

HEART OF AMERICA SINGLES SQUARE
DANCE ASSOCIATION
June 2026

MORE HASSDA 2025



Stephen Bean shares some thoughts
about dancing at HASSDA Festivals,



We don't want this to ever end . . .

Were we: (A) Relaxing on a beach; (B) On a cruise;
(C) Taking in the mountain view beside a babbling
stream; or (D) Boxing the gnat at the annual HASSDA
festival?

D – the ANSWER IS D!

Okay, E- All of the above. I'll give you that one, but there is no credit for any answer that
doesn't include D.

If you didn't get the right answer, what is the matter with you? Oh, I know – YOU'VE NOT
BEEN TO HASSDA. Why the heck not? Hmmmmm.

The usual excuses:

"I don't have a partner." – It's the Heart of American SINGLE Square Dance Association –
SINGLE – Not having a partner is right in the name. It's actually planned for and around
people with no partners and there are plenty of other singles – men and women – to
dance with.

"I'm not single" – Okay, that's what we thought. We thought it would be weird to show
up as a married couple, but our single friends insisted we'd be welcome and WOW were
we. There were a ton of other couples there. The more the merrier. More couples meant
more squares for the singles to dance in. AND, I got to make a lady cry when I stepped in
to fill a square so she could dance. One of the most genuine expressions of appreciation
I'd ever experienced and started my wife and I on a mission of watching to make sure
EVERYBODY was dancing. That included learning the other part and making us BETTER
DANCERS. When you check in, they'll give you a ribbon inviting people to dance with
you. You CAN do the asking, but you won't have to. Lots of singles looking to dance.

"I won't know anybody" – We were pretty comfortable in our home field. Living in KC,
we had a lot of dance opportunities within our hour range. To travel out of state, four
hours away seemed like a stretch. A little scary. Then we walked in the lobby door and
dancers we knew yellow rocked us and introduced us to dancers we didn't. We've
traveled to festivals around the country and NEVER knew anybody, not that it matters.
We always leave with new friends.

“We’re not good enough dancers, maybe next year.” – All the lessons in the world will NOT make you a better dancer. You know how to become a better dancer? DANCE! And dancing is what HASSDA is all about and not just dancing in your “comfort zone” of familiar callers, but stretching yourself just a little – or a lot. There are few other places you can dance to THREE national callers in one place, Thursday evening, all day and evening BOTH Friday and Saturday. A LOT of dancing! And dancing with a lot of great dancers who will love helping you get better. AND, they have a “Smoothie Hall” for new dancers who aren’t ready for extra challenges – yet.

There is no better way to improve your dancing than dancing as much as possible to as many different callers as possible. As great as our local callers are, national callers are full time entertainers. Their living demands that they shake things up and keep them interesting. They draw larger crowds so more squares and better dancers. Those better dancers will lift you up with them. I always tell new dancers to let us know and we’ll be sure to help you. Experienced dancers LOVE having new dancers take up our activity and we love helping you through a square and will offer advice to new dancers. Wear your “newbie” proudly. You’ve made it through classes. You’re taking chances. You’re putting yourself out there. OWN IT. We have ALL been there. I’ve crashed more squares than I can count.

“I’m not sure I’m up to it physically” – Sure you are. It’s basically walking to a rhythm in a pattern. However, you HAVE TO PACE YOURSELF. That’s on you. HASSDA is a LOT of dancing. Unlike your local dances, there are not the 10 minute breaks between tips. It’s pretty much dance a tip, reset, regroup and square up. Dance as much as you want or can. Thursday night’s Trail End dance will warm you up for dancing all day and evening both Friday and Saturday. TONS of dancing, regardless of your skill level. Just pace yourself. I showed up for lessons with an oxygen tank on my back and a broken hip. I was soon able to shed the oxygen and am managing the hip. I feel 10 years YOUNGER since we started dancing. It’s the fountain of youth.

“It’s so far away” – This year’s festival is at Emporia State University, in Emporia, KS, pretty much dead center in the middle of the “Midwest” HASSDA region. For nearly everybody, it’s a few hours of good highway driving. I doubt there are any other festivals within a few hours that will bring you THREE NATIONAL CALLERS, a mainstream hall, plus hall and advanced hall, as well as round dancing in one place. It’s not that far and a big part of the adventure is meeting other dancers from around the country and enjoying non-dance time over a meal. A few hours drive for something you won’t want to end? Well worth it.

