

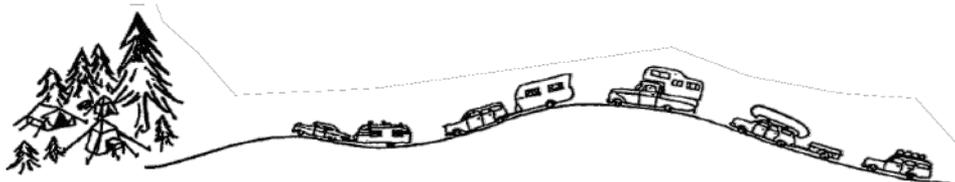
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# FORETHOUGHTS



As I start to write this column (although I won't complete it until just before the deadline) it is not quite a quarter of the way into January. The weather has been quite unseasonable, even for our northeastern corner of Florida. Yes, we've had a few frost warnings to date, but temperatures on the whole have been relatively temperate. Right now, we have our windows open. These mild temperatures are going to be a boon for the mosquito population come the Spring. As it is, we still get somewhat 'eaten alive' when we are outdoors. We need a good, hard cold snap to cut down on those pesky insects.

I received numerous emails regarding the lost bull in the Winter issue. Most suggested I had forgotten to include the wayward bovine, including my wife (to whom I did not spill the beans). The only hint I could provide to those that asked was that the bull was in plain sight and to use the online edition. Our mascot bull *was* hiding (in plain sight) on the front cover, inside the trailer on the shelf immediately above the pine tree. Trust me, it looked a lot clearer in the publishing program than it turned out in the printed copy. My apologies to all of you who strained your eyesight looking elsewhere in the newsletter, only to come up emptyhanded.



My brain also seems to have misfired when I substituted the name Pat for Janet (as in Janet Bowman) on the Lost Bull submission list. Mary Bruun (thinking I was confusing Pat Edwards for Janet Bowman) informed me, "We are a close group, but not that close." I believe it was – as stated – a brain misfire, in addition to a fumble-finger and oversight on the proofreading. My apologies.

This issue contains an article on Chapter Caller and Cuer, husband and wife team Tom and Kathy Nickel. You'll also find more information on the NSDCA 68<sup>th</sup> International Camporee, Chapter events over the past few months, some information to hopefully keep you safer on the World Wide Web (yes, that's what 'www' represents in those web addresses you type in), new volunteer opportunities, and a new organization to promote square dancing.

As I complete this column it is the end of January; it's hard to believe we're fully one month into 2026. Our weather this month started out unseasonably warm as mentioned above, and is ending with it being uncharacteristically cold. Where I reside in northeast Florida, temperatures are

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## John & Dolly Ide



Here it is, time once again for the next issue of the NSDCA *TIMES*, another Spring and a new dancing/camping season to look forward to. And as I write this, we're REALLY looking forward to Spring and warmer weather. Dolly and I have lived in Salt Springs, FL for 26 years and tomorrow morning we'll be experiencing the coldest ever in those 26 years, 23 degrees and a real hard freeze. I think we need to move further south again. How about you? How has your Winter been, and are you looking forward to some camping and dancing? If so, be sure to make plans early, because Spring and sunshine will be here before you know it.

I'm sure we're all looking forward to Spring and putting Winter behind us, but some more than others. We share our condolences with everyone for Neal and Tricia Chartier, our national Board Secretaries, who lost their home to a fire on January 8<sup>th</sup>. They were out in the cold in a really big way when the fire hit. If you'd care to help them, a "GOFUNDME" page has been established for them to help with some of the unexpected expenses at [www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-tricia-and-neal-after-house-fire](http://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-tricia-and-neal-after-house-fire), so let's show them what kind of friends square dance campers are and help them out in their time of need.

Speaking of square dance camper friends, don't forget your local Chapter and the national NSDCA. The most important and easiest way to help your Chapter is to attend the campouts and meet and dance with your friends. The same is true for the national NSDCA — come to the International Camporee and enjoy the event. The NSDCA is a totally volunteer organization and needs your support. Consider for a moment that in two years, 2028, we'll be celebrating our 70<sup>th</sup> Camporee, a major event that you'll surely want to be a part of. Think about that, 70 years is almost two generations. If you were a child 70 years ago and enjoyed the first Camporee with your parents, you grew up and had kids and if they continued to enjoy square dancing, you could now have grandchildren attending a Camporee.

In a way, we have an obligation to our families and friends to continue the NSDCA so that our great-grandkids will be able to enjoy what was started so long ago. You'll see elsewhere in this issue that we need a volunteer for the Board of Directors and an editor/publisher to contin-

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# Roy Huddleston & Priscilla Newton



To all our friends out there that enjoy square dancing and camping, we're looking forward to seeing all of you at the International Camporee in Bellville, Texas from June 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. And then we plan on going to Waco for the Nationals the following week. Hope you do, too!

If you haven't made your reservations to attend our Camporee, please get in touch with Susan Wolford and make the arrangements as soon as possible, since time is short.

On a lighter note, we have been setting up our campouts for the year for Chapter 152 and have intermingled with our Alabama and Georgia brick and mortar clubs to try to get more square dancers interested in camping and dancing.

If anyone has any questions, suggestions or any other thing that they would like to talk to us about to try to get more members, clubs and new square dancers and camper clubs going, please contact us by e-mail or phone to see if we can help each other and our clubs grow.

It is up to all of us to get new people interested in our love for camping and dancing for the future of our enjoyment and our legacies. When some of our members start aging out, we need to try to pique the interest of people that are still square dancing and are interested in traveling, to help them focus on the fun you had and enjoyed over the years.

I go to clubs in our area in the adjoining states trying to pique their interest in camping and square dancing, and I challenge all our other campers and dancers to do the same in their respective areas.

We are the future of our square dancing. Without us trying to get others involved, this combined activity of camping and dancing may cease. I believe that none of us want that.

When we go to the NSDCA International Camporee, we also go to the NSD Convention (as noted above). So if you intend to go to the NSD Convention, please consider attending the NSDCA Camporee as well.

Thank you so much, please help us out by coming to this year's NSDCA International Camporee in Bellville, TX!

Happy Trails from *Priscilla and Roy*, 205-761-3701



## Tricia & Neal Chartier



Things have been a bit crazy for Neal and me. On January 8<sup>th</sup> we had an electrical house fire. I heard a loud pop and woke up to flames climbing up the wall and into the ceiling. I made it outside, but unfortunately our beloved pet, Colby, didn't survive.

We lost everything. The only reason our house is still standing is because it's brick. We will be able to rebuild, but we've been told we'll be out of the house for at least a year. We finally found an apartment to rent in downtown Milwaukee—something we never imagined would be so difficult. Finding a place that would work for us was truly a challenge.

When we closed up our motorhome for the winter, we had taken all the bedding out since we sometimes get mice. Now we're needing to repurchase items for the RV as well as for the house. This whole experience has been overwhelming, to say the least.

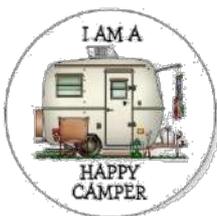
We are really looking forward to heading down to Texas for the NSDCA National Camporee. I need cowboy boots and hats!



Our friends Janet and Jeb Jones were the ones who told us about Coushatta Recreation Ranch. Their camping group goes there for all their camping weekends, and Janet absolutely raves about the ranch.

We're excited to see our friends again. Although Kathy and Tom Nickels are not able to attend the National Square Dance Convention, they are still coming to the NSDCA Camporee. They're planning some sightseeing on the way down and back—how clever to really make the most of their trip. Definitely something to think about: come and play with us, and enjoy the ride.

*Tricia & Neal Chartier*



**"Let's go  
Dancing"**



## Susan & Don Wolford



**S**o glad to see each and every Chapter renewal that has been sent in. We still have a few Chapters that have yet to send in their renewal. If you haven't sent in the renewals for your Chapter, please do so soon.

Each time your Chapter changes or elects officers, please remember to send in the 'Elected Officers of Chapter' form found on the nsdca.org website under the menu item 'Forms & FAQ' — then click on 'Forms.' Some Chapters have State Federation organizations where they send the names of their officers, but please also send it to the NSDCA Office in Butler, Wisconsin at the address which is on the form. If you don't have any renewals you are sending at the same time with your new officers form, you can email the form to [secsndca@gmail.com](mailto:secsndca@gmail.com).

Exciting plans are in the making by our 68<sup>th</sup> International Camporee Chairs Sandy McIntire & George Ferguson, along with Nikki & Joey Barrett. Have you sent in your registration yet? It looks like it's going to be a really fun event. We would love to have you come and join in our fun!

*Don & Susan*

### **Another Note about the NSDCA Campout Entry Routine**

Your editor has noted several campout entries on the NSDCA listing of Chapter campouts that do not have a hyperlink associated with them. The hyperlink serves as a shortcut to a Google Map location that assists potential attendees of your event in obtaining directions. The link is automatic IF (and you'll notice that's a big if!) the person doing the campground entry selects the campground from the drop-down menu (which saves them from having to type in the campground-specific information). When making an entry, just type in a few letters of the campground name, then select the appropriate site. Please note *spelling is important*; the program is not capable of figuring out misspellings. If the campground is new, give your editor a few days heads-up before entering the data, and I'll ensure the new entry is in the list that we maintain (see a copy in the Summer 2025 issue, Volume 63#2). Be sure to provide the correctly spelled campground name and the address in the email notifying me. I'll let you know when the database has been updated. Thank you!



# Kathy Nickel

Membership Secretary



Hi everyone, Happy 2026. Hope everyone is healthy, had great holidays, and is coping with the Winter weather. With Spring on the horizon, we start planning our camping again. I am really looking forward to camping again this summer. One of the campouts we have planned is our NSDCA International Camporee in Bellville, TX in June. Don't forget to register now so planning can be done. You will find registration forms on our website, <https://www.nsdca.org/>. Camporees are always such fun times, and I enjoy seeing all of you there. It takes a lot of effort to put on a Camporee, so let's show our appreciation for all the work the Camporee committee does.

Renewals are coming in; *Thank You* for submitting them. Remember, our mail handler has informed us our mail may not be delivered as fast. If you have questions on where your renewals are, please feel free to contact me.

Everyone has been doing a great job keeping me updated with their Winter addresses. Our return rate is now down to just a couple of issues, and most of them are due to the Postal Service. Now is the time to look forward to your return trip home and making sure I get the Summer *TIMES* to the correct mailing address. I really appreciate your help in keeping our *TIMES* newsletter's return rate down.

Happy Spring!  
Happy Camping, and Dancing!

