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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)). For tour registration information, contact Ives & Carol Pruet at [social@59thnsdc.com](mailto:social@59thnsdc.com) or at 812-278-3020. If you want to do some sight-seeing outside of Louisville, you may want to plan on arriving early and take advantage of our Pre-Convention Tours, one of which is listed below:

**MAMMOTH CAVE, NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM, GRAND OLE OPRY AND TOUR OF NASHVILLE**  
2 days, 1 night -- 9:00 am June 21 to 5:00 pm June 22. One night lodging, 4 meals, all admissions to attractions, professional guide, air conditioned coach. Tour stops are:

**Mammoth Cave Park** preserves the cave system and a part of Green River valley and hilly country of South Central Kentucky. This cave system has more than 365 miles explored. See amazing formations on the Niagara Tour. You will see Frozen Niagara Entrance, Rainbow Dome, Crystal Lake, Frozen Niagara flowstone formation and Drapery Room. <http://www.nps.gov/mac> .

**The National Corvette Museum**; the largest and most comprehensive nonprofit museum ever dedicated to a single automobile nameplate – Corvette. Tour the assembly plant where you will watch the fascinating assembly process of America’s favorite sports car. Restrictions: no open toe shoes; no cameras; no backpacks; no purses; no fanny packs or other packages may be brought into the plant. Children must be seven or older. Lunch will be at **Mariah’s**, standing since 1818, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Mariah Moore House is the oldest standing brick structure in Bowling Green, Kentucky. <http://www.corvettemuseum.com> ,

**Grand Ole Opry - No** trip to Nashville would be complete without experiencing the phenomenon of the world-famous **Grand Ole Opry**. Get set for an unforgettable evening of non-stop entertainment as the world’s longest-running radio show which showcases the best in country, bluegrass music and more. Dinner will be at the **White Horse Saloon** prior to the show. Visit the **Country Music Hall of Fame® and Museum** which has been the home of America’s music since 1967. The museum opened in a \$37 million landmark new building in 2001, and is located just a short distance from the Ryman Auditorium and the honkytonks of Lower Broadway in downtown Nashville’s entertainment district. <http://www.countrymusicHalloffame.com/site/explore-history-opry.aspx>

**The Hermitage Mansion Tour**---begins at the Jackson Visitor Center. **Andrew Jackson Visitor Center** – You will watch a 15 minute introductory film on Andrew Jackson and The Hermitage and view exhibits. Leaving the Center, you will walk about 300 yards to the Hermitage Mansion. The Hermitage Mansion has been meticulously restored to its 1837 appearance and looks today as it did when Andrew Jackson returned to it after finishing his second term as President. Costumed historical interpreters greet you and prepare you for your tour. They will also be stationed inside the house to tell you about Jackson, his family and his home and answer any questions you have. The tour lasts approximately 20 minutes. [http://www.thehermitage.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=26&Itemid=67](http://www.thehermitage.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26&Itemid=67) .

**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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## DANCING AT THE 59<sup>TH</sup> NSDC – A BRIEF PROGRAM OVERVIEW

There will be 14 dance halls at the 59<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® in Louisville, KY on June 24-26, 2010, eight of them with hearing enhanced equipment. Dancing will start at 10:00 AM in most of them, including the Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Contra, Country Western/Lines, Variety, Youth and Clogging Halls. Showcase of Rounds will begin at 9:30 AM each morning. The Solo Hall will open at 11:00 AM on Thursday with a Welcome Hour.

### SQUARE DANCING

Mainstream, Plus and Advanced Halls will dance continuously all three days from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM with After Parties to follow each night until 11:30 PM. The 3,552 square foot Challenge Hall will open at 10:00 AM but will close for an hour at noon, reopen from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM when it will close for dinner and then be open again for the evening from 7:00 until 10:00 PM. In addition, Freedom Hall will offer Mainstream Dancing from 7:00 until 10:00 PM each evening with the Ghost Riders Band with Exhibitions during breaks.

The 5,000 square foot Variety Hall, as it's name implies, will offer a variety of dancing – High Energy, Young and New Callers, DBD, Hexagon and Exploding Squares. At night this hall will be used each evening for Handicapped dancing from 7:00 until 10:00 PM.

