Convention and Festival News



37th Virginia State Convention

February 18-20 2027

It's almost Thanksgiving and soon it will be Christmas. Time flies when one is planning a Convention! We are planning a lot of fun activities for the 2027 Virginia State Convention.

We have a great staff. We have our own Virginia State callers, cuers, line dance, contra, and clogging leaders as well as staff from many other states. It is going to be a lot of fun.

We are still accepting donations for flooring. We will put a donor list in the Convention Handbook as well as give each donor a ribbon showing "flooring donor". We really appreciate everyone's help to make the Convention a success.

We will have a basket raffle sale that will give you a lot of opportunities to win! All of your contributions help the Convention to pay for the ballrooms and the flooring. If you would like to donate a basket, please give Rita a call at 757-870-2346. We will also have a Second Hand Rose sale. There will be many opportunities to find some new-to-you square or round dance clothes as we have been receiving many donations. If you have items to donate to help the Convention, send Misty an email at crudshark@yahoo.com.

Donna Klaiss is planning a really nice Craft hour. Donna said she will be showing all who are interested how to make a Christmas ornament from glitter foam.

There will be an After Party on Saturday night. Planning is still in the early stages but we know its going to be a fun time.

If you still need to register for the Convention, do so soon. See the flyer in this issue. Registration is a bargain at only $50.00 each for the full Convention. Rooms are reasonable too at $129.00 plus tax. The deadline for the room rate is January 18, 2027. If you use the 800-465-4329 number, the Group Code has changed to VAS.

Nancy Stafford and Jeanette Lockart, Directors
Tom Stafford and Wayne Lockart,
Special Assistants to the Directors

76th NSDC - Loveland CO 2027

The 76th National Square Dance Convention®
Embassy Suites Loveland Conference Center,
705 Clydesdale Pkwy, Loveland, CO 80538
As of 1 October 2026 1,749 dancers are registered
including 30 from MD and 14 from VA
For more information see 76nsdc.com/




The 76th National Square Dance Convention® presents
Cowboy Brad's Tribute to John Denver
with the
SOLD OUT
ednesday,
June 23, 2027
West
Dinner
& Show
Embassy Suites &
Convention Center
River Birch Room
Photo Courtesy of www.CowboyBrad.com
Cost $75 per person • Doors open 4 PM • Dinner begins 4:30 PM
Show 5-6:30 PM • Followed by Opening Ceremony 7 PM
Order tickets using 76th NSDC Registration Form: https://76nsdc.com/register/
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What's RIGHT With Square Dancing?

Keynote Address for the 76th National Square Dance Convention.



Featuring

Bear Miller & Ray Owens

Friday, June 25, 2027 at 10:15 AM
in the Canyon Maple A-B Room

Loveland, CO • https://76nsdc.com/register/ • June 23-26, 20207

KOLORADO KALEIDOSCOPE FASHION SHOW



You're Invited to

What's Special About Colorado!

Saturday, June 26,
1:30 p.m.

Embassy Suites'
Atrium Restaurant

Featuring Traditional and Non-Traditional Styles

LOVELAND
COLORADO
DANCE IN THE ♥ OF THE ROCKIES

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John Q. Hammonds Conference Center
4705 Clydesdale Parkway, Loveland, CO

Sign up at
https://76nsdc.com/register/

Need Accommodations for the 76th NSDC?

•The 76th National Square Dance Convention® offers a set of diverse hotel offerings for your stay in Loveland, Colorado. The list below shows the hotels currently under contract. More hotels may be added.

•A web link to the hotel reservation system will be sent to **REGISTERED** dancers in July, 2026. The email will come from housing76nsdc@nnnnn.mailchimpapp.com. The emails will be sent out in the order registrations were received in lots of 300 with subsequent lots sent every 4 days. I.E., if your registration number is 1-300, you will receive an email in the first lot; if your registration number is 301-600, you will receive and email in the second lot. The email will include your registration number, the link to the convention's Hotel Booking Portal, and a step-by-step guide on how to use the portal.

