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



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The 59<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® is offering several exciting guided bus tours before and during the convention. One of the tours is outlined below. For information on how to register for this tour or other tours being offered contact: Ives & Carol Pruett at [social@59thnsdc.com](mailto:social@59thnsdc.com) or at 812-278-3020.

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

**TOUR OF CHAMPIONS: BACKSIDE TOUR OF CHURCHILL DOWNS and  
THE KENTUCKY DERBY MUSEUM 7:30 am – 11:30 am**

**Churchill Downs**, located on Central Avenue in south Louisville, Kentucky, is a thoroughbred racetrack most famous for hosting the Kentucky Derby annually. It officially opened in 1875, and held the first Kentucky Derby and the first Kentucky Oaks in the same year. Churchill Downs has also hosted the renowned Breeders' Cup on six occasions. The Kentucky Derby Museum is located at Gate 1 of Churchill Downs. The Museum offers two floors of exciting exhibits giving visitors an in-depth look into Thoroughbred racing and the Kentucky Derby – the first jewel in racing's Triple Crown. Go to <http://www.churchilldowns.com/> for more track info. Information on The Kentucky Derby Museum can be found at <http://www.derbymuseum.org>.

**Tour Agenda:** As the horses breeze by on their morning workouts, your guide will explain the training process that transforms a young horse into a racing legend. You'll rub elbows with trainers, jockeys and exercise riders as you enjoy a delicious country style breakfast in the track kitchen. Walking through the shed rows allows you to see a thoroughbred up close. You will tour the Kentucky Derby Museum where you will experience Kentucky Derby exhibits and 360 degree multi-image show depicting the panorama of Derby Day. Naturally you will visit the gift shop as well in the museum.



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

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## **59<sup>TH</sup> NSDC EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

One of the major things which make a National Square Dance Convention® unique and so special is the educational opportunities for everyone; dancers, club officers, callers, cuers, etc. Below are some of the things which will be available at the 59th NSDC.

### **EDUCATION SESSIONS**

**CLINICS:** Dance leaders will engage in brief discussion, instruction and demonstration of their topics. This will be followed by audience participation.

**PANELS:** This is an audience-listening activity conducted in a classroom setting. Three to six people will serve as experts and discuss a given topic, with one member of the panel serving as the moderator. Audience members will then participate through a question and answer session.

**SEMINARS:** An audience-listening activity presented in a classroom setting with one or more persons presenting. The presentation will then be followed by an audience question and answer session.

### **OTHER PROGRAMS:**

**SEW & SAVE:** This is always a very popular feature of any National Square Dance Convention. You will be able to trace patterns of square dance fashions that you can take home with you. Knowledgeable experts will be on hand to assist you and answer your questions. You may also want to sit in on some of the sewing seminars, and have your questions answered by experts. Come and see the latest in equipment available for your home projects.

**PUBLICATIONS DISPLAY:** Browse through and see what kind of publications our organizations are producing. See the set of Program Books from **every** National Square Dance Convention collected by the late Lee Long, National Executive Committee Member.

**SHOWCASE OF IDEAS:** See what is going on around the nation in the Wonderful World of Square Dancing. Pick up literature, pins and ideas to share with your friends when you return home.

**BID SESSION:** Who is next in line after Spokane? Who will win the bid for the 2014 National Square Dance Convention? Will there be a competition or just one city bidding? Come to the Bid Session and hear all they have to offer. Then start planning your trip to the 2014 National Square Dance Convention.

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS:** Attend this session and hear information exchanged that is of interest to square dancers including but not limited to: National Square Dance Week, National Folk Dance progress, current plans for Advance Dance programs, etc. Organization leaders will discuss the challenges we face today.

### **CALLER TRAINING SEMINARS:**

Callers or future callers will not want to miss these sessions provided by CALLERLAB. Topics include CRaMS, Caller Critiques, Use of Music, Smoothness, So You Want To Be A Caller, and Programming. These sessions will help callers stay current with the field.

**DON'T MISS THEM !!!**

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

Planning on or thinking of bringing your children (or grandchildren) with you when you attend the 59<sup>th</sup> NSDC in Louisville, KY? Not only is the Kentucky Exposition Center an exceptional place to have the 59<sup>th</sup> NSDC, but it is also the location of **Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom**.



This exciting park features seven thrilling roller coasters, including its newest, Greezed Lighnin'. Included in your admission is Six Flags Splashwater Kingdom, a tropically themed seven-acre water park that showcases a 750,000-gallon wave pool, children's activity area, water slide complex, an action river tubing adventure and its newest thrill ride, Tornado. In all, there are more than 110 thrilling rides and attractions for all ages.

The operating days for 2009 are May 23<sup>rd</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> and admission is \$29.99 per person. A special Big Six Pass, which you can use to visit on six operating days though November 1, 2009, is available for \$29.99. We checked with the Park management and they do not know if the special Big Six Pass will be available for 2010. The park will be open during the Convention dates but exact 2010 dates are not yet available. For more info check their web site at <http://www.sixflags.com/kentuckykingdom/index.aspx>

The 59<sup>th</sup> NSDC is offering a discount rate of \$25.00 per person on daily admission! Please see the 59<sup>th</sup> NSDC registration form to get this rate. (Printable Registration form available online at [www.59thnsdc.com](http://www.59thnsdc.com) )

**Kentucky Exposition Center map showing adjacent Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom in red.** Not only is the park within walking distance to the Convention buildings, the Crown Plaza (the Headquarters Hotel) and many other hotels are also within walking distance.



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

One of the busiest attractions on the riverbank in Louisville is the **Louisville Slugger Field** baseball stadium. Slugger Field opened in the spring of 2000 and is most certainly the finest minor league park in the country. "Take me out to the ballpark," has a renewed meaning in Louisville. Slugger Field is home to the minor league Louisville Bats team. The field is located at 401 E. Main Street in Louisville and includes a PepsiVision Video Board (21' x 46'), - Continuous concourse around the field, with all concession stands providing a view of the field. - Outfield seating berm for families. - Two full service restaurants which are open year-round to the public. - Children's playground and carousel.

**The Louisville Bats**, which play in Louisville, Kentucky, are the AAA minor league baseball affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds. The team, formerly known as the **Louisville RiverBats**, plays in the International League. The Bats play their home games at Louisville Slugger Field; the naming rights for the stadium were purchased by Hillerich & Bradsby, makers of the famous *Louisville Slugger* baseball bat. The bat factory and museum are located a short distance away at 800 W. Main Street, Louisville.

**LOUISVILLE SLUGGER FIELD**



Visit the following web site for more information on **Slugger Field** and the **Louisville Bats** schedule:  
[http://web.minorleaguebaseball.com/ballpark/page.jsp?ymd=20051121&content\\_id=34685&vkey=ballpark\\_t416&ext=.jsp&sid=t416](http://web.minorleaguebaseball.com/ballpark/page.jsp?ymd=20051121&content_id=34685&vkey=ballpark_t416&ext=.jsp&sid=t416)



**LOUISVILLE SLUGGER® MUSEUM & FACTORY** , located at 8<sup>th</sup> & Main in downtown Louisville. If you have trouble finding the museum & factory, just look for the 120 foot, 34 ton, hollow carbon steel, simulated wood baseball bat leaning against the building . In the event you can't make one of the half day tours our Social & Special Events Chairmen are offering to this Louisville treasure on Wednesday, 6/23 through Saturday, 6/26 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, check out the museum's web site at <http://www.sluggermuseum.org/visorguide.aspx> for more info.

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