singing Calls
Advanced - Hot Hash
Challenge - Progressive

Specials

Contra
Singles Dance
Sewing Clinic
After Party
Fashion Show
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Facebook: TN Square & Round
Dance Convention

<https://www.tnsquaredance.org>



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Weekend in **TEXAS**

at the beautiful Love Civic Center


September 3rd-6th, 2026, Labor Day Weekend

Two Full Time Halls


Plus, Advanced, and Round Dancing
Sessions for C-1, Plus DBD, Hex Dancing, and Hot Hash

THE BIG 30TH

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Register Online at buddyweaver.com/Paris

Name: (Last) _____ His: _____ Hers: _____
 Partner if different: Last name: _____ First name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

THURSDAY TRAIL-IN	\$20.00/PER PERSON: _____	NIGHTS ONLY (FRI. OR SAT.)	\$25.00/PER PERSON: _____
ALL FRIDAY SESSIONS	\$45.00/PER PERSON: _____	ALL SAT. SESSIONS	\$45.00/PER PERSON: _____

* FULL DANCE PACKAGE \$70.00 PER PERSON (PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY) _____ (INCLUDES THURSDAY NIGHT)
 * FULL DANCE PACKAGE \$80.00 PER PERSON (AT THE DOOR) (INCLUDES THURSDAY NIGHT) **PRE-REGISTER AND SAVE**

To receive a full refund please notify by phone (760.703.4880) by August 1st, 2026

BRAZOS BASH

SQUARE DANCE WEEKEND

Featuring Callers



VERNON JONES
Springtown, TX



KEN BURKE
Nashville, TN



TIM TYL
White Oak, TX

September 18-19-20, 2026
Allemande Hall - 106 Westlake Dr. - Waco, TX
Program for this weekend will be MS-Plus-Adv

Fri. 5:00-5:45 PM A1/A2 Advance Dance
Fri. 5:45-7:00 PM Quick Teach, a few short easy Plus moves
Fri. 7:00-9:30 PM Main Dance – MS using Plus moves previously taught
Fri. 9:30-10:00 PM – Plus, using the full Plus Program list

Sat. 9:30-11:30 AM Plus teach and workshop
Sat. 1:30-2:00 PM A1/A2 Advance Dance
Sat. 2:00-4:00 AM Plus teach and workshop
Sat. 6:00-6:45 PM A1/A2 Advance Dance
Sat. 7:00-10:00 PM Main Dance – MS using Plus moves taught in workshops

Sun. 9:30-11:30 AM – casual Farewell dance

Full weekend package price per person: \$40 pre-register or \$50 at the door

Per session price per person at the door:

Fri. \$10 Sat. Morning \$10 Sat. Afternoon \$10 Sat. Evening \$10 Sun. Morning \$10

For more info or questions contact: Vernon Jones 817-727-6483 vernonjones@prodigy.net

Send pre-registration forms to: 450 E. Bradshaw Rd. Springtown, TX 76082

Make checks payable to BRAZOS BASH - You will receive an email confirming that you are registered

NAMES _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ State _____ ZIP _____

CLUB _____ CITY _____

STATE CONVENTION _____

CALLER _____ DATE _____

AREA I, (Mountain Home, Lakeview)

Club _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

AREA II, (Fort Smith)

Club _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

AREA III, (New Boston, TX; Shreveport, LA)

Club _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

AREA IV, (Hot Springs, White Hall)

Club _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

AREA V, (Little Rock, Conway)

Club _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

AREA VI, (Judsonia, Rose Bud)

Club _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

OTHER STATE _____

Club _____ City _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

ARKANSAS TRAVELER

- ALL dancers who have earned their Arkansas Traveler badge and/or Dangle, or Super Arkansas Traveler Dangle will be listed in the State Festival Program each year.
- All dancers who have earned 10 Dangles will receive a 10 year bar.
- See www.arkansassquaredance.com for a listing of clubs within the state.
- Only one card is needed per person or per couple.
- The awards will be made at the State Festival.

Earn an Arkansas Traveler Badge

1. Earn 5 of 9 possible points by visiting clubs in different areas, states, and/or the State Festival within one year—Sept 1 to August 31. The State Festival will count as 2 points.
2. Have this card signed and dated by a Club Officer in the Area visited.
3. Present your completed card to your club president by September 10.
4. You may earn only one badge or dangle per person per year.

Super Arkansas Traveler Dangle

1. Earn 7 of 9 possible points by visiting clubs in different areas, states and/or the State Festival within one year—Sept 1 to August 31. The State Festival will count as 2 points.
2. All other rules are the same as above.

Special Dances/Festivals

Please call before traveling, to check for last-minute dance/festival cancellations...especially around the holidays. If you're feeling ill, or if bad weather's an issue, please stay home. Info on Club Contacts, plus Callers and Cuers are elsewhere in this issue. Please **support your ASSDF clubs** with a visit to them; and have your **Arkansas Traveler Badge** form (noted on the previous page).

The listings of dances/festivals are with the **ASSDF Clubs** first, then **non-ASSDF dances/festivals** in Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas). The **National Square Dance Convention**® (NSDC) events are always listed, no matter what state it's located in.

Please send flyers on out of state dances and festivals to the Editor at assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com – **CANCELED** dances, or in the past, have been **REMOVED** from this listing. The out-of-state festivals will have the first page of their flyers in the full e-Edition, with full info on the **ASSDF website** (URL noted below).

Flyers not yet on the **ASSDF website** will be placed there as soon as possible; and will be noted here, once they're online. Website links, if known, are noted with the dance listing. You can also find this info on the **ASSDF website** at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events>

In issues where the publication is released prior to the 1st day of the new month, dances from late in the previous month will be noted.

ASSDF Club Special Dances

DECEMBER 2025

Dec. 29, 2025 – Pioneers End Of Year Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Dec. 30, 2025 – The Arky Cloggers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 31, 2025 – The Twirling Funtimers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 31, 2025 – Guys N Dolls New Years Eve Dance, Behind Gary and Linda Carlile's home, Texarkana, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

JANUARY 2026

Jan. 2, 2026 – The Twirling Lariats are DARK tonight.

Jan. 3, 2026 – The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks In 2026 Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock, AR). Callers: Phil M)ooorehouse, Nelda E)aton, plus Amanda and Blake T)hrogmartin. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Jan. 6, 2026 – Arky Cloggers Open House, DAV Building, 1490 South Donaghey, Conway, AR. Instructor: Lanita Hammett. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** under **New Dancers** for more info.

Jan. 6, 2026 – Southern Swingers New Dance Class Begins, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Instructor: Joey Duhamel. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** under **New Dancers** for more info.

Jan. 7, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Special Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Guest Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Jan. 10, 2026 – Southern Swingers January Special Dance, Bossier City, LA. Caller: K.O. Jeans. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Jan. 13, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips, The Eaton's

Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP **** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Jan. 21, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Soup And Earmuffs Dinner And Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Ken Jarman.

FEBRUARY 2026

Feb. 10, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP **** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Feb. 13, 2026 – Heber Springers Valentine's Special Dance, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

Feb. 16, 2026 – Pioneers Valentine's Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Feb. 18, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Valentine's Dinner And Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Guest Caller: Roy Hestand

Feb. 28, 2026 – Gateway To The Ozarks Clogging Workshop, Pocahontas, AR. Clogging Instructors: Lanita Hammett, Shina Morgan, Kaydin Seawel, LaRetha Morrison. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MARCH 2026

March 6-7, 2026 – Spring Fling On Mount Nebo. Sponsored by the ASSDF, the Twirling Lariats, and the Maverick Mixers. Callers: Jay

King, Tim Tyl, and Phil Moorehouse. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 10, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP **** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 13, 2026 – Heber Springers St. Patrick's Special Dance, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

March 16, 2026 – Pioneers St Patrick's Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

March 18, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Baby It's Chili Dinner And Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Guest Caller: Roy Hestand

APRIL 2026

April 14, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP **** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 15, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Festival Of Eight Special Dinner And Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Guest Caller: Kenton Sullivan.

April 24-25, 2026 – Clogging In The Natural State Workshop Weekend, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Clogging Instructors: Chip Summey, Lanita Hammett, Cathy Micheals, Joe Dawley, and

Alice Havel. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MAY 2026

May 12, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP **** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

May 20, 2026 -- Twirling Funtimers The Colors Of Spring Dinner And Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck.

May 25, 2026 -- The Pioneers are **DARK** tonight.

May 29, 2026 -- The Twirling Lariats are **DARK** tonight.

May 30, 2026 -- The Maverick Mixers are **DARK** tonight.

May 30, 2026 -- Twirling Lariats June Bug Dance, Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Caller: Tim Tyl. Further details will be posted as soon as possible.

JUNE 2026

June 8, 2026 -- Pioneers Straw Hat Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

June 9, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP **** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

June 17, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Sun Hat Special Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Guest Caller: Ken Jarman.

June 25, 2026 – The Heber Springers and Levi's And Lace are DARK tonight.

June 26, 2026 – The Maverick Mixers are DARK tonight.

JULY 2026

July 10, 2026 – Heber Springers Red White And Blue Dance, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

July 14, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP **** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

July 15, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Most Creative Club Colors Summer Attire Special Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Guest Caller: Donna Gellenbeck.

AUGUST 2026

Aug. 11, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP **** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Aug. 17, 2026 – Pioneers Hobo Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Aug. 19, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Polynesian Dreaming Special Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Guest Caller: Jay Wright

Aug. 21, 2026 – Heber Springers Ice Cream Social Dance, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sep. 7, 2026 – The Pioneers are DARK tonight.

Sep. 8, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP **** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Sep. 16, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Indian PowWow Special Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Guest Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

Sep. 25, 2026 – Heber Springers Hillbilly Dance, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

OCTOBER 2026

Oct. 8-10, 2026 – 76th ASSDF Fall Festival, Clinton, Arkansas. Hosted by the Heber Springers. Oct. 8 Trail End Dance Caller: Ken Burke. Friday Night National Caller: Scott Bennett. Arkansas' Callers and Cuers Friday afternoon, plus Saturday and Saturday night. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. Further details will be announced as soon as possible.

Oct. 9, 2026 – The Heber Springers and Levi's And Lace are DARK tonight.

Oct. 10, 2026 – The Maverick Mixers are DARK tonight.

Oct. 12, 2026 – The Pioneers are DARK tonight.

Oct. 13, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP **** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 21, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Halloween Special Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Guest Caller: Monty Hackler

Oct. 23, 2026 – Heber Springers Halloween Dance, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: TBA

Oct. 26, 2026 -- Pioneers Halloween Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

NOVEMBER 2026

Nov. 9, 2026 – Pioneers Veterans Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Nov. 10, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP **** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 11, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Hot Chocolate Special Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Ken Jarman

Nov. 13, 2026 – Heber Springers Veterans Dance, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

Nov. 18, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers “I’m Grateful” Dinner And Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck

Nov. 23, 2026 – The Pioneers are DARK tonight.

Nov. 25, 2026 – The Twirling Funtimers are DARK tonight.

Nov. 27, 2026 – The Heber Springers are DARK tonight.