*Kathy Nickel*, Membership Secretary



Carolyn Dees, Linda Michel and Mike Gormley



← 2025 →



Tricia & Neal Chartier and Debbie & Wayne Miller

## Don't we all LOVE thoes SKITS ?

If you got one, want to help or be a part of a short funny SKIT. Contact: Mike Gormley (419) 376-0557

# State & Area Representatives' Reports

## Illinois State Representative

Greetings from COLD Illinois. At least it's cold where I am as I sit at the keyboard writing this. Right now the Illinois campers are either someplace where it's much warmer or they are huddled under their fleece throws trying to stay warm, most wishing it was camping season. The GOOD NEWS is when you are reading this those who stayed in Illinois for the winter are getting their plans made for getting the RV out of storage and very much looking forward to getting together with friends to start the camping season. Unfortunately, that also means the SNOW-BIRDS are reluctantly preparing to head back to Illinois (or another state as we have members from other states, too) and hoping the weather at home will be decent.

Wishing all a HAPPY SPRING AND ENJOYABLE CAMPING SEASON.

*Ruthann Sanders; RSRN4@aol.com*

## Florida State Representative

We are getting ready for the temperature to hit 20 degrees in northeast Florida as of today, January 31, and I bet not a single person reading this will be offering us sympathy. Hoping that our friends further North are faring well in this New Year.

As I reported in the last issue of the *TIMES*, we are down to just two regularly camping groups in the Sunshine State. The RoadRunners (#193) and the Square Wheels (#128) are proud to carry on our tradition. We have been fortunate to be able to take in some of our former Strawberry Travelers; this has been a blessing.

Camping and attending the mid-January Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention was in lieu of our usual campout. I believe there were 330 dancers this year, which was a nice increase over the previous year. Of course there were dancers visiting from out of state, so we got to make new friends. As many as 12 squares were frequently on the floor in the Plus hall.

We have a full camping schedule for RoadRunners and Square Wheels in the upcoming months. Like many Chapters trying to schedule events with campgrounds (which seem to frequently change ownership, availability and regulations), the Square Wheels are exploring a new (to us) site the third weekend in February at Breezy Oaks RV Park, while RoadRunner Squares are camping at Red Oaks RV Park the second weekend in February. I just realized that both the RoadRunners and Square Wheels are going to be at different campgrounds on sequential weekends in Bushnell. Someone needs to come to both and make a comparison for next year!

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For the remainder of the camping schedules for both Chapters, please go to our Association’s website (<https://NSDCA.org>). Please note, you now need to include the ‘s’ after ‘http’ or it doesn’t work.

A big shout out to all the callers and cuers who keep us on our feet, exercising our bodies and brains. Stay warm, and call or email if you have any questions. I truly believe the slogan ‘Dancing is friendship set to music.’

Laura Ramsey; ramseydp@comcast.net; 904-463-7004

## Circle Your Wagons in Waco!

### Looking for a campsite for the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>?

We have two privately-owned RV Resorts within a short drive from the Waco Convention Center (100 Washington Ave, Waco, TX), along with park options through the Corps of Engineers, and there’s FREE parking at the convention center.

**1. WACO CREEKSIDE RESORT**, 1972 Leroy Parkway, Elm Mott, TX 76640, just 11 miles north of the convention center. (243) 651-3999, [info@wacocreekside.com](mailto:info@wacocreekside.com), [www.wacocreekside.com](http://www.wacocreekside.com). This resort has 50 RV sites available with full hookups. Waco Creekside Resort also has cabins and treehouses, most are IBR 1BA. The resort has a laundry facility onsite and is pet friendly.

**Offers 15% discount off standard rates when you mention you are a square dancer with the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC**

**2. MAGNOLIA RV RESORT**, 3096 New Dallas Highway, Waco, TX, just 8 miles north of the convention center off the I-35 service road, (254) 799-3105, [magnoliarvresort@gmail.com](mailto:magnoliarvresort@gmail.com), [www.magnoliarvresort.com](http://www.magnoliarvresort.com). This resort has 42 full-service sites. Pull-through sites only. Pancake breakfast on weekends. Magnolia RV Resort is pet friendly and has a swimming pool.

**Offers 10% discount off standard rates when you mention you are a square dancer with the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC**

### Looking for something more rustic?

There are several Corps of Engineers parks in the Waco area. These are government owned and operated and do NOT offer a square dance discount. The COE does not accept reservations more than 6 months in advance. There is a security gate that locks at 10 p.m. and there is no code. However, you can leave a buddy’s car just inside the gate and upon return from After Parties can use the emergency exit to re-enter and then drive buddy’s car to campsite. There are a limited number of 50-amp spaces. Not all sites have sewer hookups but there is a sewer dump station. Closest COE parks are Midway Park (2332 W. Hwy. 6, Waco, TX) and Speegleville Park (3400 Over Flow Rd, Waco, TX). For more information, go to [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or call 1-877-444-8777.

If you have any questions about camping at the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC, contact Janet or Jeb Jonas at: [NSDC75campers@yahoo.com](mailto:NSDC75campers@yahoo.com).



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**002 Pine Tree; Wisconsin**

It's hard to think about camping when the weather here in Wisconsin is below zero. Our camping season runs from May through October. If you're in the area, consider joining us for a weekend—we'd love to see you.



Tricia Chartier; TriciaMooLady@gmail.com; 414-807-4083

**031 Badger Rovers; Wisconsin**

I am typing this from our winter home in the Texas Rio Grande Valley. It's cooler today, but better than the 40-below wind chill back in WI! Our Chapter has no campouts until May!



Please see our schedule for 2026 at the NSDCA website and in the back of this issue.

Sharon Schmidt and David Lust (aka Winter Texans); 608-289-7582

**044 Illiana Square Wheelers; Illinois/Indiana**

When #044 Illiana Square Wheelers was chartered, we had members from both Illinois and Indiana; now it would be a mixture of several states if we counted the Associate members. We don't camp as a group, nor do we square dance as a group; it's a little hard to do as our caller moved several sates away. However, we do get together a few times a year, whenever our caller is in the area. Now that Spring is here, it's time for another gathering. But for now (at the time of this writing) we're trying to stay warm and in touch while recovering from some illnesses. Everyone is looking forward to real SPRING WEATHER.



Ruthann Sanders; RSRN4@aol.com

**The object of the NSDCA shall be to provide an opportunity for and to encourage those interested in square dancing and camping to:**

- a) Combine these two activities for mutual enjoyment.
- b) Permit each member the opportunity of sharing in the responsibility of membership.
- c) Promote interest in square dancing and camping.
- d) Promote Square Dance Camporees as may be decided upon by the membership.

[Reference NSDCA By-Laws as amended June 2018 Article II]



### **106 Square Up Campers; Pennsylvania**

It is a lot of fun watching Michael Gelin riding his e-bike around the campground. As a Square Up Camper member, he often loads up his bike onto the truck pulling his camper, and off he goes! We have five campouts per the season—so why not join our group to see if Michael will be there? You will also enjoy fun dancing and yummy goodies!

Kathy Engel; [kathye@kuhncom.net](mailto:kathye@kuhncom.net)



### **116 Camping Squares; Kansas**

Well, we have had a fun winter here in Kansas with the usual cold and some snow! But we were able to have our monthly winter parties in December and January and had a lot of fun!

Looking ahead to our first dance in May, we are unable to have our traditional Barn Dance and camping. This year we will have a special May Day Full Moon Dance with callers Mike Huddleson and Sheldon Lawrence. This will take place at a church in Wichita, and there will be no camping. The actual location ‘To Be Announced’ – call or email Marty to get the actual location if you’re coming this way.

Anyone in the area is always welcome to join us! Be sure to check and be sure we haven’t cancelled the event! For more information, please email Marty & Frank Golden at [fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fmgolden9515@sbcglobal.net) or call 316-943-4137.

Cheryl Ferris; [marshfur@att.net](mailto:marshfur@att.net); 316-640-4273

### **119 Wander Yonders; Wyoming**

Our club hopes everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have not had a lot of snow; it’s been very dry and could use some moisture.

Our December Christmas Party was held at Dave’s Dancing Acres in Cheyenne, WY. As a club, we donated canned goods to a local Food Pantry.

The officers for the new year are: Leo & Diana Fergel - President; Tom Matson - Vice-President; Rhonda Buescher - Secretary; Sharon Matson - Treasury; and Dorothy Ailes - Historian.

Our potluck/meeting for January was cancelled due to very cold

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weather.

Our Chapter contacts are Leo & Diana Fergel; they may be reached as shown immediately below.

Diana Fergel; Lfergel@bresnan.net; 307-635-7312

## 123 Swing-n-Traveler's; Illinois

Visualize a blazing fire where we reminiscence about our past winter season. Some shared about the fun they had being a Winter Texan while others bragged about the weather in Arizona, and one couple added their enjoyment of the state of Florida. Those staying home for the season remarked how the winter may have been long, but they are the survivors of the winter that came close in surpassing the crazy storms of 1978-1979 season. Although several took short trips to the south, only approximately six couples left the state for most of the cold that ended up penetrating much of the USA.



But we all are looking forward to a new season for camping with Swing-n-Travelers. Two couples were able to enjoy some dancing during the winter, but, for most, it was a down time and relaxation. So far, we have three big events planned for April, May and June as we are now planning a time of getting together for a potluck, talking and playing games at Bill and Kathy Baker's home in Pekin on April 24<sup>th</sup> around



At the Arrowhead Campground near Findlay, IL, this past October.

noon. There won't be a campfire that night, but we will enjoy the fellowship centered around a table instead.

Memorial weekend is always a fun time where we always meet in Henry, Illinois at the Putnam-Marshall Fair Grounds, which we have booked a few years in advance. If the weather cooperates, a fire may be at the top of the list as we like to relax, talk, and laugh. Such a fun time for all. Our last-minute decisions will be made on the Illinois State Camporee, which will be at the same place on June 5-7. Hope we have a good turnout for that weekend. Join us if you can; just call Charlene at 956-532-4503 for reservations.

Even if you're not able to dance, just build a fire, find a few friends and enjoy fellowship with others in 2026. You will never forget the fun you had together.

Janet Bowman; cabjcb2@gmail.com

### **128 Square Wheels; Florida**

On Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, all 20 campers arrived without a hitch (no pun intended). The hall this year was not decorated by the campground, and thanks to Mary and Bill we were able to dress the tables in red and green tablecloths, with lots of Mary's Christmas decorations around the hall. We started with a box lunch at 5 p.m. with many of our friends decked out in fine holiday shirts, socks, and hats, etc. The dance started with early rounds at 7 p.m. and at 7:30 we all squared up.



Bill and Susan played all of our favorite Christmas songs. We had three squares on the floor most of the evening, and Susan did not disappoint the round dancers with their choice of rumbas, cha chas & waltzes. Many of the local campers come out to watch us dance. We had to have the after party in the hall as something happened to the fire pit and we were unable to have a campfire.

On Saturday morning we all joined our caller, Bill, for a coffee hour. Mark provided one-of-a-kind donuts from a local bakery; they were amazing. Thank you, Mark! As usual Bill and Susan were mingling and sharing stories with us. Susan, Mary and Marilyn went shopping for the



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Kay Walker toy drive as money was donated at the Moose Promenaders Thursday night. We ran into many friends while shopping at Walmart, Dee & Jim, Lolly & Allen, Steve & Carol to name a few ...