“I’m not sure it’s worth the time and travel. Have you seen the price of gas?” – YES, I HAVE and it’s 100% worth it. My wife and I attended our first small festival a couple weeks after graduating. We were TERRIBLE, but learned so much from a weekend of dancing, instead of one dance a week. A year later, we’d just finished plus classes when we went to our first HASSDA festival. Again, we were terrible. I know I was the weak link in our class (again). We had our doubts. By the end of the weekend, we’d danced more plus tips than we could have danced in 6 months and we were bona fide plus dancers. Our classmates were honestly shocked at the improvement. Many dancers only get a couple chances a month to dance at all, even less for plus. The HASSDA festival is fabulous for “burning in” those skills you know, but haven’t got to polish. Confidence will change everything about your dance experience.

Stop looking for a reason NOT TO COME and start working out how you’re going to make it. Pace yourself. Dance all you want. Meet new friends. Become a better dancer. It’ll end too soon on Saturday night and Sunday you can soak your feet and start planning for next year. You’ll be back. We’ll see you there. Look me up. We’ll dance a tip with you.



June 15th is the deadline for your HASSDA registration at the reduced price. The price will rise to \$50 so hurry and get your registrations in the mail.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED AND RESERVED YOUR ROOM FOR HASSDA FESTIVAL 2026?

HASSDA Festival 2026 host hotel will be LaQuinta Inn & Suites. The link below will reserve the room for three nights, July 9-11 at the rate of \$109 plus tax. You can adjust the check in or check out day if you don't want the three days. If you have problems making the reservation you may call them at 620.412.2763. The group code is HASSDA. Don't wait until the last minute to reserve as there are other events happening in Emporia that weekend.



La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham
2930 Eaglecrest Drive
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Remember to bring a water bottle to the festival. There are water fountains located in the facility.



HASSDA FESTIVAL

July 10-11, 2026

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Dan Sahlstrom, caller and cuer

JULY 9, 2026 (Thursday night)

Anderson Building on Lyon County Fairgrounds

Hiway 50 & Industrial Road, Emporia, KS

7:00 to 9:30 p.m. \$8 donation payable at the door

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Individual registration - please check appropriate blanks:

- _____ Friday & Saturday All Events Prior to June 15, 2026 \$40.00
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 - _____ Individual Square/Round Dance Sessions \$15.00
- Total individual registration donation enclosed \$ _____

Square Dance Attire Admired, Not Required

Cancellation Policy:

- Full Refund will be given if cancellation notice is received prior to June 15, 2026.
- One-half Refund will be given for cancellation between June 16 and July 1, 2026.
- No Refund will be given for cancellation after July 1, 2026.

All requests for cancellation must be in writing or e-mail to HASSDA Festival Contact.

(Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.)

Make Checks Payable to: HASSDA Festival 2026
685 Newman Road
Havensville, KS 66432

Festival Contact: Maye Wegner ~785-806-8314 or
HASSDA-FESTIVAL@wesquaredance.com

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<u>Hotel/Motel</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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7:00 - 9:30 PM Trail End Dance with Dan Sahlstrom – Anderson Building, Lyon County Fairgrounds, Highway 50 & Industrial Road, Emporia, KS

FRIDAY – JULY 10, 2026

Time	HALL A	HALL B	HALL C
9:30 - 11:30 AM	CLOSED	INTRO TO HEX SQUARES with Dan Sahlstrom	ROUND WORKSHOP/ Mitchell Thompson
1:00 - 4:00 PM	CLOSED	MAINSTREAM / PLUS / ROUNDS (ALTERNATING) Dan, Tim, Nick, and Mitchell	CLOSED
SUPPER BREAK			
	SMOOTHIE*/ROUNDS	PLUS/PLUS DBD**	ADVANCE
7:00 - 8:00 PM	Tim Tyl/Mitchell Thompson - MIXER PROGRAM	Nick Hartley (Plus)	Dan Sahlstrom
8:00 - 9:00 PM	Nick Hartley/Mitchell Thompson	Dan Sahlstrom (DBD**)	Tim Tyl
9:00 - 10:00 PM	Dan Sahlstrom	Tim Tyl	Nick Hartley
10:00 - 10:30 PM	Dan, Tim, Nick, and Mitchell	CLOSED	CLOSED

