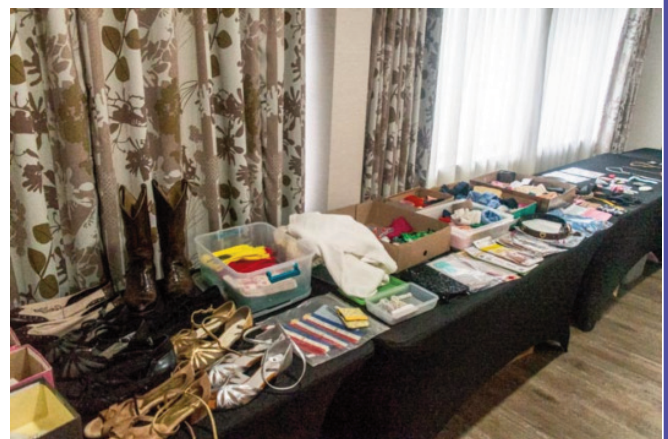
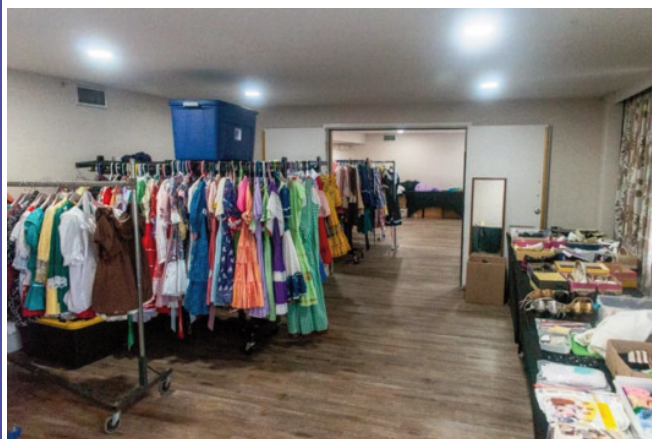


Convention and Festival News









August 2026

The PAFFF Fall Festival will be here before we know it, bringing colorful leaves, cooler evenings, and plenty of dancing!

Please Register today! The cost increases to \$120 per person after September 1, 2026.

Important Information

This year, Fabulous Fall Festival is not affiliated with a specific hotel, so you can choose accommodations that best fit your needs and budget.

Can't attend the entire festival? Join us for one day! Carpool with friends or club members and **enjoy a full day of dancing for just \$60** per person, while saving on hotel and meal expenses. Walk-ins are welcome all three days.

Chef Tom and the convention center staff will serve a variety of fresh, affordable lunch and dinner options. On Friday and Saturday evenings, enjoy the Blair County Ice Cream Sundae Bar, featuring local ice cream and delicious toppings.

With five dance halls, including two round dance halls, there will be something for everyone!

Support the Federation

Whether or not you can attend, you can support the Pennsylvania Square and Round Dance Federation in several ways:

- Contribute toward flooring costs. Every dollar helps! Send cash or checks to Barb MacDonald, 160 Fox Run Road, Cranberry Township, PA 16066. Make checks payable to PSRDF.
- Donate gift cards or lottery tickets.
- Donate an auction basket.

Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated. Come dance with us this fall in Altoona!

The hotel attached to the Convention Center is now full. However, there are other hotels nearby.

Please see the list below for alternative options:

- **Comfort Inn Altoona. Mention PA FFF for rate - 717-496-0257 (direct hotel phone number)**
130 Patchway Rd, Duncansville, PA 16635 - comfortinnaltoonapa@gmail.com
There are still a few rooms available at \$134.00 plus 11% tax per room - room block expires September 1.
- **Altoona Grand Hotel. 814-946-1631 -ask for PAFFF rate**
[Home - Altoona Grand Hotel Official Website - Book Direct in Altoona, PA](#)
1 Sheraton Dr, Altoona PA 16602
Still some rooms available at a rate of \$129.00 plus 11% tax per room.
- **Holiday Inn Express** - 115 Convention Center Dr, Altoona, PA 16602 - phone 814-693-1004
- **Hampton Inn Altoona** - 180 Charlotte Drive, Altoona, PA 16601 - Phone: (814) 941-3500
- **Super 8 by Wyndham Altoona** - 3535 Fairway Dr, Altoona, PA 16602 - Phone: (814) 201 - 6909
- **Fairfield by Marriott Altoona** - 2915 Pleasant Valley Blvd, Altoona, PA 16602 - Phone: (814) 946-0422
- **Microtel Inn & Suites Altoona** - 1601 Valley View Blvd, Altoona, PA 16602 - Phone: (814) 946-1400

The Pennsylvania Fab Fall Festival is October 1-3, 2026 in Altoona, PA at the Blair County Convention Center.

www.blairconventioncenter.com- the registration form is attached, you can register online at: <https://www.psrdf.org/fall-festival>.

Schedule and round dance list to be available soon. We are working on using the flooring to the maximum benefit of all dancers. A partial list of Menu choices at the Convention Center coming soon.



37th Virginia State Convention

February 18-20 2027

The Merry Notes Square Dance Club sponsored a successful fund raiser for flooring for the 2027 Virginia State Convention on August 14 2026. Dick Otis and Grant Moser called and Christina Eum cued. Both the callers and cuer donated their time for this dance. \$850.00 was donated to help pay for the flooring. If you would like to help by making a flooring donation, email me at nvccnan@gmail.com We would really like to raise around \$2500 which would help pay part of the flooring cost.

The actual dates of the Convention are February 18-20, 2027. We will be dancing at the Holiday Inn Virginia Beach / Norfolk Hotel & Conference Center.

We have had more callers sign up for the Convention. As I write this, 18 callers have agreed to call and 6 cuers have signed up. We also have 4 Line and 2 Clogging instructors. We even have one Contra prompter who also calls. We really appreciate all of the Calling, Cueing, Line and Clogging staff who are donating their time for the 2027 Convention.

There will be a Second Hand Rose Sale which will give you an opportunity to find some different items for your square

dancing enjoyment. Misty Sorensen would be happy to accept your clothing donations. Email Misty at crudshark@yahoo.com or contact me to arrange for pickup.

We will have a basket raffle. If you would like to donate a basket for the Convention, let Rita West know. Rita's phone number is 757-870-2346. Rita would definitely like to hear that you plan to bring a basket to raffle.

There will be an After Party program on Saturday night. You won't want to miss this show as Mary Jo Smith and Grant Moser will be bringing the entertainment.

If you have not yet registered for the Convention, we hope you will do so soon. The price is \$50.00 each for the full Convention. The room rate is \$129.00 plus tax. The deadline for the room rate is January 18 2027. Please see flyer in this issue

Nancy Stafford and Jeanette Lockhart,
Directors

Tom Stafford and Wayne Lockhart,
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 July 2026 1,546 dancers are registered
including 26 from MD and 12 from VA
For more information see 76nsdc.com/



We want YOU to register for the
**76th NATIONAL SQUARE
DANCE CONVENTION®**



**John Q. Hammonds Conference
Center at Embassy Suites**

June 23-26, 2027, in Loveland, CO!

Go to <https://76nsdc.com/>



Click on Register, select the online form or download a
printable form & mail. Scan QR Code to follow us on Facebook!