We started the rounds workshop at 1 p.m. with a good group of round dancers catching up on steps that many asked for reviews on, then Bill followed at 2 p.m. with many square dance workshop moves.

We had a wonderful covered dish at 5 p.m. Incoming president Ron Imus cooked the ham and everyone brought a dish to share. It never disappoints us with all the traditional dishes and sweets. NSDCA president John & Dolly Ide joined us for the night. We had a group picture taken (see previous page) before squares started at 7:30; there were five squares to start the evening. Once again, Bill and Susan didn’t disappoint us; we just love the holiday music.

Then came time for the announcements. Angela & Tim are retiring as presidents and recognized Ron & Linda as our new presidents of Square Wheels. Thank you, Tim & Angela, for serving as presidents for the past four years; you have done an amazing job keeping us all straight. They also gave out beautiful poinsettia plants to Bill & Mary and Susan & Mark for all they do for Square Wheels.

Then came the gift exchange, which is always such fun! This was the year of jigsaw puzzles, man-tools and flashlights; they were the very popular items that got ‘stolen.’

It’s always sad to leave our Christmas campout, but we’re already looking forward to next year. First up will be the Florida Square and Round Dance Convention in January, and then in February we will try out a new venue in Bushnell.

Marilyn Scott, filling in for our vacationing Chapter secretary (Laura Ramsey, Secretary; [lauraramseyslp@gmail.com](mailto:lauraramseyslp@gmail.com))

## **152 Campers & Dancers; Alabama**

Our Chapter leadership team for 2026 was elected at the November business meeting, held at Roaring Pines Campground in Somerville. They are: President, Ken Waites; Vice-President, Jonna Denson; Secretary, Dawn Wilson; and Treasurer, George Herndon. Jan Bloodworth will serve as Past President. Roy Huddleston was reappointed as Birmingham Square Dance Association Representative. Kevin Cozad is Chaplain and Webmaster.

Campers and Dancers joined the Pelham Promenaders for their Christmas Dance and enjoyed a wonderful meal together on December 3, our last club event of 2025. Our first square dance campout for 2026 was at Little Mountain Marina and Campground on Lake Guntersville in Febru-

ary. Just three weeks later, On March 19-21 we are back in north Alabama at Roaring Pines Campground in Somerville, AL. On April 9-11 we camp and dance at Coosa River Campground at Lock and Dam Park in Rome, GA, where we plan to visit two of the local square dance clubs in that area. From May 14-17, we travel to the far northwestern corner of Alabama to Heritage Acres RV Park in Tuscumbia.

Coming up June 4-6, Campers and Dancers #152 will celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a campout at Oak Mountain State Park in Pelham, the same campground where we held our very first campout. We even have the same caller, Jerry Handley, who participated in the first campout way back in 1986! We welcome current and past club members and anyone else to come celebrate this milestone event with us. Contact Ken Waites (see below) for further information.

We schedule at least one – and usually two – Campers and Dancers square dances with local callers at all of our monthly campouts, alternating Mainstream and Plus tips, except for the August campout which is held in conjunction with the Alabama Square and Round Dance Convention. The convention takes place just two miles from the Camping World Campground in Oxford, AL where we will camp. Holding our campout in association with the State Convention provides the opportunity to dance all day and into the late evenings Thursday through Saturday as well as participate in other convention-related and planned Chapter activities. Our monthly campouts for the entire year of 2026 are listed in the “Chapter Campouts” section of the *TIMES*. We have events planned across Alabama and Georgia throughout the year, ending in November at Roaring Pines Campground.

There are no active NSDCA Chapters in our neighboring states of Tennessee, Georgia, or Mississippi, although we have several members in Chapter #152 who reside in Georgia. We would especially like square dancers from these neighboring states who also enjoy camping to visit our campouts and see how much fun we have. Each year we schedule some of our campouts at campgrounds in neighboring states, advertise our presence in local newsletters and other media and visit local clubs in various areas to raise awareness of camping and dancing. Members of our Chapter plan to attend Georgia and Tennessee State Conventions later this year to let dancers know about NSDCA and Chapter #152. Anyone interested in learning more about becoming a member of Campers and Dancers #152 is invited to contact Ken Waites (see immediately below).

Ken Waites; waiteskb@yahoo.com; 205-601-2485



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## **153 Strawberry Travelers; Florida**

The Strawberry Travelers met for our last and final campout December 5-6, 2025 at Paradise Park in Punta Gorda. The park was nice. We had a total of six rigs, one couple that stayed in a resident’s home, and one couple that stayed in a nearby hotel. For our last dance we had a total of 12 members, two associates, and some park residents who came to watch (and few who even danced a tip or two). All in all, considering the sadness of this being our final Chapter campout, we still managed to have a good time by continuing with a few of our traditions, such as gathering under our club tent and sharing cookies, stories, laughs and memories of days gone by. We also went to a (somewhat) nearby restaurant for Friday night’s dinner, which has been a long-time tradition. Another long-time tradition, our Saturday evening meal, which is usually turkey and an Anniversary cake (provided by the club and the rest of us bring the sides). However, this time the whole dinner was provided by the club with delicious food that was prepared by a local restaurant. Following the meal, we danced off some of those calories and then had our (also traditional) “Sneaky Santa” gift exchange game. The next morning was a chorus of sad goodbyes, as we all knew this was the last “Strawberry season” we would ever have as a club. We all said we will meet again and just camp together somewhere. I do hope that does indeed come true! Hope to see you somewhere in a square ...



Tracy Rogers; [tracy.rogers56@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.rogers56@gmail.com)

## **C-175 Riverside Gypsy Squares; Ontario, Canada**

As I sit down to write this Fireside Chat on January 25, 2026, we are waiting for the biggest storm of the winter to hit us in Ontario. Lots of snow and very cold conditions will be keeping us indoors for a couple of days!

The Riverside Gypsy Squares (RGS) are saddened by the passing of our newly installed President, Chris Slater (please see ‘We Remember Our Friends’). Our thoughts and prayers go out to Chris’s wife of 55 years, Christine, and to the family. As we heard at the Celebration of Life, Chris will be missed for his warm personality and his ability to tell stories and jokes, making everyone feel welcome in his presence.



We are getting ready for our Annual Mid-Winter Dance coming up on Sunday, February 22. We have invited new callers to join us that day to

practice their craft and introduce themselves to our Chapter members. I will have more details about that in the next instalment of Fireside Chats.

We are looking forward to a great summer. We have done a little advertising this winter and are looking forward to having a few more rigs join the RGS this summer. We will be dancing Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons. The 2026 Summer Schedule is here, and we would look forward to having members from other NSDCA Clubs come north to visit with us. Our dates are: 5/22-23; 6/19-20; 7/17-18; 8/21-22; and 9/18-19. Details are on the NSDCA website and in the back of this issue of the newsletter.

Wishing everyone has a great winter, and remember the International Camporee in Belleville, Texas in June of 2026. Make your plans now!

Helen MacCallum; hmaccallum49@gmail.com; 613-330-4873

### 193 Florida RoadRunner Squares; Florida

Hello again, Friends!

Well as I am writing this, it's the end of January and a better part of the north is getting a bad winter storm, so I'm saying a little prayer for all of you that you stay safe and warm and can get back to camping and dancing weekends real soon. I am sharing this picture of the



Grand March from the October 2025 Florida State Camporee (above); a great picture and a great event. State Camporees are too quickly going away as fewer members choose to attend. This year (Oct. 22 – 24, 2026) Florida will celebrate 50 years of State Camporees. A great time is being planned for everyone. Many of us have been planning camporees, serving as chairmen and officers in our state and local square dance clubs and events for many years. We are very fortunate that we do have many



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younger and new dancers joining us all the time (really not fast enough though). What square dancing needs is for every one of you to step up and look for an opportunity to take part in something. I know you will find – just like us older folks did – that it isn’t as hard as you thought it would be and that there are many folks to guide you and answer your questions along the way. Your ideas are probably much better than ours, so join us and share your skills and ideas.

Back in November we worked on this cute craft done with clay flowerpots that could be decorated for any season. A very special thanks to our wonderful craft lady, Bonnie Lloyd (→), who works really hard coming up with great crafts for us to enjoy.



Our club always does a turkey dinner, which never disappoints. We have many great cooks in our club, as I know you all have in your clubs. The wonderful friendships that develop because of the time we get to be together is and always has been one of the greatest assets of being in the NSDCA, isn’t it?

Last year we could not enjoy a December campout weekend as the campgrounds were full of snowbirds enjoying our beautiful Florida weather, and I certainly don’t blame them for wanting to get out of that cold. Though we have to work harder to find parks to take our rallies, we actually do appreciate you all coming down and being a part of our clubs and local dances during those months you are here with us. You’re our family, too.



In January we camped at a brand-new park in Fellsmere, FL, (above) which we had booked and visited back in the fall. It was pristine – not even a tire mark on the roads. When we arrived for our January weekend

it was wall-to-wall campers, and we were very glad we found this place before everyone else did and got our reservations in. We enjoyed our weekend there, and while their clubhouse was small, we were able to have two squares dancing each tip; the round dancing, though a bit tight, was adequate for a small circle. Wow, you should have seen the refreshments, we did not want for snacks; I wish I had taken a picture of that!

We were blessed with Mike Doughty as Caller for our weekend. He and his Taw, Patty, are now campers and joined our club in January. He filled in for John Sweeney (our Chapter caller) who was in Germany with his lovely Taw, Beppy. We all are missing our beloved Cuer, Chuck Ryall, who will always have a special place in our hearts (see ‘We Remember Our Friends’), but we are thankful for Scott Valee, who did a great job cueing for us. We always enjoy having Scott & Lynn join us for a weekend. So far, we have not yet coaxed them into camping.

That brings me to February, which is one of my favorite months. I love Valentine’s Day so much that 42 years ago John and I got married to each other on that very day. It is now a tradition of our club to visit the nearby Russell Stover Candy outlet on that weekend, and if that weren’t fun enough, there is also a very large and quite nice antique/thrift shop close by where many of our members have been known to scoop up some great bargains.

As you read this, our camping will take us to Pioneer Creek in southwest FL. We are looking forward to another weekend adventure there with a new area of our great state to explore. If you are in the area, please come camp or just dance with us for the weekend (March 12 – 15, 2026).

Here’s an important question for you: have you made your plans to attend the NSDCA 68<sup>th</sup> International Camporee in Bellville, Texas by now? We have a Camporee team of people who are working very hard to put on a great 3+ days of Wild West Texas camping and dancing fun along with a few surprises. **YOU ALL ARE THE MAIN INGREDIENT TO A SUCCESSFUL CAMPOREE!** Without you, the event will not be as great, we all will have missed another opportunity to strengthen our friendships, make new friends and pass on our love of square dancing. Yes, sadly time does march on and it takes its toll on a lot of us; however, we are hoping you will do your very best to get to the Texas Camporee (while Camporees still exist) so we can see you again. As you all well know the popularity of square dancing is waning a bit, but if we make our best effort to share this wonderful activity with as many young and older folks as we can I think we can see a bright future of fun and dancing ahead.