DECEMBER 2026

Dec. 8, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP **** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 16, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Best Christmas Memory Special Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck

Dec. 21, 2026 – The Pioneers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 23, 2026 – The Twirling Funtimers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 25, 2026 – The Levi’s And Lace and the Heber Springers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 28, 2026 – Pioneers End Of Year Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Dec. 30, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers “Something Old, Something New” Dinner And Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyless Drive, Lakeview, AR. Callers: Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman.

Non-ASSDF Special Dances and Festivals

DECEMBER 2025

Dec. 31, 2025 – New Year’s Eve GMT (Greenwich Mean Time) Dance, St. Joseph, MO. Caller: Chris Wildhagen. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info. **** Afternoon Dance ** Pulled Pork Sandwiches After The Dance ****

Dec. 31, 2025 -- Double Plus New Years Eve Celebration Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Scott Bennett. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

Dec. 31, 2025 -- Log Cabin Swingers New Years Eve Dance, Tool, TX. Caller: Ken Burke. Cuer: David Berling. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

Dec. 31, 2025 -- Single Hingers And Mineola Railers New Years Eve Dance, Mineola, TX. Callers: Tim Tyl and K.O. Jeanes. Cuer: Fred Ayres. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

Dec. 31, 2025 – Tulsa Area New Years Eve Dance, Tulsa, OK. Callers: Monty Hackler, Shane Greer, and Bill Powell. **** 9pm to midnight ** Black eyed peas and cornbread **** See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

Dec. 31, 2025 – Western Twirlers and Kan-Mo Squares New Years Eve Dance, Joplin, MO. Caller: Jay Wright. Lines led by Juanita and her Sassy Sashayers. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

Dec. 31, 2025 – Red River Valley Dance Association New Years Eve Dance, Wichita Falls, TX. Callers: Bobby Willis and Tim Tanner. See the flyer on the ASSDF website for more info.

JANUARY 2026

Jan. 10, 2026 -- Greater Memphis Square And Round Dance Association (GMSRDA) Appreciation and Benefit Dance, Bartlett, TN. Caller: Tim Tyl. Rounds/Lines: Connie Wise. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Jan. 15, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Jan. 16-17, 2026 – General Butler Bash Plus and Advanced Square and Round Dance Weekend, Somerset, KY. Callers: Jack Pladdys, Travis Cook, Dan Sahlstrom, and Tom Davis. Cuer: Elaine Wintrow. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, or on the **ASSDF website**, or go to <https://generalbutlerbash.com/> for more info.

Jan. 17, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

Jan. 24, 2026 – Mississippi Square And Round Dance Association (MSRDA) South Council Dance, Hattiesburg, MS. Caller: Bubba Mingus. Cuer: Tim Eum. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

FEBRUARY 2026

Feb. 6-7, 2026 – TSquare Gadabouts and Circle 8 Squares 2nd Annual Friendship Let's Go Cruisin' Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Callers: Scott Bennett, Mike Hogan, Wernon Jones, Bear Miller, and Justin Russell. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Feb. 13-14, 2026 – 17th Annual February Frenzy Dance Weekend, Port Lavaca, TX. Caller: Joey Duhamel. Cuers: Marilyn and Jarral Waguespack. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Feb. 19, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Feb. 20-22, 2026 -- Red River Special Plus Level Dance Weekend, Ardmore, OK. Callers: Jet Roberts and Charlie Robertson. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Feb. 21, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Paul Hagen.

MARCH 2026

March 13-14, 2026 – 52nd Annual Texas Association Of Single Square Dancers (TASSD) Roundup, Waco, TX. Caller: Dave Rivera. Cuer: Michelle Rivera. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to <https://tassd.org>

March 21, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Darryl Lipscomb.

March 26, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 27-28, 2026 – 63rd Annual East Texas Square And Round Dance Association Spring Festival, Marshall, TX. Callers: Pat Kotal and Gary Sanders. Cuers: Fred and Linda Ayres. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

APRIL 2026

April 2, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 10-11, 2026 – Northeast Oklahoma Square Dance Association (NEOSDA) Spring Festival, Claremore, OK. Trail End Dance on April 10, Festival on April 11. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 17-18, 2026 – 73rd Heart Of America Federation Square Dance Festival, Kansas City, MO. Callers: Tim Tyl and Ken Burke. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 18, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Ray Savell.

MAY 2026

May 14, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

May 16, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Tim Tyl.

May 22-23, 2026 -- Chapel Hill Get Away Plus Weekend, Chapel Hill, TN. Callers: Jet Roberts and Charlie Robertson. Cuers: Connie and Robert Wise. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info

May 22-24, 2026 – 10th Annual Mineola Railers Mainstream Extravaganza, Mineola, TX. Callers: Tim Tyl and Monty Hackler. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

May 30, 2026 – 50 Years Of Calling Special Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Callers: Mike Bramlett, Dave Vieira, Dale Smith, and John Kephardt.
**** Afternoon Dance **** See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

JUNE 2026

June 4-6, 2026 – 64th Texas State Federation Square And Round Dance Festival, Longview, TX. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

June 5-6, 2026 – 72nd Kansas Square Dance Festival, Wichita, KS. Caller: Eric Henalu. Cuers: Kay and Bob Kurczewski. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

June 11, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

June 20, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Monty Hackler.

June 24-27, 2026 – 75th National Square Dance Convention®, Waco, Texas. More info, as well as a Registration Form are at <https://75nsdctx.com/> and in the full e-Edition.

JULY 2026

July 10-11, 2026 – Heart Of America Single Square Dance Association (HASSDA) Dance Weekend, Emporia, KS. Callers: Nick Hartley, Dan Sahlstrom, and Tim Tyl. Cuers: Mitchell and Chelsea Thompson. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

July 10-11, 2026 -- Royal Rendezvous, Ardmore, OK. Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jet Roberts, and Charlie Robertson. Cuers: Jan and David Toms. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

July 18, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Bobby Willis.

July 23, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

AUGUST 2026

Aug. 6-8, 2026 – 51st Tennessee Square and Round Dance Convention, Gatlinburg, TN. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, or on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to <https://tnsqquaredance.org/>

Aug. 15, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

Aug. 27, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sep. 3-6, 2026 – 30th Annual An Evening In Paris Weekend, Paris, TX. Callers: Darryl Lipscomb, Tony Oxendine, Tim Tyl, Buddy Weaver, and Charlie Robertson. Cuers: David and Jan Toms. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Sep. 10, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Sep. 18-20, 2026 – Brazos Bash Square Dance Weekend, Waco, TX. Callers: Vernon Jones, Ken Burke, and Tim Tyl. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Sep. 19, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Jeff Holley.

OCTOBER 2026

Oct. 1, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 17, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Fall Festival, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Vernon Jones.

NOVEMBER 2026

Nov. 12, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 21, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Darryl Lipscomb.

DECEMBER 2026

Dec. 3, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 19, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Bobby Willis.

JUNE 2027

June 23-26, 2027 – 76th National Square Dance Convention

®, Loveland, Colorado. More info, as well as an Early Bird

Registration Form are at <https://76nsdc.com>

JUNE 2028

June 21-24, 2028 – 77th National Square Dance Convention

®, Daytona Beach, Florida. More info, as well as an Early Bird

Registration form is at <https://77nsdcfl.com/>

Club Reports

Note: Information for these reports was obtained from the club Facebook groups and photos, emails to the Editor, and items on the Special Events Calendar. DS

Arky Cloggers

Hello 2026!

New Year! New Energy! New Classes! New Performances! I can't wait to see what else 2026 brings us!

To get things started right, we are having an **OPEN HOUSE** on Tuesday, January 6th at the Disabled American Veterans building at 1490 South Donaghey in Conway from 6 to 7pm. We want old and new friends to drop in and see what makes the **Arky Cloggers** kick! Clogging!!! And **MORE** clogging!! We want to show you that you **CAN** learn to clog. We have classes for folks who have never clogged a step and for cloggers with all levels of experience. We have a spot reserved for you!! No prior dance experience is necessary, and you don't need a partner. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

We're also celebrating the 2 year anniversary for the **ARKY CLOGGERS!** Our amazing group of ladies has grown from that little handful of gals that danced into this adventure with me! A big **THANK YOU** to those girls who have been my "ride or die" teammates!! **Happy Birthday Arky Cloggers!**

In the last few weeks, I have been contacted about at least two new performances coming up. I look for the team to do several more public appearances. More information as it becomes available!

We want to extend our deepest condolences to teammate Rita Galloway on the loss of her mother. You remain in our prayers.

We want to **congratulate** Kayla Carolina for being recognized by Baptist Health Medical Center in Conway on being named a workplace Besty Award recipient. It's awesome when people recognize amazing people like Kayla. Congrats!! A photo, with further info, is in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our class schedule resuming January 6th will be **BOOST** Class from 3:30 to 5:00, **INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCE** Class from 5:00 to 6:30. **BEGINNER-FROM-SCRATCH** classes will be from 6:30 to 8:00. You are welcome to drop in and check us out!

Does your square dance club travel? Are you looking for ways to get your **ASSDF** Arkansas Traveler form signed? Guess what? You can take care of that with the **ARKY CLOGGERS!** We are a member of the ASSDF. If you bring 8 or more folks on any given Tuesday night you can also steal our banner. (Well, it's actually a new tablecloth, but it's fair game!).

A great big shout out to our members for their donations of cat/kitten and dog/puppy food to the Companions Spay And Neuter clinic in Greenbrier. We gathered 132 pounds of dry food, plus an additional 17 cans of food. Great job, ladies!

During hard times, we think about our furry friends and hate to think of them going hungry. If you would like to help, please contact the Companions Spay And Neuter Clinic in Greenbrier at 501-679-7900. A photo is noted in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our Christmas party was a hoot!! We missed half of the group, because they were sick, working, or out of town. The pictures could never do justice to capture the fun, love and craziness when we all get together! Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We had a great visit at Ridgemere Assisted Living Center, and we had almost as much fun as their residents had! A photo is in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We're looking forward to 2 clogging workshops in 2026. The first one will be in Pocahontas on February 28, and on April 24 and 25 in Mabelvale. Flyers are elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**.

For the holiday spirit, here's a neat poem, with "Commander Cornbread" joining the clogging:

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring. (Not even a mouse.)

My new Christmas socks were hung by the chimney with care in the hope that Commander Cornbread soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, with visions of clogging steps dancing in their head.

Me was in my kerchief and Mike in his cap. We had just settled in for a long winter nap.

When out of the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash. I tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow, gave the luster of mid-day to objects below. When, what to my wondering eyes should appear by a black Nissan Rouge full of equipment and gear.

The little old driver so sweaty and red, I knew in a moment it was Commander Cornbread!

More rapid than eagles, her cloggers they came, and she whistled and shouted and called them by name.

Now Tater, Pinto, Skillet and Cream. On Pop, Jiffy, Corn Pone and Sweet Tea. On Silk, on Honey, and Butter and Kernel. There's Spicy and Jalapeno and Fritter and Beans too. Don't forget Maize and Muffin and Worm too.

Now out of your seat and onto the floor — let's dance, dance and dance some more!

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane go...their very best effort they surely must show.

