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59th National Square Dance Convention®
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Kentucky Exposition Center
“Louisville Again in 2010”



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The 59th 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 59th NSDC web site (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 or at 812-278-3020.

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

HISTORIC LOUISVILLE 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

You'll view from your coach the nationally renowned preservation districts of West Main Street and Victorian Old Louisville, the University of Louisville, the J.B. Speed Art Museum and the home of the Kentucky Derby, Churchill Downs. You will stop at 55 acre Locust Grove, a National Historic Landmark and the remaining acres of General George Rogers Clark's Georgian style plantation. Clark was the founder of Louisville and legendary Revolutionary War hero, best known for his expeditions in the Northwest Territory. www.louisvilleky.gov/Visitors.

CHECK OUT THIS HALF DAY TOUR OFFERED FROM WEDNESDAY (6/23) THROUGH FRIDAY (6/25):

THE FALLS OF THE OHIO INTERPRETIVE CENTER, HOWARD STEAMBOAT MUSEUM AND SCHIMPFF'S CONFECTIONERY 1:00 – 5:00 pm (not available on Saturday)

The Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center (<http://www.fallsoftheohio.org>), located just across the Ohio River in Clarksville, IN, offers you the opportunity to walk down to one of the best preserved fossil beds of the Devonian era. Next is a stop in Jeffersonville, IN at The Howard Steamboat Museum (<http://www.steamboatmuseum.org>), Victorian home of the Howard family, founders of Jeffboat ship building company and exhibiting more than 1000 pieces of memorabilia. The final stop is at Schimpff's Confectionery (<http://www.schimpffs.com>) in Jeffersonville, IN. It is one of the oldest continuously operated family candy businesses in the United States and has been featured on National TV on The History Channel and The Food Network.

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

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SOUND AT THE 59TH NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®

UPDATED INFORMATION:

One of the most important if not the most important part of a National Square Dance Convention® is **SOUND**. If you cannot hear the caller/cuer/etc you do not enjoy the dance. The 59th National Square Dance Convention® is doing everything possible to ensure that the best sound possible will be available and that everyone will be able to hear the cuer/caller/etc. The owner for Yak Stacks, the premier speaker system preferred by most callers, has been contracted to provide, set-up and maintain the sound systems in all dance halls. In addition, **eight** of the dance halls will have a "**Sound Enhancement System**" installed. The personnel involved have sounded 11 previous National Square Dance Conventions®, most Mid-America Square Dance Jamborees that were also held at Kentucky Exposition Center as well as many other major square dance events.

For those who are not familiar with "**Sound Enhancement Systems**" and how they are used in square dancing, here is a brief explanation.

An FM transmitter is connected to the sound system. The transmitter broadcasts a radio signal over a distance of 300-500 feet. The transmitter only broadcast the cuer/caller/etc's voice not the background music. Individual dancers can then use a small FM radio and earphones to hear the caller/cuer/etc.

The sound can be received on any FM radio such as a small clip-on or Walkman type radio with earphones. Most dancers already have a small portable FM radio with earphones they can use. For dancers who do not have a FM radio they can use, radios will be available in the vendor area.

Each of the eight dance halls will use a different frequency to broadcast so there will be no interference between halls.

In some of the major halls the Williams Sound System will be used. This system has been used in past conventions.

With the use of Yak Stacks speakers, Hilton turntables and Sound Enhancement Systems in eight dance halls along with the most experienced sound crew available, we will ensure every dancer will be able to easily hear and enjoy every minute of the 59th National Square Dance Convention®.

With the best sound available, great facilities, friendly people, terrific food, (including lots of delicious ice cream), and many great tours of the surrounding beautiful and interesting sites, the 59th National Square Dance Convention® will be the best ever, you do not want to miss this one, if you do you will be sorry. Dancers will be talking about the 59th NSDC for many years, everyone who attends the convention will experience a fabulous time and have special memories that will last a lifetime.

TRAIL THROUGH DANCES – UPDATE

KEYSTONE, COLORADO

Sponsor: Colorado State Square Dance Festival 2010 – Sundance Spin
FRIDAY June 11-13, 2010 – at Fabulous Keystone Resort, Keystone, CO.
Callers: Mountain Magic / Cuers: John & Karen Herr
Featuring **Mountain Magic** on Squares and **John & Karen Herr** on Rounds
5 ballrooms with over 11,000 square feet set aside for dancing
Beautiful Colorado mountain location with priceless views, over 25 hours of dancing and a never ending list of additional activities available including Friday night banquet, Saturday bar-b-que, Sunday brunch, and after party snacks and beverages
Discounted lodging at the Resort from \$99. Call **800-258-0437** resort booking code **CK2CSS**.
Info: www.sundancespin.com or contact Dan Pantano at pantanod@msn.com .

