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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.

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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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If you'd like to give back to this wonderful hobby, and serve as an ASSDF officer, please contact any ASSDF Board member. A photo of all the 2026 ASSDF Officers can be found in the January, 2026 issue.

2026 Fall Festival

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President's Message

Hello Fellow Square Dancers,

What a month February was!! We joined about 700 fellow dancers (9 from Levi's and Lace) on a cruise in the Caribbean. One afternoon, we had a "flash mob" square dance on the Promenade with 38 squares. Folks loved watching and we spread the word that square dancing is fun for all ages.

We had a day at home, and then headed out on a work trip that took us to Lake Murray State Park for the **Red River Special** with **Jet Roberts** and **Charlie Robertson**, and 13 of our Arkansas dancers. That was a super weekend with great dancing and learning some of the new plus calls. But really it was super because we got to dance with so many of our club members who attended. A photo of our group is in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We continued on through Texas, New Mexico, and into Phoenix for work. After a tour of Carlsbad Caverns, we drove along "the wall" (yes, that wall) and made it to Tucson in time to dance at the Square and Round Dance Association of Southern Arizona hall. Lots of fun, and 2 German callers who were guest callers that night. We met Chris and Patty who told us about a club dancing in Phoenix on the next night. So we were able to dress up and go dancing with the Mesa Checkmates.

Well, guess who was there!?!? The caller was none other than **Dan Nordbye**, and I looked up in one of the front squares and saw none other than **Nona Sue Walker** from **Guys and Dolls**. **Warning:** If you leave the state, the Foxes will chase you down to dance with you! 🤪 A

photo is in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Now we head back to Little Rock and North Carolina for grandparent duty again. We hope you will join in the fun at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo** in Dardanelle this coming weekend, with **Jay King, Phil Moorehouse, and Tim Tyl**. Get registered for all the fun. It is not too late! See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for info.

There are also several special spring dances and St. Patty's Day dances  coming up this month. Look at the special dances on the website for those. Check <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events> for more information on any and all dances.

Lastly, about 4 years ago, we graduated a unique couple, Mike and Ellen Lewis from lessons with Twirling Lariats and Maverick Mixers. Ellen joined the Arky Cloggers. They jumped into square dancing with both feet, attending dances all over the state, taking on Plus level dancing, attending Nationals in Milwaukee and Shreveport, and even taking on the responsibility of **Publicity Chairman** for the **ASSDF**. They were super involved and they were wonderful friends to everyone they met in the square dance community.

In December, Mike was diagnosed with stage 4 kidney cancer. It was a shock to all of us, but especially Ellen. Mike passed away in the early hours of February 14. He was a gentleman and a good friend, not to mention a much loved husband to Ellen. There is so much more to be said but our hearts are broken. We will miss him, and the square dance community has suffered a heavy loss. Our prayers are with Ellen as she grieves the loss of her partner and best friend. There will be a **Celebration Of Life** on March 28 at the Hut in Mabelvale from 3-5. We hope you'll join in celebrating his life, and supporting Ellen. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

We love and miss you all. We can't wait to be back dancing with all of you, our square dance family!

Yellow rocks,

Tom and Kim Fox, ASSDF Presidents 2026

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

To download the **FREE** e-Edition, you can go to the **ASSDF website** at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square> -- the **full** e-Edition has full color on pictures/ads. For those with **limited** data plans, the **compact** version is without these items. Photos are from the club Facebook groups, or sent in, and all these are in a **separate** PDF file for download (it can be **rather large**). Unless noted within ads, all the E-Edition links are **clickable**. Please let the Editor know if your email changes; or you won't get these club updates (special dances, cancellations, changes), Modern Square releases, etc., if the email is returned as "**undeliverable**" (over quota mailbox, bad email, etc.).

From The Editor



First, we start this report on a sad note, reporting the passing of **ASSDF Publicity Chairperson** Mike Lewis. Our condolences, thoughts, and prayers, to his widow, Ellen, and the family. We wish to **thank them profusely** for all they've done for square dancing and the **ASSDF** over the years. If you would be interested in serving as the **ASSDF Publicity Chairman**, please contact **ASSDF President's Tom and Kim Fox**.

Second, from **Roy Hestand** of the **Pioneers Square Dance Club** in Mountain Home: **"Due to a lack of dancers, we are going DARK until further notice. Please call me at (870) 329-1141, before traveling."** I've **REMOVED** their dances from the Special Events Calendar, and the **ASSDF website** until I hear that they are dancing again.

Along this line, with March starting Arkansas' Spring Tornado Season, please check weather conditions/forecasts for Arkansas at the National Weather Service Little Rock. Arkansas forecast office website at <https://www.weather.gov/lzk> -- and road conditions at I Drive Arkansas at <https://www.idrivearkansas.com> – and **PLEASE CALL BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**. If you've been ill, are ill on a dance night, or if severe weather is an issue, please stay home.

Third, the groundhog saw his shadow last month, which meant six more weeks of winter...but it also meant "six more weeks of potholes" (it may be longer than that)!! But, after the massive nor'easter that dumped over 2 feet of heavy wet snow in New England, Phil is saying "See?? I was right on the forecast after all!!". But the National Weather Service notes that "the groundhog is right only 30 percent of the time".

Fourth, speaking of time, the **TIME CHANGE** to Spring Forward with Daylight Savings Time is on Sunday, March 8. If you fail to "**spring forward**", you'll be **1 hour late** for church, work, school, appointments (medical or otherwise) or for square dancing. While it will be **darker in**

the morning, there will be **an extra hour of daylight in the evening**, for traveling to club dances or festivals.

Fifth, 35 years ago, on Feb. 7, 1991, **Act 35 made Square Dancing the Official Dance of Arkansas**. Our own Mike and Lanita Hammett have prepared a commemorative T-shirt, for \$15 (2XL through 4XL are \$17 each), and royal blue in color. See the photo elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. This would be great to wear to club dances or to festivals, when casual attire may be allowed during the day. A photo of several of the **ASSDF officers** attending the Red River Weekend dance weekend in Ardmore, Oklahoma, in these shirts, is in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Sixth, there's an excellent article from **Arkansas Living Magazine**, "**Love Is In The Square**"...with our own **Tom and Kim Fox, Ted and Tonia Hofmeister, Blake & Amanda Throgmartin**, plus **Phil Moorehouse** are noted in the article, written by **Chris Hooten**. He and his wife, Andrea, are just a small group of folks in this wonderful hobby. Go to <https://arkansaslivingmagazine.com/story/love-is-in-the-square/> or go to the Resources page on the **ASSDF website**, to read the article.

Seventh, the fingers got fat from the cold winter weather last month, and I missed errors on the names of callers and cuers on some festival flyers. I think I have corrected them now, but without fat fingers, how do you pick up the food and the silverware?? (LOL). Along this line though, flyers for these special dances **need to have the correct info** on them (caller/cuer names, facility names, dance days, times, locations), when you send them in, or post them on Facebook. I realize that last minute changes can occur, but it doesn't help if the callers/cuers names are spelled wrong, or other information is incorrect, on the flyers!!

Eighth, this month is the **Spring Fling On Mount Nebo**, with our own **Phil Moorehouse, Jay King**, and **National Caller Tim Tyl**. Please see the ads elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more information. **There are vehicular restrictions on the road going up to Mount Nebo**...with lodging and restaurants located in Dardandelle.

Ninth, there are several **St. Patrick's Themed Dances** scheduled this month, including one at the **Heber Springers on March 13**, at the **Pioneers on March 16**, and at the **Twirling Lariats on March 20**.

Tenth, our own **Nelda Eaton** continues her special Plus Level group, **Nelda's Plussers**, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at her residence in New Boston, Texas, with line dancing between tips. See the ad elsewhere in this issue for more info, and the other dance dates for the year. Continuing with special dances, the **Twirling Funtimers** will host their "**Baby, It's Chili**" **Dinner and Dance on March 18**, in Lakeview, with **Guest Caller Roy Hestand**. Other Special Dances are in the **Special Events Calendar** elsewhere in this issue, and the **Upcoming Events** page on the **ASSDF website**...with available flyers elsewhere in this issue.

Eleventh, the **United Square Dancers Of America (USDA)** has a **Youth Dancing Grant Program**. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **Resources Page** on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Twelfth, preparations continue for the **76th ASSDF Fall Festival** in Clinton, at the Van Buren County Fairgrounds. The **Heber Springers** will host the weekend, starting with a **Barbecue Dinner and Trail End Dance** on October 8, with **National Caller Ken Burke**. **National Caller Scott Bennett** will call the Friday night dance, with **Arkansas' Callers And Cuers** the rest of the time. Flyers for both (hotel info is on the Trail End Dance Flyer) are elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**.

Thirteenth, as noted last month, I'm getting info for the **club reports** from info on the **Special Events Calendar**, the **Facebook Pages**, and from clubs that have sent me info. From that, I prepare a report for each club. We want to know what's going on with your club, so if you have info you wish to have included, please email that to me at the address below. This includes upcoming special dances, and if you have lessons planned.

Fourteenth, in November 2027, the **MidSouth Extravaganza Square And Round Dance Weekend** will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas. A **free GSI Callers School** will take place Sunday through Wednesday, Nov. 14-17...with 3 days of dancing Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 18-20. It'll be like a mini-National Square Dance Convention ®, with a fabulous lineup of callers, including Tony Oxendine, Jet Roberts, Ted Lizotte, Jack Pladdys, Dan Sahlstrom, Ray Brendzy, Mike Hogan, Mike Seastrom, Charlie Robertson, and Scott Bennett. For the round dancers, your cuers will be Randy and Marie Preskitt plus Fred and Linda Ayres.

There will be vendors, a food court, and great sound, along with five ballrooms, each featuring full time dancing...with Round Dancing, Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, and C-1. The 2 host hotels (the Little Rock Marriott, as well as the Doubletree By Hilton) will begin taking reservations **after** Nov. 18, 2026...but **you can register now**. This is a fantastic weekend that you want to start making plans for!! See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more information, or you can register at <https://midsouthextravaganza.com/>

Fifteenth, I've modified the "outside of Arkansas dance policy" in **The Modern Square**, as well as on the **ASSDF website**. These are normally for club special dances and festivals in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, plus dances for **HASSDA** (the **Heart Of America Single Square Dance Association**), and the **National Square Dance Convention ® (NSDC)**. I've now added "**Caller Appreciation Dances**", but **I must set a limit**; or everyone would want me to list their dances, and we don't have room for that. Along this line is a **Caller Appreciation Dance for Jack Pladdys**, in Dayton, Ohio, on April 12. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Lastly, Special Dances for the month of February, downloadable at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square> -- are from the Facebook pages of **ASSDF Clubs**, and from the **East Texas Square & Round Dance Association, Maverick Mixers, Southern Swingers, Guys & Dolls, Levi's & Lace, River City Squares, Heber Springers**, plus the **Jet Roberts Dance**. Many thanks go to **Mike and Lanita Hammett, Carole Baker, Angie Engledow, Amanda Hargrove-Throgmartin, Roy Hestand, Ted Hofmeister, Nona Sue Richardson Walker, Carolyn Birdsong, Ginny Short, Elaine Cox, Corben Geis, and Daryl Stout**, 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.

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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 these notices/updates.**

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



Don't forget the **Time Change** on Sunday, March 8, 2026. If you forget to "Spring Forward", you will be **AN HOUR LATE** to church, work, school, appointments (medical, etc.), square and round dance events, etc. It will be darker in the morning, but lighter in the evening going to square and round dance events.



In Memoriam – Mike Lewis

Square Dancing lost a great asset on Feb. 14, 2026, with the passing of Mike Lewis. Mike and his wife, Ellen, had served as **ASSDF Publicity Chairpersons**, and were a member of several of the **ASSDF Clubs**.

Mike and his wife, Ellen both produced several great ideas for publicity to let folks know of this wonderful hobby, including such things as **yard signs**, **business cards**, and the **QR Code for the ASSDF website** that's noted on the previous page.

Mike and Ellen were also known for their hilarious costumes at various club Halloween Dances...including “**the blind football referee**” for Mike, and the **Brown-E** for Ellen.

Our deepest condolences, thoughts, and prayers to Ellen and the family.