The 76th National Square Dance Convention® Presents

Cowboy Brad's

★ *Tribute to* ★

John Denver

— with the —
TropiCowboy Band
Wednesday, June 23, 2027
Embassy Suites & Convention Center
River Birch Room

★ WILD WEST ★ DINNER & SHOW

- 💰 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/>

Photo courtesy of www.CowboyBrad.com



76th National Square Dance Convention®

— ★ —
June 23-26, 2027

Embassy Suites & Convention Center
Loveland, CO

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 an 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

76th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®

June 23-26, 2027 • John Q. Hammonds Convention Center at Embassy Suites • Loveland, CO

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

➤ 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 or 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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June 23-26, 2027 • *L*oveland, CO • Embassy Suites & Convention Center
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

76th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION[®]

John Q. Hammons Conference Center
— at Embassy Suites —

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>



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 5 July 2026, 381 dancers are registered

Including 15\ from Maryland and 10 from

DAYTONA
BEACH.

Register **NOW**
for the
77TH National Square
Dance Convention®
77nsdcfl.com
June 28 to July 1, 2028
in Daytona Beach, Florida!



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

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@77nsdfl.com | www.77nsdfl.com

"500 Club" Fundraiser to raise funds to be able to get the Ghost Riders Band at the convention.

The "500 Club" fundraiser involves selling 500 tickets at \$50 a ticket. All tickets have two three digit numbers that are eligible for two drawings every week for 52 weeks.

We hope to have all 500 tickets sold by September 30, 2026
so we can run the fundraiser from
October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

The winning numbers are based on the Dow Jones Closing on
Tuesdays and Fridays - this includes dollars and cents.
If one of the two numbers on your ticket match the closing numbers of
the Dow Jones the winner would win \$50 -
payouts to be done on a monthly basis.
Those two numbers are good throughout the whole 52 weeks so you
have a chance to win multiple times.

If all 500 tickets are sold we have the opportunity to raise
approximately \$19,000 which would help significantly in getting the
Ghost Riders Band to our convention in Daytona Beach, Florida 2028

There are a couple of ways to help support this fundraiser:
The first is obviously in buying a ticket; but the second is also in
selling tickets.

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 August 2025 272 dancers have registered
Including 5 from Maryland and 5 from Virginia
For more information see nsdc78.com/*



This is SO EXCITING it makes our fur tingle. Y'all are so kind! Thank you for the privilege of hosting the 78th National Square Dance Convention® in Overland Park, Kansas in 2029. We could not have done this without the help and guidance of so many people. Our deepest thanks to Gary and Claudia Lester and their committees for hosting us at Waco. Thank you as well to Carl and Cindy Boone, Scott and Brenda Deal and the rest of the NEC for their assistance and faith in us in awarding us the 78th National Square Dance Convention®.

And thanks to Bob Asp, Curt Braffet, and Tom Manning for hosting our celebratory tip and Dan Preedy for emceeing the fabulous Saturday evening after-party in Waco. Thanks also to all the callers who stayed late to make the after-party the celebration it was. They were all amazing.

And of course, thank you to all the Missouri and Kansas dancers who participated in our celebratory entry in the Parade of States and thank you in advance for the work so many of you will do planning for and hosting the convention in 2029.

Finally, thank you to all the volunteer committee members who manned the registration tables throughout the celebratory dance and after-party.

Saving the best for last – THANK YOU DANCERS who have pre-registered to join us in Overland Park in 2029. For those of you who haven't yet, what are you waiting for?

Register now. <https://nsdc78.com/>





Hi! We are the prairie dog mascots, Opie and KayCee, and we're excited to welcome you to the 78th National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC) to be held in Overland Park, KS in June 27-30, 2029. We will be acquainting you with Overland Park and Metropolitan Kansas City.

The headquarters hotel is the Sheraton at the Overland Park Convention Center and is attached by covered walkways to the convention center. There are additional hotels within a mile of the convention center. Hotel reservations will not be available until July 2028 which is after the 77th NSDC in Daytona Beach.

You can register on our website, <https://nsdc78.com/register>, or the QR code which will take you there. You can fill out our preregistration form on the adjacent page and send it to address on the form. No matter how you register, make a copy for your records.

Opie and KayCee are waiting to welcome you to Overland Park, KS and Metropolitan Kansas City.





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/