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	INTRO TO HEX SQUARES	INTRO TO PLUS D	INTRO TO ROUNDS
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Dan Sahlstrom	Tim Tyl	Mitchell Thompson
	INTRO TO PLUS	INTRO TO ROUNDS	ROUNDS WORKSHOP
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Tim Tyl	Nick Hartley	Mitchell Thompson
HASSDA GENERAL DANCING, 1:00 to Noon – Location HALL C			
LUNCH BREAK			
	SMOOTHIE*/ROUNDS	PLUS/PLUS DBD**	ADVANCE
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Nick Hartley/Mitchell Thompson	Dan Sahlstrom (DBD**)	Tim Tyl
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Tim Tyl/Mitchell Thompson	Nick Hartley (Plus)	Dan Sahlstrom
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Dan Sahlstrom/Mitchell Thompson	Tim Tyl (Plus)	Nick Hartley
SUPPER BREAK			
6:00 - 6:45 PM	<i>Call & order will be available for pictures with dancers ~ Remember Saturday Night is always Red, White, and Blue night at HASSDA!</i>		
	SMOOTHIE*/ROUNDS	PLUS/PLUS DBD**	ADVANCE
6:45 PM	ANNOUNCEMENTS	CLOSED	CLOSED
7:00 - 7:10 PM	Dan, Tim, Nick, and Mitchell	CLOSED	CLOSED
7:10 - 8:00 PM	Nick Hartley/Mitchell Thompson - MIXER PROGRAM	Dan Sahlstrom (Plus)	Tim Tyl
8:00 - 9:00 PM	Dan Sahlstrom	Tim Tyl/Mitchell Thompson (DBD**)	Nick Hartley
9:00 - 10:00 PM	Tim Tyl	Nick Hartley/Mitchell Thompson (Plus)	Dan Sahlstrom
10:00 - 10:30 PM	Dan, Tim, Nick, and Mitchell	CLOSED	CLOSED

* SMOOTHIE PROGRAM WILL BE 3 MAINSTREAM 1 PLUS WITH 1 ROUND or LINE BETWEEN SOME TIPS

**PLUS DBD (DANCING BY DEFINITION) WILL BE ALTERNATING SESSIONS WITH PLUS LEVEL

NEW 2026 HASSDA FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

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9:00 - 10:00 AM	Dan Sahlstrom	Tim Tyl	Mitchell Thompson
	INTRO TO PLUS	INTRO TO ADVANCED	ROUNDS WORKSHOP
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Tim Tyl	Nick Hartley	Mitchell Thompson
HASSDA GENERAL MEETING, 11:00 to Noon – Location HALL C			
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**PLUS DBD (DANCING BY DEFINITION) WILL BE ALTERNATING SESSIONS WITH PLUS LEVEL			

For 2026, HASSDA is trying something new to increase dancing opportunities for our single dancers. We are encouraging (strictly voluntary) all of our COUPLED DANCERS to "donate" ONE TIP to a single dancer. Just one tip (Unless you want to do more of course.) To facilitate this, tell them at the registration desk you'd like to "Be A Star" and they'll give you a large, gold star sticker to put on your shirt that means "I'm happy to dance with you if you ask." You'll also get a small gold star to put on your ribbon to show off that "You're a star!" That's it. If somebody asks you to dance (at your dance level of course), just say "I'd love to." If that tip isn't your level, don't reject them, just dance the next one. When you're done "Starring", just take off your big star and you're done. That's it. One tip. We think you'll find it rewarding for everybody.



The HASSDA Board would like to thank Stephen Bean for the suggestion as well as providing the artwork and explanation for how his idea should work.

Single dancers –
HASSDA is trying a new program
this year to increase your dancing
opportunities. A number of
coupled dancers have said they
would be happy to dance a tip
with a single if asked. Look for the
large GOLD STAR and ask away.
They'll say yes. No need to check
with their partner. It's all set. Just
ask. Dance. And thank them an
extra time for Being a Star. There's
no need to sit out because you
can't find a partner. We're ALL
here for the dance so ASK
and DANCE.



Solos WIN A FREE REGISTRATION!

Dance with the most (different) square dance partners and win a free registration to next year's festival!

Details and Forms will be available at the registration desk!

PARTNERED COUPLES ALWAYS WELCOME!

"SMOOTHIE HALL" ??

The "Smoothie Hall" is designed for the NEW Dancer or the Dancer that enjoys a more relaxed dance experience.

