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Spring 2026: March, April, May

State Conventions & National Conventions

State Conventions

Iowa: March 20-21, 2026, Cedar Falls IA
Ohio: May 1-3, 2026, Columbus OH
Minnesota: June 12-14, 2026, Rochester, MN
Illinois: July 24-26, 2026, Rock Island, IL
Michigan: August 20-22, 2026, Grand Rapids, MI
Indiana: November 6-8, 2026, French Lick, IN
Wisconsin: August 7-9, 2026, Brookfield, WI
Wisconsin: August 13-15, 2027, Stevens Point, WI

National Conventions

68th NSDCA International Camporee, Bellville, TX
June 17-19, 2026
75th: Waco, TX, June 24-27, 2026
76th: Loveland, CO June 23-26, 2027
77th: Daytona Beach, June 28-July 1, 2028

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INFORMATION & REGISTRATION
wisquairedanceconvention.org



Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center
Brookfield, WI
ALL UNDER ONE ROOF

66TH WISCONSIN
SQUARE & ROUND DANCE
Convention

AUGUST 7-8-9, 2026

GET YOUR KICKS IN 2026



Special Guest Caller
DEE DEE DOUGHERTY-LOTTIE

From the Tips and Cues Editor:

The content of this publication can only be as good as what I receive from your club. Please have your dance flyers, schedules, and ads submitted by the deadlines.

Summer Issue Months:
June, July, August

Copy Deadline:
May 10, 2026

Submit to:
tipsandcues1@gmail.com

Check websites or Club Contact for Times & Locations.

Happy Dancing!

Badger Rovers

NSDCA Chapter #031
www.badgerrovers.com



Contact: Stephanie Esser
608-576-0624 or stephesser@tds.net

February 28, 2026 Winter Potluck and Annual meeting at Tom & Kathy Nickel, 4301 Hilltop Circle, Middleton, WI
Arrive at 5:00pm, Dinner 6:00pm

May 15-17 **Derge County Park**
N8379 County Road, Beaver Dam, WI

June 12-14 **Buffalo Lake Camping Resort**, 555 Lake Ave., Montello, WI
608-297-2915

June 17-19 **68th NSDCA International Camporee** Bellville, TX (see flyer)

September 11-13 **Token Creek County Park**, Deforest WI,
608-224-3730; online: https://www.countyofdane.com/lwrp/parks/token_creek.aspx

Everyone is Welcome to join us!
Potluck dinner at 5:30 on Saturday evening with dance to follow.



Westport Squares Sweetheart Dance

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Doug & Don Sprosty

Calling & Cueing
Registration Dance



1:00-3:30pm

\$10.00 Adult/\$5.00 Youth

Bake Sale Proceeds
to go to our State
Convention

Lakeview
Lutheran Church

4001 Mandrake Rd., Madison WI

www.westportsquares.com
www.facebook.com/westportsquares
608-535-9461
Celebrating 71 years of dancing



Happy
Valentines Day

Tuesday Square Dances

Swingin' Beavers

2nd & 4th Tuesdays
5th Tuesday - Plus



Community Care
405 West Third St., Beaver Dam
Enter through double doors at the
back of building. Park on the
blacktop play area
Early Rounds at 7:00
7:30-9:30 pm

Contacts: Bob & Bonnie Sweeney
920-386-2951
bobsween@yahoo.com or
Tom Nickel 608-831-0341
tenickel@chorus.net
www.swinginbeavers.com

February 24 Mike Seurer
March 10 Tom & Kathy Nickel
March 24 Don & Doug Sprosty
March 31 Tom & Kathy Nickel **Plus**
April 14 Bob Sweeney/Ray Steinich
April 28 Tom & Kathy Nickel

56th Anniversary Dance
May 12 Tom & Kathy Nickel
May 26 Wayne Irwin
June 9 Tom & Kathy Nickel
June 23 Dave Crowley/Ray Steinich
June 30 Curt Braffet/Ray Steinich
Plus

Tuesday Round Dances

Dancing Shadows



1st & 3rd Tuesday
Phase 2 Rounds

All Dancers Welcome
4301 Hilltop Circle
Middleton, WI 7:30-9:00pm
Kathy Nickel, Cuer
608-831-0341, tenickel@chorus.net

February 17 March 3, 17
April 7, 21 May 5, 19
June 2, 16



Sunday Round Dances

Friendship Rounds

Most Sunday evenings
Phase 3 lessons at 5:30,
Phase 2-4 dance 7-9:00

Phase 2 lessons, *Thursdays*
7:30-9:00 Starting September 18th

The Garden Room in The Castle,
501 Prospect St, Beloit, WI
Peggy Weisensel Chavey, Cuer
Contact Peggy for dance information
608-201-3529 or
beloitdancers@gmail.com



Look Who's Turning 50!