Anytime you are in Florida, be sure to check online for our schedule and consider spending a weekend with us. Our schedule is always on our website: <https://floadrunnerssquares193.org> or the NSDCA website.

Enjoy your travels, and as always, “We hope to see you all in a square



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somewhere!”

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## 196 Wabash Valley Wheel-a-Rounds; Indiana/Illinois/Ohio

It is COLD in the Midwest. Some of us have headed to warmer areas in the south but are still finding ourselves in colder than normal temperatures. We are feeling thankful for the happy thoughts of our time spent together with our dancer friends during the past camping and dancing season. We are starting to make our reservations for our upcoming season and planning some good times in new places. It is always fun to explore new areas and get to dance with local clubs. It is interesting to see what is working for other clubs that we might be able to incorporate into our group also. Dancing with callers we may not have had a chance to dance to before is also one of the highlights of being part of a camping dance group.



Our group was fortunate to be able to add some new members this past season. One of our members also went home with Jesus and will be greatly missed. The obituary for Carol Anne Junker can be found in the ‘Remembering Our Friends’ section of this issue. Carol was also the treasurer for the Riley Wranglers Square Dance Club in Indiana. She loved square dancing, round dancing and ballroom dancing as well as camping with our group. She had purchased a new RV and was very much looking forward to using it to camp with her square dance friends. We all miss her very much!

Our first outing will be April 23-25 at Enon Beach Recreation Area near Springfield, Ohio. In May we will be joining the Cloud 9 weekend with Caller Curt Braffet at Turkey Run State Park near Marshall, IN. Details for reservations can be found in the ‘Campout Calendar’ section of this issue. Additional dates will be added soon.

As always, we invite everyone that might be in our area to come join us. Our wagon wheel will be on display to let people know we are in the park and you are welcome to stop in and share our good times!

Karen Gerbers; dkgerbers1@gmail.com; 260-403-4846



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ue this publication. Without the *TIMES*, it would be hard to continue the NSDCA. So consider the heritage that we’ve been handed and our responsibility not only to our families and friends, but our Nation as well. We need the NSDCA.

So plan your year ahead with lots of fun campouts and dances, AND this year’s (the 68<sup>th</sup>) International Camporee, and definitely the 70<sup>th</sup> in two years. To give you something a little closer to plan for, also come to the 69<sup>th</sup> NSDCA International Camporee, again to be held at the Fairgrounds in Lebanon, TN. More on that in the next issue of the *TIMES* and at this year’s Camporee at Coushatta Recreation Ranch, about an hour west of Houston, TX.

Just to encourage you a little, new members and first time Camporee attendees will again receive a \$50 discount on the registration for the Camporee. Registration forms are in this issue, on the website at NSDCA.org, and from your Chapter staff. Now it’s up to you. Sign up to have fun, and volunteer to continue the fun for all in the years ahead.

*Dolly and John*

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expected to dip to 22 degrees F with wind chills approaching zero (this should certainly help take care of those aforementioned bugs). One should be careful what is wished for! However, as cold as we may feel (as in the South we are not really prepared for cold weather) we should approach seasonal norms (overnight lows in the 40s, daytime highs in the 60s) before the middle of February. And I know our winters are nothing like what those of you that live in the northern climes put up with every year.

Once again, emails are being delivered to NSDCA membership by nefarious actors that are attempting to impersonate NSDCA officers and staff. Please recognize that you will never receive an email from one of the officers or staff requesting you to send gift cards or money to another organization, or money (in any form) directed to a person. Solicitations like this are fraudulent. Check the email from which it was sent and compare it to the email addresses listed later in this issue. Look carefully, and if it’s different, the email is definitely a fake. If there’s any doubt about who sent the solicitation email, send a separate email using one of the officers’ addresses in this issue. DO NOT click on the ‘return to sender’ button in your email client, as that may not send your email to the correct person you think actually sent the email.

Thank you.

## Call for Volunteers

We, the NSDCA, need your help. This year, 2026, the NSDCA needs some help to continue serving our square dance and camping membership. We are a totally voluntary organization, member-driven and organized; therefore, while member participation is important in the camping and dancing activities, participation in the various organizational and service activities is not only important, it is *critical*. Without member help and participation, we would not exist. Here are the two major opportunities for service that need to be filled this year:

### **National Board Member**

Our Board of Directors consists of four positions, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The term of office for a Board position is four years so that each year, one position is filled by election of a new member, or by a current member agreeing to serve a second term. Term limits apply and any member may only serve two terms. This year, Dolly and I will have completed our two terms and we will need to be replaced on the Board, so we are asking for one of our members to consider the opportunity to serve on the Board to bring some fresh ideas, and join with three other dedicated couples to carry on the 62-year legacy of the NSDCA.

### **Publisher and Editor of the NSDCA *TIMES***

Ken Shacter has served in this position for eight years and has incorporated many new features in the *TIMES*, providing information that we all rely on to keep us informed of the NSDCA events and other news. He would like to retire and open up this opportunity of service to our members to someone new. To make the transition to a new Publisher/Editor, Ken has written detailed instructions to help a new volunteer and will provide additional help as necessary to make the transition as easy as possible. If you love to write, have sufficient computer skills in the areas of word processing and digital graphic manipulation, and love to share your ideas with a larger community, then we ask you to consider bringing your skills and ideas to the NSDCA *TIMES* Publisher and Editor position.

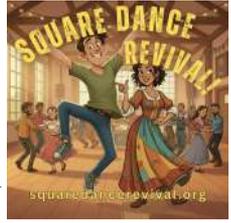
If either of these opportunities are of interest to you, or you would like more information and you might consider serving, please let any current Board member or Ken Shacter know of your interest. It also needs to be stressed that serving in either of these capacities is not only about serving the NSDCA membership, but working with great people who are still on the Board and others serving in various Staff positions. We all have a heart for service, and a love for square dancing and camping with our friends. Won't you come and join us?

*John & Dolly Ide*

## Square Dance Revival!

There's a new organization that's on a mission to bring square and round dancing back into the spotlight — Square Dance Revival. It is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to sharing the joy, energy, and community of traditional dance in fresh, modern ways.

The following information is taken directly from their home page (<https://squaredance revival.org/>):

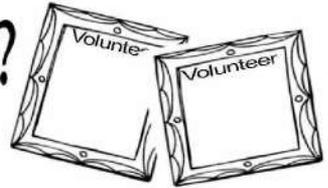


Through social media, podcasts, presentations, and creative outreach, we educate the public about what square dancing really is (hint: it's not what you think!). We love busting old myths and showing how square and round dancing offer incredible benefits—from fitness and brain health to meaningful social connection and pure fun.

We also support dance clubs and organizations by sharing practical guidance on growing membership, starting new clubs, and using today's marketing tools to reach younger generations. Tradition thrives best when it evolves—and we're here to help make that happen.

Above all, we believe dancing should feel welcoming and inclusive. Whether you're brand new, returning after years away, or just curious, Square Dance Revival champions a culture where everyone feels invited, supported, and excited to step onto the floor.

## Why are these frames empty?



This (March) issue of the TIMES has always published the profiles of a member or members who are willing to volunteer to run for or take a position on the BOD and be a part of keeping the NSDCA going. We have other opportunities to serve... "TIMES editor - Camporee help" and more. Many of our staff have served for many years. Please consider how you can help...

**So, why ARE these frames empty?**



## and the FUN continues...

There were a total of 13 entries this time providing thoughts on the location of our 2026 Camporee mascot, our lost male bovine—a.k.a. “Bully” (as dubbed by last contest’s winners). Of those entries, there were nine (9) that had the correct location; as noted on page 4, Bully is on the front cover on the shelf immediately above the pine tree in the camper. The winning entry for the Winter issue contest belongs to Jim & Sharon Waller of Swing-n-Travelers (#123, IL) . Congratulations, Jim & Sharon, your 2027 NSDCA membership fee will be waived. (It’s a long time off, so please remember to have the certificate you received via email sent to our NSDCA Treasurer when you renew in December.)

Some of the comments received about our wayward bull are as follows: From perennial punster and geographic checker Jim Sebesta #045 (PA), “Bully is on the front cover of the newsletter inside the trailer. He’s visible thru the trailer window (with the red curtain). He’s on the shelf above the pointy top of the baby Christmas tree. If he continues to stall long enough he won’t even have to hoof it to Texas. He can corral a ride with the trailer owners when they moo-ve out for the festival. If he has his own license there might even be a cattle drive in the making here. Now there’s a bull with the right cow-nections.”

These Chapter 123 (IL) members had the following to say: Janet & Chet Bowman wrote, “We hope they don’t put the Christmas decorations away and forget to get him to Texas for the big shindig in June.” John & Carol Scher decided, “He must be tired of walking, so pretending to be a Christmas decoration to hitch a ride to Texas!” While our winners this time, Jim and Sharon Waller, thought, “I guess he wanted to go camping in the winter.”

Lastly, Carolyn Shacter #128 (FL) opined, “It looks like he will have a wreath to munch on the way to Coushatta Recreation Ranch.”

Please remember, the contest for the Chapter with the most submissions is not won solely on the number of entries, for a large, motivated Chapter would easily swamp the numbers from a smaller Chapter. The year-end tally (based on the Summer through Spring issues, ending just before the International Camporee) is also based on the weighted percentage of total members of that Chapter (as membership can fluctuate over the two calendar years the information is taken from). So, if you are a member of one of our smaller Chapters, do not lose hope, for with sufficient entries—your Chapter could win! But, you’ll not have that opportunity if you don’t make an entry. We have more than 600 members and

only a couple of percent make a submission, typically from the same Chapters. You can't win if you don't enter. And please remember, in order to win you must be a member in good standing (current year dues are paid.)

I've stated this before, and I'll state it many times in the future: This is *your* newsletter! Your contributions make it informative, educational and most of all, entertaining. Let me hear from you on the contest as well as other requests that have been made in the past (e.g., caller or cuer biographies, best practices, handy hints, etc.).

Our 2026 International Camporee is being held in Texas, thus our mascot is a bull, now dubbed 'Bully.' [I'm thinking Teddy Roosevelt!] I'm certain you noticed a bull in the list of contest submissions below, immediately beside the members of Chapter 123 that made contest submissions. Let's get this bull back on the road—headed to Bellville—before it gets too mad and knocks over that Christmas tree.

Send your answer to the location of our lost bull (or article/idea contribution) *once again only* via email to [NSDCAtimes@gmail.com](mailto:NSDCAtimes@gmail.com) (to arrive no later than April 30, 2026). Please send your submissions only by email for this issue's contest (my mail delivery has deteriorated if the usual letter carrier is not working). Remember, I will confirm receipt of your email within two days; if you don't hear back from me, please double check the address where you sent your submission and resubmit it.