Join us for the

HASSDA TRAIL END DANCE

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~~~~~ Square Dance Club *~~~~~*

Anderson Building on the Lyon County Fairgrounds
Hwy 50 & Industrial Rd, Emporia KS

7:00 to 9:30 p.m. \$8.00 at the door



Thursday July 9, 2026

Dan Sahlstrom
Caller and Cuer





Plans are underway for the 2027 & 2028 HASSDA Festivals at the Riverfront Community Center in Leavenworth, KS.

<https://www.leavenworthks.gov/parksrec/page/riverfront-community-center>

HASSDA Festivals will be
July 29-31, 2027 and July 27-29, 2028.

Soon we will be looking for a facility for the 2029 & 2030 Festivals. Does anyone know of a great, reasonably priced facility suitable for the HASSDA Festival? Are there any clubs that would like to host the festival in their area? Contact a board member for more information.



Why do dancers keep coming to the HASSDA Festival year after year once they have tried one festival?

We wanted to find out so we asked. Meet Oklahoma square dancer, Judy Tucker.

Judy's parents were square dancers and she took square dance lessons when she was in the fifth grade.. She quit dancing for about 40 years and then saw ads about lessons being given in Claremore, OK.

There were just three lessons remaining when she checked on them. They told her it was too late to join the class, but she paid the fee anyway and danced just fine. She has been dancing ever since then and is currently taking Challenge 1 lessons. She is a member of Will Rogers Squares in Claremore, OK, but dances at most of the Tulsa area dances.

Judy isn't sure how she heard about HASSDA, but she knows that the first HASSDA Festival she attended was in Midwest City, OK. She likes to go to HASSDA because everybody has fun whether they are single or have a partner.

Judy loved attending SSDUSA (Single Square Dancers USA) before it closed and goes to the Labor Day weekend in Paris, TX, WASCA in Washington, DC, and to the National Convention. Judy is hoping to see you in a square at this year's festival.

Judy's most interesting square dance story is when she met a couple of military guys at WASCA; she had breakfast and went sightseeing with them. She said they were great guides.

Judy says to get out on the floor and dance. Don't just sit there, have some fun.

If you would like to share why you like the HASSDA Festival please send an email to HASSDA-newsletter@WeSquareDance.com.

Who is out promoting HASSDA?
Send us a picture to share.



HASSDA Board visited
the Bluestem Swingers
in Emporia on April 25th.

We have learned that the university dining hall will not be open during the HASSDA Festival as we had hoped. We still hope that some of you will get a square together to dance to new callers during the meal breaks in Hall B. Let our new callers know that HASSDA supports them.

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Who's going to Waco?



It's Fast and Easy to
Register Online for the
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Online registration closes June 12. Onsite registration will be available.

From The National Convention May Magazine

Square Dance Etiquette

Solo dancers should have a partner before they join a square.

Relax and have fun!

Give a warm greeting and introduce yourself, especially to new dancers and those you don't know.

Wear your name tag so dancers can be on a first-name basis and encourage friendly fellowship.

When the caller starts the music, set up your square promptly. Don't wait for an invitation to square up.

Join the nearest square that is forming. Once there, hold up your hand or fingers to indicate how many people are needed to complete the square.

Dance in different squares, not always with the same group. Make sure everyone feels included.

Remember your position when you square up (heads, sides, position number).

Remember who your corner is. They're your most important dancer to you after your partner.

Use gentle handclasps. Please, no rough handling or overly firm handholds.

Overlooking mistakes made by others. Everybody makes them. Be supportive.



Let the caller be the teacher. Resist the temptation to explain a call to others in your square.

Keep your squares tight when promenading. Otherwise, you may fall behind the music by taking too many steps.

Wear comfortable, supportive shoes and attire appropriate for active dancing.

Maintain personal cleanliness: Shower, use deodorant, freshen your breath and avoid strong-smelling foods (garlic, onion, etc.) before dancing.

Clothing should be modest.

Always wear a name badge so new dancer and visitors can learn names quickly.

Are you a single dancer headed to Nationals?

Solo Dancers Are Vital to Us!

Solo dancers will be a vibrant and visible part of our 75th National Square Dance Convention®. If you're a solo, be sure to pick up your complimentary **Ask Me to Dance** ribbon at check-in. It's a simple way to connect—whether you meet a partner in one of the halls before you square up or during the special dance held in honor of our solo dancers.

All of this is being coordinated by our Solo Director, Jan Albers, former president of both the Houston Square and Round Dance Council and the Texas Association of Single Square Dancers. As the ambassador to our solo dancers

**Come to our
Solo Dance at
9-10 a.m.
Thursday!**

community, Jan will complete more than 1,000 official visitations in 2026, dancing two to five nights each week. Her dedication has earned her more than 1,000 friends and contacts across the country—people she proudly calls her “family.”