There will also be a 4,659 square foot Solo Hall. Check out the Welcome Hour, the Meet & Greet and join in the Mainstream and Plus dancing in this hall.

### YOUTH HALL

Horses? Racing? Fancy hats? Run for the Roses? Kentucky? Square dancing? What's the common thread?

Derby Day in the Youth Hall at the 59<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention in Louisville, Kentucky! Be sure to join us as the colts and fillies square up for the "fastest two minutes" in square dancing and as they don their derby hats for a Run for the Roses!

We'll keep the toes tapping and hopping with our Hop-a-Long Frog Day. Build-a-Frog, sack-race dancing, and All Things Green are being planned for Froggy day.

The competition continues with our All States Sports Day. Come prepared to show your support for your favorite sports teams. We hope to have representatives from all over the U.S. and, perhaps, the world! Buddy Bat from the Louisville Sluggers minor league baseball team will join us for a dance or two.

Sh-sh-sh-sh! We've heard it rumored that Southern Stars Youth Club will be sponsoring a Lights Out - Black Out After Party! Stay tuned for more updates, but be sure to make your plans. You won't want to miss a single minute!

### ROUND DANCING

The 59<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® will provide three Round Dance halls. The Showcase of Rounds will begin each morning at 9:30 AM in East Hall A. Following the Showcase of Rounds, you might want to attend the clinics and teaches that will be offered in all three Round Dance halls and then dance the nights away with the evening rounds. The Phase 2 Hall (East Hall 3 & 4) has 5,928 square feet; Phase 3 & 4 Hall (East Hall A) has 18,144 square feet; and Phase 5 & 6 (Freedom Hall Ballroom) has 7,162 square feet.