For contest entries, please provide the page number *and* where on the page our lost bull is located. Simply providing something like “on the bottom of page 2” is insufficient; however, if you write something clever like the contributors listed earlier did, it gives a good indication you have properly located our lost bull, and you may get your answer published!

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Chapter name	chapter #	Entrant
Illiana Square Wheelers ( IL/IN)	044	Ruthann Sanders
Penn-Dixie Square Campers (PA)	045	Jim Sebesta
Camping Squares of Kansas (KS)	116	Marty Golden
		Kathy Campbell
		Frank Golden
Swing 'N' Travelers (IL)	123	Mary & Dave Bruun
Note: This is <u>NOT</u> the lost bull, but the wayward one looks similar to this one. Notice there are no riders on this bull.		Janet & Chet Bowman
		John & Carol Scher
		Barry & Joy Vlad
		<b>Jim &amp; Sharon Waller</b>
Square Wheels (FL)	128	Dick & Karin Callender
		Carolyn Shacter
Florida Road Runners (FL)	193	Tom & Rita Biehn



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Please note any comments provided with your submission implies you are giving your permission to publish the comment. Lastly, as always, be sure to include your Chapter’s number and name when you communicate with any Association staff member or Board member.

Thank you!



For the past 3 years the proudly honored Veterans Camporees with a Quilt of Valor Award for Service. Last issue I asked if there were any veterans out there that have not received a Quilt of Valor and would like to receive one, to please contact me..This year, America’s 250th birthday, I am hoping we could once again honor some NSDCA member veterans with a quilt. I have not heard from anyone. I sincerely hope that all of our NSDCA member vets have received one. (the amount of service you gave is not a consideration, this gift is to say Thank You from America for your willingness to serve your country).

If you are a NSDCA member who is a veteran and are interested in receiving a “Quilt of Valor” at the 68<sup>th</sup> NSDCA Camporee in Bellville, Texas, PLEASE contact Dolly Ide (352) 598-7162 or by email [dloutz9504@outlook.com](mailto:dloutz9504@outlook.com) by March 31 or before. (\*A lot of time goes into to making a quilt!)

# We Remember Our Friends

## **Dale Fredrickson (Square Wheels, 128)**

*A personal remembrance by Bill Chesnut, 128's Caller.*

Dale Fredrickson was a large part of the square dance world in the NE Florida area for many years. He left that task behind December 31 to take a new role in heaven. I got to know Dale and his wife Gerry first through the camping square dance world. Gerry left us way too early; she was a special lady that has been missed. Dale was fortunate enough to find Jo Ann Engum and then Pat Everett as partners after Gerry's passing. Dale was a good man who had three great ladies in his life. As time went by, they got more involved in the Northeast Florida Square and Round Dancing Association.



We really became friends when I started calling for the Moose Promenaders and the Gypsy Squares (#168). Dale joined a group of us on our camping golf outings, hosted many of the after dance campfires, and added humor and caring to our group. Dale was one of the charter members of the Moose Promenaders and the Gypsy Squares (#168) and was part of the reason I am their caller.

I always seem to find out unknown facts when attending funerals or memorial services. I knew Dale was retired Navy, but had no idea he retired as a Master Chief, E-9. That is an amazing accomplishment by anyone. I also knew that Dale enjoyed his workshop, but I did not know woodwork was his favorite.

Dale will be missed at the clubs he continued to visit after he could no longer dance. While physical limitations kept him off the floor, his attendance continued to support the clubs.

## **Christopher Slater (Riverside Gypsy Squares, C-175)**

The square dancing community has lost one of its most devoted dancers and beloved storytellers with the passing of Chris Slater from Prescott, Ontario, Canada on January 14, 2026.

Chris' love of square dancing began in high school, where he danced old-fashion style with the Junior Farmers. In 1973, Chris and his wife Christine, partners-in-life and on the dance floor for 55 wonderful years, joined the 1000 Island Swingers in Johnstown, Ontario. For the next several years they danced their way through Kingston, Carleton Place, Kemptville and Ottawa, building friendships and memories at every



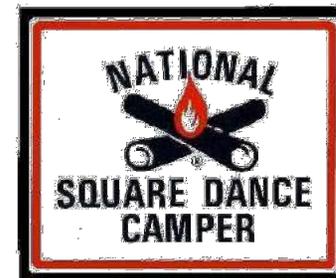
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# RIDIN' HIGH - HEADIN' WEST SQUARE DANCE

## 68<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL NSDCA CAMPOREE

*Coushatta Recreation Ranch  
4029 Clay Ranch Ln., Bellville, Texas 77418  
June 17, 18, 19, 2026: Camporee Events*



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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ NSDCA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

**1<sup>st</sup> CAMPOREE - (\*USE SPECIAL PRICING BELOW -  
REQUIRES NSDCA MEMBERSHIP)**

**Information for PARKING by LOCATION & RV NEEDS**

ARRIVAL 06/\_\_\_\_\_/2026 DEPARTURE 06/\_\_\_\_\_/2026

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER # \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAP \_\_\_\_\_

ELECTRIC: 30 AMP \_\_\_\_\_ 50 AMP \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adult Name #1 (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adult Name #2 (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address (Include Apt and/or Box number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State/Province & Zip/ Postal

### DANCE INTERESTS (✓ Interests)

<u>Square Dance</u>	<u>Round Dance</u>	<u>Line Dance</u>
____ Mainstream	____ Phase II	____ Lines
____ Plus	____ Phase III	____ Contra
____ A-1/ A-2	____ Phase IV/ V	____ Partner
____ MS Workshop	____ Plus WS	____ A WS
____ Youth/Teen Program	____ SSD Workshop	

### SPORTS/GAMES (✓ Interests)

Corn Hole M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ Washer Toss M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_

Bocce Ball M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Craft Interests M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Veteran? \_\_\_\_\_ (Branch) \_\_\_\_\_

### Caller / Cuer Participation (✓) (Due by April 1)

<u>Square Dance</u>	<u>Round Dance</u>
____ Mainstream	____ Phase II
____ Plus	____ Phase III
____ A-1	____ Phase IV

\_\_\_\_\_ A-2 \_\_\_\_\_ Phase V  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Youth/Teen Dance Program \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Phone Number (cell phone preferred--include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Caller Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Availability (✓) W \_\_\_ Th \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ S \_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cuer Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Availability (✓) W \_\_\_ Th \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ S \_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Lines Instructor \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Availability (✓) W \_\_\_ Th \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ S \_\_\_

**Additional Persons per Unit** (Base Fees are for two Adults per unit and unmarried children under age 21)

Youth Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ Adult Name \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_

**NSDCA Camporee Fee: 3 Days...\$180 2 Days...\$150 1 Day...\$120 (ALL FEES IN US FUNDS ONLY)**

**\*SPECIAL 1<sup>st</sup> CAMPOREE: NSDCA Camporee Fee: 3 Days...\$130 (RATE FOR 1 OR 2 PERSON)**

Please ✓ days planning to camp: (Extra Days Campsite Fees @ \$35 per day) **NonCamper Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ \$90**

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Mon 15<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Tues 16<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ **Wed 17<sup>th</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_ **Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fri 19<sup>th</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_ Sat 20<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Unit with only one person (check): \_\_\_\_\_ Deduct **\$45**; Extra adults # \_\_\_\_\_ \$45 each; **Non NSDCA** \_\_\_\_\_ Add **\$20**

Camporee Fee \$ _____	Extra Fees \$ _____	Add'l Days \$ _____	<b>Total Fees \$ _____</b>
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*If you would like your ribbons sent with your confirmation, please include a self-addressed, stamped business (#10) envelope with your registration. Refunds are available with a written request.*

Send check or money order payable in US Funds to **"68th NSDCA Camporee"** to:  
 (June 1<sup>st</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>): Susan Wolford, 79 Dogwood Rd., Albertville AL 35950  
 (October 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>) Susan Wolford, 1435 Razorbill Ln., Punta Gorda FL 33983  
 For more info, contact Susan Wolford: (256) 673-0170; 68th.nsdca@gmail.com

*(‘Friends’ continued from page 29)*

square.

After taking a break to raise their two children and run the Chris Slater Funeral Home and House of Flowers in Prescott, Ontario, Chris and Christine returned to their passion in the 1990s with Harbour Lites in Johnstown. In the early 2000s, they joined the Swinging Saints from Brockville, a plus dancing group where they honed their skills until the club closed in 2014.

In 2006, Chris discovered his perfect blend of two great loves: square dancing and camping. He and Christine joined Riverside Gypsy Squares, and from May through September you could find them at monthly camping weekends in their fifth-wheel trailer, accompanied by their beloved cats, Rascal and Rosie. Chris served as Chapter president in 2010 and again in fall 2025 until his passing, always eager to lend a helping hand.

As much as Chris enjoyed the dancing itself, he relished the fellowship and, in particular, the food. The assortment of desserts at dances and the potluck spreads at camping weekends were nearly as treasured as the promenades and do-si-dos. Many will remember Chris arriving early to help set up, staying late to share one more story and always ready with a joke to brighten the evening.

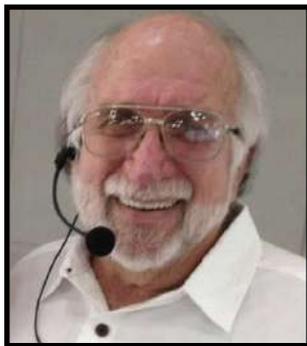
In his later years, when health prevented him from dancing, Chris became the heart of campfire gatherings, spinning tales with the masterful timing that made him unforgettable. He had a story for every occasion and delivered each one with warmth and humor.

Chris is survived by his dancing partner and wife of 55 years, Christine, their children, extended family and many friends across the square dancing community who will miss his laughter, his stories and his generous spirit.

*Submitted by Helen MacCallum*

### **Charles “Chuck” Ryall (RoadRunner Squares, 193)**

Charles “Chuck” Ryall, beloved husband, father, stepfather, grandfather and friend, lost his gallant battle with leukemia, November 3, 2025. He left this life peacefully, surrounded by family. Chuck was the Round Dance Cuer for Chapter 193 since its beginning in 2008. He was a man defined by integrity, devotion, and joyful movement—especially on the dance floor. Born in Vero Beach, FL, Chuck spent most of his life in Fort Pierce. In 1968, Chuck was drafted into the United States Army, serving two years in Germany. He often said he was one of the lucky ones, grateful to serve abroad during a time when many were sent to Vietnam. His time in the Army helped shape his discipline, focus, and patriotism. After returning



home, Chuck joined the IBEW electrical apprenticeship program, earning his certification that led to a long, successful career in the electrical industry. Chuck retired at age 55, grateful for the life he built and the family who filled it. The greatest joy of Chuck's life was his wife, Mary; he often said life was perfect with her, that he wouldn't change a thing. Together, they built a family rooted in love, laughter, honesty, and hard work.