You Are Invited!
Who: Tracy Hollatz
What: Celebrate her 50th Birthday
With a Square and Round Dance!
Where: First Evangelical Lutheran Church
311 W Mackie St, Beaver Dam
When: Sunday, March 1, 2026
Free Lunch 12:30-1:30pm
Dance 2:00-4:30pm
Caller: Dan Sahlstrom, from MN
The dance is a Free Mainstream
and Plus dance with Rounds.
(Donations to help pay caller fees welcomed.)
Myron and I hope you can attend!

COME JOIN THE FUN
AT
WESTPORT PLUS



Caller: Tom Nickel
Cuer: Kathy Nickel
tenickel@chorus.net

PLUS Level
SQUARE DANCING
with ROUNDS
2nd FRIDAYS of the Month!!!
7:00 - 9:30pm

Lakeview Lutheran Church
4001 Mandrake - Madison, WI

2026 SPRING DANCE SCHEDULE

PLUS
DANCING
With ROUNDS

MARCH 13th
APRIL 10th
MAY 8th



HAPPY SPRING



Congratulations

To Stephanie Esser & Peggy Weisensel Chavey as the newly appointed General Chairmen for 68th Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention in 2028 held in the SW-SDAW Area. We'll Roll out the Red Carpet for you. More information to come!

Celebration
Of Life

Alvin Hammer

Join us on the dance floor, to celebrate the impactful life of Alvin T. Hammer. Let's honor his memory with one more square dance. Join us as we take the day to honor Alvin, reminisce on the dances shared, and the person he was.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026
2:00PM - 4:30PM

DodgeLeland School District
401 South Western Ave
Juneau, WI 53039
MC: Myron Hollatz
All Callers Welcome To Call

All proceeds from the dance will go to the American Heart Association in memory of Alvin T. Hammer.

NSDCA
68th International Camporee
Ridin' High & Headin' West
June 17, 18 & 19, 2026
for a Wild Western Square Dance Party
The Coushatta Recreation Ranch
4020 Chip Ranch Ln, Beloit, WI 53511
Three Full Days of Camping and Dancin' Fun
(Three nights of camping included in the registration fee.)
Squares, Rounds, & Lines + Games & Workshops!
Registration forms are online at...
NSDCA.ORG
Camporee Treasurer:
Susan Wolford
256-675-0270
E-mail:
68th.international@gmail.com
Hosted by
NSDCA BOD

With the 20th Anniversary in 2026, June 25, 2026, make your plans to enjoy our 50th Anniversary in 2027!
See it all! Don't miss the Best of Shows!
Y'all!

Let's Celebrate!

Wear your Red, White & Blue to honor our Nation's 25th Birthday! Enjoy special event Fridays, June 25, 2022 at 6-8 pm!

NSDCA 68th International Camporee
June 17-19, 2026
Coushatta Recreation Ranch
4020 Chip Ranch Ln, Beloit, WI 53511
www.nsdca.org

Friday Square Dances



Westport Squares

1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays
 www.westportsquares.com
 or Eldon & Virginia Boehm
 608-535-9461

7:00-9:30
 Lakeview Lutheran Church
 4001 Mandrake Rd., Madison 53704

February 15 Don & Doug Sprosty
Sweetheart Dance (See flyer)

February 20 Tom & Kathy Nickel
Mardi Gras

March 6 Dave Crowley/Dennis
 Steward

March 20 Mike Seurer
Pie Night

April 3 Ted & Doris Palmen
 Location: St. Dunstan's Church,
 6205 University Ave

April 17 Myron Hollatz

May 1 James Cha/Ray Steinich
River Food Pantry ***

May 15 Tom & Kathy Nickel
 May 29 Dave Crowley/Peggy
 Weisensel Chavey
Disney

June 5 Mike Seurer
 June 19 Doug & Don Sprosty
71st Anniversary Dance

***Club Meeting after dance

Note: Check our website for updates on Times and Location.



Saturday Square Dances

Petunia City Squares

2nd & 4th Saturdays Mainstream

7:00 Pre-rounds on select dates*

7:30-9:30 Square Dance

Peoples Church
 340 W. Grand Ave.
 Beloit, WI 53511



petuniacitysquares@gmail.com

Facebook:

www.squaredance4life.com/petuniacity/

or call: 608-713-1895

Night of Dance: 815-298-7087

February 14 Don & Doug Sprosty*

February 28 Myron Hollatz*

March 14 Tom Manning/
 Peggy Chavey*

March 28 Dave Crowley

April 11 Tom & Kathy Nickel*

April 25 John Harden

May 9 Bob Asp/Peggy Chavey*

6pm Potluck, then dance

Westport Squares Plus

2nd Fridays **7:00-9:30pm**

Lakeview Lutheran Church (LV)
 4001 Mandrake Rd.,
 Madison 53704

Caller: Tom Nickel

Cuer: Kathy Nickel

608-831-0341

tenickel@chorus.net

February 13 March 13

April 10 May 8



SW-SDAW Meeting

Visitors are always welcome.
 Please attend the meeting and see what
 the SW-SDAW area is about and how we
 work to promote square dancing in our
 area and the state.