•Reservation confirmations will be sent to the email address used to make the reservation.

•If you expect an email but don't get one, please check your spam folder.

•Reservations must be made no later than May 1, 2027.

•Shared Rooms – Only one person per room should make a reservation. The 76th NSDC will not be able to find room mates.

•You can call the hotel to get additional information on amenities, **BUT YOU CAN ONLY GET THE DISCOUNTED CONVENTION RATES THROUGH THE PORTAL**.

•If you are a member of a Housing Block, you can ignore this information. Instead, your block leader will send you an email with the appropriate reservation link. Block reservations must be completed by Sept. 15, 2026. After that date the rooms will be released to all registered dancers.

•Questions? Please reach out to Bruce Beyers, Housing Vice-Chair at housing76nsdc@gmail.com.

•Each listing below has Free Wi-Fi. Distance is in miles. Pets allowed as indicated in listing.

Hotel	Address	Phone	Rate	Distance	Parking	Breakfast	Pets
Embassy Suites	4705 Clydesdale Pkwy, Loveland	970-593-6200	$229	0.0	Free	Free	Yes
Springhill Suites	6445 Crossroads Blvd, Loveland	970-795-8800	$199	1.4	Free	Free	Yes
My Place	3975 Peralta Drive, Loveland	970-685-4357	$219	1.4	Free	$	Yes
Courtyard	6106 Sky Pond Dr, Loveland	970-599-7171	$209	2.8	$6/day	$	Yes
Residence Inn	5450 McWhinney Blvd, Loveland	970-622-7000	$209	4.2	$6/day	Free	Yes
Fairfield Inn	1710 Foxtail Dr, Loveland	970-461-1000	$189	3.5	$6/day	Free	Yes
Hampton Inn	5500 Stone Creek Cir, Loveland	970-593-1400	$195	3.6	$6/day	Free	Yes
Comfort Suites	4851 Thompson Prky, Loveland	970-663-3300	$189	3.8	Free	Free	No
Wingate	5360 Ronald Regan Blvd, Loveland	970-729-8763	$109	3.6	Free	Free	Yes
Marriott	350 E Horsetooth Rd, Fort Collins	970-226-5200	$219	12.3	Free	$	Yes

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To register or for more information, visit: https://76nsdc.com.

Camping at the 76th NSDC



Hello Dancing Friends of the 76th National Square Dance Convention®!

This is a short update and information reminder regarding RV camping during the 76th NSDC.

- Complete detailed information on recommended campgrounds can be found on our web site at: https://76nsdc.com/accommodations/. Scroll down below the hotel information.
- A reminder that the Loveland RV Resort is now fully booked. We encourage you to pick an alternative location and reserve your site **very soon**.
- If you cannot easily reach the Riverside Campground by phone to make a reservation, email them at home@riverviewrv.com, provide your number, and they will call you.
- **Important tip**: The next closest campground to our dance venue is **Boyd Lake State Park**. HOWEVER, pay very close attention to the reservation date process articulated on our web site. To reiterate: **Reservations open on a six-month ahead day-by-day rolling availability and fill up very quickly. Therefore, to camp from June 23-27, make reservations early on the day of January 23rd. If you want to camp beginning June 22, those sites become available for reservations on January 22nd and so forth.** Note that in addition to the charge for camping sites at Boyd Lake, the state of Colorado charges a daily entry fee of $10 and **that fee is subject to change**. Colorado Residents with an annual parks pass have prepaid this fee.

