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**59<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®**  
**Louisville, Kentucky**  
**June 23-26, 2010**  
**Kentucky Exposition Center**  
**“Louisville Again in 2010”**



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The 59<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® is offering some exciting guided bus tours before and during the convention. We listed all of them in our first Press Release and you can find more information on them at the 59<sup>th</sup> NSDC web site ([www.59thnsdc.com/Attractions.html](http://www.59thnsdc.com/Attractions.html)). One of the tours is outlined below and more will be highlighted in upcoming Press Releases. For information on how to register for this tour or other tours being offered contact: Ives & Carol Pruet at [social@59thnsdc.com](mailto:social@59thnsdc.com) or at 812-278-3020.

**CHECK OUT THIS HALF DAY TOUR OFFERED FROM WEDNESDAY (6/23) THROUGH SATURDAY (6/26):**

**BELLE OF LOUISVILLE LUNCH CRUISE** 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

The Steamer **BELLE OF LOUISVILLE**, a National Historic Landmark since 1989, serves as the Western anchor of Louisville's award winning Waterfront Park in downtown Louisville. With the playing of the calliope, the Belle, now in her 95<sup>th</sup> year, continues to beckon one and all to join her on a journey back to the time when she carried passengers and goods to ports all along the beautiful Ohio River. She was built in Pittsburg by James Rees & Sons Company for the West Memphis Packet Company in 1914. Her original name was the *Idlewild*. Today, the *Belle of Louisville* is the last river steamboat operating that was built as a packet (freight boat). No other river steamboat in American history has lasted as long, been to as many places, or traveled as many miles as the *Belle of Louisville*. Her name and outward appearance have changed over the years, but her steam-powered soul and structure are pure turn-of-the-century paddlewheeler. She can't wait to welcome you aboard! <http://www.belleoflouisville.org>.

*Smoking is not permitted and the following items are not allowed on board: Weapons, Mace, Pepper Spray, Illegal Drugs, Beverages, Liquids. Bottles, Cans, Coolers, ice.*



**Registration/Housing information:** Contact the 59<sup>th</sup> NSDC Housing/Registration Chairman at: 59<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®, P.O. Box 128, Milton, KY 40045-0128. Phone: (502) 732-0979. Fax: (502) 732-4600. Email: [reghousing@59thnsdc.com](mailto:reghousing@59thnsdc.com) You can also download a 59<sup>th</sup> NSDC Registration Form and find other useful information about the 59<sup>th</sup> NSDC at our Web Site: <http://www.59thnsdc.com>

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## **Did you pre-register for the 59<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>?**

Anyone who registered for the 59th National at the \$40 rate and prior to February 28, 2009 must complete an "official registration form". In addition to having information about housing, the program book and other items on it, the official form (also referred to as "the long form"), has space for vital information needed to prepare your convention badge. No one will be issued a badge without completing the official registration form. The sooner you submit the official registration form with your housing choices the more likely you will get your first choice. Housing assignments are done on a first come first served basis. Some hotels are already almost full so act quickly.

At a recent planning meeting for the 59<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> the Registration and Housing Chairman reported many dancers who purchased early bird registrations for the 59<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> have not converted their registration. She explained this is a problem both for the dancer and the convention.

Everyone who had purchased an early bird registration was sent a package in early fall of 2008. This package included a letter explaining how to complete the enclosed official registration form. If you no longer have the package and you need help completing the official registration form contact the Registration and Housing Chairman at [reghousing@59thnsdc.com](mailto:reghousing@59thnsdc.com).

The official registration form has a place for dancers to provide additional information not on the early bird form such as housing needs, subscription to National Squares, number of previous National Square Dance Conventions<sup>®</sup> they attended, and if they want to purchase a program book, parking Pass and Wednesday night dinner and entertainment.

Without having an official registration form on file dancers are not registered for the convention. **All dancers must have a completed official registration form on file before they are issued a badge and allowed in the Convention<sup>®</sup>.**

IF YOU PURCHASED AN EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FOR THE 59<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION<sup>®</sup> AND HAVE NOT CONVERTED IT TO AN OFFICIAL REGISTRATION DO IT TODAY BY COMPLETING THE OFFICAL REGISTRATION.