So out on the floor, the cloggers they flew, to dance to songs both old and new.

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof, the prancing and jingle from each little shoe.

As I drew in my head and was turning around, Commander Cornbread came in with a bound.

She was dressed all in fur from her head to her toe. And her clothes were all covered with glitter — you know! A bundle of new cue sheets she held in her hand. It was time to learn more steps --- showy and grand!

She held the mic right next to her face....all we need was a 5, 6, 7, 8.

She had a broad face and a round little belly, that shook when she danced like a bowl full of jelly.

She was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, and I laughed when I heard her in spite of myself.

A wink of her eye, and a twist of her head soon, gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

She spoke not a word but went straight to her work, she started the music and turned with a jerk. And laying a finger aside of her nose she counted to 8 and dancers formed neat, straight rows.

She sprang back to her Rogue and gave a whistle and the cloggers all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard her exclaim as she drove out of sight.....a Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

We want to wish all of you a happy new year. We look forward to seeing you on the floor soon!

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/7366350676716921> or our website at <https://www.arkycloggers.com> for updates.

Lanita (aka Commander Cornbread)

Blue Belles And Beaus

Our **Christmas Dance** featured Guest Callers Blake and Amanda Throgmartin. Great tips with lots of line dancing too!! We enjoyed plenty of guests from **Maverick Mixers, Heber Springers, and Twirling Lariats!** From the Blue Belles and Beaus, we wish you a very **Happy and Blessed New Year.**

We'll resume dancing on Thursday, January 1st. You have an open invitation to join us on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday of each month. Thank you, Amanda Throgmartin for the pictures, which are noted in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own Phil Moorehouse will call at 2 special dances to start 2026. First, he'll join fellow callers Nelda Eaton, along with Blake and Amanda Throgmartin, at **The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks To Dance In 2026**, on Saturday, Jan. 3, at American Legion Post 128, at 9925 Leah Lane in Mabelvale (Little Rock). A flyer is elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** with more info.

Then, in early March, Phil will join fellow callers Jay King and Tim Tyl at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, on March 6-7, 2026. A flyer and registration form are elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website.**

In September, Phil will be Guest Caller for the **Twirling Funtimers Indian Pow-Wow Dance**...see their club report for more details.

You can find the latest updates for our club on our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100052996541923>

Robert and Cheryl Shaver

Guys N Dolls

While this is technically the January 2026 report...since this issue comes out a few days beforehand, we want to invite area dancers to our **New Years' Eve Dance** at Gary and Linda Carlile's place at 6 Cardinal Lane in Texarkana, Texas...on Dec. 31 from 9pm to midnight. There will be food, fireworks, and fun. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for details.

Our own Nelda Eaton will join fellow callers Phil Moorehouse, plus the husband-wife caller team of Blake and Amanda Throgmartin, at **The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks To Dance in 2026**, on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026, at American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (Little Rock). See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for details.

Nelda is also starting “**Nelda’s Plussers**” on the 2nd Tuesdays of each month, in the “shop area” at her residence. The upcoming dates are Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8, 2026. These will feature **Plus Dancing**, with **Country-Western** and **Line Dancing** between tips.

Note that “**No Animals Are Allowed In The Shop**”. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for details.

We normally dance on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 7pm, at Plentiful Harvest Church, at 500 North Merrill in New Boston, Texas. We'd love to have you join us for a fun evening of square and line dancing.

Our Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1182928908453786> -- you'll find any last-minute updates.

Rhonda Bailey

Heber Springers

We had a square at our **Christmas Dance**, with guest caller Roy Hestand from the Pioneers, with his taw, Becky. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own Phil Moorehouse will join fellow callers Nelda Eaton, plus Blake and Amanda Throgmartin at **The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks In 2026**, on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026, at American Legion Post 128, at 9925 Leah Lane in Mabelvale (Little Rock), for the first big dance of the year.

Two months later, Phil will join fellow callers Jay King and Tim Tyl at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, on March 6-7, 2026. A flyer and registration form are elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**.

We have set up our regular and special dance schedule in 2026...and **additional changes to this list** are possible.

On January 9 and 23, we'll have a regular dance. February 13 will be our **Valentine's Dance**, with a regular dance on Feb. 27. On March 13, we'll have our **St. Patrick's Dance**, with a regular dance on March 27.

Moving into spring, our dances on April 10 and 24, plus May 8 and 22, and June 12, will be regular dances. We will be **DARK** on June 26 for the **76th National Square Dance Convention (R)** in Waco, Texas, as several members plan to attend that event.

Into July, we celebrate **America's 250th birthday** with our **Red White and Blue Dance** on July 10, with a regular dance on July 24. August will have a regular dance on August 7, with our annual ice cream social dance on August 21.

Heading into autumn, we'll have a regular dance on Sept. 11, with our **Hillbilly Dance** on Sept. 25. As a side note, Phil will call at the **Twirling Funtimers Indian Pow-Wow Dance** on Sept. 16.

For October, we'll be **DARK** on Oct. 9 for the **ASSDF Fall Festival** (more details are later in this report), then our **Halloween Dance** is set for Oct. 23.

To finish off the year, Nov. 13 will have our **Veterans Dance**, and Dec. 11 will have our **Christmas Dinner and Dance**. Note that we will be **DARK** on November 27 for **Thanksgiving Week**, and **DARK** on December 25 for **Christmas Week**.

We're hosting the **2026 ASSDF Fall Festival** at the Van Buren County Fairgrounds in Clinton. Ken Burke will call the Trail In Dance on Oct. 8, and we'll also have National Caller Scott Bennett...along with Arkansas' Callers And Cuers. An initial flyer and registration form are elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**...and more details will be noted as soon as possible.

We normally dance on the 2nd and 4th Friday at 7pm at the Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West in Rosebud. We'd love to have you join us!!

Theresa Muth

Levi's And Lace

We had 2 squares and a few extras at our Dec. 26 dance...numerous photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition, with some videos on our Facebook page. Also, during the month of December, we went travel dancing, and we stole the **Travel Banners** of both the Twirling Lariats and the Maverick Mixers!! So, we likely will have them visit us soon to retrieve them!!

Our own Amanda and Blake Throgmartin called the **Blue Belles And Beaus Christmas Dance** earlier in the month. See that club report for details, and the Special Dances e-Edition for several photos.

To start the new year right, our own Blake and Amanda Throgmartin will join fellow callers Phil Moorehouse and Nelda Eaton at **The**

Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks To Dance in 2026, on Saturday, Jan. 3, at American Legion Post 128 in Mabelvale (Little Rock). Several of our dancers are planning to attend the first big dance of 2026. A flyer is elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**.

We normally dance the 2nd and 4th Friday at 7pm, at Lake Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs. We'd love to have you join us for a fun evening of dancing, food, and fellowship. Ron Wise does a Plus Workshop at 7pm, then our regular dance with callers Amanda and Blake Throgmartin calling.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1496305407256737> for any updates.

Phyllis Keeney

Maverick Mixers

First off, our thoughts and prayers to our own Mike Lewis, who was recently diagnosed with kidney cancer. Mike and Ellen probably won't be dancing for a few months, but they've met with the oncologist, and they have a plan for dealing with this development.

Our own Phil Moorehouse was traveling with his family the first part of December, so our **Christmas Dance** had Guest Caller Tim Tyl on Saturday, Dec. 13; who stayed in town for the **New Kids Christmas Block Party** at our dance location on Sunday, Dec. 14. At the **New Kids Christmas Block Party Dance**, we had Tim Tyl as emcee, with callers Patti Cummings, Lanita Pettey Hammett, Donna Gellenbeck, Amanda Hargrove-Throgmartin and Blake Throgmartin, and Keith Shelby. Thanks to everyone who came to both dances.

Several dancers did a demo at Harry Atchley's assistant living facility in mid-December, with Carolyn Birdsong, as the caller. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition, with some videos on our Facebook page. Harry misses dancing with his friends, and we miss his presence at the dances.

We had 2 squares at our **After Christmas Dance** on Dec. 27, and we welcome back our own Phil Moorehouse, from traveling earlier this month. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Several dancers plan to attend **The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks To Dance in 2026**, at our regular dance place on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026. Our own Phil Moorehouse will be joined by fellow callers Nelda Eaton of the **Twirling Lariats** and **Guys N Dolls**, plus Blake and Amanda Throgmartin of the **Levi's And Lace**. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

To swing into spring, our own Phil Moorehouse will join Jay King and Tim Tyl at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, on March 6-7, 2026. A flyer and registration form are elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**. Later in the year, Phil will be calling at the **Twirling Funtimers Indian Pow-Wow Special Dance** in September. Please see their club report for more details.

Our own Daryl Stout was one of the two recipients of the **2025 Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) President's Award**, mainly for his work in preparing audio transcriptions of the monthly **QCWA Journal** for those who are visually impaired. The **QCWA** is for amateur radio operators who were first licensed at least 25 years ago...and are currently licensed. He was into square dancing six years before getting his amateur radio license.

We dance on the 2nd, 4th, and selected 5th Saturdays, at American Legion Post 128, at 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale. When our own Phil Moorehouse is not "a Traveling Maverick", calling special dances elsewhere...he always provides a fun evening...but we welcome guest callers to do tips at our dances.

Please call before you travel or check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2402030760029886> for last minute changes or cancellations.

Daryl Stout

Pioneers

Christmas 2025 🎄

Our own Roy Hestand called at the **Heber Springers Christmas Dance** on Dec. 12, as fellow caller Phil Moorehouse was out of town traveling with family...see their club report for details.

We had a last-minute **Christmas Dance**, but I think everyone had a wonderful time. Merry Christmas from Roy Hestand and myself. Thanks to our girls for decorating -- Samantha Leann Hestand, Sara Hestand, and Shelby Danielle Taffar. Thank you to all who brought and sent food. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We were **DARK** on Dec. 22 for Christmas Week, but plan to have an **End Of Year Special Dance** on Dec. 29 at our regular dance place.

We have set up our regular and special dance schedule for 2026. While these are noted in the **Special Events Calendar** elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**, here is a brief list of our special dances. Our regular dances will be on the non-special dance nights, unless we're **DARK**...those dates are noted later in this report.

First, we start the year with our **Valentine's Dance** on Feb. 16 -- come show your love for this wonderful hobby. In March, our **St. Patrick's Dance** will be on March 16...be sure to wear your green for this one!!

As a side note, our own Roy Hestand will be Guest Caller at the **Twirling Funtimers "Baby, It's Chili Dinner and Dance"** on March 18.

Moving into the summer months, we'll have our **Straw Hat Special** on June 8, and our **Hobo Dance** on August 17. Wear your fancy straw hats for our June 8 special, and your hobo outfit for our **Hobo Dance** (we hope to have hobo stew there as well).

As the hot hash of the "**Red Hot**" summer goes to cooler fall temperatures (heading to the "**Ice Cold**" of winter), we'll have a **Halloween Special** on Oct. 26, and our **Veterans Special** on Nov. 9.

Then, we will finish off the year with an **End Of Year Special Dance** on Dec. 28.

Some of the specials might change to Fridays or Saturdays... watch our club report and our Facebook page for updates.