See you across a square in Loveland! Terry & Marcia, RV & Camping Vice Chairs

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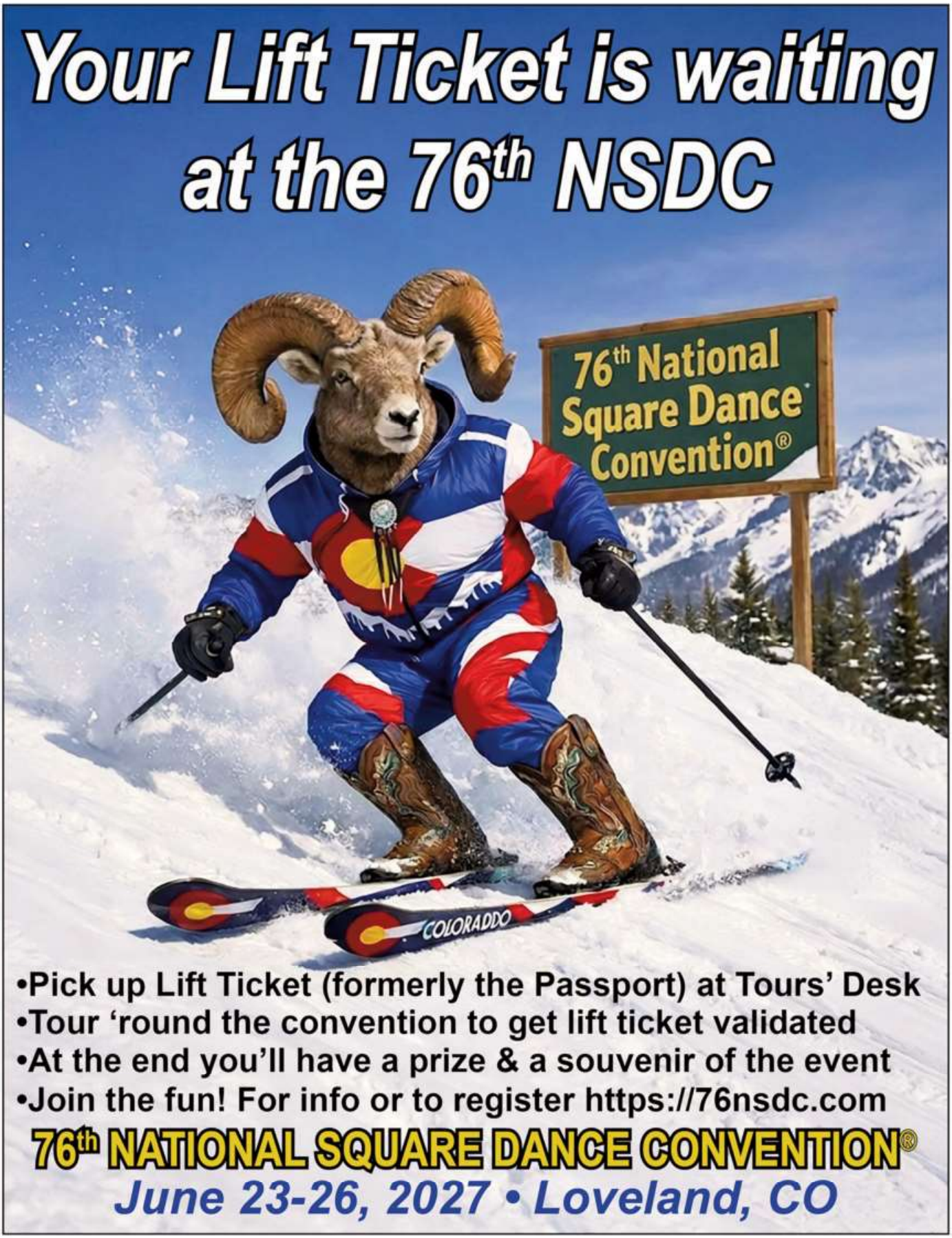
Dance in the Heart of the Rockies!


Your Lift Ticket is waiting at the 76th NSDC
76th National Square Dance Convention®
COLORADDO
•Pick up Lift Ticket (formerly the Passport) at Tours' Desk
•Tour 'round the convention to get lift ticket validated
•At the end you'll have a prize & a souvenir of the event
•Join the fun! For info or to register https://76nsdc.com
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76th NSDC Tours

♥**Loveland City Tours: June 21, 22, 23, & 25, 9:00 am -12:00 pm. Cost $49**
Learn about the "Sweetheart City" on this tour of our beautiful town. You may even want to "Lock Your Love"!