In memory of



Mike Lewis

To honor Mike and his love of square dancing, join us in a celebration of life:

March 28, 2026 3:00-5:00pm



*American Legion Post 128
9925 Leah Lane, Mabelvale, AR*

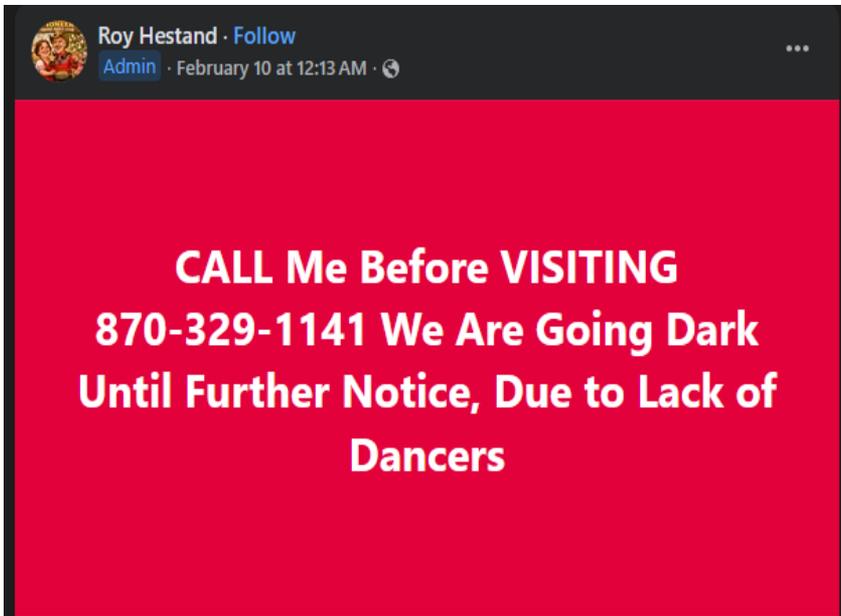
All are welcome, No experience necessary

**Followed by regularly scheduled
Maverick Mixers at 6:30p-9:00pm**

*For more information,
contact Ellen 870-814-5646*



From Roy Hestand, of the **Pioneers Square Dance Club** in Mountain Home.



A screenshot of a Facebook post. The post header shows the profile picture of Roy Hestand, his name 'Roy Hestand · Follow', and the role 'Admin'. The timestamp is 'February 10 at 12:13 AM'. The main content is a red rectangular graphic with white text.

CALL Me Before VISITING
870-329-1141 We Are Going Dark
Until Further Notice, Due to Lack of
Dancers



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>



USDA Youth Dancing Grant Program



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

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

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

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

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

Here is a testimonial from our first grant recipient:

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

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

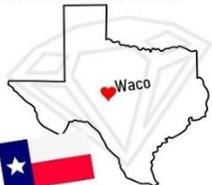
2028 - June 27-30, 2029

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®**



**June 24-27 2026
DIAMOND JUBILEE**



Due to vision issues, I no longer drive, and can't be at dances, unless someone offers transportation. Please advise the Editor if your info (club caller/cuer, club contact, dance day, time, location, etc.) in The Modern Square or on the ASSDF website is wrong, so I can correct it...I can't fix it, if I don't know about it.

Most of the photos noted in the Special Dances e-Edition are from the ASSDF Club Facebook pages, although not everyone is on Facebook. Along with information that is on the Special Events Calendar, this is how info for your prepared Club Report is obtained. For reports that are sent in, there is no word limit, and minor editing is done for grammar, typos, or continuity. The publication deadline is 3pm US Central Time on the Sunday, after the last Saturday of the month, before the month of issue. If the last day of the month is the last Saturday, then the 1st of the month of the month of issue is the publication date deadline.

If emails to you are returned (full mailbox, over quota, invalid address), you won't receive the updates on the special dances, issue releases, etc. – until you contact the Editor with the updated information. If you no longer wish to receive these info updates (no longer dancing, etc.), please email the Editor, asking to be REMOVED from the list...and after a confirmation email that you've been removed, you will no longer receive these notices or updates.

Please CALL BEFORE YOU TRAVEL, in case of unexpected last minute changes or cancellations. If you've been ill, feel ill on a dance night, or bad weather is an issue, please stay home, for the safety of all concerned.

NONE of the ASSDF Officers will EVER send an email, Facebook message, etc. that ask for money, gift cards, helping charities, saying these are “sponsored by the ASSDF”. All of these are SCAMS!! If you see these emails or Facebook postings, DELETE THEM, and BLOCK THE ADDRESS. Messages from the ASSDF Officers will have the email that's noted in The Modern Square, and they'll address square dancing, or another aspect of the hobby in the email. Just because the email sender name shows the name of an ASSDF Officer does NOT necessarily mean that an ASSDF Officer sent it.

Clubs MUST be vigilant in deleting these posts (deleting inactive group members, club T-shirts, death of a celebrity, wanting part time work, etc. (NOTHING to do with square dancing). These have ransomware to steal your identity, and lock up your computer, where you'd have to pay a large amount of money to get your data back. If you click on the links, you or your club could be on the hook financially, never mind having your email and Facebook accounts hacked!!

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** (<http://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**.

Thirty-five years ago, on Feb. 7, 1991, **Act 93** made **Square Dancing** the **official state dance of Arkansas**.

Want to commemorate the square dance tradition with a T-shirt?? See either Mike or Lanita Hammett for info. The shirts are actually **royal blue**, and are \$15 each for S through XL, and \$17 for 2XL through 4XL. Email to lnthmmtt13@gmail.com or call (501) 889-4679.

This would be a **perfect travel T-shirt** to wear at the **Mount Nebo Spring Fling** this month, or at other square dances and festivals, where casual attire is allowed.



CLINTON STAMPEDE

TRAILS END DANCE

OCTOBER 8TH

BBQ DINNER
AT 6:00

AND DANCE TO FOLLOW!

CONTACT
THERESA MUTH
501-238-2713

CALLER
KEN BURKE



HOTEL INFO:

Super 8 Clinton Arkansas
501-209-4358

\$75 plus tax a night for 2 queen beds

Quality Inn Clinton Arkansas
501-745-4700

\$82.50 a night plus tax

COST:

\$15.00
FOR THE DINNER
& DANCE!



ASSDF FEDERATION DANCE · OCTOBER 9-10 · SAME LOCATION

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 ____ = _____

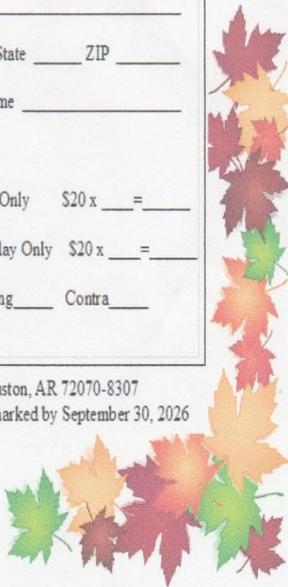
Friday/Saturday (after 09/30/2026) \$35 x ____ = _____ Saturday Only \$20 x ____ = _____

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

Trail End Dance Oct. 8 -- BBQ Dinner at 6pm, Dance to follow
 \$15 per person for the dinner and dance (pay at the door).
 Hosted by the Heber Springers -- Dance Caller: Ken Burke
 Super 8 (501-209-4358) \$75 per night + tax (2 queen beds)
 Quality Inn (501-745-4700) \$82.50 per night + tax



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





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

Please be advised: No campers or RVs over 24 feet are permitted!!

Highway 155 West is only one way, with 11 switchbacks and up to an 18% grade.

Please contact the park for more information.

Photos include the park entrance, the visitor center, the front and back of the pavilion hall, a view out the hall window, and elsewhere on the mountain. Other lodging and restaurants are available at the base of the mountain. Please see the flier ad for more info. There are several videos on YouTube (Mount Nebo State Park) that you can view.

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.



71st Annual
MISSISSIPPI

Square and Round Dance Association

STATE FESTIVAL

March 6th and 7th, 2026

Woolmarket City Center Latimer Community Center

13034 Kayleigh Cove

Biloxi, MS

10908 Daisy Vestry Rd

Biloxi, MS 39532

Mike Bramlett

Arlington, TX



Michele Vieira

Ocala, FL

Festival Chair

Bettie Millis

171 Walden Pond
Brandon, MS 39042
601.260.9188

Festival Co-Chair

Lorraine Melton

1437 Old Pearl Rd.
Florence, MS 39073
601.953.3401

Sponsored by
Mississippi Square
& Round Dance
Association, Inc.

Area Hotels



Best Western
1503 Hwy 290 E
Brenham, TX 77833

Comfort Suites
2350 S Day St
Brenham, TX 77833



Camping/RV

The Hill Top at Brenham
3170 North Park St
Brenham, TX 77833
(979) 269-7505

Contact Information

John Whiteacre
jpwwhiteacre@gmail.com
979-220-9223



Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers®

Conclave Meeting

March 6-7, 2026

Brenham, Texas

Dancing Across Texas
Driving Through Bluebonnets



Caller: Nelda Eaton



Cuer: Tricia Morley

Hosted by Sam Houston Square
and Round Dance Association



Featured Callers

MONTY HACKLER

JEFF HOLLEY

DARRYL LIPSCOMB

MIKE SHULTS

BOBBY WILLIS

REGISTER BY **FEBRUARY 7th**

MARCH 6-8, 2026

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MAINSTREAM PLUS & DEDICATED A HALL

\$40 FOR THE WEEKEND PER PERSON

OR \$10 PER SESSION

1400 W COUNTRY CLUB RD
CLAREMORE, OK 74017

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT KAYLA

(405) 682-6459
KAYLA@CDSDA.ORG

To Register CDSDA

Send checks to: P.O. BOX 7152
EDMOND, OK 73083

His: _____ Hers: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

CLAREMORE CONFERENCE CENTER

\$50 IF AFTER FEB 7TH
LODGING NOT INCLUDED

ROOMS
& TRAILER HOOKUPS
(AT LOCAL FAIR GROUNDS)
AVAILABLE

READ ALL EVENT INFO AT
CDSDA.ORG



*PLUS SQUARE DANCING
With Lines or C&W Between Tips
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*

\$7.00 Per Dancer

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

Upcoming 2026 dance dates are **March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sep. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8, 2026.**
Contact Nelda Eaton for more info.

CELEBRATE THE 52ND ANNUAL

'Round Up'

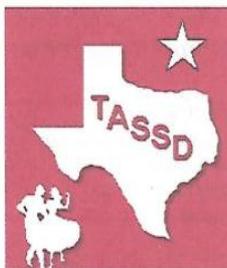
MARCH 13 & 14, 2026

Sponsored by TASSD

(Texas Association of Single Square Dancers)

Singles, Couples, and Round Dancers invited and encouraged to attend.

Allemande Hall
106 Westlake Drive
Waco, Texas



www.tassd.org

CALLER: **DAVE VIERA**

Ocala, Florida

COER: **MICHELE VIERA**

Ocala, Florida

TASSD Round-Up – March 13 & 14, 2026

The host hotel is **RAMADA HEWITT.**

778 Sun Valley Blvd, Exit 328E off I-35

Hewitt, Texas 76643

Phone: 254-732-9823

Room rates are \$83 per night, plus applicable taxes (1-4 people) and the room choices are a king room with one king bed or a queen room with two queen beds. You must make your own room reservations directly with the hotel. Please specify which type of room you desire when you make your reservation. To receive the discounted rate, please mention *Texas Association of Single Square Dancers* when you register. A block of rooms has been set aside for TASSD and they will be held only until February 25, 2026. After that date, the rooms will be released and will only be available on a space available basis and the special rate cannot be guaranteed. We suggest that if you anticipate staying at the Ramada Hewitt that you make your reservations early. Besides many other amenities, the hotel does provide a complimentary full, hot breakfast for those staying there.

2025 ROUND-UP RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE MY *SINGLE VOICE* BY EMAIL: YES NO
ARE YOU A VETERAN? YES NO

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BLANKS:

_____ Entire Weekend per dancer (Includes Membership Dues.) \$40.00
_____ ONLY Friday Night (March 13, 2026) \$25.00
_____ ONLY Saturday Day/Night per dancer \$20.00
_____ ONLY Saturday Night per dancer \$20.00
_____ DUES ONLY \$15.00

Teen Dancers get 50% discount. Please check this line and the line above designating the package you choose.

REFUNDS prior to February 1, 2026, are subject to a \$5.00 handling fee.

NO REFUNDS AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 2026.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **TASSD** and mail to:

Jan Albers Phone: 281-785-7372
2533 Country Club Blvd. Email: missyjan@comcast.net
Sugar Land, Texas 77478

Contact Number:
Curtis Linscomb Cell: 409-893-5570 Email: curtis.linscomb@gmail.com



*Southern Swingers
Spring Dance*

Saturday, March 14th
7:00 to 9:30



Caller

NELDA EATON

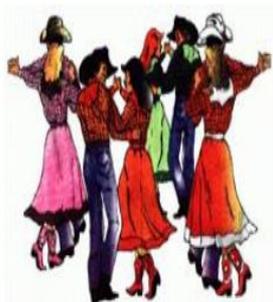
**Promenade Hall
5400 Benton Rd
Bossier City, LA**

Members \$6:00, Guest \$11.00, Spectators FREE

MORE INFORMATION:

Email sssquaredance@email.com
or check out our Facebook Page
Southern Swingers Square Dancers
Wear your Favorite Spring Attire





*Come and learn to square dance with
Nelda Eaton - Caller/Instructor*

BEGINNER SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

LOCATION: Jon and Nelda Eaton's Shop
(Located behind their home at 1519 CR 4003 in New Boston)

Start Date: Monday, March 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

1st two lesson nights are free (March 16th and March 19th)

Lesson Cost: \$80.00

Pay \$5.00 per Lesson Night until Lesson Cost of \$80.00 has been paid

or

Pay in full by Lesson Night 4 and receive a \$20.00 discount

For additional information contact Nelda Eaton, at 903-278-8068
or via email at EatonSDCaller@gmail.com.

