



61st National Square Dance Convention®
June 27 - 30, 2012
Spokane, Washington

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The Official 61st NSDC® Alaskan Cruise

Just Announced

**Sail Alaska with celebrated
caller Tony Oxendine!**



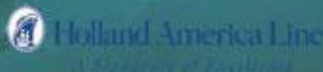
July 1 - 8, 2012

The 61st NSDC® looks forward to capping off the Spokane Convention with an exciting journey to the great land of Alaska. As a place where glaciers thunder and the sights are so stunning they take your breath away, we will set sail for Alaska via Holland America Line's ms Oosterdam from Seattle.

**Don't miss your chance to dance
on board the ship and in Juneau!**



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Come Dance With Us and....
Circulate in Washington State

Walla Walla, Washington

Friendliest Town in the Country

Two Northwest towns took top national honors being named some of the best in the country.

Writers for USA Today's "Best of the Road Rally" ranked Sandpoint, Idaho as the most beautiful spot in the United States. Famous for Schweitzer Mountain skiing and snowboarding, judges said the unofficial motto of the town should be "enjoy the great outdoors, connect with friends, and keep life simple." Just a short hour and a half drive northeast of Spokane through some absolutely wonderful scenery, a visit to Sandpoint and Schweitzer should be on your agenda during your visit to Spokane and the 61st National Square Dance Convention®.

USA Today also ranked Walla Walla, Washington as the friendliest town in the nation. Writers described it as "a town so nice they named it twice; a culturally diverse small town with happy faces everywhere you go." Just a short three-hour drive south of Spokane through the rolling hills of the Palouse, Walla Walla is not only one of the friendliest towns, but also has loads of historical sites and many wineries that you will want to visit.

From more than 600 submissions from people across the country, judges actually visited each of the top towns in the United States for themselves, using five teams of amateur travelers who went on a three-week cross-country trip.

"Best of the Road" also named their favorite towns in several different categories for each of the 50 states. Here are their picks of the most beautiful towns in Washington – Walla Walla, Pullman, Kennewick, Wenatchee, Sequim, Leavenworth, Benton City, Richland, Uniontown, and Coulee Dam. Sounds like you better come dance with us at the 61st National Square Dance Convention® and Circulate in Washington State to see all the beauty it has to behold.

61st National Square Dance Convention® Long Registration Form

If you registered for the 61st NSDC before March 26, 2011, you filled out a Pre-Registration Form. If you have not done so yet, it is now time to convert to a full registration by filling out the Long Registration Form.

10 REASONS TO FILL OUT YOUR LONG REGISTRATION FORM

1) This will save you time in line. It is important to fill out and return the Long Registration form before the Convention. The National Executive Committee requires everyone to fill out the Long Registration Form before receiving his or her Badge and additional purchases.

2) Mark the Solo box if you want a 61st NSDC Solo ribbon. This will help you identify possible partners on the dance floor.

3) Print your name (nickname) as you want it on your badge. The city and state on your badge is taken from your mailing address.

4) Fill in the Number of Previous National Square Dance Conventions you have attended. This will be on your name badge. This is a great conversational item when you square up. Only you know the number of Conventions you have attended. The National Square Dance Convention database does not pass this information on to the next Convention. Follow the bright Red arrow on the left side of the Long Registration Form and fill in your number of Conventions attended next to your name on the left side of the form.

5) Order your Program Book. Printing of the Program Book will be limited to the number pre-paid. The price is currently \$10 per book; on April 30, 2012, the price goes up to \$15. Easy-to-carry Daily Schedules are included with Program Book. Daily Schedules are NOT available without the Program Book. In the Daily Schedules, the Dancer can easily find information on the Callers scheduled in the numerous Halls, the Round Dance Showcase of Rounds and their teaching schedule, Clogging, Line dancing, Contra workshops, Education activities, and the Exhibitions schedule. So order yours now. Daily Schedules are NOT available without buying the Program Book.

6) Order your Sew & Save Book. A limited number of "Sew Creatively" books and CD are printed. So order yours now.

7) Order your Hotel or RV Bus Pass. You can have door-to-door service by pre-ordering. The RV bus is nonstop between the Spokane County Fair &

Expo Center and the Convention Center. The Hotel buses will run to the two West Hotels and to four Valley Hotels. By ordering now, you are ensured that we have enough buses to meet your needs.

8) Submit your Housing choices. Many of the Hotels have SOLD OUT. So fill in several options. Registered dancers can reserve their room online at www.61nsdc.com. Click on the Housing-2012 link. Click on Reservation link. Select date of arrival and departure. Scan the available hotels. Fill in your choices of bed size, number of people sleeping in the room, special requests. You will receive an email that your reservation has been submitted on the Spokane Hotel Reservation System within 24 hours and should receive a confirmation within two weeks from the Hotel.