♥**Chapungu Sculpture Park: June 21, 7:00-8:30 pm & June 26, 9:30-11:00 am. Cost $50**
Tour one of the largest Zimbabwean Stone Sculpture collections in the world. The 81+ sculptures focus on eight universal themes. Beautiful botanical garden!

♥**Stanley Hotel & Shopping in Estes Park: June 22 & June 24, 8:30 am-3:00 pm. Cost $110**
Tour the famous Stanley Hotel (Stephen King's inspiration for "The Shining") then time for shopping in Estes Park, with lunch on your own in any of the quaint restaurants.

♥**Benson Sculpture Park: June 22 or June 24, 9:30-11:30 am. Cost $50**
There are 180+ sculptures in this beautiful park; home to the largest outdoor juried sculpture show in the U.S. with sales of well over $1.5 M. Not to be missed!

♥**Micro-Brewery Tasting: June 22 & June 27, 12:30-6:00 pm. Cost $120**
Visit three Micro-Breweries (New Belgium, Odell's, and Breckenridge) before or after the Convention (beer flights included, munchies on your own). Dance Leaders should enjoy this Sunday excursion in nearby Fort Collins.

♥**Rocky Mountain National Park: June 23 & June 25, 8:30 am-3:00 pm. Cost $130**
RMNP encompasses 415 square miles of spectacular mountains and meadows from montane life zone to alpine tundra with towering peaks. A delicious Box Lunch is included.

♥**Jane DeDecker Sculptor Studio and Foote Lagoon: June 25, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Cost $85**
Visit a sculptor's studio and see the MANY steps involved in creating sculpture, whether large of small. You may want to buy a coffee at "The Muse" before heading to the Foote Lagoon for a short walk viewing sculptures around the water.

♥**Centennial Village & The Colorado Model Railroad Museum: June 24 & June 26, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Greeley, CO. Cost $85.**
Centennial Village is a walk back in time, preserving and interpreting the American western heritage in the Colorado High Plains region.
The Colorado Model RR Museum houses America's most scenic model railroad dioramas, and you'll love the "Scavenger Hunt" as you look for that '57 Chevy or hidden dinosaurs.

♥**Sylvan Dale Ranch Horseback Ride: June 26, 9:00-11:00 am. Cost $145**
It's a "don't fence me in" riding experience for all ages and abilities, with gentle terrain and ridge-top views provided on this 3,200-acre ranch.

