

Shreveport facilities planner for 74th NSDC in 2025

THE BASICS: The 74th National Square Dance Convention® will be held June 25-28, 2025 at the beautiful Shreveport Convention Center. You can register online at www.74thNSDC.com or you can print, complete and mail your form in. If you pre-registered, you must complete a Registration Long Form in order for your registration to be complete. The Registration Long Form is the one on which you indicate your lodging and order convention materials. Below is some basic information for planning purposes.

CONVENTION CENTER: The state-of-the-art Shreveport Convention Center, located at 400 Caddo St. in Shreveport, LA, includes more than 350,000 square feet of multipurpose meeting space. The adjacent 4-story parking garage, with 800 spaces, is connected to the center via an elevated, covered walkway. The convention center complex includes a marshalling yard and exhibitor parking.

HOTELS: Make sure to book your hotel through the convention to get the special convention rate. The Hilton Shreveport Hotel is the only hotel attached to the Shreveport Convention Center and is connected to the convention center parking garage via a covered skywalk. There are six other area hotels offering special convention rates. (See the Registration Long Form for lodging information.)

RV AND CAMPING: Camping accommodations are available at the State Fair of Louisiana, positioned at 3701 Hudson St. Each site is roughly the same with full hookups, including water and sewer with 30 or 50-amp connections. The 200-site campground is 4.6 miles from the convention. There is no bus shuttle service to the convention center. Parking is available at the convention center for \$4 per day (in/out). The 74th NSDC has rented the campground's air-conditioned hospitality building for our NSDC campers to have a meeting place.

PARKING: There are several parking garages in the convention area, be aware that there is a limited height restriction of 7 feet. There are also some pay-as-you-go outside parking lots in the area. Parking at the multi-level garage attached to the convention center is \$4 per day (in/out).

REGISTRATION PACKET PICK-UP LOCATION: Dancer registration packet pick-up and tours information will be located on the first floor of the Shreveport Convention Center in the Pre-Function Area (Lobby) adjacent to Caddo Street.

DANCE HALLS: We plan to have 10 dance halls, which currently include one Mainstream, one Plus with Rounds, one Youth, one Advanced (rotate A1 and A2), one Challenge (rotate C1, C2 and C3), one Contra and Line Dance, one Variety, a DBD Hot Hash-High Intensity, and two Round Dance halls.

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES: All dancing, education rooms, vendors and the Showcase of Ideas will be in the Shreveport Convention Center. The auditorium will be in Exhibit Hall 2 on Level 1, which will be the location of the opening and closing ceremonies, fashion show, bid session and keynote speaker. The Ghost Riders Square Dance Band will be in Exhibit Hall 3 on Level 1. The Wednesday night special event with comedian and TV host Dennis Swanberg will be in the auditorium in Exhibit Hall 2 on Level 1. The GSI Callers School will be located at Sam's Town.

GETTING AROUND: The convention center is within easy walking distance of many restaurants and attractions. Public transit is available and there are also taxi and ride share options such as Lyft and Uber.



THE SHREVEPORT CONVENTION CENTER is conveniently located downtown near restaurants, casinos and family attractions. Photo courtesy of the Shreveport-Bossier Convention & Tourist Bureau



Additional info to be published in National Squares e-Magazine as it becomes available.