Next Meeting Date:

Monday, May 4 2026

Time: 7:00pm

In Person Location:
United Methodist Church of
Sun Prairie,
702 North Street,
Sun Prairie WI 53590

www.swsdaw.com

Meetings for May, August &
November are in person.
Note: Meeting for February will be on
Zoom.



Fast Track

PLUS

Square Dance

Lessons

Instructor : Tom Nickel

2- Saturdays

May 2nd, 2026

May 9th, 2026

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

St Dunstan's Episcopal Church

6205 University Ave. Madison, WI



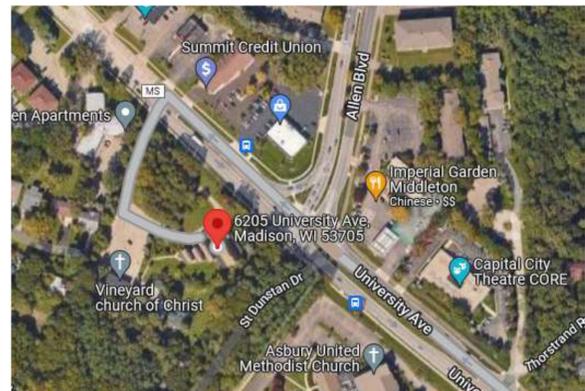
\$10.00 per day
per person

All Dancers
Welcome.

Great Opportunity
to Learn Plus
before the
Conventions.

Potluck Lunch
Bring Dish to Pass

Please Reserve
Your Spot



Contact: tenickel@chorus.net Cell Phone: (608)-843-6941

SW-SDAW

SPRING



JAMBOREE

Sunday, April 12, 2026

2:00 - 4:30 pm

Mainstream Square Dance
with Rounds

Hosted by: SW-SDAW BOARD

Location:

Lakeview Lutheran Church
4001 Mandrake – Madison, WI

MC: Peggy Weisensel Chavey
Area Callers/Cuers Welcome



7.00 Adults/ \$3.50 Youth
Door Prizes. Water will be Available
www.swsdaw.com



Everyone is Invited

Swingin' Beavers Square Dance Club



56th Anniversary Dance



Experience the fun, social activity that is
Square Dancing

Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Tom and Kathy Nickel
Pre-rounds - 7:00 / Square Dance - 7:30 to 9:30

Wilson Elementary School
405 West Third Street
Beaver Dam, Wisconsin

Accent on Rounds



Diamond Turn



Strolling Vine

April 25th, 2026

10:00 – 12:00 **Figure Clinics**

12:00 - 12:45 Lunch (included)

Sloppy Joe's, Baked Beans, Salads, & Desserts

12:45 - 1:00 Request Rounds (II-IV)

1:00 - 3:30 **Phase II - IV Dancing**



Pivot 2, 3, or 4



Chase Full Turn

First Ev Lutheran Church
311 W Mackie St
Beaver Dam, WI 53916



Phase II



Dancing!

Sponsored by:

Wisconsin Round Dance Leaders Council

Registration form on the back →



Phase III



Phase IV

Like Square Dancing?
Like Camping?

Then this Madison based
Square Dance Campers group is for YOU!



Badger Rovers



Member of
National Square Dance Campers Association
Chapter 031



Tom & Kathy Nickel
Caller & Cuer

Badger Rovers camp three weekends (May, June, September) a year at various campgrounds in the area. We also have one Winter/early Spring Dinner meeting for the club. Everyone is welcome to join us at any campout for the whole weekend or for just the day. We welcome all area dancers.

The other camping trip many members like to do during the summer is the National Square Dance Campers Camporee.

Here is part of what we do on a typical weekend for relaxing fun: Starting on Friday evening with a campfire & socializing Saturday for crafts and other organized events during the day Saturday evening potluck starting about 5-5:30. . . followed by Square and Round Dancing for a while. Then another campfire and more socializing Sunday morning breakfast potluck

2026 Spring Campout:

May 15-17, 2026 at Derge County Park
N8379 County Road, Beaver Dam, WI
Phone: (920) 386-3700 or online at co.dodge.wi.gov

Summer Campout:

June 12-14, 2026 at Buffalo Lake Campground & Resort
555 Lake Ave, Montello WI
Phone: (608) 297-2915

Fall Campout:

September 11-13, 2026 at Token Creek County park,
6200 US Hwy 51, Deforest WI 53532
Phone: (608) 224-3730 or online at
https://www.countyofdane.com/wrd/parks/token_creek.aspx



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or check out our Website at
badgerrovers.com and nsdca.org