NOTE: New beginner dancers will be accepted through Lesson Night 3.

Directions from Interstate 30:

Take Exit 198 to Highway 98 and turn south. Go approximately ¼ mile on Highway 98 and turn left (east) on County Road 4001. Go ½ mile (to first crossroads) and turn right (south) on County Road 4003. Go ½ 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.



**Come and Dance
with the
Twirling Lariats
on**

Friday, March 20, 2026

“Lucky Leprechaun” Dance

WEAR YOUR GREEN

7:00 – 7:30 PM – Plus Workshop

7:30 – 9:30 PM Mainstream

With Announced Plus Tips

American Legion Post 128

9925 Leah Lane

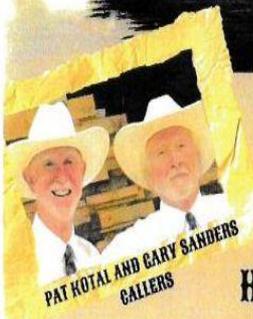
(Mann Road and Leah Lane)

Mabelvale, AR

Caller - Nelda Eaton



EAST TEXAS SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION 63RD ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL



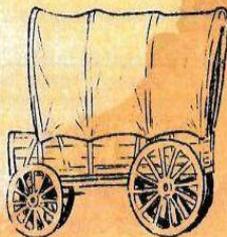
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CALLERS



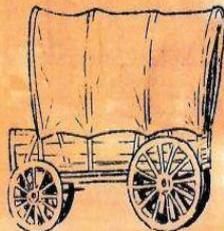
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EAST TEXAS CALLERS
ASSOCIATION



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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
AUDRA HILL
936-222-0705



“Louisiana Lagniappe”

Where you get a little extra.

Lagniappe (pronounced, lan-yap) is a Cajun-French inspired noun that means “a little extra.”

Once a month on a Friday

In Bossier City, LA at Promenade Hall

5400 Benton Rd. (Hwy. 3) - 5 miles North of I-220 Loop

Dates for 2026

Feb 27 Apr 3 May 29 Jul 24

Sep 25 Oct 16 Nov 6

BASIC - MAINSTREAM - PLUS

So what's the Lagniappe – the little extra?

Not gonna push it to the limit – but gonna push it a little past standard.

Basic and Mainstream called Lagniappe - with a little extra - using extended applications.
Called in ways and formations that you don't usually see – with a little extra challenge.

A few Plus calls will be used at each dance, but all plus calls used will be taught that night.
So, if you want to learn Plus – this is a chance to learn and dance a few plus calls each night.

These will also be called Lagniappe – with a little extra – with a little extra challenge.
Called in ways and formations that you don't usually see.

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

But we may start a little early, if caller and dancers are there – Lagniappe, A little extra.
And we may stay a little later if we're not ready to leave there – Lagniappe, A little extra.

CALLER
TIM TYL

(and an occasional guest caller)

No Charge – Donations Accepted for caller and building

Have you saved the date yet?
Trail In Dance
April 10, 2026



L-R: Shane Greer, MontyHackler, 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**

Claremore Conference Center
1400 W Country Club Rd
Claremore, OK

In conjunction with
N.E.O.S.D.A. Festival



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Expanded
Schedule
2 Halls of
Square Dancing

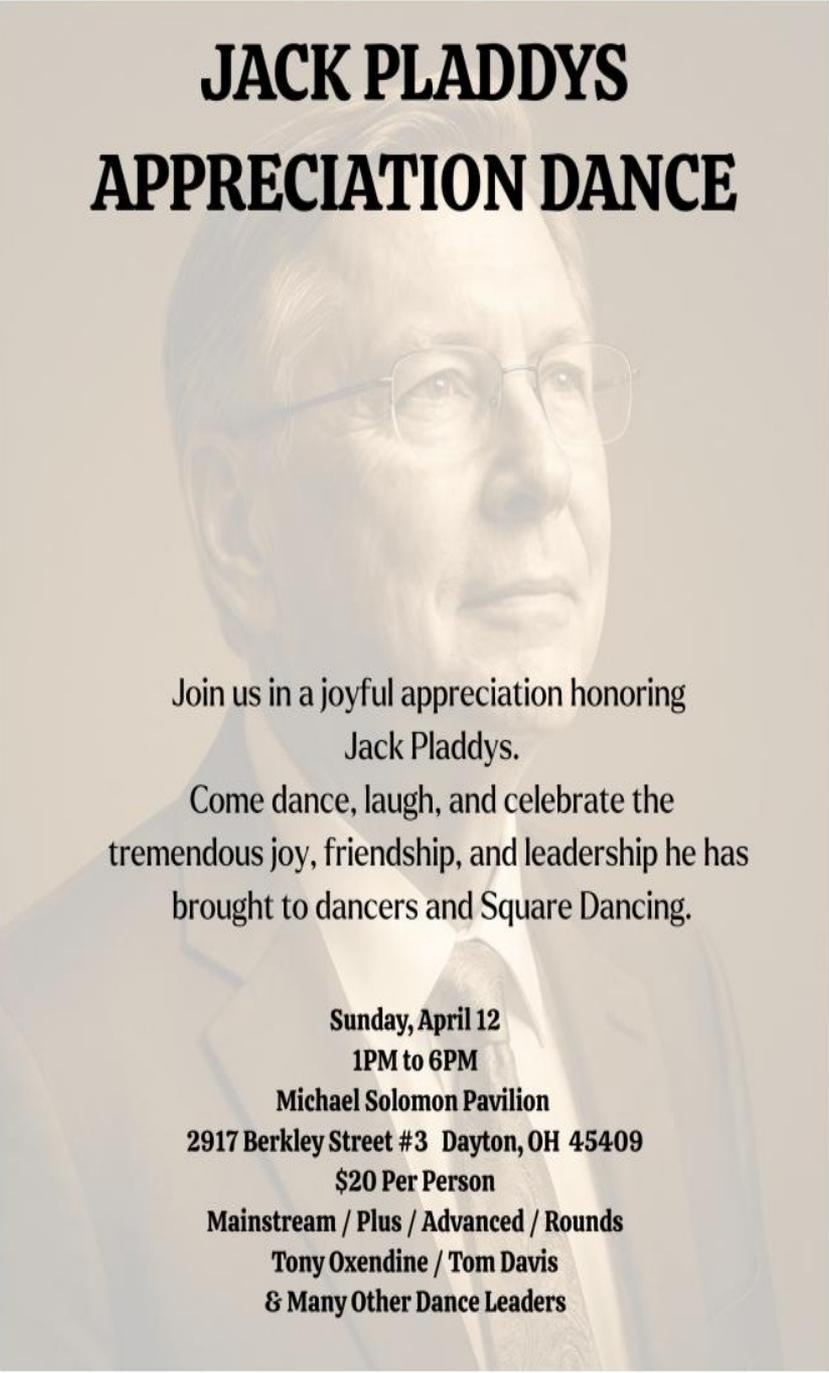
SAVE THE DATE

APRIL

11

2026

Info 620.988.2404

A faded, grayscale portrait of a man with glasses, wearing a suit and tie, serves as the background for the text.

JACK PLADDYS APPRECIATION DANCE

Join us in a joyful appreciation honoring
Jack Pladdys.

Come dance, laugh, and celebrate the
tremendous joy, friendship, and leadership he has
brought to dancers and Square Dancing.

Sunday, April 12

1PM to 6PM

Michael Solomon Pavilion

2917 Berkley Street #3 Dayton, OH 45409

\$20 Per Person

Mainstream / Plus / Advanced / Rounds

Tony Oxendine / Tom Davis

& Many Other Dance Leaders



Save the Date

for the 73rd Heart of America Federation

Square Dance Festival featuring:



Tim Tyl and Ken Burke

I'm a little bit

&

I'm a little bit

COUNTRY

ROCK N ROLL!

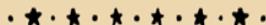


April 17 & 18, 2026

Friday evening: 7-10PM

Saturday afternoon: 1-5PM

Saturday evening: 7-10PM



Holmeswood Baptist Church

9700 Holmes Rd, KC, MO 64131



Scan the QR code for up-to-date information

www.FedDance.WeSquareDance.com



Clogging in the Natural State

Friday and Saturday, April 24 & 25, 2026

American Legion

9925 Leah Lane ~ Mabelvale, AR

Host Hotel: Tru by Hilton

11320 Bass Pro ~ West Little Rock, AR

Rooms \$106 per night plus tax – Breakfast included

Register online for rooms until 4-1-2026:

[Hilton-LR-2026](#)



Featured Instructor:

Chip Summey, CCI ~ NC

with



ACC Instructors:

Lanita Hammett, CCI~AR

Joe Dawley, CCI~KS

Cathy Michaels, CCI~TX

Alice Havel~KS

****Lunch on Saturday with Paid Registration!****

Hosted by the

Arkansas Clogging Council

arkansascloggingcouncil@gmail.com

Register Online at:

[Clogging in the Natural State](#)

Pre-Registration til 4-11

Non-Member \$40.00

Members \$35.00

At Door Registration \$50.00

Or Contact: Kathey @870-243-8113

ASRDA'S 77TH MID-TEX FESTIVAL

MAY 8-9, 2026

HOLLYWOOD MOVIE NIGHT



MIKE BRAMLETT
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Tim Tyl



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Featured Cuers



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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



START YOUR ENGINES

AT THE

TEXAS STATE CALLERS' ASSOCIATION

Thursday, June 4, 2026

Trails End Dance

Race on Over

Plus Dance: 3:00 to 5:00pm

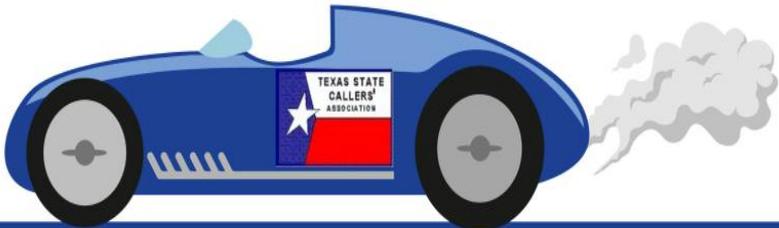
Early Rounds: 7:00 to 7:30pm

Squares: 7:30 - 9:30pm

In Conjunction with the
TEXAS STATE FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE
Pre-Festival Dance, June 5, 2026
64th State Festival, June 6, 2026



Pre-Package \$12 or \$14 at the Door
Longview Convention Complex
100 Grand Blvd.
Longview, Texas 75604



Texas State Federation of Square & Round Dancers
presents....

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 Carlike
6 Cardinal Ln.
Texarkana, TX 75501
lindacarlike57@aol.com
crgary@aol.com

Assistant Festival Chairman
Mike & Shelly Whitehurst
New Boston, TX 75501
swhitehurst10@gmail.com

DANCING ACROSS TEXAS
MAUDE COBB CONVENTION CENTER
100 GRAND BLVD., LONGVIEW, TX

Host Hotel

Group name: Texas Square Dancing Festival 2026

Holiday Inn Longview

Infinity Event Center
300 Tuttle Circle, Longview
\$104 plus tax – free breakfast voucher
Front desk: 903-663-6464

Camping Information

Maud Cobb Convention Center
100 Grand Blvd., Longview
Nightly rate: full hookup \$25
50 amp & 30 amp

Hampton Inn & Suites By Hilton

3044 Eastman Road, Longview
\$99 plus tax
Last day of registration: May 4, 2026
Front desk: 903-663-8670

Group Name: Texas Square Dancing Festival Longview 2026

Courtyard by Marriott Longview

1125 East Hawkins Pkwy, Longview
\$104 plus tax king bed nightly rate
\$109 plus tax standard bed night rate
Front desk: 903-230-2700
Last day of registration: May 21, 2026 Link to book: [Book your group rate for Square Dance Group](#)

Advance Registration

Thursday: Trails End Dance Texas State Callers Association
Friday: Pre-Festival East Texas Square & Round Dance Association
Saturday: Festival Texas State Federation of Square & Round Dancers®
Sunday: Business Meeting Texas State Federation of Square & Round Dancers®

Last Name: _____ First Name His: _____ Hers: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ District: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Date: _____

No Dance Packages Sold After Advance Registrations Deadline, May 15, 2026 - Entrance By Daily Admission Only

Package	Price per Adult	Quantity	Price per Teen	#of Teens	TOTAL
Thurs, Fri & Sat (save \$12.00)	\$40.00	_____	\$20	_____	_____
Fri & Sat (save \$8.00)	\$32.00	_____	\$16	_____	_____
Sat Only (save \$5.00)	\$20.00	_____	\$10	_____	_____
Festival Printed Program	\$12.00	_____			

Total Amount Paid: 10% cancellation fee after May 15 and no refunds after May 31, 2025, **TOTAL PAID** _____

*Dancers 18 & under **FREE** entry Thursday – All former and current Teen Scholarship Recipients admitted **FREE**

Admission at the door: Thursday - \$12.00; Friday - \$15.00; Saturday - \$25.00

3-day Package - \$52; Friday-Saturday Package - \$40

PAY BY (circle one) Cash, Check, PayPal or Credit Card

Check payable to: TSFSRD

Mail to: TSFSRD, c/o Richard & Diane Doyle

259 AN CO Road 194 Elkhart, TX, 75839 Email: diane71914@yahoo.com

This Registration form is also available at www.squaredancetx.com Ribbon ___ Ribbon & Dangle ___

Dance Contest TBD at later date. Audience will be the judges and awards will be given out for each winner.