What keeps her inspired? In Jan's words: “I am happy to be a square dancer, and just the friendship and love of my fellow square dancers is more



than sufficient.”

Join Jan in Waco and experience the hospitality of Texas, warmth and camaraderie that will make our convention unforgettable!

Missouri State Festival
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 Hosted by the Southwest District
October 23 & 24, 2026
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Featured Cuers
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 Phone 417-773-7339 or email cgcrosby@hotmail.com




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CAMPING: York County Fairgrounds
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Event Starting Times

Friday Evening 7:30 pm
 Saturday Morning 9:30 am
 Saturday Afternoon 1:00 pm
 Saturday Evening 7:30 pm

REGISTRATION Deadline for advanced registration and refund is September 1, 2026
 (Please print clearly) Questions? Gale Barnhill: 402-745-0375 or mc_barn@yahoo.com

Suggested donation – per person

	Advance	Door
All Events	\$40.00	\$45.00
Friday evening	16.00	18.00
All Saturday	25.00	30.00
Saturday evening	16.00	18.00
Youth (under 16)	½ price	½ price

Make checks payable to: 2026 NSSRD
 Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope
 Mail to: 55th Nebraska State Dance
 PO Box 333
 McCool Junction, NE 68401

\$ _____ Total Enclosed

LAST NAME _____ HIS FIRST _____
 ADDRESS _____ HER FIRST _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ YOUTH(S) _____
 PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

FEDERATION: Central Eastern Northeast Southeast _____ (state)

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Arkansas State Square Dance Federation
Fall Festival
 October 9-10, 2026
 Van Buren County Fairgrounds
 1827 Hwy 16 Clinton, AR 72031



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Scott Bennett
 Lawton, OK

Name(s) _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Email _____ Club Name _____

Tickets (per person) *Under 18 free with Adult*

Friday/Saturday (early Registration) \$30 x _____ = _____ Friday Only \$20 x _____ = _____
 Friday/Saturday (after 09/30/2026) \$35 x _____ = _____ Saturday Only \$20 x _____ = _____

Mainstream _____ Plus _____ Advance _____ Lines _____ Clogging _____ Contra _____
 Are you a square dance CALLER? _____

Mail registration and payment to Lanita Hammett, 1533 Hwy 300, Houston, AR, 72070-8307
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5/29	Shane Greer	Twilight Twisters
6/5	Monty Hackler	Recycles
6/12	Loren Behm	
6/19	Jay Wright	Will Rogers Squares
6/26	Jonathan Marshall	
7/10	Bob Loyd	Kuntry Kuzzins
7/17	Don Whitaker	
7/24	Monty Hackler	Recycles
7/31	Jim Howard	Single Squares
8/7	Anita Merrell	Rushing Stars
8/14	Vivian Frost	
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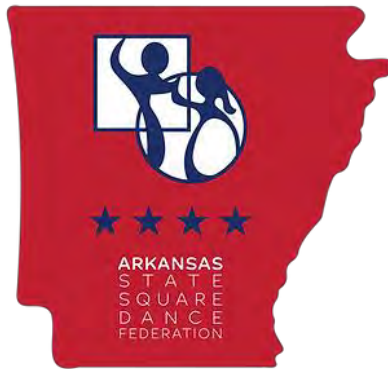
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Date	Location	Location
November 28, 2026	OKC Swing Club 4361 NW 50th St	OKC Swing Club 4361 NW 50th St
	Schedule	405-570-0799
	10:00 - 12:00	
	2:00 - 4:30	
	6:30 - 9:00	

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Your HASSDA Newsletter Editor wants your help updating the list of Single Square Dance Clubs and Single-friendly Clubs. Some clubs may have closed and there may be new clubs in the six HASSDA states and surrounding states. According to some, clubs used to be single or couples and the two didn't seem to mix with one another. In the Tulsa area it seems like all clubs welcome single dancers even though they are not designated as such. Please let us know if this is the case in your area. Send your club's name, when you dance, where you dance, level of your dance, caller name, and a contact person and phone number so a visitor to your town can call and make sure you are dancing before they drive there. Also, if you have flyers for special dances that are at least a couple of months out that would be great. Please send your email to HASSDA-Newsletter@WeSquareDance.com. Look for your next HASSDA Newsletter in August.