Please note that we will be **DARK** (not dancing) on the following Mondays in 2026...these are noted in the **Special Events Calendar** elsewhere in this issue, on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**.

May 25 (**Memorial Day**), Sept. 7 (**Labor Day**), Oct. 12 (**Columbus Day**), Nov. 23 (**Thanksgiving Week**), and Dec. 21 (**Christmas Week**).

We dance at Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, at 165 Jerry Baker Lane, in Mountain Home, Arkansas from 7pm to 9pm; with the doors opening at 6:30pm.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/859216584467625> for any other updates.

Note that we will likely be **DARK** on dance nights, if winter weather is in the region.

Becky Hestand

River City Squares

At our Dec. 9, 2025 **Christmas Party**...Oh what fun it is to Square Dance, Eat, and Mingle with Friends! Thanks to everyone who was able to make it. Some were missed, due to travel and illness. As usual, Clyda & J W gave each of the dancers a Christmas Goodie Bag! They are spoiling us, for sure! And a **HUGE** Yellow Rock to all of our Dancers! Thanks for being so generous!!! Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition...and it looks like several "got wrapped up" in the festivities!!

Our newest square dance class continues at our regular dance place, the Fort Smith Senior Center, at 2700 Cavanaugh Road, with our own Jay King instructing the potential new dancers.

Our own Jay King will join fellow callers Phil Moorehouse and Tim Tyl at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, on March 6-7, 2026. A flyer and registration form are elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**.

Please see our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1470785299916715> for any changes or updates.

Jody King

Southern Swingers

Our own Joey Duhamel did our **Christmas Party** on Saturday, December 13...we had 2 squares, and several sitting out. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition. Our list of special dances for 2026 will be posted as soon as possible.

Our president, Valerie Watts, delivered paper products collected from our club to **Woody's Veterans Home**. Also, the club brought stuffed animals for the students of the **Goldman School and Child Development Center**. Photos from both these events are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We're starting a **new set of lessons** on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026, at our regular dance location (noted later in this report). See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** under **New Dancers** (<https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/new-dancers>) for more info.

We'll have our first big **Special Dance** of **2026** on Saturday, Jan. 10, at our regular dance place, with Guest Caller K.O. Jeanes. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

We dance at Promenade Hall, at 5400 Benton Road, in Bossier City, Louisiana, on Tuesday evenings, with special dances on selected Saturdays, with our own Joey Duhamel always calling a great dance.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064404143648> for any updates.

Carole Baker

Star Steppers

Our own Phil Moorehouse will join fellow callers Nelda Eaton, with the husband-wife caller team of Blake and Amanda Throgmartin, at **The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks To Dance in 2026**, on Saturday, Jan. 3, at American Legion Post 128 in Mabelvale (Little Rock). It's a great way to start the new year off right, with such a wonderful hobby. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

In early March, Phil will join fellow callers Jay King and Tim Tyl for the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. Then in September, Phil will guest call at the **Twirling Funtimers Indian Pow-Wow Special Dance**; see their club report for details.

We normally dance on the 2nd and 4th Monday, unless otherwise noted at the White Hall Media Center (Scout Hut), White Hall City Park, 700 Andersen Avenue, with our own Phil Moorehouse calling.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/306734347493720> for any updates, including last minute cancellations for winter weather or other issues.

Kathy Tankersly

Twirling Funtimers

We had a good crowd at our final special dance of 2025 on Dec. 17, with our **Winter/Holidays/Christmas Dance**, at our regular dance place, with our own Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman calling.

We have our **Special Dances schedule for 2026**, and these are noted in the **Special Events Calendar**, as well as below. Many thanks to our own Loree Kant for the great work that she does on the special dance flyers. Dates that are not noted are "regular club dances".

On January 7, we'll have our "**Just Passing Through Dance**", with Guest Caller Tim Tyl, as he travels through Arkansas on his way to another special dance. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. Two weeks later, on January 21, we'll have a Dinner And Dance with our own Ken Jarman calling our "**Soup And Earmuffs Dance**".

In February, we have our **Valentine's Dance** on February 18, with **Guest Caller Roy Hestand**. The following week, we'll have a club meeting and dance with our own Ken Jarman. In March, as the warmer weather starts to arrive, **Guest Caller Roy Hestand** will call our "**Baby, It's Chili Dinner and Dance**". It's a good way to spring into the new season...also, wear your green, even though it's after St. Patrick's Day!!

Looking ahead to April, our next special is on "Tax Day", but **Guest Caller Kenton Sullivan** will tax our fun limits with the "**Festival Of Eight Dinner and Dance**". In May, we'll have "**The Colors Of Spring Dinner and Dance**", with our own Donna Gellenbeck. **Square dance attire is requested at this special dance.** The following Wednesday, our own Ken Jarman will call a regular dance, and we'll have a club meeting.

With summer arriving in June, June 17, will feature "**Wear Your Best Sun Hat Dinner and Dance**", with our own Ken Jarman. On July 8, after **America's 250th birthday**, there will be a dinner and dance with our own Ken Jarman calling. The following week, on July 15, our own Donna Gellenbeck will call our "**Most Creative Club Colors Dinner and Dance**", with "**summer attire**". Then, we wrap up summer on August 19, with **Guest Caller Jay Wright**, and our "**Polynesian Dreaming Dance**". The following week on August 26, there will be a club meeting, with dancing to our own Donna Gellenbeck.

Moving on to the cooler weather of autumn, **Guest Caller Phil Moorehouse** will join us on September 16 for our "**Indian Pow-Wow Dance**". Then in October, on the 21st, **Guest Caller Monty Hackler**

will join us for a **Halloween Dinner and Dance**...square dance attire or Halloween costumes are welcome.

To round out the year, November will be busy, with a club meeting and our **Hot Chocolate Dance** on November 11. The next Thursday, November 18, our own Donna Gellenbeck will call at our "**I'm Grateful For**" **Dinner and Dance**. We will be **DARK** on November 25 for Thanksgiving. Then, December will have our "**Best Christmas Memory Dance**" on December 16, but we're **DARK** on December 23 for Christmas. Our final dance for 2026 on December 30, will feature our own Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman with our "**New Years Something Old, Something New, Dinner and Dance**".

We normally dance on Wednesday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, at the Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane in Lakeview, with Special Dances on the 3rd Wednesday.

Note that with the winter weather season upon us, we will be **DARK** if area schools are closed due to winter weather.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers> for any updates.

Anieta England

Twirling Lariats

First off, our thoughts and prayers to our own Mike Lewis, who was recently diagnosed with kidney cancer. Mike and Ellen probably won't be dancing for a few months, but they've met with the oncologist, and they have a plan for dealing with this development.

Our **Christmas Dinner and Ugly Sweater Dance**, with Dirty Santa, was on Friday, December 19. Several photos from that dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

To start the new year, our own Nelda Eaton will join fellow callers Phil Moorehouse from the **Maverick Mixers**, plus Blake and Amanda Throgmartin from the **Levi's And Lace**, at **The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks To Dance in 2026**, at our regular dance place on Saturday, Jan. 3. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, on the **ASSDF**

website, and on our Facebook page for more information. We will be **DARK** on Friday, Jan. 2, 2026.

Our own Nelda Eaton will be starting “**Nelda’s Plussers**” dances on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, in the shop area at her residence. They will feature Plus Level Dancing, plus Country-Western and Line Dancing between tips. The upcoming dates are Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8, 2026.

Note that “**No Animals Are Allowed In The Shop**”. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for details.

We are still looking at a **June Bug Dance** with Tim Tyl on May 30, but it possibly will be a potluck duty square. Many thanks to our own Carolyn Cullins, who provided the scrumptious barbecue sauce and items for many years for this dance. While she has "retired" from this task, her work has been greatly appreciated.

We dance at American Legion Post 128, on the 1st, 3rd, and selected 5th Fridays, at 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (southwest Little Rock). We have a Plus Workshop prior to the dance, with our own Nelda Eaton providing a fantastic evening of square and line dancing.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/432398663471503> for any last-minute updates or changes.

Roger Garner





Is your club planning on doing **New Dancer Lessons** (square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, clogging, etc.) soon??

If so, please email the class info at least a month before the classes begin, to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com – the info will be at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/new-dancers> on the **ASSDF website**, and in **The Modern Square**.

Info needed is the date, time, location, caller/cuer/instructor, plus a contact person for info. Lessons can be either square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, or clogging.

For links on **how to get youth involved in square dancing**, and for **promotional videos** that can be **customized for your club or organization website**, or for a **New Dancers Manual**, go to <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>

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The **Arky Cloggers** will be having an **OPEN HOUSE** on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2025, at the DAV Building at 1490 South Donaghey, in Conway, Arkansas. The instructor will be Lanita Hammett. For more info, see the flyer elsewhere in this issue, or on the **ASSDF website** New Dancers page at the URL noted above.

The **Southern Swingers** will be **starting lessons** on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026, at Promenade Hall, located at 5400 Benton Road, in Bossier City, Louisiana. **Free admission in January**. The instructor will be Joey Duhamel. For more info, see the flyer elsewhere in this issue, or on the **ASSDF website** New Dancers page at the URL noted above.

ASSDF Club Directory

Note that **USDA Insurance** for clubs is due by December 1 of each year, and **Club ASSDF Membership Dues** is due by January 1 of each year. Please contact the **ASSDF Treasurer** and the **ASSDF Insurance Chairman** for more information.

Clubs that are **DARK** may still be in the **Google Events Calendar** at (<https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/clubs>), but **please call before traveling** to see if they're dancing that evening.

Note that clubs that are **DANCING** may have to cancel a regular dance, or change the dance days, times, and locations, at the last minute, or during certain times of the year, for various reasons.

Again, **please call before you travel** to avoid making the trip for nothing. And, if you feel ill, or if bad weather is an issue on a dance night, please stay home.

Please advise the Editor if info for the clubs noted, or for the info in the Callers And Cuers section (following this listing), is wrong; or if your club is changing their dance dates, times, locations, etc.

Lastly, check with the caller, cuer, or club contact for the dance level, if the club has a pre-dance workshop, admission cost, and if the club is "couples only" or welcomes singles (not married, or without a dance partner).