72nd Kansas Square Dance Festival



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Henerlau**

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June 5 & 6, 2026

"Swing & Sway"

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620-217-1280 Cell

hahn@southwind.net

Dancer Coordinator

Brenda Mears

Emporia, KS

620-344-2517 Cell

jbmears1979@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**

The Three Amigos

Happy Birthday America - Nifty At 250



Saturday, July 4, 2026 - 7pm to 10pm
American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane
Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR -- \$10 per person

Callers: Nelda Eaton (Twirling Lariats and Guys N Dolls)
Amanda and Blake Throgmartin (Levi's And Lace)
Phil Moorehouse (Maverick Mixers and other clubs)

For More Information, Please Contact:

Nelda Eaton: (903) 278-8068

Blake Throgmartin: (501) 622-9402

Amanda Throgmartin: (501) 655-9767

Phil Moorehouse: (501) 960-4476

Please join us to celebrate America's 250th
birthday, and the Freedom To Dance!!



HASSDA FESTIVAL

July 10-11, 2026

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All Wood Floors!

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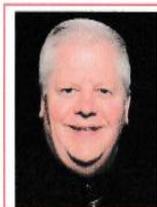
Mainstream

PLUS

"A"



NICK HARTLEY



DAN SAHLSTROM



TIM TYL



**MITCHELL & CHELSEA
THOMPSON, cuer**

TRAIL END DANCE

Dan Sahlstrom, caller and cuer

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August 6, 7, & 8, 2026

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Cash or check only at Convention Center, NO credit cards.

CUT HERE & return with payment to Registration Chairman

Write check to: 2026 TN State Sq/Rd Dance Convention

Early Registrations MUST be postmarked by July 1, 2026

TICKETS (PER PERSON) YOUTH 18 and under, FREE with an adult. # attending (please list below*)

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Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Club Name _____ TN State Assn. Area _____

*YOUTH Attending, Name(s) _____

HELP US TO PLAN HALL SIZE. **PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hex | | | | |

Write check to: 2026 TN State SQ/RD Convention

Mail to: 2026 TN State Convention

PO Box 82, McDonald, TN 37353

Registration Chairman : Connie Goodman

email: conniegoodman022@gmail.com

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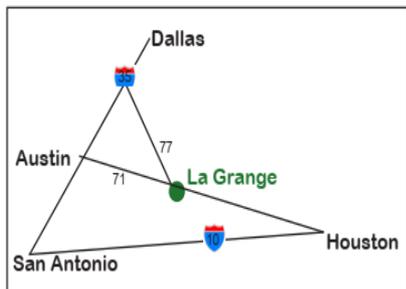
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Mail registration form and your **check made payable to TRDTA to:**

Tricia Morley, 885 Bateman Rd, Red Rock, TX 78662 / stepstyledancing@gmail.com / phone 713-598-8875

You will be notified by email from Registration when voting is open in early August.

A few Phase V dances will be programmed in early rounds Friday only if they receive enough votes.



Tentative Schedule

Friday	Early Rounds	7:00-7:30 pm
	Dance	7:30-10:00 pm
Saturday	Morning Teaches	9:30 am-12:00 pm
	Lunch Break	12:00 pm-1:30 pm
	Afternoon Teaches	1:30-3:30 pm
	Early Rounds	6:30-7:00 pm
	Dance	7:00-9:30 pm

TRDTA Fall Festival – \$50.00/couple – \$25.00/single – September 11-12, 2026

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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

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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.

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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.

Download this at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>

CALLERLAB (NEW) PLUS PROGRAM -- Effective Sept. 1, 2026

Red denotes calls added from Basic and Mainstream

Green denotes calls added from Advanced

1. (Anything) And Roll
2. (Anything) And Spread
3. Acey Deucey
4. All Eight Spin The Top
5. Chase Right
6. **Circle To A Line**
7. **Clover And (Anything)**
8. **Cloverleaf**
9. Coordinate
10. Crossfire
11. Cut The Diamond
12. Diamond Circulate
13. Dixie Grand
14. **Dixie Style To An Ocean Wave**
15. **Do Paso**
16. **Eight Chain Thru / Eight Chain 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7**
17. Explode And (Anything)(From Ocean Waves Only)
18. Explode The Wave
19. Fan The Top
20. Flip The Diamond
21. Follow Your Neighbor
22. Grand Swing Thru
23. Linear Cycle (From Waves Only)
24. Load The Boat
25. **Pair Off**
26. **Partner Hinge**
27. **Partner Tag**
28. **Pass The Sea**
29. **Pass To The Center**
30. Peel Off
31. Peel The Top
32. Ping Pong Circulate
33. **Quarter Thru / Three Quarter Thru / Grand Quarter Thru / Grand Three Thru**
34. Relay The Deucey
35. Scoot And Dodge
36. **See Saw**
37. **Shoot The Star / Shoot The Star Full Around**
38. **Slip The Clutch**
39. Spin Chain And Exchange The Gears
40. Spin Chain The Gears
41. **Spin Chain Thru**
42. Teacup Chain
43. **Thar Family**
 - a. **Allemande Thar**
 - b. **Allemande Left To An Allemande Thar**
 - c. **Wrong Way Thar**
44. Track 2
45. Trade The Wave
46. Triple Scoot
47. **Triple Trade**
48. **Turn Thru**
49. **Walk And Dodge**
50. **Walk Around**

Note: The **original image** from **Callerlab** on **Facebook** was **hard to read**, especially with the **Advanced** level calls **moved** to **Plus** level.

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 and festivals are with the **ASSDF Clubs** first, then **non-ASSDF dances/festivals** in Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas). **Caller Appreciation Dances**, **HASSDA (Heart Of America Single Square Dance Association)**, and the **NSDC (National Square Dance Convention ®)** events are always listed, no matter what state these events are 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. Available flyers with full info, are 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 specific dance or festival listing. You can also find this info 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

MARCH 2026

March 6, 2026 – **The Twirling Lariats** are **DARK** tonight.

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 14, 2026 – Southern Swingers Spring Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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.

March 20, 2026 – Twirling Lariats Lucky Leprechaun Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 28, 2026 – Celebration Of Life Of The Late Mike Lewis. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), Arkansas. 3pm-5pm. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

APRIL 2026

April 3, 2026 – Louisiana Lagniappe Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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 29, 2026 – Louisiana Lagniappe Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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 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 3, 2026 – The Twirling Lariats are DARK tonight.

July 4, 2026 – The Three Amigos Happy Birthday America Nifty At 250 Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Callers: Nelda Eaton, Amanda and Blake Throgmartin, and Phil Moorehouse. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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.

July 24, 2026 – Louisiana Lagniappe Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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. 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. 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.

Sep. 25, 2026 – Louisiana Lagniappe Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

OCTOBER 2026

Oct. 8, 2026 – Trail End Dance for the 76th ASSDF Fall Festival, Van Buren County Fairgrounds, Clinton, Arkansas. Hosted by the Heber Springers. Caller: Ken Burke. Separate admission at the door. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 9-10, 2026 – 76th ASSDF Fall Festival, Van Buren County Fairgrounds, Clinton, Arkansas. Hosted by the Heber Springers. Friday Night National Caller: Scott Bennett. Arkansas' Callers and Cuers Friday afternoon, plus Saturday and Saturday night. See the flyers elsewhere in this issue, 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. 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. 16, 2026 – Louisiana Lagniappe Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. 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: Dan Nordbye

NOVEMBER 2026

Nov. 6, 2026 – Louisiana Lagniappe Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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

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

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

OCTOBER 2027

Oct. 7-9, 2027 – 77th Annual ASSDF Festival. Location and other details will follow as soon as possible.

NOVEMBER 2027

Nov. 14-20, 2027 – MidSouth Extravaganza, Little Rock, AR. Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jet Roberts, Ted Lizotte, Jack Pladdys, Dan Sahlstrom, Ray Brendzy, Mike Hogan, Mike Seastrom, Charlie Robertson, and Scott Bennett. Cuers: Randy and Marie Preskitt with Fred and Linda Ayres. **** Free GSI Callers School Nov. 14-17 (you must be registered for the weekend), Dancing Nov. 18-20 ** Host Hotels will accept room reservations after Nov. 18, 2026 **** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Non-ASSDF Special Dances and Festivals

MARCH 2026

March 3, 2026 -- Waterloo Squares Special Dance, Austin, TX. Caller: Brad Caldwell. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 4, 2026 -- Plus 4s Dance, Farmers Branch, TX. Caller: Toby Thomason. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 5, 2026 -- Roadrunners Rockin' Around The Clock New Dancer Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Toby Thomason. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 6, 2026 -- Kissin Kuzzins Oreo Cookie Day Dance, Garland, TX. Guest Caller: Ray Savell. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 6, 2026 -- Texas Reelers Stayin' Alive Dance, Richardson, TX. Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones and Jon Jones. Cuers: Chris and Maria Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 6, 2026 -- Triangle Squares St. Patrick's Day Dance, Denton, TX. Caller/Cuer: Toby Thomason. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 6-7, 2026 -- Texas State Federation Of Square And Round Dancers Conclave Meeting and Dance, Brenham, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. Cuer: Tricia Morley. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 6-7, 2026 -- Mississippi State Festival, Biloxi, MS. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuer: Michele Vieira. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 6-7, 2026 -- TSquare Gadabouts and Circle 8 Paris Nights Anniversary Dances, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Mike Hogan. Club Callers: Vernon Jones (Friday), Melton Luttrell (Saturday). Club

Cuers: Jan Toms (Friday), Walter Brewer Saturday. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 6-8, 2026 – Oklahoma Central District Square Dance Association Circulate to Claremore, Claremore, OK. Callers: Monty Hackler, Jeff Holley, Darryl Lipscomb, Mike Shults, and Bobby Willis. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, or on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 7, 2026 -- Waterloo Squares 43rd Anniversary Dance, Austin, TX. Caller: K.O. Jeanes. Cuers: Kay and Bob Kurczewski. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 7, 2026 – Western Twirlers Neon Black Out Dance, Joplin, MO. Caller: Jay Wright **** Baked Potato Bar **** See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 10, 2026 -- Waterloo Squares Special Dance, Austin, TX. Caller: Matt Barnes. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 12, 2026 -- Double Plus Casual Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Scott Bennett. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 13, 2026 -- Pioneers St. Patrick's Day Dance, Weatherford, TX. Caller: Vernon Jones. **** Corned Beef and Cabbage **** See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 13, 2026 -- Stone Steppers Luck O' The Irish Dance, Garland, TX. Caller: Bill Hinkley. Cuer: Christine Hixson. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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

March 14, 2026 – Shawnee Square 8's Graduation Dance, Shawnee, OK. Caller: Jim Howard. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 14, 2026 -- LaGrange Roadrunners Annual Texas Independence Day Dance, LaGrange, TX. Caller: Vernon Jones. Cuers: Marilyn and Jarral Waguespack. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 17, 2026 -- Waterloo Squares St. Patrick's Day Dance, Austin, TX. Caller: Pat Kotal. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 19, 2026 -- Roadrunners Dancing In The Green Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: David Toms. Guest Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 20, 2026 -- Kissin Kuzzins First Day Of Spring Dance, Garland, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 20, 2026 -- TSquare Gadabouts Progressive Squares It's Spring Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Vernon Jones. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 20, 2026 -- Texas Reelers Irish Jig Dance, Richardson, TX. Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones and Jon Jones. Cuers: Chris and Maria Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 20, 2026 -- Triangle Squares First Day Of Spring Dance, Denton, TX. Caller/Cuer: Toby Thomason. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 21, 2026 -- Log Cabin Swingers Elvis Hoedown Dance, Tool, TX. Guest Caller: Brad "Elvis" Caldwell. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 21, 2026 -- Rebel Rousers Spring Fling, Richardson, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuer: Christine Hixson. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 21, 2026 -- Trailblazers New Dancer Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Vernon Jones. Guest Cuer: Walter Brewer. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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

March 22, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 24, 2026 -- Waterloo Squares Special Dance, Austin, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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

March 27, 2026 -- Swinging Stars March Madness Dance, Richardson, TX. Caller: David Toms. Cuer: Jan Toms. 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 in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 28, 2026 -- Circle I Squares and Tri City Promenaders Flamingo Fling, Hurst, TX. Caller: Ray Savell. Cuer: Chris Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 27-29, 2026 -- Challenge Dance Weekend, Schertz, TX. Caller: Bill Haynes. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 29, 2026 -- Fort Worth Squares 50th Anniversary Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuer: David Berling. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** Afternoon Dance ****

March 31, 2026 -- Waterloo Squares Special Dance, Austin, TX. Caller: Chet Miles. See the flyer 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 3, 2026 -- Kissin Kuzzins Egg-cellent Easter Dance, Garland, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. **** Deviled Eggs **** 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 11, 2026 -- Bluebonnet Festival, Burton, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuer: Marilyn and Jarral Waguespack. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 12, 2026 – Jack Pladdys Caller Appreciation Dance, Dayton, OH. Callers: Tony Oxendine, Tom Davis, and many other callers and cuers. **** Afternoon Dance * Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, and Round Dancing **** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 17, 2026 -- Kissin Kuzzins 53rd Anniversary Dance, Richardson, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Guest Caller: Jeff Holley. See the flyer 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.