### CONTRA DANCING

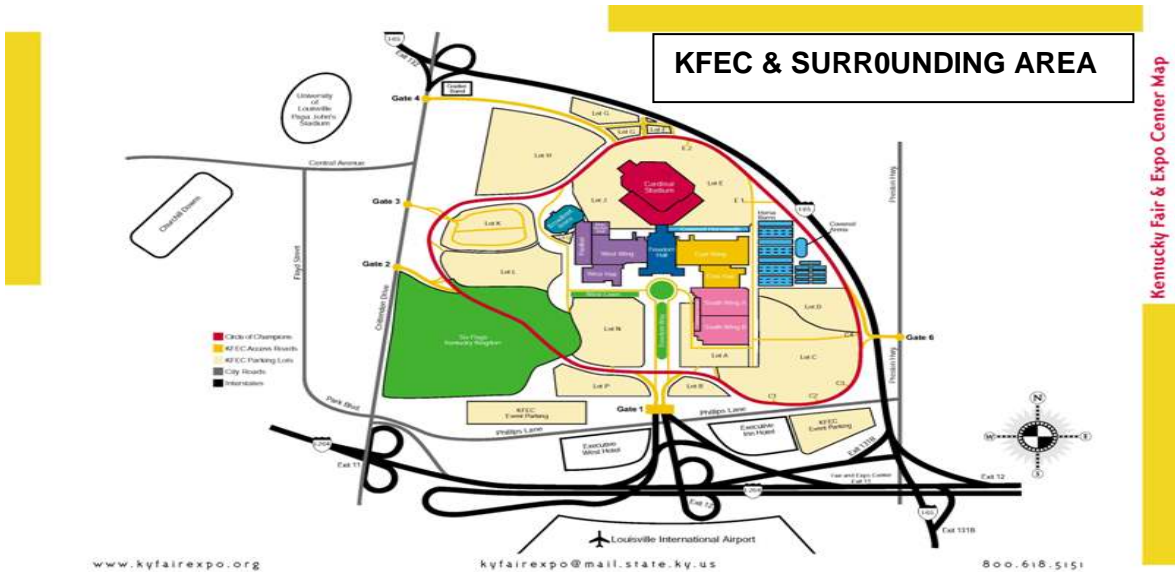
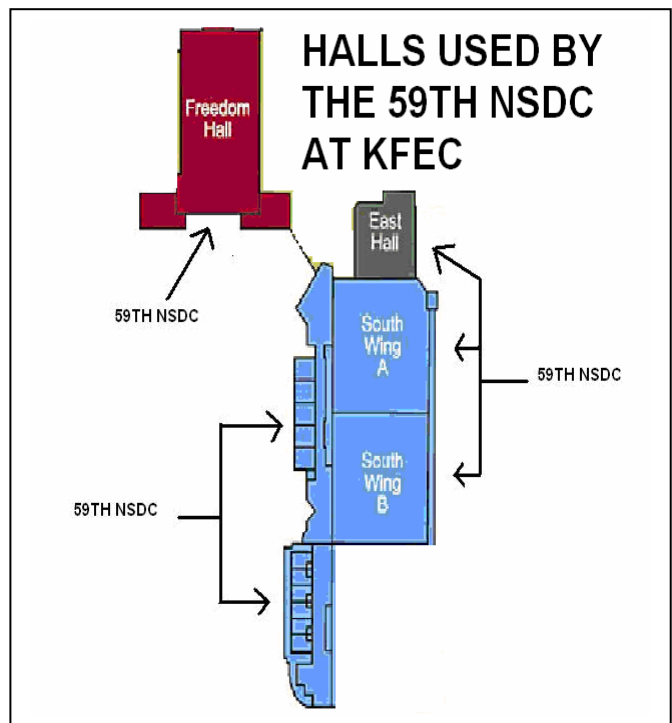
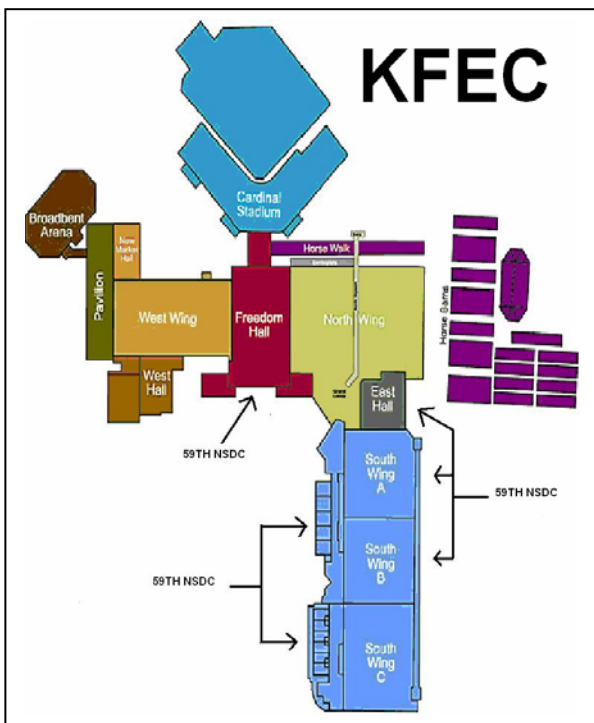
Our Contra program is in the very capable hands of Stew & Kathie Shacklette, veterans of many National Square Dance Conventions®. They have a 5,000 square foot hall on the main hallway and invite you to join them for their Trail-End Dance on Wednesday night with a Live Band. They have three full days planned with seminars, clinics and dancing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. In addition, the live band returns on Friday and Saturday evenings from 7:00 until 10:00 PM. This is a hall that anyone can enjoy, so be sure and stop by.

**DANCING AT THE 59<sup>TH</sup> NSDC – A BRIEF PROGRAM OVERVIEW (cont.)**

**CLOGGING HALL**

The Clogging Vice Chairman is planning a comprehensive clogging program for the Convention. There will be a fun “Introduction to Clogging” each day right after the lunch hour. The first hour of each morning will be a quick teach/review of dances on the National Dance List (NDL). The NDL dances are some oldies but goodies that have been danced over the years nation-wide and allow people from all over to learn the same dances. The Clogging program will feature instructors from all over the US and those instructors who are currently doing the required coursework toward their Certified Clogging Instructor designation to teach. The Clogging Hall will also feature teaches at all levels so as to accommodate beginners to advanced cloggers. Each night will end with a Fun Dance hosted by various instructors each night.