Conway

Arky Cloggers – Tuesday, 3:30pm to 5pm (Boost Class), 5pm to 6:30pm (Intermediate/Advanced), and Beginner (6:30pm to 8pm)

DANCING

1490 South Donaghey Avenue

Instructor and Contact: Lanita Hammett (501) 889-4679

Fort Smith

River City Squares – Tuesday, 6:30pm **DANCING**

Fort Smith Senior Center, 2700 Cavanaugh Road

Caller: Jay King

Contact: Jay King, 1402 North 12th Street, Van Buren, AR
72956 (479) 883-2380

Hot Springs

Levi's And Lace – 2nd and 4th Friday, 7pm **DANCING**

Lake Hamilton Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2891 Airport Road

Callers: Amanda and Blake Throgmartin

Contact: Ted and Phyllis Keeney, 1807 Nubbin Ridge Road,
Royal, AR 71968 (501) 991-3292

Judsonia

Blue Belles And Beaus – 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday, Dance at 7pm
DANCING

Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson Street

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Robert and Cheryl Shaver, 146 Opie Road, Bald Knob,
AR 72010 (501) 724-3930

Lakeview

Twirling Funtimers – Wednesday, 6pm to 8:30pm **DANCING**

Mainstream/Plus, with Round Dance Phases 1, 2, and 3

Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane -- \$7 per person
(Special Dances on 3rd Wednesday)

Callers: Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman

Cuer: Marge Sherrill

Contact: Anieta England (870) 449-5135

Little Rock (Mabelvale)(1)

Twirling Lariats – 1st, 3rd, and selected 5th Friday, 7:30pm

DANCING

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) -- \$7 per person

Caller: Nelda Eaton

Contact: Clifton Taylor and Carolyn Cullins, 9027 Highway 5 North, Alexander, AR 72002 (501) 847-2157

Little Rock (Mabelvale)(2)

Maverick Mixers – 2nd, 4th, and selected 5th Saturday, 7pm

DANCING

Mainstream with announced Plus

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) -- \$8 per person

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Daryl Stout, P.O. Box 55655, Little Rock, AR 72215 (501) 690-8325

Mountain Home

Pioneers – Monday (doors open at 6:30pm, dancing from 7pm to 9pm)

DANCING

Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane

Caller: Roy Hestand

Contact: Roy Hestand, 55 Fletcher Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653 (870) 329-1141

Rose Bud

Heber Springs – 2nd and 4th Friday, 7pm **DANCING**

Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Theresa Muth (501) 238-2713

White Hall (Pine Bluff)

Star Steppers – 2nd and 4th Monday, 7pm **DANCING**

White Hall Media Center (Scout Hut), White Hall City Park, 700 Andersen Avenue

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Kathy Tankersly (870) 718-0571

Bossier City, LA (Shreveport)

Southern Swingers – Tuesday, 7pm (Special Dances 2nd Saturday)
DANCING

Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road

Caller: Joey Duhamel

Contact: Alitia Becker, 8008 Cardigan Way, Shreveport, LA 71129
(318) 547-9478

Contact: Carole Becker (318) 780-3997

New Boston, TX (Texarkana)

Guys And Dolls – 3rd Saturday, 7pm **DANCING**

Plentiful Harvest Church, 500 North Merrill, New Boston, TX

Caller: Nelda Eaton

Contact: Rhonda Bailey, 111 Wood Duck Lane, Texarkana, TX
75501 (903) 276-3422



ASSDF Club Callers And Cuers

Bownderville, Boyce -- (870) 530-2444 -- M/P

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Duhamel, Joey – 479 Country Farm Road, Baskin, LA 71219
Cell: (870) 209-3646 jdcalls@yahoo.com M/P: Yes
Southern Swingers

Eaton, Nelda – P.O. Box 1118, New Boston, TX 75570
Cell: (903) 278-8068 M/P: Yes
Guys And Dolls, Twirling Lariats

Gellenbeck, Donna – 139 Dogwood Lane, Lakeview, AR 72642
(870) 620-0037 speedshots@hotmail.com M/P: Yes
Twirling Funtimers

Hammett, Lanita – 1533 Highway 300, Houston, AR 72070-8307
(501) 889-4679 lnthmmtt13@gmail.com *Arky Cloggers*

Hestand, Roy – 55 Fletcher Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653
(870) 329-1143 hestandroy@gmail.com M: Yes
Pioneers

Jarman, Ken – 127 Muscovy Drive, Mountain Home, AR 72653
(870) 404-8480 korcjarman@yahoo.com M
Twirling Funtimers

King, Jay and Jody -- 1402 North 12th Street, Van Buren, AR 72956
(479) 474-8500 jayking@cox.net P/A, Rounds 1-3
River City Squares

Moorehouse, Phil – 4660 Stagecoach Road, Redfield, AR 72132
(501) 960-4476 philmoorehouse@aol.com P: Yes
Blue Belles And Beaus, Heber Springers, Maverick Mixers, Star Steppers

Ritter, Art – 1213 Oak Acres Drive, Bryant, AR 72019
(501) 326-8003

Throgmartin, Blake and Amanda – 153 Walker Court, Hot Springs,
AR 71909 -- Blake – (501) 622-9402 squareupwithblake@gmail.com
Amanda – (501) 655-9767 amandacallssquares@gmail.com

Vandergriff, Anita – 8215 Tyro Road, Hackett, AR 72937
(479) 274-9775 anitav@centurytel.net

White, Gordon and Susan – 6 Perfecto Place, Hot Springs Village,
AR 71913 (501) 822-0803 white3297@hotmail.com P

Wise, Ron – 4800 Highway 104, White Hall, AR 71602
(870) 267-0702 ronwise@prodigy.net

Highest Calling Or Cueing Level:

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1-6 – Round Dance Phase Cueing

If Yes is noted, they are available for Special Dances





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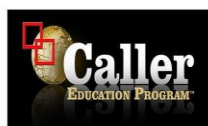
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Following completion of the registration process, you will receive an email with your registration number and link to the Hotel Reservation portal. Please allow 7-10 days after your online registration

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Questions may be directed to:
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No airport shuttle services provided

See www.75nsdctx.com for transportation information.

You must be registered for the convention with a registration number to receive the convention rate. No self or online registration is available for the contracted rate except through the weblink, which will be provided by the convention Housing Vice-Chairman.
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NATIONAL 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
Hilton Waco (Host Hotel) 113 S University Parks Dr	Connected to Waco CC	\$174/night	5/29/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Courtyard (Dance Leader Hotel) 101 Washington Ave	Across the street from Waco CC	\$164/night	5/29/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Cambria Hotel 110 S MLK Jr Blvd	6-8 min walk	\$172/night	6/9/2026		✓	✓	
Even Hotel 110 S MLK Jr Blvd	6-8 min walk	\$164/night	6/9/2026		✓	✓	✓
Holiday Inn Express 101 Taylor St	6-8 min walk	\$149/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Spring Hill Suites 115 S Jack Kultgen Expressway	2 min drive	\$147/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aloft Waco 900 S 11th St	5 min drive	\$159/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
La Quinta 911 S 10th Street	5 min drive	\$159/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Element Hotel 2200 Robinson Dr	7 min drive	\$154/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Home2Suites 2500 Bagby Ave	7 min drive	\$174/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	

Don't Delay, Register Today

Rooms for the 75th NSDC are beginning to fill up fast. If you've not registered, go online:
<https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>.

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.

We're Going to Texas, Y'all!



Can my pet stay in my hotel during the 75th NSDC?



The short answer is **YES!** All but two of our hotels allow pets!
See details below:

Hotel	CC Distance	Accept Pets?	Pet Fee	Additional Info
Hilton Waco (Host Hotel)	Connected to Waco CC	No	N/A	No pets are allowed except for service animals.
Courtyard (Dance Leader Hotel)	Across the street from Waco CC	Yes	\$0	Please let the front desk know at check-in.
Cambria Hotel	6-8 min walk	No	N/A	No pets are allowed except for service animals
Even Hotel	6-8 min walk	Yes	\$150 deposit	\$75 of the deposit is refundable.
Holiday Inn Express	6-8 min walk	Yes	\$75 deposit	Dogs and cats only ; deposit is non-refundable
Spring Hill Suites	2 min drive	Yes	\$100 deposit	Deposit is non-refundable; dogs only (2 max up to 40 lbs.)
Aloft Waco	5 min drive	Yes	\$0	2 pets max up to 40 lbs.
La Quinta	5 min drive	Yes	\$25/day	Maximum amount of \$75 during entire stay.
Element Hotel	7 min drive	Yes	\$50/day	Maximum amount of \$150 during entire stay.
Home2Suites	7 min drive	Yes	\$75 deposit	Deposit if non-refundable

Questions?

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75th National Square Dance Convention[®]



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Enjoy having your furry companion with you at your hotel while at the Convention!

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75th NSDC Launches Hotel Booking Portal and Tour Info for 2026 Convention

75th National Square
Dance Convention®



June 24-27 2026
DIAMOND JUBILEE

Get ready to celebrate the **75th National Square Dance Convention®** in **Waco, TX, June 24–27, 2026** - a Diamond Jubilee event honoring both the convention's founding in 1952 and America's 250th birthday! Expect exciting festivities including an explosive opening ceremony, a patriotic Friday celebration, and the "Sights and Sounds of Texas" fashion show, plus dancing every day.

To streamline planning, the NSDC has introduced a **new Hotel Booking Portal**, that just launched **July 19**. To access it, complete the **Registration Long Form** to receive your registration number. This number is required to book discounted hotel rooms (\$147–\$174/night) at one of 10 official hotels. You'll receive a confirmation email with portal access and instructions. For questions, contact 75nsdchousing@gmail.com or call Housing Vice Chair Phil Henderson at (832) 541-3002.

Campers can book directly with:

- **Waco Creekside RV Resort** – 15% off cabins, RV spots, and treehouses: wacocreeksideresort.com | (254) 651-3999,
- **Camp FIMFO** – \$55/night: campfimfo.com/waco | (254) 651-3697.

Explore Waco with **self-guided tours** to local attractions like the Magnolia Silos, Dr. Pepper Museum, and Texas Ranger Hall of Fame. A sightseeing guide and transportation information will be provided.

For more adventure, choose from **15 guided tours** via Viator, including:

- Fixer Upper/City Tour,
- Waco Foodie & Wine Tours,
- Brazos River Cruises,
- Ghost Tours & Scavenger Hunts.

Book tours at 75nsdctx.com/tours.

Stay updated at 75nsdctx.com and follow on Facebook: 75th Nationals 2026 or scan the QR Code.

Learn more about Waco at destinationwaco.org.



Your First National Convention?

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

Before You Go:

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

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

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

Review the Schedule: Familiarize yourself



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

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

Square Dance Etiquette

10 tips for a great time:

Arrive on time. Being punctual helps you catch the first tip and keeps the dance floor flowing smoothly.

Dress for the occasion. Choose comfortable shoes and clothing you can move in. Traditional square dance attire is often encouraged, but neat, casual wear is always welcome.

Practice good hygiene. Dancing means close contact—fresh breath, clean hands, and fragrance-free choices make it pleasant for everyone.

Be warm and welcoming. Smile, make eye contact, and greet fellow dancers with kindness. A friendly floor is a happy floor.

Tune in to the caller. Listen closely and follow cues promptly. Avoid chatting during calls so everyone can hear clearly.

Hold your place. Stay in your square and maintain formation. If you get turned around, rejoin smoothly without disrupting others.

Encourage newcomers. Support beginners with patience and positivity. A little kindness goes a long way.

Dance gently. Use soft handholds and smooth movements. Square dancing is about cooperation, not competition.

Show appreciation. At the end of each



tip, thank your partner, the square and the caller. Gratitude is part of the tradition.

Enjoy yourself! Square dancing celebrates rhythm, community, and joy. Relax, laugh, and let the music move you.



WANTED

**Any club or individual who has
experience making square
dance floats or has been in a
parade as a square dancer**

The 75th NSDC Education
Committee has had multiple
requests for a class on
making parade floats and on
parade participation. If your
club or anyone in it is
interested in sharing your
knowledge with others,
please contact Sally
Schmidt at
sbennettschmidt@gmail.com



WE WANT YOU!