COLUMBUS, OHIO AREA

Sponsor: Grove City Western Squares (www.grovecitywesternsquares.com)
SATURDAY, June 19, 2010 – at Columbia Heights United Methodist Church
775 Galloway Road, Galloway, OH.
7:30 – 10:30 pm, \$8.00 per person.
Caller: Lottie Ainsworth / Cueur: Chuck Berry
Info: Pat Jones 614-878-9437, email: pcahill_jones@msn.com

*All of the other Trail Through Dances were listed in Press Release 8 and can be viewed at the 59th NSDC web site www.59thnsdc.com under Press Releases or Trail Through Dances.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE AREA – MARCH 13, 2010

BENEFIT DANCE FOR 59TH NSDC YOUTH HALL

Sponsor: Barnlofters Square Dance Club
Saturday, **March 13**, 2010, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Hermitage Pres. Church, 421 Highland View Dr, Hermitage, TN.
Roaring 20's Dance. Caller: Charlie Chaplin (aka: Gene Aldridge) on Squares & Lines.
Dust off the ZOOT SUIT and pull out those FLAPPER DRESSES, and come join us at the Roaring 20's Dance. \$3.00 per person. Food – Fun – Dancing. Prize for Best Costume!
Info: Charlene Henderson, Charlene.Henderson@tn.gov .

DANCING SCHEDULE FOR THE 59TH NSDC

All dancing at the 59th National Square Dance Convention® will be under one roof at the newly rebuilt/remodeled Kentucky Exposition Center (KEC). We have 14 dance halls for your dancing pleasure. Freedom Hall, East Halls A & B and South Wings A & B are all smooth, polished concrete floors. The upstairs Ballroom is tiled. East Hall 3 & 4, the Phase II Round Dance hall; Room B 102 – Contra; Room B 103 – C/W Lines; Room B 104 – Variety; Room C 201 – Clogging; and Room C 203 – Solos, although carpeted, will be covered with “Swisstrax®” flooring. This modular, hard surface flooring was used at the Louisville Pre-Convention and also at the 58th National Square Dance Convention® in Long Beach. The Ballroom above Freedom Hall is easily accessible by ramp or elevators. Rooms C 201 and C 203, the Clogging and Solos’ halls, are on the upper level of the South Wing of the KEC where stairs, escalators or an elevator are available. Eight of the halls will have a “**Sound Enhancement System**” installed to ensure that every dancer will be able to easily hear and enjoy every minute of the 59th National Square Dance Convention®.

Our dance program will include several special features and events. There will be an hour devoted to “Keeping it in the Family” where the callers will be related to each other in some way – either by marriage or by birth. There will be hours featuring International Callers and times for New and/or Young Callers. There will also be informative clinics and workshops on “Introduction to Hexagon Squares”, “Exploding/Progressive Squares” and “Smooth Dancing”. All callers and dancers are encouraged to attend these clinics and workshops and take the “fun” back home with you.

Mainstream Dancing will be located in two halls.

South Wing B – Mainstream with Rounds. Approximately 25,000 square feet of this 129,600 square foot hall, located on the main level of the KEC, will feature Mainstream dancing from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM. In the evening, there will also be some Round Dancing. On Thursday afternoon at 2:00 PM, the International Callers will be featured; and on Friday and Saturday afternoons at 2:00 PM, a one hour Mainstream Clinic on “Smooth Dancing” will be presented by Deborah Carroll-Jones, Jon Jones and Vernon Jones in this hall. The **Plus** After Parties will be held in this Hall. The rest of this hall will be used for the Showcase of Ideas and the Food Court.

Freedom Hall – Mainstream with Live Band. Approximately 25,000 square feet of dance space will be available in Freedom Hall. This hall will feature Mainstream Dancing with the famous *Ghost Riders Band* from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM each night. There will be exhibitions while the band is taking a break. The “second annual” Open Competition started last year in Long Beach will be held in Freedom Hall on Thursday afternoon at 4:00 PM. The Mainstream After Parties will also be held in Freedom Hall.

Plus Dancing will be take place in one hall.

South Wing A – Plus Hall. Approximately 50,000 square feet of this 129,600 square foot hall, located on the main level of the KEC, will feature Plus level dancing from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM. On Friday afternoon, the International Callers’ hour returns for some Plus dancing. The rest of this hall will be used for the Vendors’ booths. This hall will close at 10:00 PM.

Advanced Dancing will take place in one hall.

East Hall B – A1 and A2 Hall. This 14,256 square foot hall, located on the main level of the KEC, will be programmed each morning with an Introduction to A-2 dancing, an A1 Workshop, an A2 Workshop and then alternating two hour sessions of A1 and A2 dancing ending with three hours of programmed, non-stop A2 dancing from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM. The Advanced After Parties will be held in this Hall. This Hall will be open from 10:00 AM until 11:30 PM.