April 18, 2026 -- Saturday Night Square Off Dinner and Dance, Friendswood, TX. Callers: Billy Grimsley and Dave Vieira. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 18, 2026 -- Wheel-N-Deals and Cen-Tex Plus Social, Lockhart, TX **** Dancing, Games, and Potluck Dinner **** See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 25, 2026 -- 37th Annual Wildflower Dance, Marble Falls, TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. Cuers: Bob and Kay Kurczewski. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 25, 2026 – Shawnee Square 8’s Sunshine And Roses Anniversary Dance, Shawnee, OK. Caller: Jim Howard. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 26, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MAY 2026

May 8-9, 2026 -- 77th ASRDA Mid-Tex Festival, Georgetown, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuers: Fred and Linda Ayres. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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 17, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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 29-30, 2026 -- Challenge Dance Weekend, Schertz, TX. Caller: Ross Howell. See the flyer 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.

May 30, 2026 – Tri-City Promenaders Elvis' Viva Las Vegas Anniversary Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Scott Bennett. Cuer: Chris Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

May 30, 2026 – Triangle Squares 51st Anniversary Roaring 20's Dance, Fort Worth, TX. A flyer will be on the **ASSDF website** as soon as possible.

May 30, 2026 – Oklahoma Central District Square Dance Association Afternoon and Evening Dance, Oklahoma City, OK. Afternoon Dance: CDSDA Callers. Evening Dance Caller: Brad Caldwell. 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 18, 2026 – ASRDA Installation Dance, Austin, TX. Caller: K.O. Jeanes. Cuers: Tricia Morley and Dennis Artz. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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

July 26, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. 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://tnsquaredance.org/>

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

Aug. 23, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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

Aug. 29, 2026 -- Southern Knights Roaring 20's Dance, Schertz, TX. Callers: Dale Smith, John Kephart, John Carlton, Wayne Weston. Cuer: Kay Kurczewski. 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. 11-12, 2026 – Pioneer Festival, Wichita Falls, TX. Callers: Bobb Willis and Ray Savell. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Sep. 11-12, 2026 -- TRDTA 16th Annual Round Dance Festival, LaGrange, TX. TRDTA Cuers. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and 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. 18-19, 2026 -- A2 and C1-3 Square Dance Weekend, Schertz, TX. Caller: Darryl Lipscomb. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Sep. 19, 2026 -- ASRDA Teen Scholarship Dance, Austin, TX.
ASRDA Callers and Cuers. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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

Sep. 20, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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.

Oct. 25, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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.

Nov. 22, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.



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.

JANUARY 2027

Jan. 15-16, 2027 -- Challenge Square Dance Weekend, Schertz, TX.
Caller: Bill Harrison. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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 28 through July 1, 2028 – 77th National Square Dance Convention ®, Daytona Beach, Florida. More info, as well as an Early Bird Registration form is at <https://77nsdcfl.com/> (**Corrected Dates**)

Club Reports

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

Arky Cloggers

The **Arky Cloggers** say “Hello! And Hello Spring!”

One of my favorite signs of Spring is seeing the daffodils bloom on Wye Mountain. I grew up one mile from the daffodil field and my parents were part of the very first craft show held in conjunction with them blooming. The **Wye Mountain Daffodil Festival** will, coincidentally, kick off our performances for 2026. We will perform two separate weekends there this year. You can find us there on March 15 and 21. I am so excited to report that even my beginners will be participating up there this year.

Speaking of beginners... They are doing an awesome job! I have six in that class, and they are ahead of schedule on steps and songs learned.

To wrap up February, three of us went to Pocahontas for the **Gateway To The Ozarks Clogging Workshop**. This was my fifth year to teach at this particular workshop. I introduced two new routines for two 50-year-old songs. I took a heavy dose of disco up there. I taught them **Jive Talking** and **You Should be Dancing**. I think a few of the dancers might have caught a little disco fever by the end of the day. A big shout-out to Taren and Lisa for making the trek up there and supporting Commander Cornbread! It was almost 400 miles round trip for me so their extra effort was most definitely appreciated!

There will be three more clogging workshops coming up in Arkansas this year. "**Clogging in the Natural State**" will be coming up April 24 and 25. It will be in the American Legion Hut in Mabelvale. Cloggers **LOVE** dancing on that hardwood floor! A flyer is elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**, with more info.

Shaina's "**Better When Ya Dance**" workshop will be in Bono in July. The "**Arkansas Traveler**" workshop will be in Mountain View in September. I have already agreed to teach at the April and July workshops. Each "teach" requires me to come up with my own original choreography. Any suggestions for music to inspire me?

We want to say **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Gwen and Katie. Both are adding candles to their cake in March.

We will be deciding on a project this week for our quarterly "giving back" mission. This was inspired by the **Maverick Mixers "Giving THANKS-GIVING Back" Dance** they hold in November each year.

It was decided to make this a quarterly project for the Arky Cloggers. More information to come on which one we chose next month.

As always, you are more than welcome to come visit us anytime. Our classes are held each Tuesday in the Disabled American Veterans building at 1490 South Donaghey in Conway. Boost class is from 3:30 to 5:00, Intermediate/Advance class is from 5:00 to 6:30 and the beginners are from 6:30 to 8:00. We can always find the perfect class for you if you are interested in learning to clog. Remember to keep those feet moving!

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

We were truly sorry to hear of the passing of fellow square dancer **Mike Lewis**...our condolences, thoughts, and prayers, go to his widow Ellen, and to the family.

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

Phil will also join fellow callers **Nelda Eaton**, and the husband-wife caller team of **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin**, at **The Three Amigos Happy Birthday America Nifty At 250 Dance** in Little Rock, on Saturday, July 4, 2026. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

You're invited to join us on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday of each month (unless otherwise noted), at the Judson Community Center, at 601 Judson Street, with dancing to our own Phil Moorehouse.

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

Please call before you travel to be sure we're dancing.

Robert and Cheryl Shaver

Guys N Dolls

We grieve at the loss of fellow square dancer **Mike Lewis**. Our condolences, thoughts, and prayers, go to his widow Ellen, and the family.

Guest Caller **Phil Moorehouse**, who calls for several clubs in the state, as well as other special dances out of state, called a recent dance, and a good time was had by all. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own **Nola Sue Richardson Walker** was seen at a recent dance at the Mesa Checkmates in Phoenix, Arizona...with **National Caller Dan Nordbye**, and **ASSDF Presidents Tom and Kim Fox**. A photo is in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Nelda invites dancers in the Arklatex region to dance with "**Nelda's Plussers**" at her place on the second Tuesday of each month. For the rest of 2026, the dance dates are March 10...April 14...May 12...June 9...July 14...August 11...September 8...October 13...November 10...and December 8. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** under Upcoming Events for more info.

Nelda is also starting a **new series of square dance lessons** for those in the Arklatex Region on **Monday, March 16**, at her residence in New Boston, Texas. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nelda will also be calling at the **Twirling Lariats Lucky Leprechaun Dance** on **Friday, March 20**, for those in the central Arkansas area that evening. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. Then, Nelda will join fellow callers **Phil Moorehouse**, plus the husband-wife caller team of **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin** at **The Three Amigos Happy Birthday America Nifty At 250 Dance**, on **Saturday, July 4, 2026**, in Little Rock. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

We normally dance 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 updates there.

Rhonda Bailey

Heber Springers

We were heartbroken to learn of the passing of fellow square dancer **Mike Lewis**. Our condolences, thoughts, and prayers, to his widow, Ellen and the family.

We had a square at our Feb. 27, 2026 dance...a photo is in the Special Dances e-Edition, with several videos on our Facebook page.

This month, our own **Phil Moorehouse** 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, along with some photos of the facilities, are in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website**.

We “swing into spring”, starting with our **St. Patrick's Dance**, on **March 13**, then with a regular dances on March 27, April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22, and June 12. Note that 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.

With July being hot as a firecracker, Phil will join fellow callers **Nelda Eaton**, along with the husband-wife caller team of **Blake & Amanda Throgmartin**, at **The Three Amigos Happy Birthday America Nifty At 250 Dance**, on **Saturday, July 4, 2026**. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. Then, the following week, we will also celebrate America's 250th birthday with our **Red White and Blue Dance** on **July 10**, followed by regular dances on July 24 and August 7, then our **Annual Ice Cream Social Dance** on **August 21**.

Autumn leaves fall toward cooler weather, and dancing is cool, with a regular dance on Sept. 11, and our **Hillbilly Dance** on **Sept. 25**. For October, we'll be **DARK** on Oct. 9 for the **ASSDF Fall Festival** (details are later in this report), then our Halloween Dance is set for Oct. 23 with **National Caller Dan Nordbye**.

To wrap up 2026, **Nov. 13** features our **Veterans Dance** (thanks to all the veterans for serving), and **Dec. 11** has 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. **National Caller Ken Burke** will call the Trail In Dance on Oct. 8 (with a barbecue dinner beforehand); and we'll also have **National Caller Scott Bennett...along with Arkansas' Callers And Cuers**. Flyers for the Trail-End Dance (with hotel info), and a registration form are in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website**.

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 were saddened to learn of the death of fellow dancer Mike Lewis...our thoughts and prayers go to his widow Ellen, and the family.

Nine of our dancers went on a **Square Dance Cruise** in the Caribbean in February. One afternoon, we had a "flash mob" square dance on the Promenade with 38 squares. Folks loved watching and we spread the word that square dancing is fun for all ages.

Our **Friday the 13th Valentine's Day Themed Dance** featured our own Blake Throgmartin & Amanda Hargrove-Throgmartin calling to "the best square on the floor". Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition, with some videos on our Facebook page. It is good to see Carolyn Gancarczyk back dancing with us again.

Several of our dancers attended the **Jet Across Arkansas Dance** on Feb. 23, with National Caller Jet Roberts. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We had over 2 squares at our Feb. 27 dance...several videos are on our Facebook page, with several photos in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin** will join fellow callers **Phil Moorehouse** and **Nelda Eaton** for **The Three Amigos Dance Happy Birthday America Nifty At 250 Dance**, on Saturday, July 4, 2026, in Little Rock. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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 **Amanda and Blake Throgmartin** calling a great dance...and **Amanda** doing line dancing between tips.

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

Phyllis Keeney

Maverick Mixers

We start off this report on sad note, with word of the passing of fellow square dancer Mike Lewis. The costumes he and his widow Ellen had at various Halloween Dances, were an absolute scream...and they got you thinking about "what in the world do those costumes mean??" Our deepest condolences, thoughts, and prayers, go to his widow Ellen, and the family.

There will be a **Celebration Of Mike's Life** prior to our March 28, 2026 dance, from 3pm to 5pm at our regular dance place...no experience is necessary. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Our February 3rd **OPEN HOUSE**, and the start of a new set of lessons, was fantastic. Several photos from the first class sessions are in the

Special Dances e-Edition. We hope to have them graduated by the **75th National Square Dance Convention (R)(NSDC)** in Waco, Texas. We will be **DARK** on the Saturdays of June 26 for the NSDC, and on October 10, for the **76th ASSDF Fall Festival** in Clinton.

Our **Feb. 14 New Kids Valentine's Day Dance**, featured callers **Lanita Pettey Hammett, Roger Garner, Blake Throgmartin**, and **Amanda Hargrove-Throgmartin**, calling for 2 squares. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Several dancers attended the **Jet Across Arkansas Dance** on Feb. 23, and there were just shy of 3 squares of dancers there, with fellow dancers from the **Twirling Lariats**, and the **Levi's And Lace**, among others. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

This month, 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, along with some photos of the facilities, are elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**.

Phil will join fellow callers **Nelda Eaton**, and the husband-wife caller team of **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin**, at **The Three Amigos Happy Birthday America Nifty At 250 Dance**, on Saturday, July 4, 2026, at our regular dance place. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

This reporter will be doing traveling for another hobby, amateur radio, during the month of August...with two planned trips. The first one will be a same day trip to Shreveport, Louisiana for the 2026 ARRL Delta Division Convention...and the second one being a multi-day trip to Huntsville, Alabama, for the 2026 ARRL National Ham Radio Convention. I won't be able to do any dancing while at these events, but I note that I've used amateur radio at 2 square dance events over the years to save the lives of individuals.

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

Our condolences, thoughts, prayers to fellow dancer **Ellen Lewis**, in the recent passing of her husband, Mike. They did a lot for the hobby, and he will be sorely missed.

Our own **Roy Hestand** will be calling the **Twirling Funtimers “Baby It’s Chili” Dinner and Dance** on March 18. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of dancers, **we are going DARK until further notice**. Please call before traveling.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/859216584467625> for updates on when we'll return dancing.