75th National Square Dance Convention[®]

EDUCATION PROGRAM

June 24-27, 2026

Waco Convention Center, Texas

Visit Our Website to Register and for Convention Details: www.75nsdctx.com

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The 75th National Square Dance Convention[®] Education Program needs you! Volunteers are an essential part of a successful education program. Take a break from dancing for an hour or two and consider helping out in one of these areas.



We Want YOU!

☐ **ROOM HOSTS: Education and Sewing Classes (Hilton 3 Rivers Ballroom and Brazos Rooms)**

- Job Description: Introduce the presenter (from bio provided), count attendees, distribute and collect session evaluation forms, initial Leadership Certification Program participation forms.
- Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday or Friday between 10 AM and 4 PM, or Saturday between 10 AM and 2 PM.

☐ **EDUCATION CHECK-IN DESK (Hall outside Brazos Rooms A&C in the Hilton)**

- Job Description: Assist with duties such as passing out presenter and room host packets, printing and collating handouts, answering questions about schedules and room locations.
- Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday between 9:30 AM and 5 PM, Friday between 9:30 AM and 5 PM, or Saturday between 9:30 AM and 2 PM.

☐ **NEC ARCHIVES ROOM (Lone Star Room 105 in Convention Center)**

- Job Description: Tally visitors, respond to questions about the displays (using provided FAQs).
- Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday or Friday between 10 AM and 5 PM or 7 PM and 9 PM; or Saturday between 10 AM and 3 PM.

☐ **DATA ENTRY (Brazos Room B in the Hilton)**

- Job Description: Enter data and statistics from Education Sessions into an Excel Spreadsheet (such as number of session attendees and results from session evaluation forms).
- Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday or Friday between 12 PM and 5 PM, or Saturday between 10 AM and 3 PM.

YES, I would love to help with the 75th NSDC Education Program!

Name _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Check the box above next to each area in which you would be willing to volunteer.

Time(s) Available: ☐ Thursday morning ☐ Thursday afternoon ☐ Thursday evening

☐ Friday morning ☐ Friday afternoon ☐ Friday evening ☐ Saturday morning ☐ Saturday afternoon

Return this form to Everett Kelly, Assistant Education Chairman

E-mail to ekelly1948@yahoo.com

The Many Benefits of Volunteering for the NSDC's Education Committee

Come be part of the Education Team for the 75th National Square Dance Convention® in Waco, TX, and volunteer for any position that sounds interesting to you! As a volunteer for the Education Committee, you will:

1. Receive a volunteer ribbon that will let everyone know you are volunteering at the Convention.
2. Receive a copy of the Education and Dance schedules as soon as they are finalized (and before they are published).
 - This will allow you to decide what times you are available to volunteer and allow you to sign up for your volunteer slots before convention starts.
3. Receive an individual volunteer orientation when you pick up your volunteer ribbon at the Education check-in desk.
4. Receive a copy of your volunteer schedule (just like the presenters get) if you have signed up for your volunteer slots before convention starts.
5. Receive a “Thank You” gift from the Education Committee.
6. Receive recognition as a volunteer by having your photos on a “volunteer appreciation wall” near the Education Check-In desk. Your name and/or picture may also be listed on Facebook, the e-Magazine or Website as a member of the “Education Committee’s Volunteer Team.”
7. Be able to start and finish the Leadership Certification Program by serving as a Room Host.
8. Be included in Education Committee Zoom meetings if you are interested.

Please contact Everett Kelly, Assistant Education Chairman, at ekelly1948@yahoo.com, if you are interested in being a volunteer for the Education Committee. Make sure to join us on Facebook for the latest news and events.

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

You can also scan the adjacent QR Code



*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 the Keynote Address by Ted Lizotte at 9 a.m. entitled "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 a.m. • Waco Convention Center, TX

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!

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Waco's looking for Dance Leaders

DEC. 31, 2025

*is the deadline for Dance Leaders to register for the 75th National Square Dance Convention®. Profiles must be submitted by **JAN. 31, 2026***

Dance Leaders go to <https://sdconvention.com> to complete your Dance Leader Profile. Important: you must first sign up for the www.75nsdctx.com to receive a registration number to complete your profile,
Welcome to Waco!



Scan the QR Code
to register



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

Are You a Caller?

If So, We Have Classes for You!

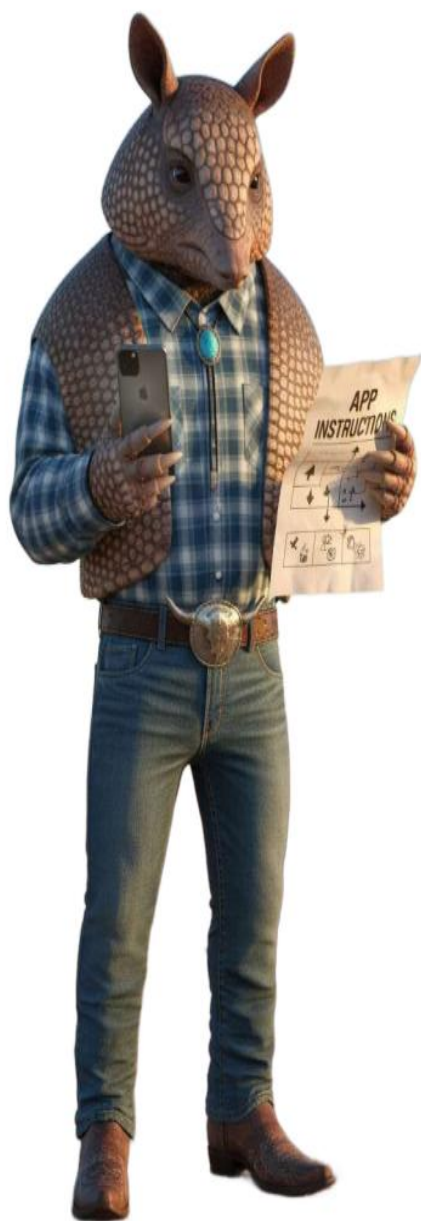


Caller classes are for prospective callers, new callers, experienced callers and anyone interested in the things that callers learn in order to make our sport fun. All of these classes are taught by very experienced members of CALLERLAB. The eight classes that are being offered include:

- Theme Tips: teaching tips, workshop, and extended applications for enjoyable dancing
- How to Use Music to Better Sell Your Dance
- The Mechanics of Great Teaching: how to be an effective leader
- Basic Sight Calling: moving dancers from point A to point B with purpose
- How to Be an Effective Club Caller
- So You Want to Be a Caller
- Dancers: Smoothness, Styling, and Etiquette
- Modular Calling – your new best friend

These classes will be described in greater detail in upcoming e-Magazine issues. For those participating in the Leadership Certification Program, all these classes will be considered Electives.

There's an App for That



This year at the 75th NSDC in Waco, everyone registered for the National Square Dance Convention will have free access to the Convention App, and the Education Committee wants to make sure you know how to use it.

Written instructions will be coming out in April or May in the e-Magazine, on the 75th NSDC Facebook page, and on our website. The application is expected to go live in May and we encourage folks to use the written instructions to practice looking at what is being offered at the convention. There will also be a class on the convention app at the convention, so stay tuned.

Camping/RV

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

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

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



2. MAGNOLIA RV RESORT, 3096 New Dallas Highway, Waco, TX, just 8 miles north of the convention center off the I-35 service road, (254) 799-3105, magnoliarvresort@gmail.com, www.magnoliarvresort.com. This resort has 42 full-service sites. Pull-through sites only. Pancake breakfast on weekends. Magnolia RV Resort is pet friendly and has a swimming pool.

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

Looking for something more rustic?

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

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



Waco Convention Center • June 24-27, 2026

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



Getting to the 75th National Square Dance Convention[®]

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

BY CAR

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

BY AIR

Waco Regional Airport (ACT) is serviced by American Eagle with flights to/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. For information on ACT go to <https://www.waco-texas.com/Departments/Airport>. 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 (www.greyhound.com) serves Waco with intercity routes from across the U.S. The Waco Charter Bus Co., offers group travel options (<https://www.nationalbuscharter.com/-waco-charter-bus>).

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. For details: visit <https://www.waco-streak.com>, <https://www.gogowaco.com>, and <https://airporttransportationofwaco.com/index.html>.

LOCAL OPTIONS ONCE YOU'RE HERE

The Waco Transit System has fixed-route buses. Options include the Baylor University shuttle and MicroDash. You can download the new Waco Transit System App to book and manage rides at: <https://www.waco-texas.com/Departments/Transit-System>.

RIDESHARE AND TAXIS

Uber and Lyft operate throughout Waco and nearby cities. Traditional taxis are available in downtown Waco and at the airport. For information go to: <https://www.uber.com/global/en/r/cities/waco-tx-us/> and <https://www.lyft.com/rider/cities/waco-killeen-tx>.



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



Get your dance on at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®



What types of dancing can I enjoy at the 75th NSDC?

- Square Dance: Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Specialty
- Round, Contra, Line, Clogging, Youth & Specialty Dance

Watch *National Squares* e-Magazine, Facebook and our website
for dance information for the 75th NSDC

75th National Square
Dance Convention®



June 24-27 2026
DIAMOND JUBILEE

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

June 24-27, 2026 • Waco Convention Center



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

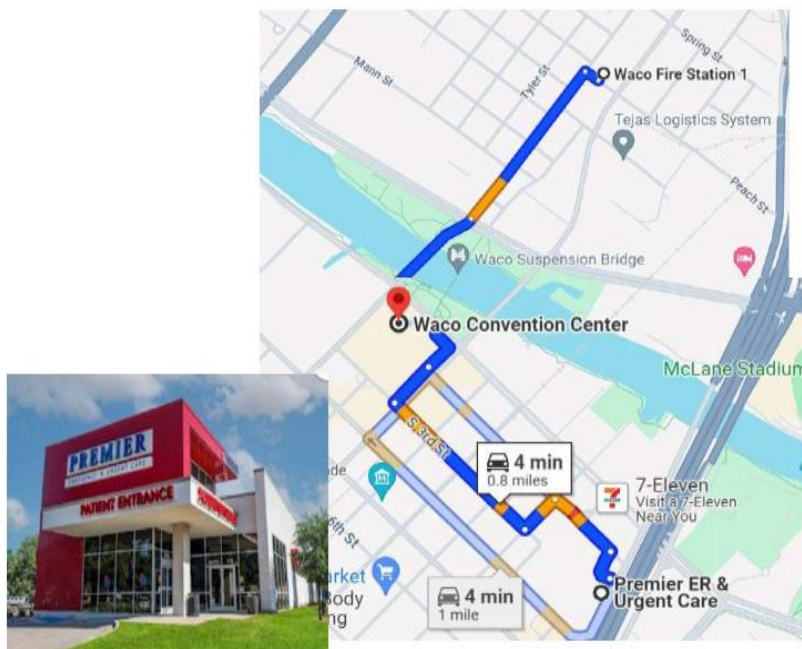


Waco Convention Center *100 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701*