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Challenge Dancing will take place in one hall.

East Hall 1 – Challenge Hall. This 3,552 square foot hall, located on the main level of the KEC, will be programmed each day with an Introduction to C1, an Introduction to C2, a C1 workshop and Challenge dancing for the remainder of the day with occasionally C2 and C3. This Hall will be closed each day for one hour from Noon until 1:00 PM for lunch and again from 5:00 until 7:00 PM for dinner.

Round Dancing will take place in three halls with the Showcase of Rounds being held each morning starting at 9:30 AM in East Hall A.

East Hall 3 & 4 – Phase II Rounds. This 5,928 square foot hall, located on the main level of the KEC, will feature Swisstrax® flooring. Clinics will be given every day at 12:00 Noon and teaches will be from 1:00 until 5:00 PM. The Hall will be closed from 5:00 until 7:00 PM for dinner and round dancing will resume with a quick Review from 7:00 until 8:00 PM with continuous Phase II Round Dancing from 8:00 until 10:00 PM.

East Hall A – Phase III & IV Rounds. This large 18,144 square foot hall, located on the main level of the KEC, has a smooth concrete floor. It will feature the Showcase of Rounds every morning starting at 9:30 AM. Following the Showcase of Rounds, Clinics will be given every day at 12:00 Noon and Teaches will be from 1:00 until 5:00 PM. The Hall will be closed from 5:00 until 7:00 PM for dinner and Round Dancing will resume with a quick Review from 7:00 until 8:00 PM with continuous Phase III & IV Round Dancing from 8:00 until 10:00 PM. The Round Dance After Parties will also be held in this Hall each evening from 10:00 until 11:30 PM.

Ballroom – Phase V & VI Rounds. This 7,162 square foot hall, located above Freedom Hall, easily accessible by ramp or elevator, has a tiled floor. Clinics will be given every day at 12:00 Noon and teaches will be from 1:00 until 5:00 PM. The Hall will be closed from 5:00 until 7:00 PM for dinner and round dancing will resume with a quick Review from 7:00 until 8:00 PM with continuous Phase V & VI Round Dancing from 8:00 until 10:00 PM.

Contra Dancing will take place in Room B 102 on the main level of the KEC. This 5,000 square foot hall will feature Swisstrax® flooring. The Hall will be open every day from 10:00 AM until 11:30 PM, except that the Hall will close each day from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 PM for lunch, and from 5:00 until 7:00 PM for dinner. The Contra will feature a live band on Friday and Saturday nights from 7:00 until 10:00 and will also be the site of the Contra After Parties

Country Western/Line Dance Hall is located in Room B 103 on the main level of the KEC. This 5,000 square foot hall will feature Swisstrax® flooring. The Hall will be open every day from 10:30 AM until 11:30 PM, except that the Hall will close each day from 12:00 Noon until 1:30 PM for lunch, and from 5:00 until 7:00 PM for dinner. It will feature Clinics each day from 10:30 AM until 12:00 Noon, and then Lines/Partner Dancing from 1:30 until 5:00 PM and again from 7:00 until 10:00 PM. The Country Western/Line Dance After Parties will be held in this Hall each night from 10:00 until 11:30 PM.

Variety/Handicapable Hall is located in Room B 104 on the main level of the KEC. This 5,000 square foot hall will feature Swisstrax® flooring. During the day, this hall will feature a “variety” of dance choices for continuous dancing from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM. There will be Clinics on “Introductions to Plus” and “Introductions to A1” each day; an “Introduction to Hexagon Squares” on Thursday; and an “Introduction to Exploding/Progressive Squares” on Friday. This Hall will feature the New and Young Callers, High Energy Dancing and different levels of DBD/APD dancing. It will also be the location of the Youth Competition on Friday afternoon at 4:00 PM. From 7:00 until 10:00 PM each evening this Hall will be used for Handicapable dancing.

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Clogging will take place in Room C 201 on the second level of the KEC. This 8,044 square foot hall, easily accessible by stairs, escalators or an elevator, will feature Swisstrax® flooring. All levels of Clogging will be available. The Hall will be open from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM each day, except the hall will close from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 PM for lunch and again from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM for dinner.

Solo Hall will be located in Room C 203 on the second level of the KEC. This 4,659 square foot hall, easily accessible by stairs, escalators or an elevator, will feature Swisstrax® flooring. It will feature a Welcome Hour at 11:00 AM on Thursday; a Meet & Greet Hour at 11:00 on Friday; and the SSDUSA Board Meeting on Saturday at 10:00 AM. Dancing in this hall will begin each day at 1:00 PM and will offer alternating hours of Mainstream and Plus dancing, featuring an hour by the New & Young Callers and an hour of International Callers. Solo After Parties will be held in this Hall each evening from 10:00 until 11:30 PM hosted by HASSDA on Thursday night, Duke City Squares on Friday night and SSDUSA on Saturday night.