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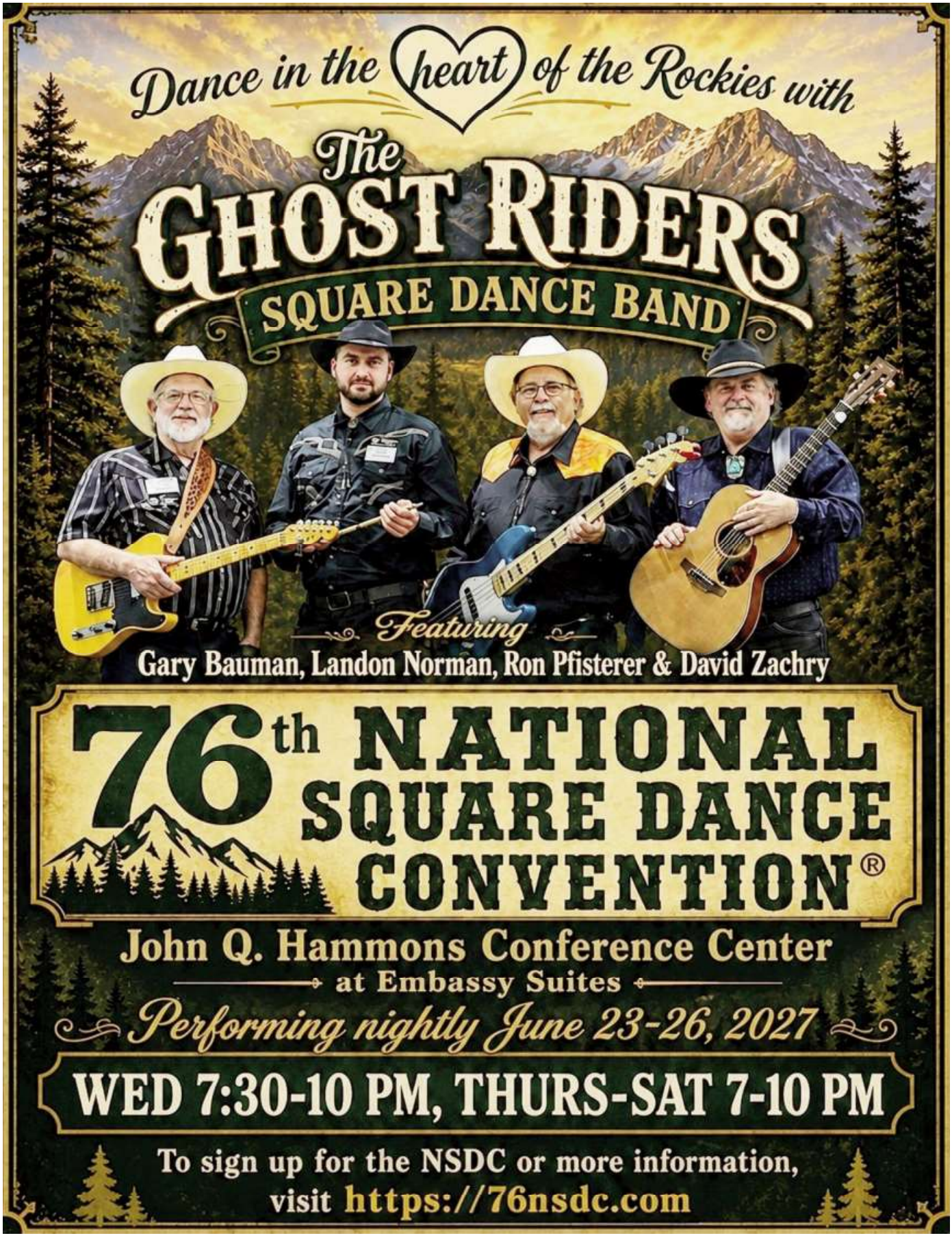
For More Info on Tours or to Register for the NSDC go to: https://76nsdc.com


Dance in the heart of the Rockies with
The GHOST RIDERS
SQUARE DANCE BAND
Featuring
Gary Bauman, Landon Norman, Ron Pfisterer & David Zachry
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John Q. Hammons Conference Center
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Performing nightly June 23-26, 2027
WED 7:30-10 PM, THURS-SAT 7-10 PM
To sign up for the NSDC or more information,
visit https://76nsdc.com

The Mason-Dixon Square Dancers Federation presents the

62nd Star Spangled Banner Square and Round Dance Festival

July 15, 16, 17, 2027

Squares
Mainstream – C1



Rounds
II - VI

Solos
Welcome

Callers:

- Sandie Bryant (IL)
- Bill Harrison (MD)
- Steve Kopman (TN)
- Ted Lizotte (NH)
- Jet Roberts (AL)
- Charlie Robertson (OK)

Cuers:

- Rey & Sherry Garza (CA)
- Amy & Ken Shotting (MD)
- Curt & Tammy Worlock (FL)

DoubleTree by Hilton
1726 Reisterstown Road
Pikesville, Maryland 21208

MDSDF

www.marylandsquaredancing.com

77th NSDC - Daytona Beach FL 2028

The 77th National Square Dance Convention® will be held
on June 28 - July 01, 2028 at Daytona Beach Ocean Center
101 N Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32118
As of 16 September 2026, 826 dancers are registered
Including 21 from Maryland and 16 from Virginia
For more information see 77nsdcfl.com



PRE-CONVENTION *OUR SCHEDULE, CALLERS, CUER, AND MORE!*

Square dancing with the superb talent of Tony Oxendine, Jet Roberts, Scott Bennett, Charlie Robertson, Alan Hall, Darrin Henry, and Jack Lewis.
Round dancing with eloquent cuers Susan Snider and Terri Wilaby.
All at the beachfront Hard Rock Hotel 918 N. Atlantic Ave. Daytona Beach, Fl for just a $218 per night rate including parking and resort fee.