After retirement, Chuck found his true passion in dance—round dancing, square dancing, and spending countless joyful hours teaching others. Blessed with perfect pitch, he devoted himself to preparing round dance music so it would be just right for his students. Chuck was known as a cuer who could get “under the music,” guiding dancers with grace, precision, and infectious enthusiasm. His students admired him deeply and his dedication made him widely loved in the dancing community. If there was one message Chuck hoped to leave behind, it was simple: “Keep dancing.”

Chapter 193 is heartbroken at the loss of Chuck. He worked hard to help build our club, giving of his time and talent freely and with great patience. His absence leaves a quiet space where his laughter and music once lived—but the legacy he leaves is joyful, full of rhythm and many grateful round and square dancers.

*Submitted by Dolly Ide*

### **Carol Junker (Wabash Valley Wheel Arouds, 196)**

Carol Anne Junker, 66, of Indianapolis, passed away in her home November 23, 2025. She was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, and received her bachelor's degree from Ball State University. She worked as an IT change control manager for Liberty Mutual for over 28 years. Since retiring, Carol was a proud member and treasurer for the Riley Wranglers Square Dance Club and loved participating in all forms of dance, including competing in ballroom dance competitions. She was well known for her love of traveling, always singing Broadway musicals, and heading out in her RV with friends or for a solo adventure. Above all, Carol cherished time spent with family and friends.



*Submitted by Karen Gerbers*

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If you would like someone included/remembered in the ‘We Remember Our Friends’ section, please let us know their name, important dates, Chapter name and number, and one or two important things about them. Please provide a photo (high-resolution if possible) if one is available. Thank you.

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# 2026

## Illinois State Square Dance Association

### State Camporee

### June 5 – 7, 2026

All Dancers and Callers/Cuers Invited  
Squares and Rounds Friday & Saturday

#### Marshall-Putnam Fairgrounds

915 University Ave. Henry, IL. 61537

Make Check payable to: Swing-N-Travelers

Mail to: Charlene Fahsbender, 1616 4H Park Rd. Pontiac, IL. 61764-9189

Charlene – (956) 532-4503

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Camping includes water/electric Fee: \$90.00

Extra Nights Camping : \$30.00/night \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Evening meal provided: \$10.00/person (Bring your own drink)

Saturday Evening Potluck – All Campers Welcome

Sunday Morning Breakfast – Free Will Donation

# Maple Apple Potato Skillet

## Base Ingredients:

- ~8 oz apple (any variety) peeled, cored and thinly sliced
- ~8 oz potato (any variety) peeled and thinly sliced
- ~2.5 oz sweet onion, chopped
- ~6 oz boneless, skinless chicken breast, sliced
- 1 tsp light cooking oil (divided)
- ¼ tsp Mrs. Dash or seasoning of choice



## Sauce Ingredients:

- ⅓ cup (plus more as needed) chicken broth
- 2 Tbsp maple syrup
- ½ Tbsp yellow mustard
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice or apple cider vinegar



Courtesy of  
Carolyn Shacter #128

## Steps:

- 1) Make sauce in a separate bowl: mix ⅓ cup broth, maple syrup, mustard and lemon juice (or apple cider vinegar) and set aside.
- 2) In a fry pan, season and sauté chicken with ½ tsp oil for a few minutes on both sides, until the chicken is no longer pink.
- 3) Set aside the chicken.
- 4) Turn heat to medium, add the other ½ tsp oil to the fry pan.
- 5) Add potatoes. Cook ~ 10 minutes, turning to prevent burning.
- 6) Add broth as needed to prevent sticking.
- 7) Add apples and onions; cook for an additional 3—5 minutes.
- 8) Add sauce to fry pan and chicken; cook for an additional 5 minutes, coating the pan's contents and reducing the liquid to the desired consistency.
- 9) Serve!

Nutritional information is provided below, based on sugar-free maple syrup and no salt added broth.

Makes 2 servings; each serving is ~274 calories.

Total fat (g)	3	Cholesterol (g)	61	Sugars (g)	14
Saturated fat (g)	0	Sodium (mg)	145	Protein (g)	22
Poly unsat. fat (g)	1	Potassium (mg)	929	Vitamin C	27%
Mono usat. fat (g)	2	Total carbs (g)	40	Calcium	2%
Trans fat (g)	0	Dietary fiber (g)	5	Iron	6%

## Staying Safe: Why it's important to keep current with Operating System updates

It's bad enough that there are people with nothing better to do than to figure out ways to make you part with your hard-earned money without realizing it, but the Windows 11 software you use on your computer – that's supposed to protect you from many of the underhanded techniques used by the techno-bandits – may make it easy for them if you don't update regularly. A recently discovered flaw within Microsoft's Copilot can allow attackers to steal your personal information with a single click of your mouse. It's being called the 'Reprompt exploit,' and according to researchers an attacker using this loophole would first send a user a phishing link; once the link is opened by the user, it would enable the attacker to request information about the victim using Microsoft's resident 'artificial intelligence' (AI) software, Copilot, such as the user's location or the files they recently viewed, which could be obtained even if the Copilot user-interface was closed. An attacker could ask Copilot to send data back to the attacker's server, even though Copilot is designed to specifically refuse outside requests like this.

The good news is that this exploit was reported to Microsoft in August, 2025 and a patch has been distributed, so this particular problem has been fixed – **IF** you have been diligent in allowing Windows 11 to update. That means there is currently no risk of it impacting you if you regularly update Windows 11 with available patches and updates.

However, it's still recommended that you be extremely careful about what kind of information you share with your computer-based AI assistant, and be on the lookout for phishing attempts. That means don't click on links that get sent to you from unexpected sources (or even sources you know) without checking the URL the link is sending you to, especially ones that link to your AI assistant. To check the target URL identified in the link, hover the cursor over the link on the webpage (but do not click) and look in the status bar at the bottom of the web browser. If the URL and the link displayed on the webpage differ, you know there's something foul being attempted. Also be very careful reading the URL, as something as similar as an 'm' can be configured from an 'r' and an 'n', as so: 'rn'. A quick glance may yield an incorrect interpretation, and thus if you think you are being directed to 'microsoft.com' you may be really be sent elsewhere that is not so user-friendly.

Remember, don't open or click anything you're not expecting, especially if it uses urgent or threatening language. Use reputable antivirus and anti-malware programs. Never provide any personal information online unless you confirm the website is genuinely from a reputable firm, as there are many sites that have been designed to look like the genuine article, yet their intent is to steal your personal information. And never send gift cards as payment when requested; that is definitely

a ruse.

Payment to the NSDCA is made through your Chapter, not online via a webpage. Your officers are not going to send out an email (even via the e-tree) asking for money. If you get an email from a staff member or officer of the NSDCA, check the email address against the listings in this newsletter. Again, hover your cursor over the email address (or click the email address in some email programs) to view the actual email address, which may differ from the displayed text.

It's a 'World Wild Web,' and it always pays to be extra diligent.

Information based on the following source: <https://www.tomsguide.com/computing/online-security/this-microsoft-copilot-vulnerability-only-requires-a-single-click-and-your-personal-data-could-be-stolen>



**"2026 Discount"**

**FIRST NEW**  
**CAMPOREE MEMBERS**

**\$50.00 Discount on 2026 CAMPOREE**

We are pleased to announce that we are continuing our 2025 promotion thru 2026. Along with a free official NSDCA name badge, new members will receive a \$50.00 (couple)/\$30.00 (single) discount on your 2026 camporee registration fee. This discount is also available to all NSDCA members attending their 1<sup>st</sup> camporee.

Don't miss out on the fun as we celebrate our nations 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday and enjoy some real wild west square dancing at its best!...at the Coushatta Recreation Ranch in Bellville, Texas. (June 17, 18 & 19, 2026)

Register TODAY at NSDCA.ORG

## A Message from the 68<sup>th</sup> NSDCA Camporee Chairman

Yahoo! After visiting the Coughatte Recreation Ranch, site of the 68<sup>th</sup> NSDCA International Camporee, we are so excited about all the activities we will be able to have there. We are extending a special invitation for you to join us for some great camping and dancing. Add to this, the fun and fellowship of the Camporee, and everyone should have a great time. Of course we



will have all the usual Camporee activities (sports games, crafts, pot-lucks, etc.) See the tentative schedule on the following page. Did we mention a lot of dancing? We are still looking for someone to put on a skit at one of the after parties. Let us know if you're interested in helping with this.

The campsites are spacious and close to the halls. The two activity halls are attached, each having its own kitchen. This will save time and effort setting up for all activities, and there will be many.

We have some different plans this year; each day will have a "theme of the day" for the craft, the afternoon recreation, and for the evening dancing. One day will be 'Patriotic' in recognition of the USA being 250 years old. Be sure to bring red, white and/or blue clothes. Another day will be full of flowers. Ladies, remember skirts and/or blouses with flowers on them (guys can join in if you wish). There has to be one day with a Western theme, right? Here's your chance to bring those cowboy hats, boots and anything that looks western.

All the crafts will coincide with the theme. Most items for the crafts will be furnished, but you just might want to bring three crisp one dollar bills. If you made a charm bracelet at a previous Camporee, be sure to bring it. You will be able to add a charm or two. We might even do that again next year.

We also visited the city of Bellville while we were there. It is a very quaint town and worth some sightseeing if you can make time. We might schedule a group tour if it works out. We are very pleased to have Nikki and Joey Barrett working with us. They have blended their ideas with ours and offered some new ideas.

So mark your calendar, send in your registration, bring your dancing shoes (or boots) and we will all have a rip roaring time at Coughatte Recreation Ranch, June 17, 18, 19. Come early and enjoy a trails-in dance on June 16.

As we are writing this, we are praying for our Camporee Liaison (and NSDCA Secretary) Tricia & Neal Chartier and family regarding their recent house fire.

See y'all in June!!

*Sandy McIntire and George Ferguson, General Chairpersons, 2026*



(No, this isn't the lost bull!→)

### TENTATIVE 68th NSDCA Camporee Schedule

#### *Coushatta Recreation Ranch, Bellville TX*

#### **Tuesday, June 16**

- 9 - 5 am Camper Check-In
- 2:30 - 3:30 pm NSDCA Board Mtg.
- 4 - 5 pm Camporee Team Mtg.
- 4:30 - 5:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner
- 6:30 - 7 pm Early Rounds
- 7 - 9 pm Trail-In Dance (Casual)

#### **Wednesday, June 17**

- 8 - 9 am Meet-n-Greet - Coffee w Board
- 9 - ? am Camper Check-In
- 9 - 10:30 am Sports Games
- 10:30 - 12 am Crafts
- 12 - 1 pm Lunch Break
- 1 - 2 pm Fun Games
- 2 - 4 pm Dance Workshops
- 4:30 - 5:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner
- 6:30 - 7 pm Grand March/Opening Ceremonies
- 7 - 9 pm Squares/Rounds/Lines
- 9 - 10 pm After Party

#### **Thursday, June 18**

- 8 - 9 am Meet-n-Greet - Coffee w Board
- 9 - 10:30 am Sports Games
- 10:30 - 12 am Crafts
- 12 - 1 pm Lunch Break
- 1 - 2 pm Fun Games
- 2 - 4 pm Dance Workshops
- 4:30 - 5:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner
- 6:30 - 7 pm Early Rounds
- 7 - 9 pm Squares/Rounds/Lines
- 9 - 10 pm After Party

#### **Friday, June 19**

- 8 - 9 am Meet-n-Greet; Coffee w Board
- 9 - 11 am Sports Games Finals
- 12 - 1 pm NSDCA Hosted Luncheon
- 1 - 3 pm NSDCA General Mtg. & Awards
- 4:30 - 5:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner
- 6:30 - 7 pm Early Rounds
- 7 - 9 pm Squares/Rounds/Lines
- 9 ---- pm After Party, then clean-up.
- Close pm Tear Down/Clean Up

*This schedule is TENTATIVE and subject to be changed.*

Special events are being planned for each of three **THEME** days, including recognition of veterans and a celebration for the 250th Anniversary of the United States. Weather permitting, we are also planning campfires and other outside events.