Becky Hestand

River City Squares

We mourn the passing of fellow square dancer **Mike Lewis**. He and his widow Ellen, did so much for square dancing...he will be sorely missed.

Video snippets of a Jambalaya with our own Jay King, at the Pocola, Oklahoma Senior Center, on Feb. 23, is on our Facebook page.

Our Feb. 17, 2026 Graduation/Mardi Gras Dance was a blast!!

What a great group of dancers we had, but we missed those who couldn't join us. Five of our dancers had to cancel, due to illness. Thanks to all who came and danced, brought refreshments, and helped us with carrying equipment, supplies, food, and last but not least,

making sure our dance hall is left as clean as we found it. We are so thankful for all of you!!! Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own **Jay King** will join fellow callers **Phil Moorehouse** and **Tim Tyl** this month at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, on March 6-7, 2026. A flyer and registration form, along with some site photos, are in the full e-Edition, 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

We extend our condolences, thoughts, and prayers to the family of **Mike Lewis**, with word of his passing last month. He will be sorely missed.

Our **Valentine's Dance** on Feb. 14, with dancing to **Brad Caldwell**, had a great crowd. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We will have a **Spring Special Dance** on Saturday, **March 14**, with dancing to **Guest Caller Nelda Eaton**. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Other special dances will be posted on our Facebook page, and added to the **ASSDF website**, as details become available.

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 thoughts, condolences, and prayers, to the family of **Ellen Lewis**, in the passing of her husband, Mike. They had attended several of our dances, and had done so much for the hobby...he will be sorely missed.

This month, on March 6-7, our own **Phil Moorehouse** will join fellow callers **Jay King** and **Tim Tyl** for the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**. See the flyer (along with some site photos) elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

On July 4, our own **Phil Moorehouse** will join the husband-wife caller team of **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin**, along with **Nelda Eaton**, for **The Three Amigos Dance Happy Birthday America Nifty At 250 Dance** in Little Rock. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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 were very sorry to hear about the passing of fellow square dancer **Mike Lewis**. Our condolences, thoughts, and prayers, to his widow, Ellen, and the family.

As warmer weather arrives for March, Guest Caller Roy Hestand will call our **"Baby, It's Chili" Dinner and Dance on March 18**. It's a good way to spring into the new season...also, wear your green, even though it's after St. Patrick's Day!!

Our April Special Dance is on "Tax Day", **April 15**, but **Guest Caller Kenton Sullivan** will tax our fun limits with the **"Festival Of Eight" Dinner and Dance**.

On **May 20**, 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, **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**.

Guest Caller Phil Moorehouse will join us on September 16 for our **"Indian Pow Wow Dance"**. Then on **October 21st**, **Guest Caller Monty Hackler** will join us for a **Halloween Dinner and Dance**. **Square dance attire or Halloween costumes are welcome at that dance**.

To round out 2026, November will be busy, with a club meeting and our **Hot Chocolate Dance** on **November 11**. Then on **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.

Lastly, December will have our **"Best Christmas Memory Dance"** on **December 16**, but we will be **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 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 updates.

Anieta England

Twirling Lariats

Square dancing lost a great asset in the passing of **Mike Lewis** last month. The costumes that he and his widow, Ellen, wore at our Halloween Dances were always a sight to behold. Both of them so much for square dancing, and he will be sorely missed.

We had a good crowd at our **Valentine's Dance** on Feb. 13...and this month will feature a "**Lucky Leprechaun Dance**" with our own Nelda Eaton, on **March 20**. We were **DARK** on Feb. 20, as several of our dancers went to the **Red River Special** in Ardmore, Oklahoma. We also were represented at the **Jet Across Arkansas Dance** on Feb. 23...several photos from that dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own **Nelda Eaton** will join fellow callers **Phil Moorehouse**, plus the husband-wife caller team of **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin**, on July 4, 2026, for **The Three Amigos Happy Birthday America Nifty At 250 Dance**. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

We're still looking at a **June Bug Dance** with **Tim Tyl** on May 30, but it possibly will be a potluck duty square. Further details will be noted as they become available.

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 updates.

Please call before you travel, to be sure we are dancing.

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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ASSDF Caller Nelda Eaton, will be starting beginner square dance lessons for those in the Arklatex Region, at her residence in New Boston, Texas, on Monday, March 16, 2026. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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)

DARK

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

Cummings, Patti – 270 Morrison Street, Ward, AR 72176 (501) 628-1089 ninapcummings@gmail.com

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 EatonSDCaller@gmail.com 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

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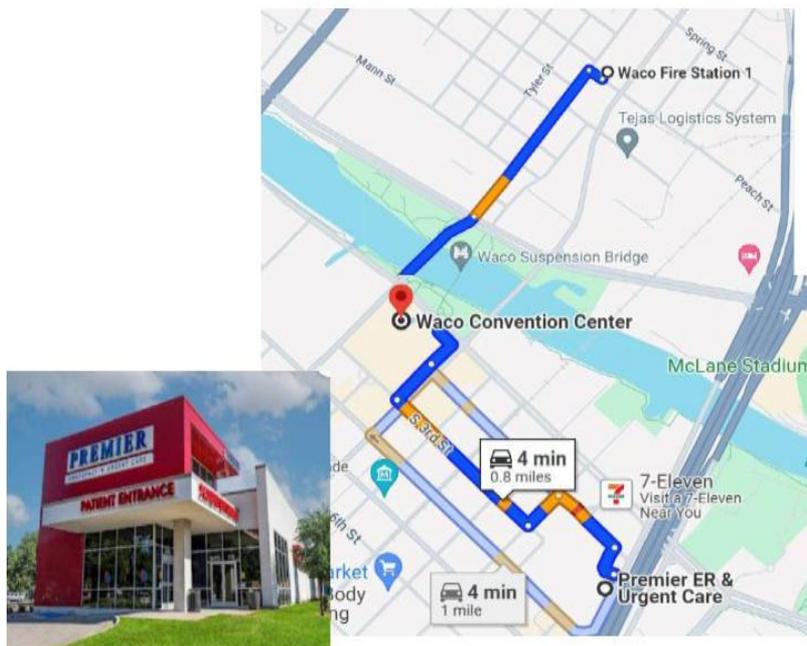
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- Location: Close to Waco hotels, restaurants & attractions
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- Concessions & Vendors: There will be plenty of concessions, vending food, & a great variety of vendors tailored to dancers & callers
- Dance Floors: Flooring includes bamboo wood, polished concrete, commercial vinyl, modular wood over carpet, & new modular plastic flooring over carpet
- Education & Archives: Education sessions & archives in attached hotel meeting rooms for a conducive learning atmosphere

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Waco Offers Lots to Do

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National Square
Dance Convention[®]
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June 24-27, 2026, in
the beautiful
Waco Convention
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The 2026 convention is the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee, so help us celebrate 75 years of square dancing! Besides squares, enjoy rounds, contra, lines, clogging and exhibition groups. We'll keep the fun going with an outrageous fashion show and nightly After Parties. Shop for new dance attire, 75th memorabilia, and assorted other items in our vendor area. Take advantage of the many workshops and educational opportunities while at the 75th NSDC! We'll see you there!

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Diamond Jubilee

75th National Square Dance Convention®

Waco Convention Center - June 24-27, 2026
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75NSDC
9597 Jones Rd Ste #122
Houston, TX 77065

Email: register.75nsdc@gmail.com

For Convention Use Only

Registration # _____
Date Received _____
Payment Processed _____
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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

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Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

*E-mail address will only be shared with the NEC Check if you do not want your email shared.

First Name & Last Name for **CONVENTION BADGES**

No. of NSDC's prior to 75th	1. Adult	2. Adult	3. Adult/Youth	** DOB / /	Subtotals
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- Magnet for Badge (pins provided free)
 - 75NSDC Souvenir Program Book (\$35 after 4/30/2026)
 - Round Dance Syllabus - USB Drive
 - Printed copy (Must be purchased by 4/30/2026)
 - Printed copy & USB (Must be purchased by 4/30/26)
 - Sew & Save Book - USB Drive or Digital Download
 - Hearing Assistance Device (NIC) - Refundable Deposit
 - Wednesday Night Special Event - Malpass Brothers
 - Dinner - Show - \$55 per person - Premium-Seating
 - Dinner - Show \$45 per person - Standard Seating
 - *Dinner Entrée BBQ Beef or Grilled Chicken
- Convenience Fee for Credit Card Processing
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PAYMENT (Complete if paying in person or by postal mail (US Funds))

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

INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM

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

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

- DANCERS - PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Check all that apply.**
- Mainstream Plus Advanced Challenge Contra Lines
- Juggling Rounds Handicapped Solo
- Are you participating in the Education Leadership Certificate Program?
 Yes No Visit 75nsdcx.com for more information

PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS

You must update your profile yearly & online by 12/31/25 at sdconvention.com.

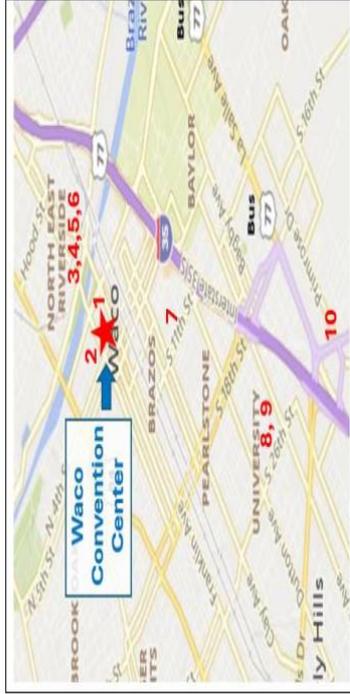
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HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE

Check box if you will manage your own accommodation.

Name: _____

More information available at www.75nsdctx.com



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

for this manual processing.

Questions may be directed to:
register.75nsdc@gmail.com
75nsdchousing@gmail.com

No airport shuttle services provided

See www.75nsdctx.com for transportation information.

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

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

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Say You are with the Square Dance Convention

Convention Hotels

The 75th National Square Dance Convention offers a set of diverse hotel experiences during your stay in Waco. Parking is also free around the convention center.

Hotel	Waco CC Distance	Rate	Reservation Deadline	Free Amenities			
				Breakfast	Parking	Wi-Fi	Laundry
Hilton Waco <i>(Host Hotel)</i> 113 S University Parks Dr	Connected to Waco CC	\$174/night	5/29/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Courtyard <i>(Dance Leader Hotel)</i> 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	✓	✓	✓	

What to Expect Next?

- Once in the Housing Booking Portal, you will have the ability to book your room at **any of the convention hotels** based on room availability. Reservation confirmations will be sent to the email address used to make the reservation.

Questions?

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

Pet-Friendly Hotels

Can my pet stay in my hotel during the convention?

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

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

Enjoy having your furry companion with you at
your hotel!

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

Camping/RV



See photos next page

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

These are the campgrounds offering the Square Dance Discount:

Waco Creekside Resort: 15% Square Dance discount. The campground is about 11 miles from the Waco Convention Center. Campsites, cabins and tree houses.

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

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

Please note that camping fees will not be collected through the Hotel Booking Portal, but only by contacting the campground directly.

Camping/RV



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

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



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!

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

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

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

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

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

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First National Convention?

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

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

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

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

After the Convention

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

More next month!



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

Show Off Your Club Outfit!

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

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

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

Your deadline is March 1.

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

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

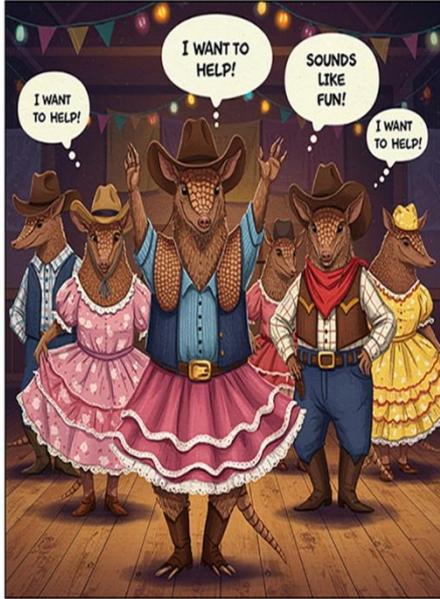
Return this form to Everett Kelly, Assistant Education Chairman

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!

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

Are You a Caller?

If So, We Have Classes for You!