SCHEDULE OF DANCES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21 - BENEFIT DANCES:
2-5 PM: ROUND DANCING
7-10 PM: FLORIDA SHOWCASE DANCE, SQUARE AND ROUND DANCING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22 - BENEFIT DANCES:
2-5 PM: ROUND DANCING
7-10 PM: ROUND DANCING
7-10 PM: SQUARE DANCE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 - BENEFIT DANCES:
2-5 PM: PLUS, A, AND C DANCING
SATURDAY NIGHT KICKOFF DANCE:
7-10 PM: MAINSTREAM AND PLUS WITH ALTERNATING ROUNDS

PRICES FOR DANCERS NOT REGISTERED FOR THE 77TH NSDC
FREE FOR THOSE REGISTERED FOR THE 77TH NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION
THURSDAY - SATURDAY AFTERNOON $40 ($45 AT DOOR)
JUST THURSDAY NIGHT - $10
JUST FRIDAY AFTERNOON - $10
JUST FRIDAY NIGHT - $15
JUST SATURDAY AFTERNOON - $15
SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER - $38
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2027 - KICKOFF DANCE:
$35 THROUGH DEC. 31, 2026, $40 AFTERWARDS.
THESE FEES CAN BE PUT TOWARDS A 77TH CONVENTION REGISTRATION.

Register for Pre-Convention Today, Secure Your Hotel Room Now!
Register at 77nsdcfl.com or by mail
77NSDC 1221 Alder Circle Friendswood, TX 77546

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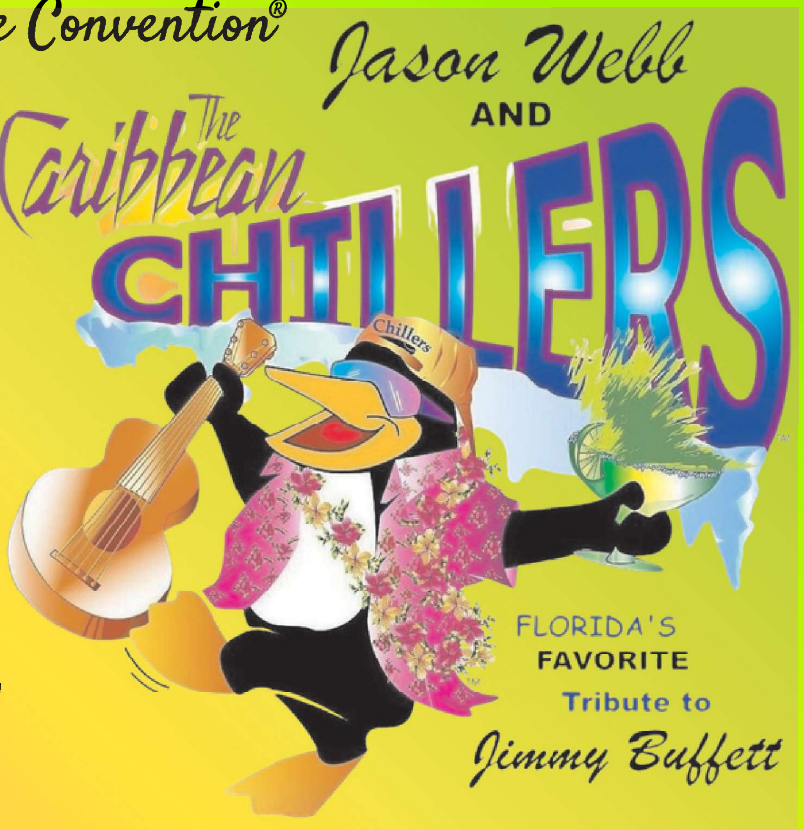
WEDNESDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