### Activity Halls at the Coushatta Reaction Ranch



## Caller and Cuer Tom & Kathy Nickel

Kathy and Tom are from Middleton, WI. Kathy started Square Dancing along with her parents when she was eight years old, and then got Tom involved after they were married. They took a few years off from dancing while they raised their family.

Tom started Calling in 1991 and Kathy started Cueing in 1996. They call and cue regularly through-



out the area. They are the club caller/cuer/instructor for several of the local clubs. Tom and Kathy spend most of their free time teaching new dancers, doing exhibitions, and supporting the Square and Round dancing activity. Kathy and Tom have both been inducted into the Wisconsin Caller/Cuer Hall Of Fame. Tom is a member of Callerlab and Kathy is a member of Roundalab. Kathy received her 25 year teaching award from Roundalab this year.

Square and Round Dancing has become a family activity with their four children and five grandchildren. When their youngest was eight years old, they took them to square dancing lessons and had them join a Youth club. The kids loved the dancing and asked why it took so long to get them involved. Today, their three adult daughters, along with some of their grandchildren, are active Square and Round dancers.

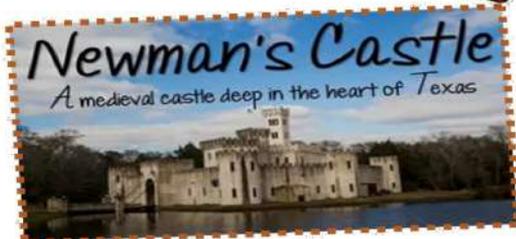
Kathy and Tom have both been active members and held several offices within their Wisconsin State Square and Round Dance Association and Local Associations. Tom is currently the Treasurer of the State Square Dance Callers Council of Wisconsin (WSDLCC), Kathy is President of the Wisconsin State Square Dance Association of Wisconsin (SDAW) and Vice President of their Area State Square Dance Association (SW-SDAW). Kathy and Tom have served on many Wisconsin State Conventions. Kathy and Tom are on the Wisconsin Square Dance Convention Board and were the General Chairman for the 2006 and 2023 Wisconsin State Square and Round Dance Conventions. They have served as several different Chairmen for the Wisconsin State Square and Round Dance Conventions. They were the Camping Chairman for the 2024 National Square and Round Dance in Milwaukee, WI, and assisted with the Round Dance Programming. They are also active members of their state Round Dance Leaders Association (WRDLC). They have cho-

reographed several dances and were awarded the Roundalab 'Round of the Quarter Award' for their "Timeless and True Love" choreography.

Kathy and Tom have been active NSDCA members for 35 years. They are the club caller/cuer for their local Chapter, the Badger Rovers, Chapter 031. Kathy is currently the NSDCA Membership Secretary and Tom is currently the Registered Agent. Tom held the National Square Dance Campers Association Treasurer position for 10 years. Tom also held the Mail Handler position for the NSDCA for 10+ years.

Family and Square Dancing has been a major part of their lives, even while they still make time for their other interests of camping, sewing and bowling.

# Things to Do & See in Bellville



The castle, complete with a moat and drawbridge, was built by local baker Mike Newman. It's a whimsical destination that transports you back in time. Newmans Bakery is a nearby must do.



Nothing quite like a good old Texas Jail!

**A Meat Market with a BarBQue counter**  
 Don't leave without a taste of award-winning pean smoked barbeque and their sinfully good Back Porch Pecan Pie.

**Bellville General Store** A real step back in time.

**Dry Creek Stables**  
 horseback riding lessons tailored to beginners and experienced riders alike

**The Bellville Perk**  
 A small-town version of American TV show Friends a classic coffee shop with a modern twist. Order the regular hot or cold java or specialties Frappes, Smoothies and more all made to order.

*that's to name just a few...*



Settled in 1822 by 2 brothers who immigrated from Florida, The Courthouse Square remains as it was laid out in 1846, many of the historic buildings have now been transformed into a collection of unusual and unique shops and businesses.

# Chapter Campouts

The following listings were last updated on January 31, 2026. The start day for events is Friday unless otherwise noted. Due to the possible disruption of group activities because of local COVID-19 outbreaks, campouts or other listed events may have been cancelled. Please check with the listed contact(s) to confirm the status of the event before making your plans to attend. Thank you.

**Thursday March 12 → March 15**

## **193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida**

*Pioneer Creek RV Resort*

138 W Broward St; Bowling Green, FL; 863-375-4343

Call the campground first, make your reservation, then call or email Tom Biehn at 757-672-9978 or rtb6273@gmail.com

Dolly Ide; 352-598-7162

**Thursday March 19 → March 21**

## **152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama**

*Roaring Pines Campground*

83 Roaring Pines Rd, Somerville, AL

RV sites \$25 full hookup.

Contact Kevin Cozad at 205-926-2618 or kevincozad1@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

**March 20 → March 21**

## **128 Square Wheels: Florida**

*The Springs RV Resort*

2950 NE 52<sup>nd</sup> Ct., Silver Springs, FL; 352-236-5250

All Rally Rates Subject to change due to inflation; Please verify.

They will honor Passport America for 3 days at \$28/night; additional days will be at \$56/night.

You must call campground and pre-register with a deposit.

Mary Chesnut; 352-475-2550, cell 352-214-5880; marynut4@gmail.com

OR Ron Imus; RLius46@aol.com

**Thursday April 9 → April 11**

## **152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama**

*Coosa River Campground at Lock and Dam Park*

181 Lock and Dam Road SW; Rome, GA; 706-234-5001

RV sites \$35-\$40 full hookup. It's a very small campground so advance reservations are essential. Email Roy Huddleston at roy.hudd2020@gmail.com or call 205-761-3701 if you plan to attend.

Make reservations by calling campground or online at

<https://floydcountyparks.org/>.

**Thursday April 9 → April 12**

**193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida**

*Wekiva Falls RV Resort*

30700 River Road, Sorrento, FL; 352-268-9556 or 352-383-8055  
Call campground and make your reservation, then call or email Tom Biehn at 757-672-9978 or rtb6273@gmail.com to let him know that you are attending.  
Tom Biehn; 757-672-9978

**April 17 → April 18**

**128 Square Wheels: Florida**

*Stephen Foster Cultural Center State Park*

11016 Lillian Saunders Dr. Hwy 41, White Springs, FL; 800-326-3521  
or 386-397-4331

All Rally Rates subject to change due to inflation; Please verify.  
Rate \$20 but only \$10/night for FL seniors, plus \$6.70 reservation fee.  
Mary Chesnut; 352-475-2550, cell 352-214-5880;  
marynut4@gmail.com OR Ron Imus; RLius46@aol.com

**Thursday April 23 → April 26**

**196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds: Illinois / Indiana / Ohio**

*Enon Beach Recreation Area*

2401 Enon Road; Springfield, Ohio  
We will be dancing on Friday and Saturday nights with local clubs  
Karen Gerbers; 260-403-4846 info contact person

**May 1 → May 3**

**001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey/Pennsylvania**

*White Oak Campground*

3156 White Oak Rd, Quarryville, PA; 717-687-6207  
Call campground directly and tell them you are with Square Up Campers  
Pauline/Ron VandeVrede; 873-343-3152

**Thursday May 14 → May 16**

**152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama**

*Heritage Acres RV Park*

1770 Neil Morris Road; Tuscumbia, AL; 256-383-7368  
RV sites \$44.96-\$69.96 reflect 10% discount for Campers and Dancers. Web-  
site: <https://heritageacresrvpark.com/>. Contact Jonna Denson 205-807-2182;  
jonnakaydenson@yahoo.com if you plan to attend.  
Call campground for reservations.

**Thursday May 14 → May 17**

**014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers: Illinois**

*Pilgrims Campground*

W7271 County Rd C, Ft. Atkinson, WI; 920-563-8122  
PRE-meeting on 4/29 at the Pizza Ranch in Roscoe, IL starting at 5:30.  
At the Pilgrims campout we will also be going to Fireside for dinner/show to  
see "Hairspray."  
Cinda or Bob Asp; Cinda.asp@gmail.com

## Chapter Campouts—continued

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**Thursday May 14 → May 17**

### **193 Roadrunner Squares: Florida**

*Bonnet Lake Campgrounds*

2825 State Road 17S; Avon Park, FL; 863-385-3700

Call campground and make your reservation, then call Tom Biehn at 757-672-9978 or email at [rtb6273@gmail.com](mailto:rtb6273@gmail.com) to let him know that you are attending.

Tom Biehn; 757-672-9978

**May 15 → May 16**

### **128 Square Wheels: Florida**

*Southern Oaks RV Resort*

14140 SE Hwy 441, Summerfield, FL; 352-347-2550

All Rally Rates subject to change due to inflation; Please verify.

Rally Rate: \$40. Rate also available for 2 days prior to and 2 days after rally.

Must make your own reservations at campground.

Mary Chesnut; 352-475-2550, cell 352-214-5880; [marynut4@gmail.com](mailto:marynut4@gmail.com)

OR Ron Imus; [RLius46@aol.com](mailto:RLius46@aol.com)

**May 15 → May 17**

### **031 Badger Rovers: Wisconsin**

*Derge County Park*

N8379 County Road Camp, Beaver Dam, WI; 920-386-3700

Call 608-289-7582 for more information.

### **196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds: Illinois / Indiana / Ohio**

*Turkey Run State Park*

8121 East Park Road; Marshall, IN 47859

This is the Cloud 9 Curt Braffet dance weekend. For lodge reservations call 887-563-4371; for campground reservations call 765-597-2635

Dan and Marian Hatfield; 618-554-6591 (info contact person)

**May 22 → May 24**

### **119 Wander Yonders: Wyoming**

*Grays Gable (Wander Yonder Camping Club)*

3905 Grays Gable Road, Laramie, WY; 307-635-7312

**Thursday June 4 → June 6**

### **152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama**

*Oak Mountain State Park*

200 Terrace Drive; Pelham, AL; 205-620-2527

RV sites \$42-\$60 full hookup. Cabins also available. 15% discount for seniors, active military and veterans, persons with disabilities, and State of Alabama employees. It's the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campout for Chapter #152. Contact Ken Waites at 205-601-2485 or [waiteskb@yahoo.com](mailto:waiteskb@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend.