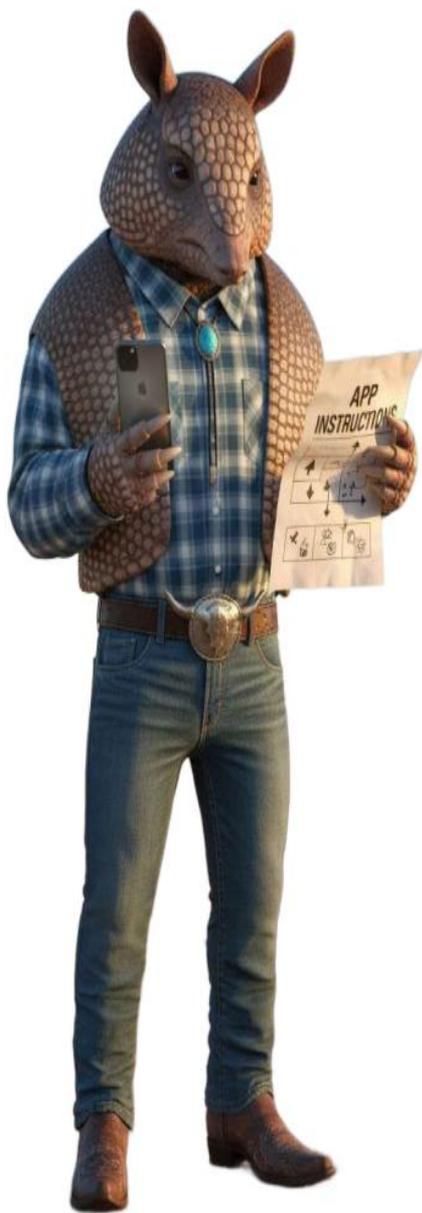
Caller classes are for prospective callers, new callers, experienced callers, and anyone interested in the things that callers learn in order to make our sport fun. All of these classes are taught by very experienced members of CALLERLAB. The eight classes that are being offered include:

- 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.

Getting to Waco

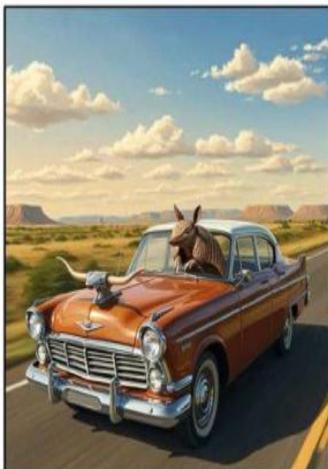
Waco, the NSDC's convention city for its Diamond Jubilee, is in Central Texas, right along the Brazos River and off Interstate 35. Waco is located halfway between Dallas and Austin. No matter your mode of travel, it's easy to get to Waco!

BY CAR

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

BY AIR

Waco Regional Airport (ACT) is serviced by American Eagle with flights to and from Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW). Nearby airports are DFW, Dallas Love Field (DAL), Austin-Bergstrom (AUS), and Killeen-Fort Hood (GRK). They all offer connections to Waco via shuttle or rental car. **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Rental car availability may be limited as the 2026 FIFA World Cup will be taking place in Dallas during our convention. Make your air and rental reservations early!



BY BUS

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

BY SHUTTLE

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

LOCAL OPTIONS ONCE YOU'RE HERE

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

RIDESHARE AND TAXIS

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

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



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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

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



Fill your pot of gold with all this & more at the 75th NSDC

June 24-27, 2026 in the Waco Convention Center!

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

Need Information?

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

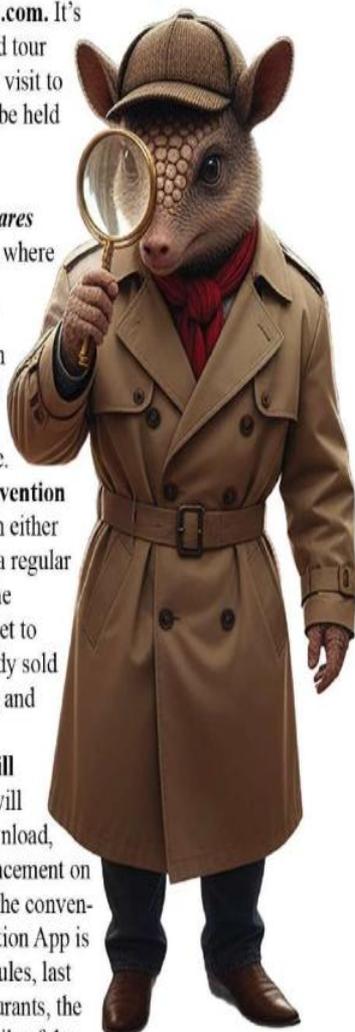
1. Visit the convention website at www.75nsdctx.com. It's full of forms, links, special events, hotel details and tour information... all the details you need to plan your visit to the 75th NSDC at the Waco Convention Center to be held June 24-27, 2026.

2. Follow us on Facebook for news and events.

3. Subscribe to (it's free) and read *National Squares e-Magazine*. Each edition contains the who, what, where and when of the 75th NSDC. To subscribe, go to <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> and scroll down to enter your name and email, then hit send. You will be notified each month when the latest edition is released. You can click on the edition's icon to download a copy from the website.

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

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



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

Fun Youth Activities



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

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

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

By bringing your youth to the convention, you're giving them the chance to build lifelong friendships, gain confidence and leadership skills, and be part of a vibrant, intergenerational tradition. We're committed to making this a safe, joyful and enriching experience for all our young dancers.

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

Great Waco Restaurants

Waco Downtown Dining Guide



- 1424 Bistro**
1424 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Alpha Omega Grill & Bakery**
929 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Bangkok Royale**
215 S University Parks Dr, Waco, TX 76701
- Barnett's Whiskey House & Restaurant**
420 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Bertie's on the Rooftop at Hotel 1928**
701 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Billy Bob's Burgers**
300 S 2nd St Suite 102, Waco, TX 76701
- Brazos Bar & Bistro at Hotel Indigo**
211 Clay Ave, Waco, TX 76706
- Brazos Grille at the Hilton**
113 S University Parks Dr, Waco, TX 76701
- The Brazos Landing**
100 I 35 N Frontage Rd, Waco, TX 76704
- Cafe Cappuccino**
100 N 6th St #101, Waco, TX 76701
- Cajun Craft**
601 S 11th St, Waco, TX 76706
- Casa Do Brasil**
1001 Webster Ave, Waco, TX 76706
- Cha Community**
1001 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Clay Pot Restaurant**
416 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Cricke's Draft House & Grill**
211 Mary Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- D's Mediterranean**
1503 Calceard Ave, Waco, TX 76707
- DiamondBack's**
217 Mary Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- George's Restaurant & Bar**
1925 Speight Ave, Waco, TX 76706
- Harvest on 25th**
112 N 25th St, Waco, TX 76710
- Health Camp**
2601 Circle Rd, Waco, TX 76706
- Hecho En Waco Mexican Cuisine**
300 S 6th St b, Waco, TX 76701
- Jake's Texas Tea House**
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**
515 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**
2152 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 5rd St, Waco, TX 76701
- Opal's Oysters**
228 S 8th St Suite B, Waco, TX 76701
- Pignetti's**
401 S 3rd St, Waco, TX 76706
- Pivovar Brewery & Restaurant**
320 S 8th St, Waco, TX 76701
- Portofino's Italian Restaurant**
725 Austin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Red Herring at Hotel Herringbone**
319 S 4th St, Waco, TX 76701
- Revival East Side Eatery**
704 Elm Ave, Waco, TX 76704
- Sagrado Cocina and Bar**
215 S Univ. Parks Dr Ste. 107, Waco, TX 76701
- Sascee's Southern Style Eatery**
719 S 11th St, Waco, TX 76706
- Segovia Wine Bar - Tapas**
300 S 6th St Suite F, Waco, TX 76701
- Schmaltz's Sandwich Shoppe**
105 S 5th St #2102, Waco, TX 76701
- Shorty's Pizza Shack**
1712 S 12th St, Waco, TX 76706
- Slow Rise on the Brazos**
1620 N M.L.K. Jr Blvd, Waco, TX 76704
- Southern Roots Brewery**
219 N 8th St, Waco, TX 76701
- Street Dog Cafe**
406 Elm Ave, Waco, TX 76704
- Teriyaki Park**
220 S 2nd St, Waco, TX 76701
- Terry Black's BBQ - Waco**
228 S 8th St, Waco, TX 76701
- The BLVD Steakhouse at Cambria Hotel**
110 S MLK Jr Blvd, Bldg A, Waco, TX 76704
- The Brasserie at Hotel 1928**
701 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- The Olive Branch**
215 S 2nd St, Waco, TX 76701
- Tony DeMaria's Bar-B-Que**
1000 Elm Ave, Waco, TX 76704
- Tru Jamaica**
957 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 Kuitgen 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 is 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, rumba, 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.

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

For more info contact Lissa at
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LIVE MUSIC in the Contra Hall(s)!



Ghost Riders Band



You will be square dancing in the evenings to the Ghost Riders. The well-known square dance band will back up the square dance callers both musically and vocally!

75th National Square Dance Convention®

Go Fund Me for Ghost Riders

WANTED GHOST RIDERS BAND

Help Us Swing the Ghost Riders into
Waco, Texas for a Convention to Remember!

Dancers from all over the world will commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of the National Square Dance Convention[®] June 24-27, 2026. And what's a celebration without the electrifying energy of the Ghost Riders Band?



This fantastic live band brings excitement to our Conventions. Their music accompanied by enthusiastic callers keep dancers swinging and swaying all night long. But we need your help to make it happen.

Donate today to help cover the band's travel and lodging expenses. Every contribution—big or small—helps bring the magic of live music to the dance floor.

TO DONATE GO TO:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/ghostriders-band>

NOTE: there is a slide bar at the bottom where you can give gofundme a "tip" for their services.

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

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Sew and Save at the 75th NSDC

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

SEWING 101

This class is for people who are new to sewing.

MAKE IT YOURS

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

TABLECLOTH SKIRTS

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

SEWING 102

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

PUTTING A YOKE ON A NON-YOKE SHIRT

Learn how to turn a normal dress shirt into a fancy square dance shirt by adding a yoke to it. The shirts you make will be



more unique and personalized than any of you could buy at a store.

ADDING TO IT

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

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



Sign up for the National Convention and help celebrate the Diamond Jubilee at

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

Sew Mastectomy Aprons

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

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

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



Fun Things to Do at the 75th NSDC

Sew & Save - Make a Bolo Tie



What says “Texas” more than boots and bolo ties? We aren’t making boots, but the Sew and Save Committee is giving you the opportunity to make your own unique Texas bolo tie or decorative pin.

We have all sorts of little Texas-related doodads along with some “bling” for you to choose from. These are simply glued to the “slide” part of the bolo (provided).

Your one-of-a-kind bolo will be a great reminder of the wonderful time you had in Waco at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®.

Visit the Organization Showcase

Are you interested in finding out more about some of the organizations that support and make the National Square Dance Convention® possible? If so, please visit the Organization Showcase at our Waco convention.

Organizations that have been invited include Contralab, Callerlab, Roundalab, ARTS, United Square Dancers of America (USDA), National Square Dance Campers, and American Callers Association. Please note that the former Showcase of Ideas has now changed over to the Organization Showcase.



Join in the 75th NSDC fun, register at www.75nsdctx.com
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Make and Take Classes

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

Bluebonnets

Make a bluebonnet dangle or necklace with beads.

Bolo Ties and Pins

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Boot Noodles

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

Turtle Charms

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



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

Last Chance Make and Takes

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

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.

Convention Badges



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

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

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



Marvin Fishman

CHRIS MALPASS *The* TAYLOR MALPASS
MALPASS BROTHERS

LONELY STREET

★★★★
...grits and gravy..."
Alabama

★★★★
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

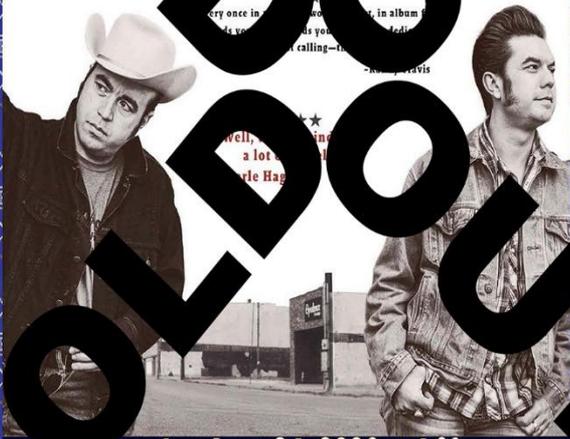
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"If I could purchase only one music album in life,
I'd lay down my money for the next Malpass Brothers
album."

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...on - St...

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

Waco Convention Center
100 Washington Avenue
Waco, Texas

Tickets
General \$45



Scan to reserve

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

The Wednesday night dinner and Special Event with The Malpass Brothers is officially * SOLD OUT *.

See the info flyer on upcoming pages for the schedule.

75th NSDC plans being finalized for Diamond Jubilee



The 75th National Square Dance Convention® team under the leadership of General Chairman Gary and Claudia Lester is working diligently to bring you the best National Convention to be held June 24-27, 2026 in Waco, Texas. This year marks a celebration of 75 years of conventions with the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee, which will be recognized and celebrated throughout major convention events. The year 2026 also marks the 250th birthday of the United States of America to be distinguished with a special event Friday night during the convention, so make sure to wear your red, white and blue. While some details, times and locations are still being finalized, there's plenty of general information about the 75th NSDC and its venue, the Waco Convention Center, available on the official convention website, *National Squares* E-Magazine, and Facebook.