A dinner show with the Florida Native Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band: Jason Webb and the Caribbean Chillers



JUNE 28, 2028
4:30 PM IN THE OCEAN CENTER EXHIBIT HALL

ALL SEATS $75

Dinner options of Chicken or Vegetarian Baked Ziti




77th NSDC Presents:
Reverse Raffle!
$100 Ticket
Last Man Standing
Raffle Fundraiser
(Fund Raising for Flooring)
1st Ticket Drawn: $200
100th Ticket Drawn: $300
200th Ticket Drawn: $500
300th Ticket Drawn:
Grand Prize $10,000
Only 300 Tickets will be sold!
Email GC@77nsdfl.com to get your tickets!
The raffle drawing will take place on January 23, 2027,
during the 77th Kick-off Dance
Winners do not need to be present
77th National Square Dance Convention® | Drawing, Odds, Funds, and Contact Info
DRAWING: January 23, 2027 at 9:00 PM EST | Hard Rock Hotel, Daytona Beach, FL
ODDS: Depend on total tickets sold. If 300 tickets are drawn, odds of winning any prize are 4 in 300; odds of winning the Grand Prize are 1 in 300.
SOURCE OF FUNDS: All prizes are funded by ticket sales proceeds.
CONTACT: gc@77nsdcfl.com | www.77nsdcfl.com

Wave Payment Plan

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

See more details and specifics on our website!

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

How It Works:

1. Apply for a Plan: Fill out the pre-registration form, choose your hotel option and travel dates and then complete the WPP form.

2. Pay Over time: Enjoy peace of mind knowing your trip will be fully paid before you arrive. Make fixed payments over your selected term with no interest and no prepayment penalties.