Make reservations by calling campground or online:

<https://www.alapark.com/parks/oak-mountain-state-park>

**June 5 → June 7**

**181 MontShire Campin' Squares: New Hampshire / Vermont**

*Horseshoe Acres Campground*

1978 Weston-Andover Rd, Andover, VT; 802-875-2960

Caller: Don Bachelder

Cuer: Mary Lou Gagliardi

Registrar: Barbara Connelly; PO Box 18, Lower Waterford, VT; 802-745-7621

**♥♥♥ 2026 Illinois State Square Dance Association Camporee ♥♥♥**

*Marshall-Putnam Fairgrounds*

915 University Ave., Henry, IL

Friday evening meal provided for \$10/person (bring your own drink).

Saturday evening potluck - all campers welcome

Sunday morning breakfast - free-will donation

Charlene Fahsbender; 1616 4H Park Rd., Pontiac, IL; 956-532-4503

**June 12 → June 14**

**001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey/Pennsylvania**

*Appalachian RV Campground*

60 Motel Dr., Shartlesville, PA; 877-570-2267 or 610-488-6319

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**031 Badger Rovers: Wisconsin**

*Buffalo Lake Camping Resort*

555 Lake Avenue, Montello, WI; 608-297-2915

Call 608-289-7582 for more information

**Wednesday June 17 → June 19, 2026**

**♥♥♥ 68<sup>th</sup> NSDCA International Camporee ♥♥♥**

*Coushatte Ranch*

4019 Clay Ranch Lane, Bellville, TX

Registration is in the centerfold; see the Table of Contents for other info.

**128 Square Wheels: Florida**

*Coushatte Ranch*

4029 Clay Ranch Lane, Bellville, TX

Participating in the 68<sup>th</sup> NSDCA International Camporee.

See the registration form at <https://www.nsdca.org/camporees.php>

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**Wednesday June 24 → June 27, 2026**

**♥♥♥ 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention ♥♥♥**

*Various campgrounds*

Details at <https://75nsdctx.com/>

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**Wednesday June 24 → June 27**

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**July 17 → July 19**

**001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey/Pennsylvania**

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**July 31 → August 2**

**181 MontShire Campin’ Squares: New Hampshire / Vermont**

*Horseshoe Acres Campground*

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**August 7 → August 9**

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**August 21 → August 22**

**128 Square Wheels: Florida**

*Wekiva Falls RV Resort*

30700 River Road, Sorrento, FL; 352-268-9556 or 352-383-8055

All Rally Rates subject to change due to inflation; Please verify.

Notice, our rally reservation is not made yet. We may end up at a new campground in Crystal River. Stay tuned and check back later.

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**Thursday August 27 → August 29**

**152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama**

*Camping World of Oxford Campground*

20 Garrett Circle; Anniston, AL; 256-241-2295

RV sites from \$38 full hookup. 10% discount for Campers and Dancers. This campout is held in conjunction with the Alabama Square and Round Dance Convention. Contact Ken Waites at 205-601-2485 or waiteskb@yahoo.com if you plan to attend.

Call campground to make reservations.

**Thursday September 10 → September 13**

**119 Wander Yonders: Wyoming**

*Grays Gable (Wander Yonder Camping Club)*

3905 Grays Gable Road, Laramie, WY; 307-635-7312

**September 11 → September 13**

**001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey/Pennsylvania**

*Shady Oaks Family Campground*

40 Round Barn Rd, Newmanstown, PA; 717-949-3177

Call campground directly and tell them you are with Square Up Campers Pauline/Ron VandeVrede; 873-343-3152

**September 11 → September 13**

**031 Badger Rovers: Wisconsin**

*Token Creek Campground*

6200 US Hwy 51, Deforest, WI; 608-224-3730

Call 608-289-7582 for more information

**September 18 → September 19**

**128 Square Wheels: Florida**

*Southern Oaks RV Resort*

14140 SE Hwy 441, Summerfield, FL; 352-347-2550

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**September 18 → September 20**

**001 Garden State Square Dance Campers: New Jersey/Pennsylvania**

*Cherry Ridge Campsites*

147 Camp Rd, Honesdale, PA; 570-488-6654

Call the campground directly.

Pauline/Ron VandeVrede; 873-343-3152

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**Thursday September 24 → September 26**

### **152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama**

*Trackrock Campground and Cabins*

141 Trackrock Camp Road; Blairsville, GA; 706-745-2420  
RV sites \$45 full hookup. Cabins also available. Tell them you are with the Campers and Dancers group.  
Contact George Herndon at 334-740-0649 or gherndon49@yahoo.com if you plan to attend.

Make reservations by calling campground or online at  
<https://www.camplife.com/1282/reservation/step1>

**Thursday October 22 → October 24**

### **152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama**

*Monte Sano State Park*

5105 Nolen Ave, Huntsville, AL; 256-534-3757  
RV sites \$42-\$52 full hookup. Cabins also available. 15% discount for seniors, active military and veterans, persons with disabilities, and State of Alabama employees. Contact Jan Bloodworth at 205-508-9331 or janb10756@yahoo.com if you plan to attend.

Make reservations by calling campground or online:  
<https://www.alapark.com/parks/monte-sano-state-park>

**Thursday October 22 → October 24**

### ♥♥♥ **50<sup>th</sup> FANSDC Florida State Camporee** ♥♥♥

*Southern Palms RV Park*

1 Avocado Lane, Eustis, FL; 352-357-8882  
For more information, see <https://fansdc.net/>

### **128 Square Wheels: Florida**

*Southern Palms RV Park*

1 Avocado Lane, Eustis, FL; 352-357-8882  
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**Thursday November 5 → November 7**

### **152 Campers & Dancers: Alabama**

*Roaring Pines Campground*

83 Roaring Pines Rd, Somerville, AL;  
RV sites \$25 full hookup.  
Contact Jonna Denson at 205-807-2182 or jonnakaydenson@yahoo.com if you plan to attend.

# We need you



We are and always have been a volunteer organization and that means it takes people like you step up and fill the vacancies as needed. None of us are so good that we can't be replaced when we have fulfilled our jobs. The health & success of every organization is in the fresh new people to the job, that will bring in their own uniqueness. (Young or mature)

As you know, Volunteer always means 'no-pay'. So this year we have decided to do something very special to say THANK YOU to all the NSDCA & 68th Camporee staff. But you will have to wait for the next issue for the details. Contact Camporee Chairmen George Ferguson & Sandy McIntire to volunteer to be a part of the team. (734) 735-1342 sandymc481@yahoo.com



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If your campout venue or date of occurrence has changed since it was posted on the NSDCA website, please update the listing to keep potential visitors informed.

To do the update, simply perform the same actions you previously did using the website BUT put some words (in the comments area) of the new entry about what the change entails. If the date changed, be sure to enter the new date, but reflect (in the comments) what the old date for the campout was. Ditto for the campground.

Your previous version will remain on the website (so people that may have noted it previously can see there was an update), but it will be amended to reflect the change you note in your new submission, as well as a reference to the new submission. The 'Traveling Map' will also be updated. You will be notified when these tasks have been completed.

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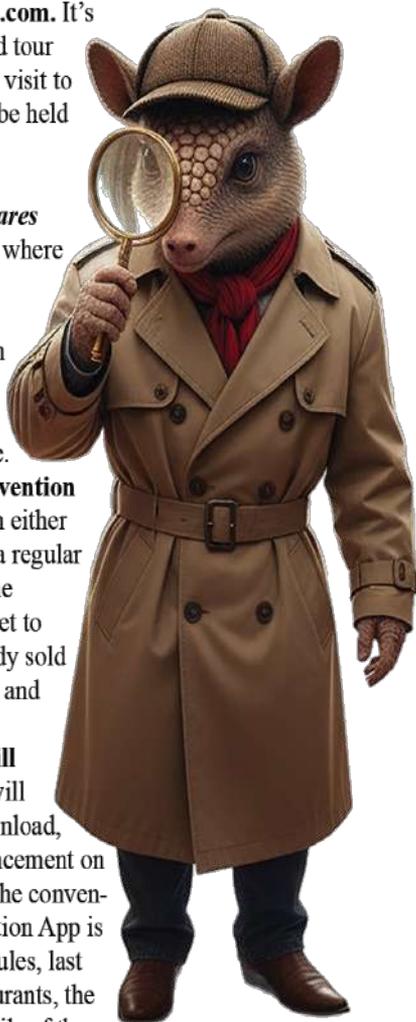
**1. Visit the convention website at [www.75nsdctx.com](http://www.75nsdctx.com).** It's full of forms, links, special events, hotel details and tour information... all the details you need to plan your visit to the 75th NSDC at the Waco Convention Center to be held June 24-27, 2026.

**2. Follow us on Facebook for news and events.**

**3. Subscribe to (it's free) and read *National Squares e-Magazine*.** Each edition contains the who, what, where and when of the 75th NSDC. To subscribe, go to <https://nsdcenec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> and scroll down to enter your name and email, then hit send. You will be notified each month when the latest edition is released. You can click on the edition's icon to download a copy from the website.

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**5. This year at the 75th NSDC, all registrants will have access to a free Convention App.** The app will be released in May prior to the convention for download, watch Facebook and the e-Magazine for an announcement on its availability. A class will also be offered during the convention on how to use the app, if needed. The Convention App is a handy tool and will have all the up-to-date schedules, last minute schedule changes, event information, restaurants, the sights of Waco, safety information, and all the details of the 75th NSDC. Join our mascot, Armie the Armadillo, in the Waco Convention Center!



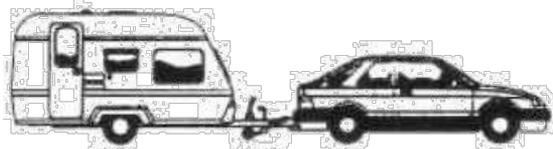
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## AFTERTHOUGHTS

Here's another of our favorite signs, although this time it's not from a campground. In Kennebunkport, Maine, at the intersection of North Street and Maine Street (some sense of humor, no?), there's a pedestrian crosswalk *and* a duck crosswalk. The intersection is quite busy during tourist season, with traffic coming up North Street headed out of town and tourists navigating along Maine Street looking for parking. Pedestrians are able to stop traffic by pressing a button to initiate flashing lights. However, the ducks aren't so fortunate; they must rely on drivers paying attention, as the ducks are somewhat difficult to see.

Send your photo of an interesting sign sighted on your travels to [NSDCAtimes@gmail.com](mailto:NSDCAtimes@gmail.com). Please be sure to identify the location and, if a campground, provide a brief write-up of the facility.

Thank you. Your NSDCA Editor



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Thank you.

**Pack that Camper**

**& put on  
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