- 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

June 24-27, 2026 • Register today: 75nsdctx.com

Emergency Help is only 4 minutes away

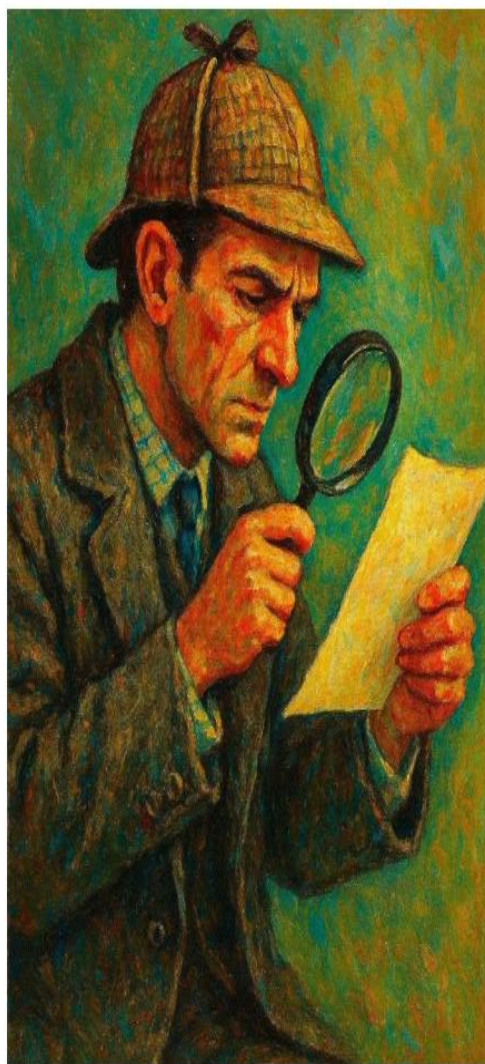


About This Location

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

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

Need Information?



We have lots of info for you:

Visit our website at www.75nsdctx.com. It's full of forms, links and great information about the 2026 convention in Waco, TX.

Follow us on Facebook for news and events.

Subscribe to and read the National Squares e-Magazine (which you're reading now!). Each edition contains the who, what, where and when of the 75th NSDC to be held June 24-27, 2026 in the Waco Convention Center. To subscribe, go to <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> and scroll down to enter your name and email, then hit

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

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

Fun Youth Activities

Dear Parents,

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

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

- **Youth-focused dance sessions:** Specially scheduled square and round dance sessions tailored for youth, with energetic callers and cuers who know how to keep the floor lively and fun.
- **Workshops and skill-building:** Opportunities for youth to improve their dancing skills, learn new moves, and even try out calling in a supportive environment.
- **Games and icebreakers:** Between dance sessions, we'll have organized games and social activities to help youth connect, make friends and have fun.
- **Youth parade and performances:** A chance for youth to shine! Whether it's participating in a themed parade or showcasing their talents, there will be moments to celebrate their energy and creativity.
- **Mentorship and community:** Older youth and young adult dancers will be on hand to help guide and support younger participants, creating a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere.

By bringing your youth to the convention, you're giving them the chance to build lifelong friendships, gain confidence and leadership skills, and be part of a vibrant, intergenerational tradition.

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



Great Waco Restaurants

Waco Downtown Dining Guide



OPAL'S OYSTERS



TERRY BLACK'S BBQ



REVIVAL EASTSIDE EATERY



RED HERRING

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

500 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

115 S University Parks Dr, Waco, TX 76701

The Brazos Landing

1001 S 5th St 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

Cricketer's Draft House & Grill

211 Mary Ave, Waco, TX 76701

D's Mediterranean

1505 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

500 S 6th St b, Waco, TX 76701

Jake's Texas Tea House

615 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

Sagrada 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

Schmeltz'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

Specialty Restaurants

IT'S WACO Y'ALL!

Gluten Free, Vegan, and Vegetarian Eateries

Waco has a number of eateries which feature menu options.

ALPHA OMEGA GRILL & bakery

- Veggie and vegan gyros and appetizers.
- 929 Franklin Avenue

BAKED BLISS

- Wide range of gluten-free options, from bacon-cheddar scones to blueberry muffins to shortbread.
- 1114 North 15th Street

BANGKOK ROYAL

- A literal ton of veggie and vegan Thai options on the menu.
- 215 South University Parks Drive
- THE BLASIAN ASIAN
- Order tofu as your protein for veggie/vegan option
- 720 Franklin (Union Hall)

CAFE CAPPUCCINO

- 100 North 6th Street / 903 Hewitt Drive / 1101 Richland Drive

CHEDDAR BOX

- 601 Webster Avenue

CLAY POT

- 416 Franklin Avenue

CURRY UP & WOK THIS WAY

- Features two vegan curry options and a vegetable stir fry!
- 720 Franklin Avenue (Union Hall)

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IT'S WACO Y'ALL!

Gluten Free, Vegan, and Vegetarian Eateries



D'S MEDITERRANEAN GRILL

- Vegetarian and vegan options.
- 1503 Colcord Avenue

FREEBIRDS WORLD BURRITO

- Featuring veggie protein and Beyond Meat protein.
- 120 North New Road

GEORGE'S RESTAURANT

- 1925 Speight Avenue / 1201 Hewitt Drive

HAT CREEK BURGER COMPANY

- All sides, from french fries to fried pickles, are gluten-free. GF bun available.
- 103 Archway Drive (off of Highway 84 in Woodway)

HARVEST ON 25TH

- Variety of vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options.
- 112 North 25th Street

J-PETAL

- All their crepes are gluten-free.
- 315 South University Parks Drive, Ste 120

MOD PIZZA

- Offering loads of vegetarian options for pizza, as well as a "gluten-friendly" crust, made on the same serving line as gluten-unfriendly crusts.
- 1015 S North (I know) Jack Kultgen Expressway

OLIVE BRANCH CAFE

- 215 South 2nd Street

POPPA ROLLO'S PIZZA

- Gluten-free crusts (that don't taste like gluten-free crusts).
- 703 North Valley Mills Drive / 1201 Hewitt Drive #214

continued.

IT'S WACO Y'ALL!

Gluten Free, Vegan, and Vegetarian Eateries

SAFFRON

- Plenty of vegan and vegetarian options!
- 2305 Marketplace Drive

SLOW RISE SLICE HOUSE

- Vegan Cheese and Gluten-Free / Cauliflower Crusts available.
- 7608 Woodway Drive

TERIYAKI PARK

- 220 South 2nd Street

TERRY & JO'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- Waco natural groceries? Whether you like sandwiches or burritos, Terry & Jo's the place for vegan and gluten-free whether for something in-store or to-go.
- 1121 Speight Avenue

TOM'S BURGERS

- Offers gluten-free buns
- 6818 Sanger Avenue

TORCHY'S TACOS

- 801 South 5th Street

TWISTED ROOT BURGER COMPANY

- Veggie and Vegan Burger options
- 801 South 2nd Street

VITEK'S

- It's not really vegan, or vegetarian, but gluten-free some options.
- 1600 Speight Avenue



<https://www.wacowise.com/veggievggf>

Celebrating our Vendors

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

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

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

We invite you to take a moment to



If you know a vendor who might like to be part of the Waco convention, please refer them to Bruce and Wanda Carter at wcdrip@gmail.com.

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

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

What is Round Dance?

Many square dancers also enjoy round dancing, so you'll find plenty of round dance sessions at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®. If you're new to round dancing, here's a quick introduction:

Round dancing is a form of choreographed ballroom dance, where couples move in a counter-clockwise circle around the floor. Every step is pre-written on a cue sheet and called out in real time by a cuer, allowing all dancers to stay in sync.

Popular round dance rhythms include two step, waltz, foxtrot, cha-cha, rhumba, tango, and salsa. Each dance figure is assigned a difficulty level by Roundalab, the international organization that sets standards for round dancing.



Learn to Trash Dance!



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

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

Trash Dancing consists of short, stylish additions inserted between the square dance calls – never replacing them, and never messing anybody up. It is about FUN, SYNCOPATION, and MUSICALITY while staying on time and rhythm, as well as respecting the caller and the square.

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

Come check it out and find out about the Trash Dance Society too!

Go Fund Me for Contra Musicians



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

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

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

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

gofundme



gofundme



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

For more info contact Lissa at
Contralabfinance@gmail.com

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

Sew and Save Classes

Sewing 101

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

Make it Yours

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

Tablecloth Skirts

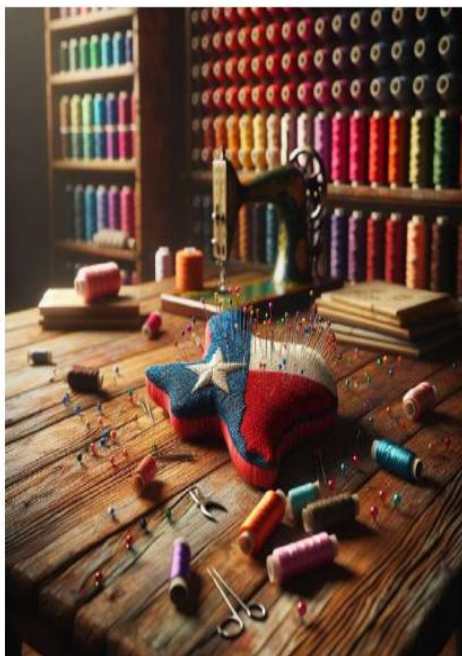
Did you know you can turn a tablecloth into an attractive square dance skirt? It is possible! Let Carol show you how to do it during this informative class.

Sewing 102

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

Putting a Yoke on a Non-Yoke Shirt

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



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

Adding to It

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

Make and Take news next month

NEC Archive Room



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

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

CHRIS MALPASS *The* TAYLOR MALPASS

MALPASS BROTHERS

LONELY STREET

★★★★★
 "They're as REAL as grits and gravy..."
 -Randy Owen - Alabama

★★★★★
 "Just when I thought real country music might be lost, I heard
 The Malpass Brothers, and they renewed my faith that the
 music will survive!"
 -Gene Watson



★★★★★
 "If I could purchase only one more recording in life,
 I'd lay down my money for the next Malpass Brothers recording..."
 -Jeannie C. Riley

★★★★★
 "...their music is as slick as the hair they comb..."
 -Marty Raybon - Shenandoah

★★★★★
 "Every once in a while, a work of heart, in album form,
 finds you and reminds you of why you dedicated
 your career to that calling—this one did it for me."
 -Randy Travis

★★★★★
 "Well, they remind me
 a lot of myself..."
 -Merle Haggard

**APPEARING
AT THE
75th NSDC**






Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Waco Convention Center
100 Washington Avenue
Waco, Texas

PUBLIC WELCOME!
This is a show you will truly enjoy!
Dinner is included.
Information-361.779.3479 or 361.463.7222

Tickets
General \$45

Scan to reserve

Note: Premium Seating is SOLD OUT, but General Seating Tickets are still available for the Wednesday Night Event.

The 75th National Square Dance Convention® Presents

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Ted Lizotte

Implementation of the Proposal

The International Association of Square Dance Callers' proposal introduces a simplified program structure, including a newly-defined, entry-level program and streamlined path forward for modern square dancing, according to a press release by CALLERLAB.