YOUTH AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Room B 105 - **Youth Hall**. This room, located on the main level of the KEC, is a 5,000 square foot hall which will include a Spectator Area. This Hall will be open each day from 10:00 AM until 11:30 PM, except the hall will close from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM each day for dinner. It will also be closed on Friday at 4:00 PM for the Youth Competition which will be held in the adjoining room, Room B 104. The Youth Hall will feature a variety of workshops, dangle dances, organized games and Youth dancing. The Youth/Family After Parties will be held in this hall each evening from 10:00 until 11:30 PM.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday Schedule

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Dancing, Games and Activities
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Friday Only)	Youth Competition – Room B 104
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Closed for Dinner Break
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Dancing, Games and Activities
10:00 PM – 11:30 PM	Youth/Family After Party

TRAIL END DANCES

All Trail End Dances will be held at the Kentucky Exposition Center on Wednesday, June 23, 2010 from 7:30 PM until 10:00 PM.

Dance Level	Location	Sponsor
Mainstream	South Wing B	Mountain Magic and “Friends”
Plus	East Hall A	Mid America Jamboree Reunion
Advanced	East Hall B	Staffs of Fine Tune & Gold Wing Records
Round Dance	Ballroom	Kentucky Cuers
Contra	Room B 102	Contra Cuers with Live Band – the Lambs
Youth/Family	Room B 105	Convention Callers
Solos	Room C 203	TASSD

DANCING SCHEDULE FOR THE 59TH NSDC (cont.)**AFTER PARTIES**

After Parties will be held each evening from 10:00 PM until 11:30 PM. They are sponsored by upcoming Conventions and national organizations. If you haven't had enough dancing during the day, or you have been involved in the many other activities of the Convention, this is the place to wrap up your day.

The following After Parties are scheduled as of press time:

Program	Location	Thursday 6/24	Friday 6/25	Saturday 6/26
Mainstream	Freedom Hall	Detroit	Spokane	Oklahoma City
Plus	South Wing B	Spokane	Detroit	Bidding City
Advanced	East Hall B		Oklahoma City	Detroit
Solos	Room C 203	HASSDA	Duke City Sqs	SSDUSA
Rounds	East Hall A	Spokane	Detroit	Oklahoma City
Contra	Room B 102			
Clogging	Room C 201			
C/W Lines	Room B 103	Detroit		
Youth/Family	Room B 105			

IN AND AROUND LOUISVILLE WHILE AT THE 59TH NSDC**LOUISVILLE VISITOR'S CENTER:**

The date is fast approaching when you begin your journey to the Louisville Metro area in the Great State of Kentucky, to experience "THE WORLD'S GREATEST SQUARE DANCE EVENT OF 2010", THE 59th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION® at the Kentucky Expo Center from June 23 – 26, 2010.

As you are making all the last minute arrangements you may want to contact the Louisville Visitor's Center at <http://www.gotolouisville.com> for additional information on the Louisville Metro area. You can view an online visitors guide and either print it out or request that a visitors guide be mailed to you. The web site contains "Travel Tools" you can use to help plan your trip to Louisville plus many other services, including discounts at local and regional attractions, restaurants, shopping, etc, that are offered to convention delegates only.

Looking for a special event to attend during your stay in Louisville? Try the Event search tool. If you're in to antiques, one interesting event is the Summer Antiques Market on June 27, 2010 at historic Locust Grove, 561 Blankenbaker Lane, Louisville, KY 40207. This event will have 100 professional antiques dealers with art, porcelain, sterling, jewelry, formal and country antiques. The hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$6.00 adults and \$3.00 children. For more info contact Locust Grove, Inc. at 502-897-9845 or email at lghh@locustgrove.org.

For info on businesses and attractions on historic Main Street in downtown Louisville, KY. check out the Main Street Association's Visitor and Information Center at www.mainstreetassociation.com.

A LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AND AROUND LOUISVILLE DURING THE 59TH NSDC

Battle of Corydon Reenactment 6-25 thru 6-27-2010

This was the only Civil War battle fought in Indiana. Watch as Morgan's Raid storms Indiana's First State Capitol just like it happened in 1863. Reenactment takes place at Hayswood Nature Reserve. Morgan's Raid reenactment takes place in Historic Downtown Corydon, about 42 miles west of downtown Louisville. Free admission. For more info contact the [Harrison County Indiana Convention & Visitors Bureau](http://www.harrisoncountypark.com) at 812-738-2138 or email info@thisisindiana.org . Also check out their web site www.thisisindiana.org .

