

Conventional Patter



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**Registration
Roundup**

**120
Registered**

Online Registration Now Live

With the New Year comes a brand new way to claim your spot at the 2024 Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention. Now you can register online!












Convention Co-Chair Janice Cha noted that this new option makes registration easier than ever. “Now, you can complete the registration process—start to finish—in one easy session in the comfort of your home,” said Cha.

Of course, you can still download and hand-write your registration and mail it in if you prefer. Either way, please be sure to get registered.

Here’s how to register online: Go to our convention website, ILSDC.dance, and click on “Online Registration” in the menu bar. Select the icons for

Online Registration:

Thank you for registering for the 2024 Illinois Square Dance Convention featuring Tony Oxendine. Click on an icon to add to the cart and begin the process of registering online.

 Early Bird	 Thursday Trail In Dance	 Friday Evening Adult Registration	 Saturday All Day Adult Registration	 Saturday Evening Adult Registration	 Well Wishers
Friday & Saturday Adult Early Bird Registration \$50.00 \$45.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$25.00	\$5.00
 Youth Registration	 Caller Clinic- Friday Registration	 Friday & Saturday Dance Leader Registration	<p>Click to download registration form to fill out and mail back</p>  		
\$20.00	\$30.00	\$0.00			

Many online registration options, including the downloadable form, are available at our website, ILSDC.dance.

the items you want, complete the form, and click on “Add to cart.” When you check out, the system collects your contact and credit

card information. There is a \$3 processing fee for using online registration.



What the Heck is “Steampunk”?

Steampunk, the theme of the Illinois Square Dance Convention this July, refers to science fiction set in an alternate Victorian era that runs on steam-powered technology. Think Jules Verne’s *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* and *Around the World in 80 Days*; or the 1960’s TV show and 1999 movie *The Wild, Wild West*.



Steampunk attire is inspired by Victorian clothing: long, full skirts with bustles, boots, tail coats, top hats, vests or corsets. Goggles, gears, monocles, cogs, timepieces and other machinery parts are used as clever accessories and backdrops.

So what, you ask, is the connection between Steampunk and Square dancing? Easy! Both activities share respect for the past and fascination for the future. That said, it’s time to *gear up* for the 2024 ILSDC.



I just graduated from SSD classes. Will there be dance options at my level at the convention?

Well, first, Congratulations! You may be asking, “Where can I dance now that I’ve finished lessons?” Good news—The 2024 Illinois Square Dance Convention will have one dance hall reserved for SSD level dancing all weekend long. Come and meet other dancers from around the state and show off those new SSD skills.

If you don’t have a partner, don’t worry! There will be a meet-up section for those looking for a partner for the upcoming tip. Remember, square dancing is friendship set to music, so sign up now for the convention.