**Below is an overview layout of the KFEC and the halls that will be used by the 59<sup>th</sup> NSDC.**



**HAVE YOU YELLOW ROCKED A GHOST RIDER LATELY? Well, you'll have an opportunity to do so at the 59<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® in Louisville in June, 2010.**



**What's a Ghost Rider you ask? The Ghost Riders are a California based, globe trotting square dance band presently consisting of five members. They have been around since 1972 and have appeared at ten National Square Dance Conventions. We are pleased to say that they will be in Louisville to enhance your dancing experience.**

**Look for them on Wednesday night, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Mainstream Trail-End Dance in East Hall A or on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, June 24<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup> in the Mainstream hall over in Freedom Hall. Their repertoire includes 80 different singing calls and 15 patter calls. Be sure and don't miss a one!**

### **MID-AMERICA REUNION**

**Have you been dancing long enough to remember Mid-America? If so, you're in for a real treat come next June. If you haven't been dancing that long – or if you never came to a Mid-America Weekend, you're still in for a rare treat.**

**The idea of Mid-America was originally formed at a meeting at the National Convention in Birmingham in 1986. The first Mid-America dance was held at the KY Exposition Center in September of 1987. Mid-America was formed with 13 National callers and three local couples. Two of those couples resigned in the 1990's leaving only one local couple to pull everything together each year. Three local callers were hired in the 1990's and two round dance cuers joined the group each year.**

**Some of the best square dancing in the country followed for the next 18 years – ending in 2004. Dancers came from as many as 38 states as well as several foreign countries.**

**Eighteen years of great dancing – now we want to bring you one more! Come join us for the Mid-America Reunion Plus Trail End Dance on Wednesday, June 23, 2010, in South Wing B.**

**For additional information on programming for the 59<sup>th</sup> NSDC, visit the 59<sup>th</sup> NSDC web site [www.59thnsdc.com](http://www.59thnsdc.com) or contact George & Betty Harding, Program Chairmen for the 59<sup>th</sup> NSDC, at [program@59thnsdc.com](mailto:program@59thnsdc.com) .**

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

Shopping is somewhere in the mix with Dancing, Eating and Sight-Seeing at a National Square Dance Convention. If you want to check out the shopping malls in and around Louisville, there are four major malls in the Louisville/Southern Indiana area. Jefferson Mall, Mall St. Matthews and Oxmoor Center Mall are in Louisville. Green Tree Mall is in Clarksville, Indiana. All four are within 15 miles of the KFEC (Kentucky Fair & Expo Center) and are listed below:

**JEFFERSON MALL:** Approximately 7 miles from KFEC. I-65 south to Outer Loop then east on Outer Loop about 3 miles. Anchor stores: J.C. Penny, Dillard's, Sears, Old Navy, Macys. About 95 stores and food court. <http://www.shopjefferson-mall.com/shop/jefferson.nsf/index>

**MALL ST. MATTHEWS:** Approximately 10 miles east of KFEC on I-264 (Watterson Expressway). 2<sup>nd</sup> Shelbyville Rd exit. Anchor stores: Dillard's, J.C. Penney, The Limited. About 150 stores and 13 food outlets. <http://www.mallstmatthews.com/>

**OXMOOR CENTER MALL:** Approximately 10 miles east of KFEC on I-264 (Watterson Expressway). 1<sup>st</sup> Shelbyville Rd exit. Anchor stores: Macy's, Von Maur, Sears, Dick's Sporting Goods, About 110 stores and 11 food outlets. <http://www.oxmoorcenter.com/>

**GREEN TREE MALL:** Approximately 12 miles north of KFEC on I-65, exit 4 in Indiana and left on State Rt 131. Anchor stores: Dillard's, J.C. Penny, Sears, Burlington Coat Factory, about 90 stores, 15 food outlets and 2 cinemas. <http://www.greentreamall.com/>

In addition to the malls, a number of neighborhoods and individual streets have gained reputations for exceptional shopping over the years. The following are two of the tried-and-true shopping destinations. For the complete listing go to the One Southern Indiana Chamber and Economic Development's web site at [http://www.1si.org/entertainment\\_shopping.asp](http://www.1si.org/entertainment_shopping.asp) as they seem to have the most comprehensive listing of shopping areas in the Metro area.