77NSDC Daytona Beach Florida Convention Dates Notice

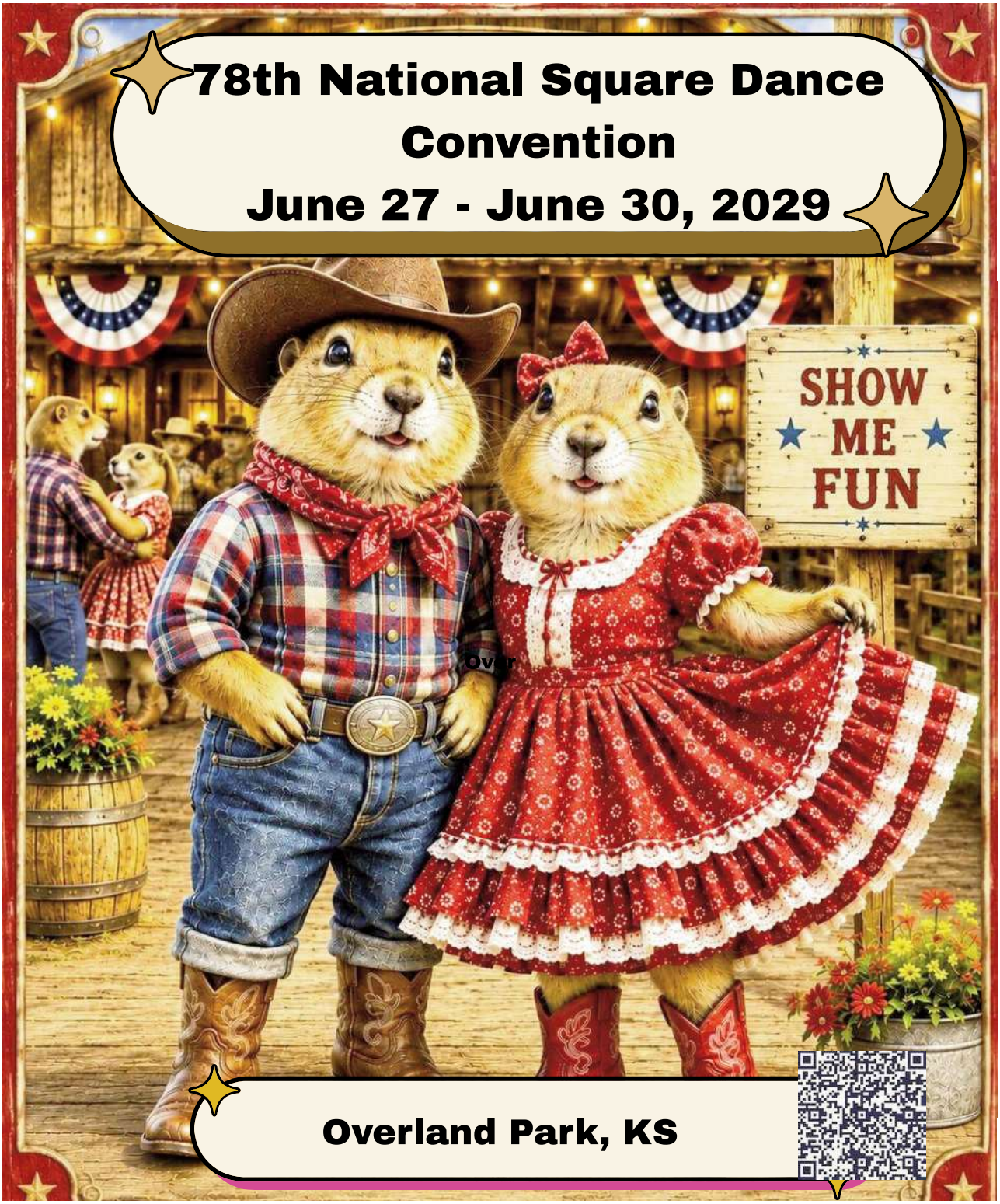


During the 74th National Square Dance Convention (NSDC) in Shreveport LA in June, the National Executive Committee (NEC) awarded Daytona Beach Florida the 77th NSDC - **June 28 - July 1, 2028**. Please note, **these are not the typically** National Convention dates due to facility availability.

Save the date for 2028 - June 28th - July 1st. Let's Square Up In The Sunshine State - Register online at https://77nsdcfl.com/

78th NSDC - Overland Park KS 2029

The 78th National Square Dance Convention® will be held on June 27 - 30, 2029 at Overland Park Convention Center
6000 College Blvd. Overland Park, KS 66211
As of October 2026 317 dancers have registered
Including 5 from Maryland and 5 from Virginia
For more information see nsdc78.com/



More Than Dancing: Discover Overland Park, KS

The Convention Center



Opie and KayCee, your 2029 Convention Mascots, have just stopped at their first stop on their Convention journey, at the Overland Park Convention Center. It opened in November of 2002 on a 26-acre site in the heart of Overland Park, which is the largest suburban city in the Kansas City metropolitan area and the second largest city in Kansas. Adorned with over sixty original works of art, the complex has 254,000 square feet. Opie and Kaycee are excited to dig and build their "town" using the 60,000 sq. ft. exhibit hall that connects to the 25,000 sq. ft. Fort Edwin C. Eilert Ballroom. There are also 15,000 sq. ft. of meeting room space to add to their "town", perfect for those education sessions they are anxious to participate in. Natural light radiates throughout the unusually spacious (44,000 sq. ft.) Pre pre-function and registration areas.

You will find our mascots enjoying this space and soaking in all of the sunshine. You may even spot one of them doing their signature dance move - a "jump-yip". Come and join Opie, KayCee and your fellow square dancers! You can register on our website, https://nsdc78.com/register, or scan the QR code which will take you there to the online form. You can also fill out our preregistration form on the adjacent page and send it to the address on the form. No matter how you register, be sure to make a copy for your records.

Opie and KayCee are waiting to welcome you to Overland Park, KS and Metropolitan Kansas City at the 2029 National Square Dance Convention®. See you there!

National Square Dance Convention News

For National Square Dance Convention & National Executive Committee News
and links to the no cost National Squares E-Magazine
see www.nsdcnec.com/