9) Fill in the Dance Level area on the lower right side of the form. This information is important to schedule the halls and the Callers, Cuers and Prompters for the dancers. We want you to have a great time with your friends.

10) Fill in the Program information for Callers, Cuers, Instructors, Prompters, Exhibitions and Educations. This will ensure that the Registration Committee gives you a special Ribbon. Be sure to fill out the Entertainer Profile: www.61nsdc.com. This will help the Program Committee in scheduling.

The price for Registration increases to \$60.00 per person on April 30, 2012. Don't get caught at the last minute paying a higher price. If you have questions, call Urban and Jonnie Jenquin, Registration & Housing Chairman: phone 509-628-0354 or email: regchair@61nsdc.com.

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Lake Roosevelt, WA is located on the Columbia River above Grand Coulee Dam, and a National Recreation Area surrounds the lake. The recreation area includes mainly the lake and its sandy beaches as it extends upland to the "1310 line", a boundary located roughly 20 feet above the lake's high water mark. Many prime spots are accessible only by boat.

The lake is set in a sunny location surrounded by extraordinary landscapes including a deep basalt canyon forming the northern rim of the Columbia plateau, rock outcrops, shrub-steppe, grassland and ponderosa pine terraces and mixed-forest mountains of the Kettle River Range. The geology of the area is unique, having been covered during ice age times by an even larger lake -- glacial Lake Columbia -- and further swept by enormous, powerful floods that carved huge coulees and scablands across Eastern Washington.

Lake Roosevelt stretches about 150 miles from Grand Coulee Dam upstream to the Canadian border, making it among the largest lakes in Washington State with over 630 miles of shoreline. The lake level may vary 60 to 80 feet throughout the year and tends to peak in early- to mid-July, meaning less beach then. The lake drops to its lowest level in May to make room for spring snowmelt from faraway mountains that drain to the Columbia River.

The recreation area provides excellent wildlife viewing, fishing, bird watching, photography, stargazing, and pondering. The area also is a fine place for watersports like boating, waterskiing, sailing, windsurfing, swimming and sunbathing.

The diversity and solitude of surrounding lands provide habitat for an assortment of mammals, birds, butterflies and wildflowers. Mule deer are common as the lake marks their migration corridor, and coyotes can be heard howling to each other most nights. Black bear are also common and once in a while a moose or elk (or perhaps a whole elk herd) can be seen swimming across the lake. Bighorn sheep have been re-introduced to the Lincoln Cliffs area. A variety of birds live around Lake Roosevelt including osprey, eagles, hawks, merlins, loons, killdeer, and cheerful meadowlarks, tanagers and goldfinches. By day, mourning doves coo, by evening nighthawks call, and at night poor-wills haunt and owls hoot. The area is home to elusive bobcats and mountain lions.

Spokane City - Green Bluff Orchards – Silver Valley Tours for the 61st NSDC

Spokane City Tour June 26, 27, 29, 30th 9:00am – noon

Enjoy a tour of the rich history, historic homes and attractions of Spokane including; the Spokane Falls, the grounds of the former Expo '74 site, now Riverfront Park, Saint John's Cathedral, Manito Park with the formal sunken gardens, Japanese Gardens and flower-filled Conservatory, historic mansions in Browne's Addition and the Crosbyanna Room at Gonzaga University to see Bing Crosby memorabilia.

Includes: Motorcoach, guide and all stops.

Green Bluff Orchards – Alpacas, Shopping, Farm Lunch and Wine June 27, 28, 30th 10:00am – 2:30pm

On Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday visit the unique area of Green Bluff, 700 acres of orchards and ranches including; the SuperSuris Alpaca Ranch to see over 50 adorable alpacas a less common breed of alpacas, with silkier fleece. After that, browse through the gift shop, with high quality clothing and gifts made of alpaca fleece. The clothing is said to be soft as cashmere and smooth as silk. Next to High Country Orchards with sandwiches made with fresh baked bread, fresh fruit pie for dessert and a great gift shop. At Trezzi's Barn, tour the vineyard and taste their Italian wines. Continue through Green Bluff for "Blooms on the Bluff" to see all the fruit blossoms.

Includes: Motorcoach, guide, all admissions, wine tasting and lunch.

The Silver Valley and Historic Wallace June 29, 30th 9:00 - 4:00pm

Get a realistic glimpse of the old mining days on the way to the world's richest Silver Mining District. Stop at Cataldo Mission, the oldest building in the state of Idaho, built by the Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe and Jesuit Missionaries in 1853. Then travel to Wallace, the Silver Capital of the World. Ride the trolley up to the Sierra Silver Mine, put on your hard hat and walk into the mine to see how the miners worked. Next, have lunch at the historic Jameson Hotel. We will also tour the Bordello Museum, an actual old Bordello, to show a glimpse of Wallace's colorful past. Note: Please bring light jacket for the mine tour.

Includes: Motorcoach, guide, all admissions and lunch.

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