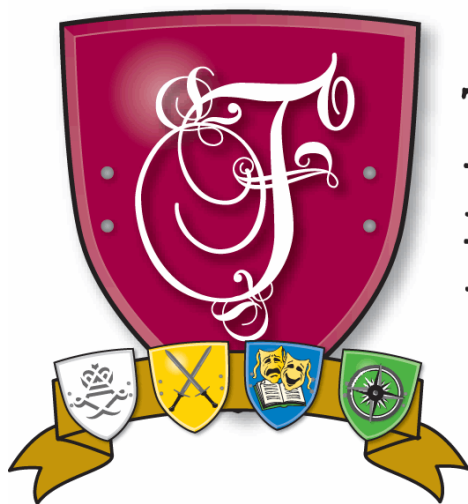
**IN AND AROUND LOUISVILLE WHILE AT THE 59<sup>TH</sup> NSDC**

**LOUISVILLE ZOO:** Accredited by the American Zoological Association (AZA) in 1980, the "State Zoo of Kentucky" currently exhibits over 1,300 animals in naturalistic and mixed animal settings representing both geographical areas and biomes or habitats. These include: the ISLANDS, the African Veldt, Asian Plains, North and South American Panorama, Aquatics and the Australian Outback. The HerpAquarium features 100 species of reptiles, amphibians and fish from around the world exhibited amidst ecologically balanced habitats. And the new 4-acre Gorilla Forest Exhibit features Pygmy hippos and Western lowland gorillas. Also open during this time is the Calistoga Splash Park at Glacier Run, which is free with paid Zoo admission or membership. The Splash Park is open during regular Zoo hours May 1 through mid-September (weather permitting). It closes 30 minutes before the Zoo closes each evening. This nautically-themed splash park is the perfect place for kids to escape Kentucky's hot summer days! The Calistoga Splash Park at Glacier Run features 42 unique spray events

The Louisville Zoo has a reciprocity program with over 120 other zoos. If you have a membership with your local zoo, check to see if they have a reciprocal agreement with the Louisville Zoo, it will definitely save you some money. If not, the admission rates are as follows: Adults (12-59) are \$11.95, Children 3-11 and seniors 60+ are \$8.95. During the Convention the Zoo will be open daily from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm and until 7:00 pm on Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays. If you enjoy visiting zoos, especially well maintained & clean zoos that emphasize humane treatment and natural habitats while making the experience enjoyable to all visitors, then this is a **MUST SEE!** <http://www.louisvillezoo.org> .



**A DOWNTOWN LOUISVILLE HOT SPOT TO VISIT DURING THE 59<sup>TH</sup> NSDC**



## The Frazier International History Museum

**FRAZIER INTERNATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM:** History comes alive at The Frazier International History Museum in Louisville, Kentucky in our 100,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art museum encompassing three floors. Here you can relive historical events that challenged our ancestors. Here you can meet heroes, generals, and famous leaders of America and the world whose military victories — and defeats — changed history. Come face to face with some of the people and stories that changed the world forever! The Frazier International History Museum brings history to life everyday through live interpretations by costumed interpreters, multimedia presentations, educational programming and hands-on learning. Covering 1,000 years of history, our priceless collection is housed in a 100,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility on downtown Louisville's historic West Main Street. Our vision is for every visitor to leave with a broader knowledge of history, a greater respect for the human spirit and a deeper commitment to tolerance. Check web site for admission rates & times: <http://www.fraziermuseum.org>. The Museum is located at the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Main Streets in downtown Louisville.

**Exhibits:** The Museum's second floor houses the Frazier Museum's permanent collection of arms and related artifacts made between the 16th and 20th century, mostly of American origin. At no other museum in the world will you find Daniel Boone's family Bible, the bow attributed to Geronimo, the ivory-handled pistols of General George Armstrong Custer and the "Big Stick" of President Theodore Roosevelt. The Museum's third floor houses the Royal Armouries Collection. Here you can trace the history of Britain's Royal Armouries (including the famous Tower of London) and European arms dating back to the 11th century in a series of periodically changing displays. The Frazier International History Museum acquired the John Smith Workshop Collection -- a virtually complete gunsmith's workshop from the nineteenth century era of black powder weapons. The Frazier Museum was fortunate to acquire this remarkable collection because it is one of the few of its kind remaining in America.

**MORE HOT SPOTS WILL BE FEATURED IN FUTURE PRESS RELEASES**