DATE:
Thurs., June 25, 2026

TIME:
10-11 a.m.

LOCATION:
McLennen Room #3

Hailing from Manchester, NH, Ted is Chairman of the Board for CALLERLAB and has been featured at numerous conventions and festivals both nationally and internationally.

Ted learned to square dance in 1988 and began calling the same year. He began teaching classes in 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.

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.

Make plans to attend this important keynote address during the 75th NSDC in Waco, TX!

Register online at <https://75nsdctx.com/register/> or scan QR Code



ORGANIZATIONAL ROUNDTABLE

TOPIC: Implementation of the Proposal

Explore how the new program format being implemented by the International Association of Square Dance Callers (CALLERLAB) will benefit callers, dancers, clubs & more

DATE:
Thursday,
June 25, 2026

TIME:
11:15 a.m.
-12:45 p.m.

LOCATION:
McLennen Room #3
Waco Convention Center

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Square Dance Convention®
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We're Going to Texas Ya'!!!

Find the Sparkle

Education Sessions are a valuable part of the **National Square Dance Convention®** experience. They're a great way to **rest your feet** between dances and **learn something new!**

Just like diamonds come in many cuts and colors, our education sessions offer a variety of topics to explore. For the **75th NSDC in Waco**, we're organizing these sessions into **four main categories** to help you find what interests you most.

Stay tuned for more details on each category and the exciting sessions planned!

Dancer Leadership 📖 Classes designed to help dancers build their leadership knowledge and skills to be effective club & association leaders.	Current & Future Callers 🎵 Sessions organized by CALLERLAB to support new and experienced callers continue to hone their craft.
Publicity and Promotion 🎵 Sessions to help promote and market your club and events via traditional and social media.	Potpourri ❖ Classes on a variety of other topics of interest to dancers, leaders, callers and cuers, travelers, and more!

Dancer Leadership Classes

Here are a few of the classes aimed at helping current and prospective club and organization leaders build their knowledge and skills:

- 📖 Toolkit for Club Leaders
- 📖 How to Build a Sustainable Club
- 📖 Are You Prepared? Emergency Plans at a Dance
- 📖 Negotiating Caller Contracts
- 📖 Solo Dancers: Can They Save Square Dancing?
- 📖 Spice Up Your Dances, Liven Up Your Club
- 📖 Who's Insured at Your Dances?

Continue your education at the
75th National Square Dance Convention®
Register at <https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>



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Waco Convention
Center, Texas

75th NSDC's Leadership Certification Program

Interested in being a leader or learning to be a better one? Then the Leadership Certification Program is for you! The program can easily be completed during a single National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC) but you can take up to four years to finish. Upon completion you will receive a Certificate of Completion and a LCP dangle to proudly wear on your badge.

The Leadership Certification Program (LCP) consists of two mandatory classes, four core sessions, and two electives for a total of eight hours. There are around 43 hours of dancing and other activities during any NSDC so, if you start and finish the LCP, you will still have around 35 hours to enjoy everything the Convention has to offer. However, if you are someone who loves taking classes, you can take as many as you wish as long as you get the basic number of each category completed.

The Mandatory Sessions include the Bid Session and the Keynote address. The Bid Session is an exciting presentation given by a state that wants to host an upcoming National Square Dance Convention®. The presentation highlights many of the attractions in that city as well as providing information about the proposed venue. The second mandatory class is the Keynote Address given by a prominent member of the square or round dance community and addresses a timely and pertinent issue within the community. The Keynote Speeches can be so inspiring that participants leave with the knowledge they can make a difference.

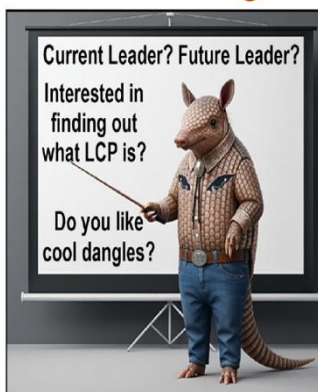
Core Classes provide the participants with knowledge for effective administration of a square dance club or organization. These classes include insurance, using social media effectively, how to become a 501c3 organization, educational/informational pamphlets and videos available to clubs, various support organizations such as United Square Dancers of America (USDA), ARTS, and CALLERLAB as well as important topics of the current year.

Elective Classes cover a wide range of topics. Previous electives included seminars to help new callers build their skills, how to recruit and retain dancers, a slide presentation on the next year's convention, as well as seminars on making colorful and effective flyers, competition and exhibition square dancing, and histories of contra and square dancing.

We are offering many new classes during the 75th National Square Dance Convention® in Waco, TX. They are in the planning stage at this time so check the monthly e-Magazine, Facebook, or the 75th NSDC website, www.75nsdctx.com, to see the new classes we have to offer.



Questions about the LCP or any of the Education classes can be sent to either the Assistant Education Chairman who is also in charge of the LCP, Everett Kelly at ekelly1948@yahoo.com, or Education Chairman, Brooke Peters, at kbrokepeters@gmail.com. Sign up for the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee at <https://75nsdctx.com/register/> or scan the QR Code.



75th National Square Dance Convention® Education Program
Everything that glitters is not gold (or diamonds) - It's Education!

**Current and
Future
Leaders**

**Leadership
Certification
Program
(LCP)**

**Clubs &
Associations**

Would you like to build your skills to become a better leader?

*Are you interested in enriching your knowledge about the operations
of dance clubs and organizations?*

Do you need resources to support and promote dancing in your area?

*Do you need opportunities to exchange ideas with others about
issues and challenges facing our activity?*

The Leadership Certification Program may be for you!

- Sign in and pick up an LCP worksheet at the Education Check-in table
- Attend **Eight (8)** Education Sessions at a National Square Dance Convention®
 - 2** **Mandatory Sessions** (Bid Session and Keynote Address)
 - 4** **Core Sessions** (select from a range of Education Classes)
 - 2** **Elective Sessions** (select from a range of Education Classes)
- Have the volunteer room host in each class initial your worksheet.
- Turn in your worksheet at the Education table to get your completion certificate and dangle! (You have up to four years to complete the program.)
- Go back and apply your new skills and knowledge within your club or organization!



*The more classes you take,
the more diamonds in your bag!*

Sign up for the 75th National Square Dance Convention®

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

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Things to Learn at the Convention!

Leadership Classes

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



Social Media and Publicity Classes

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

Wear Your Red, White and Blue

Let's Celebrate!

IN HONOR OF OUR NATION'S 250th BIRTHDAY

WEAR YOUR RED WHITE & BLUE

Friday, June 26, 2026, 6:30 pm

Waco Convention Center
100 Washington Avenue
Waco, TX

75th National Square Dance Convention[®]

Waco

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DIAMOND JUBILEE

You Don't Want to Miss
This...

*Sights and Sounds
of Texas*

It Ain't Your Mama's

**FASHION
SHOW**

**Saturday
June 27
1:30 pm**

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



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DIAMOND JUBILEE



Fixer Upper and City Tour

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

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



Haunts and Legends Mobile Ghost Tours

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

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

75th NATIONAL Square Dance Convention® Tour Brochure

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

Book ahead so you and your friends have a spot!

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

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



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Sunset Horseback Ride with Scenic Views

\$169 per person
Mon, Thurs, Fri, & Sat
4:30 to 6:30

Saddle up for a true Western experience on this sunset horseback ride down a trail leading you to a warm campfire. This 2 hour, 15 minute outdoor adventure in Waco gets you beautiful views of Central Texas during your trail ride. Once you reach the scenic overlook, enjoy some s'mores, cowboy-themed games by the campfire and take some time to soak in the scenery.



Waco Foodie Tour

\$74 per person
Wednesday to Saturday
12:00 or 4:30

Learn about Waco's culinary scene on this foodie tour that lasts for 2 hrs, 30 mins. Taste several regional foods and sample an award-winning alcoholic beverage.



Waco Wine Tours

\$125 per person
Friday to Sunday
11:30 am

Discover the vineyards and wineries of central Texas with this wine tasting tour. Enjoy being driven around to different wineries for guided tours and wine tastings.



Horseback Riding on Scenic Texas Ranch

\$89 per person
Mon, Thurs, Fri, & Sat
9:00 am or 11:00 am

This Waco horseback riding experience on a Texas Ranch is something everyone will love. You'll ride horseback through the ranch lands with some authentic cowboys, while taking in beautiful views of the farmlands, the surrounding area and the Brazos River. Beginners are welcome as there will be a lesson at the start of your 1 hour, 30 minute adventure.

IT'S WACO, Y'ALL!



THE SILOS



The Silos are a familiar sight in Waco, made famous on the *Fixer Upper* TV show. Currently the Silos are closed to the public but there are wonderful shops on the grounds.

Check out the 75th NSDC tours which highlight The Silos and more! Tours available daily Sunday, June 21, 2026 through Saturday, June 27, 2026.

Fixer Upper and City Tour

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

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

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DIAMOND JUBILEE

Dr Pepper Museum



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

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

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

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

Dr Pepper Museum

IT'S WACO, Y'ALL!

DR PEPPER MUSEUM

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

Open 7 Days a Week. 10 AM to 5:30 PM, year-round except on holidays.

Paid public parking is available, \$10 plus fees for five hours

General Admission: \$12. 4 Years and Under - Free

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

What is Make-A-Soda?

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

Paranormal Experience

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

Extreme Pepper Experience!

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

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

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





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



The latest updates on the **75th National Square Dance Convention[®]** (NSDC) can be found on their Facebook page, which is located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/979459187111872/user/100094911386448>

You can also get updates from the latest issue of **National Squares Online** at <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> -- which is published annually from August through May, with the latest info from the upcoming **National Square Dance Convention[®]**. Just click on the desired issue(s) once you're there...they are in **PDF** format.

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The e-Edition is released on the Sunday, after the last Saturday of the month, prior to the month of issue. If the last Saturday of the month is the last day of the month, then the 1st day of the month, of the month of issue, is the release date.

You can download the e-Edition (full or compact)), as well as photos from recent Club Special Dances, at the **ASSDF website**, at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>.

Note that a **PDF viewer is required** to view these files, and the **Special Dance Photos** files noted can be rather large.

Club Special Dance Photos In The Last Month

Please email these assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com as I want to give credit to the photographers for the photos, especially if they come from the various club Facebook groups.

Due to **space limitations, photo quality, or page formatting**, I can't use all of them sent in, or from Facebook); but you can view them (and videos, where available) on the various Facebook pages (including the **Arkansas Square Dance** page, **The Three Amigos** page, the **Fall Festival** page, and the **Square Dance Events** group). Also, note that **not everyone** is on Facebook.

Special Dance Photos from much of the month of December 2025, are downloadable at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>, were obtained from the emails, Facebook pages, plus ASSDF club and special dances from the **Arky Cloggers, Blue Belles And Beaus, Heber Springers, Levi's And Lace, Maverick Mixers, New Kids Block Party, Pioneers, River City Squares, Southern Swingers, and the Twirling Lariats**.

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