**Veteran's Parkway in Clarksville (Indiana):**

Conveniently located at the new Veteran's Parkway exit off I-65 (about 5 miles north of downtown Louisville), this brand new shopping district offers consumers both convenience and variety. Home to a selection of new restaurants, Veteran's Parkway is also the setting for a number of retail locations such as Lowe's, Target (superstore), Old Navy, Lane Bryant, Bed Bath & Beyond, Sam's Club, Walmart (super center), Best Buy, David's Bridal and Kirkland's Home Store.

**Main and Market Streets, Downtown Louisville:**

For Main Street shoppers, the primary attractions are located between Fifth and Ninth streets. Gift shops at the Louisville Science Center, the Louisville Slugger Museum and the Kentucky Center for the Arts offer a high-quality selection of toys, decorative items and souvenirs. At the Kentucky Art & Craft Gallery, and the Chapman Friedman Gallery original works, many from local artists, are for sale or on display, and at Hubbuch & Co. you'll find nifty gifts and accent pieces for the home. Over on East Market Street, there's Joe Ley Antiques, Zephyr Gallery, Gallery Hertz, Towne House Antiques and The Garden Wall, and West Market has the whimsy-indulging TryArt Gallery.

**MORE LOUISVILLE HOT SPOTS TO VISIT DURING THE 59<sup>TH</sup> NSDC**

**Farmington Historic Plantation** - 3033 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky (KY).

A delightful 14-room Federal-style house that was designed by Thomas Jefferson, this former 19th-century hemp plantation belonged to John and Lucy Speed. It was built in 1810 and is now open to the public so visitors can enjoy its newly restored interiors and experience what the house was like back in the days when Abraham Lincoln spent some time here. The elegant home is close to central Louisville and is complemented by 18 acres of land and gardens. Open: Tuesday to Saturday - 10:00 to 4:00, Admission: Adults \$9, Seniors (60+) \$8, Children (6-18) \$4, (5 and under) - free. AAA discount available. More info at <http://www.historichomes.org/farmington/index.html>

**Zachary Taylor National Cemetery** - 4701 Brownsboro, Louisville, Kentucky (KY). Located 6.5 miles from downtown Louisville, Zachary Taylor National Cemetery has become a popular visitor attraction due to it being the final resting place of the 12th US President Zachary Taylor as well as two medal of honor recipients, Sergeant Willie Sandlin (World War I), United States Army, and Sergeant John C. Squires (World War II), United States Army. Spread over more than 16 acres, the cemetery is a peaceful place to explore. Open daily - sunrise to sunset. More information can be found at the Wikipedia web site [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zachary\\_Taylor\\_National\\_Cemetery](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zachary_Taylor_National_Cemetery) or at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs web site <http://www.cem.va.gov/CEMs/nchp/zacharytaylor.asp>

**Cave Hill National Cemetery** is a 296-acre **Victorian era National Cemetery** and **arboretum** located at 701 Baxter Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky. It is open daily to the public from 8:00 AM to 4:45 PM (weather permitting). Its main entrance is on Baxter Avenue and there is a secondary one on Grinstead Drive. Of the more than 120,000 people interned at Cave Hill Cemetery, Colonel Harlan Sanders and George Rogers Clark are probably the most recognized by out of state visitors. Cave Hill is the largest cemetery by area and number of burials in Louisville.

The cemetery currently features more than 500 species of trees and shrubs, including some two dozen current state champion trees, including both native species such as pignut hickory ([Carya glabra](#)) and exotics such as Caucasian wingnut ([Pterocarya fraxinifolia](#)). It is well-known as an arboretum.

Cave Hill was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. Cave Hill National Cemetery, containing military graves, is also on the National Register, added in 1998. More info available at the Wikipedia web site [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cave\\_Hill\\_Cemetery](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cave_Hill_Cemetery) or at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs web site <http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/cavehill.asp>.

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