All dance events will be held in the Waco Convention Center, located at 100 Washington Ave. in Waco, Texas. Due to the growing size of the convention, the education classes, Sew & Save clinics will be held in the attached Hilton Waco Hotel. Earlier that week Roundalab will be conducting their 45th Annual Convention in the Hilton Waco Hotel. The NCOS training will be conducted in the adjacent Courtyard by Marriott, and the USDA Board meeting will be held in McLennan Hall #3 on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you've not yet registered for the 75th NSDC's Diamond Jubilee, go to <https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>. Take time to explore the convention website at <https://75nsdctx.com> where you can find information on guided and self-guided tours of the Waco area, vendor information, campground and hotel details, points of interest and more. Please be aware Arlington/Dallas and Houston are hosting matches for the FIFA Soccer World Cup in June, so book your airline tickets and car rental for the 75th NSDC as early as possible for the best prices.

Grand Square International with the National Square Dance Convention® will conduct the annual GSI/NSDC Callers School at the Hilton Waco Hotel on Sunday then switch to the lower level of the Waco Convention Center for sessions on Monday-Wednesday. The Courtyard by Marriott is the official dance leader hotel for the 75th NSDC. The GSI/NSDC Callers School is free to registered guests at the Waco convention. To register for the school, go to www.gsicallerschool.com or email Tony Oxendine at Tony@TonyOxendine.com, space is limited and is almost full.

If you are looking to expand your knowledge and/or dancing skills, the 75th NSDC promises plenty of dance workshops and education workshops, including several never-before-offered classes and topics. Make sure to attend the Keynote Address featuring Ted Lizotte, Chairman of the Board for CALLERLAB, as he discusses implementation of the simplified Transitional Implementation Phase of the Program Policy (TIPPP) that develops a streamlined path forward for modern square dancing. He details what it means for both dancers and dance leaders. The Roundtable Discussion, immediately following the Keynote Address, will be led by both Ted Lizotte and Teresa Berger, Executive Director of CALLERLAB, and brings together callers and leaders who are putting the TIPPP Framework into action. Panelists include Jeremy Butler, Mike Seastrom, and Shawn Brown.

Featured opening entertainment at the 75th NSDC includes the traditional country music duo The Malpass Brothers on Wednesday afternoon from 4:30-6:30 p.m. General tickets are \$45 and include dinner, which will be served starting at 4 p.m. Dinner options are barbeque beef or grilled chicken. As of early February, The Malpass Brothers show is now sold out. Other exciting events include an explosive opening ceremony, colorful Parade of States and the Sights and Sounds of Texas fashion show, which is billed as a "not your momma's" fashion event you don't want to miss.

Immediately following are a few key event dates that might help you with planning until the final schedule and Convention Mobile App are released. Please note there are additional activities for solo and youth dancers but information has not yet been revealed. Event times are subject to change. Consult the Mobile App, once

available, for the latest information. The Mobile App will be the most up-to-date source of information and will be provided free to all registered dancers at Waco. A free class will be held early during the convention to show dancers who need assistance on how to use the App. A general information booth will also be available during convention hours.

75th NSDC KEY EVENT DATES

SUNDAY, JUNE 21-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

GSI/NSDC Callers School Sunday, Noon-Wednesday, Noon

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

Contra Energizer Trail End Dance (Free) 6:30-8 p.m.

Roundalab Trail End Dance (\$15) 7-10 p.m.

GSI Trail End Dance (Mainstream) (\$15) 8-10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Dinner & The Malpass Brothers Show 4:30-6:30 p.m., Begin serving at 4 p.m.

Opening Ceremony 7-8 p.m.

Dance w/The Ghost Riders Square Dance Band 8-10 p.m.

Hi/Lo Rounds Dance 8-10 p.m.

Advanced Dance 8-10 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Dancing, Various 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

Keynote Speaker Ted Lizotte 9-10 a.m.

Solo Meet & Greet 9-10 a.m.

Roundtable Discussion 10-11:30 a.m.

Live Music – Contra 7-10 p.m.

Live Music - The Ghost Riders Square Dance Band 7-10 p.m.

Nightly After Parties 10-11 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Dancing, Various 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

Bid Session 9-10:30 a.m.

Mainstream High Energy Squares 1-2 p.m.

Kaleidoscope Squares 2-3 p.m.

Competition Squares 3-4 p.m.

America's 250th Birthday Celebration (Wear Red, White & Blue) 6-6:30 p.m.

Live Music – Contra 7-10 p.m.

Live Music - The Ghost Riders Square Dance Band 7-10 p.m.

Nightly After Parties 10-11 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Dancing, Various 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

NEC Reception for Dance Leaders 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Sights & Sounds of Texas Fashion Show 1:30-4 p.m.

Closing Ceremony & Parade of States 5-7:30 p.m.

Live Music – Contra 8-10 p.m.

Live Music - The Ghost Riders Square Dance Band 8-10 p.m.

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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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or scan the QR Code



We're Going to Texas Ya'!!!

Is Graduation in Your Future?

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



Requirements for LCP Certification

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

Upon completion, you will receive:

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

Upon partial completion, you will receive:

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

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

Find the Sparkle

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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?



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Social Media and Publicity Classes

Here are a few of the classes designed to help clubs and dance leaders promote events and their clubs in general, with an emphasis on tapping into the power of Social Media:

- ♪ Social Media Across Generations
- ♪ Facebook and Instagram Basics
- ♪ Using Facebook Events to Promote Square Dancing
- ♪ Create Attention-Getting Flyers
- ♪ Marketing Your Club
- ♪ Advertising & Marketing in 2026 and Beyond



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CALLERLAB Classes

Here are some of the classes aimed at helping both new and veteran dance leaders build their knowledge and skills:

- ♫ Theme Tips
- ♫ How to Use Music to Better Sell Your Dance
- ♫ The Mechanics of Great Teaching
- ♫ Basic Sight Calling
- ♫ 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



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Potpourri of Classes

Here are a variety of classes of interest to dancers, leaders and more:

- ❖ The ABCs of Hosting a National Square Dance Convention®
- ❖ Welcome to Waco, Y'all!
- ❖ Heading to the Heart of the Rockies: Looking Ahead to the 76th NSDC
- ❖ Start Your Engines! Looking Ahead to the 77th NSDC
- ❖ Making the Most of the Convention: Navigating the Convention App
- ❖ Dancing and Camping: S'Mores than Just the Dance
- ❖ Traveling Squares
- ❖ Personal Safety
- ❖ Travel Safety
- ❖ Trash Dancing



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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.

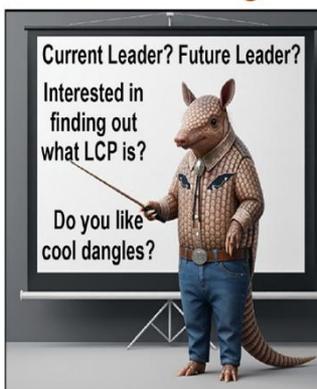
We are offering many new classes during the 75th National Square Dance Convention® in Waco, TX. They are in the planning stage at this time so check the monthly e-Magazine, Facebook, or the 75th NSDC website, www.75nsdctx.com, to see the new classes we have to offer.

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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!*

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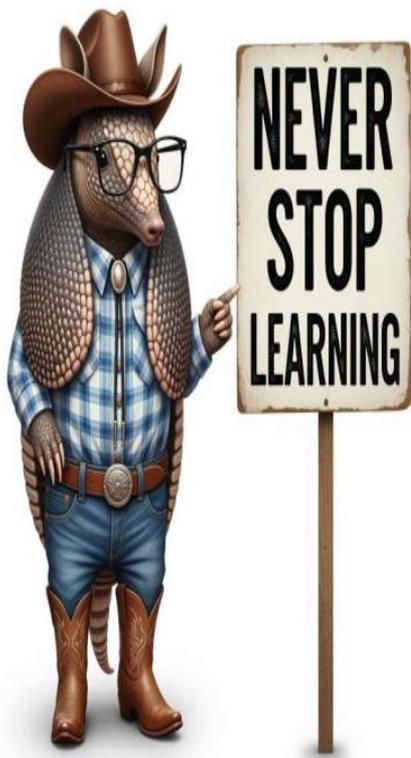
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Things to Learn at the Convention!

Leadership Classes

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- 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

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Fashion Show

You Don't Want to Miss
This...

*Sights and Sounds
of Texas*

It Ain't Your Mama's

**FASHION
SHOW**

**Saturday, June 27
Chisholm Hall**

**Doors Open 1:00 pm
Show Starts 1:30 pm**

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Dance Convention



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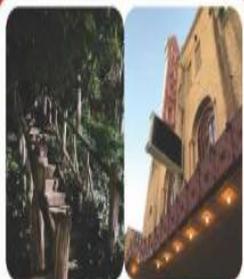
Tours



Fixer Upper and City Tour

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

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



Haunts and Legends Mobile Ghost Tours

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

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

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

Guided tour reservations are open. You must sign up at:
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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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Tours



Sunset Horseback Ride with Scenic Views

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

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



Waco Foodie Tour

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

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



Waco Wine Tours

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

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



Horseback Riding on Scenic Texas Ranch

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

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

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.

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\$85 per person
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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.

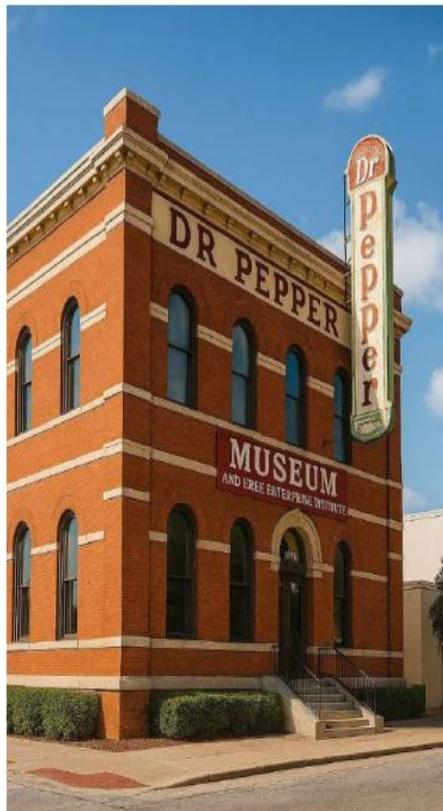
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Pedestrian Suspension Bridge

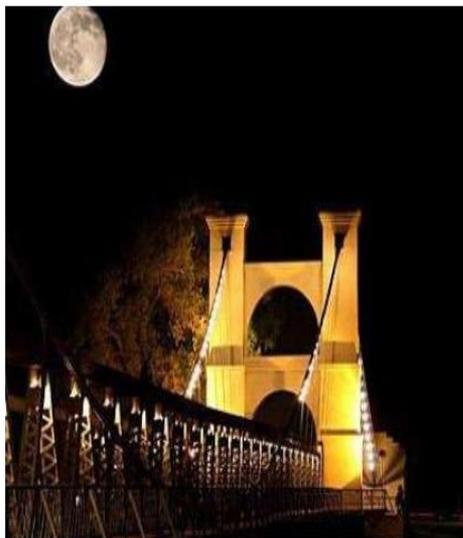
Waco's Historic Suspension Bridge was the longest single-span suspension bridge west of the Mississippi when it was completed in 1870. The bridge holds a historic role as a Chisholm Trail crossing over the Brazos River.

The economic impact was immediate: Waco grew into a regional hub for cotton and cattle,

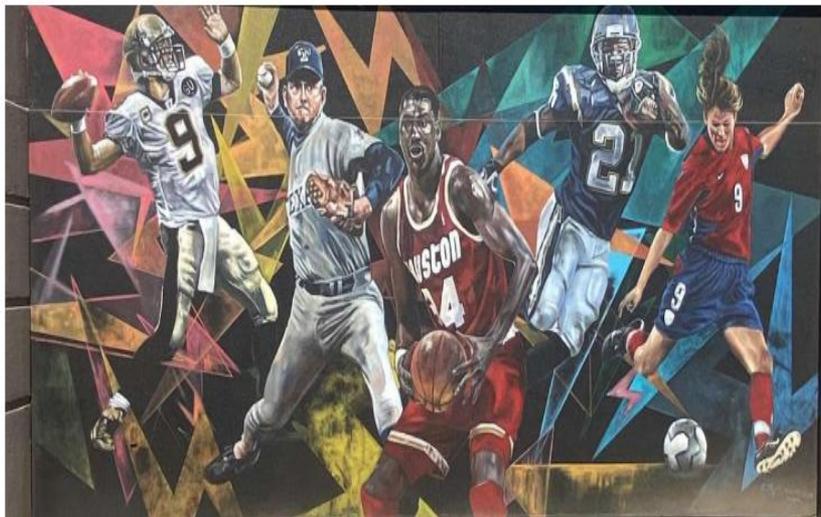
rivaling larger Texas cities by the early 1900s. The bridge operated as a toll crossing until McLennan County purchased it in 1889, later transferring ownership to the City of Waco with the requirement that tolls be removed. Over the decades, the bridge underwent several renovations, including major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

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

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



Texas Sports Hall of Fame



Meet the Legends!

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

The museum includes several major exhibits areas:

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

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

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

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

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

For information:

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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.

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