



Houston Area Camping Squares

Our next dance weekend is April 5-6, 2024

President Notes

Hopefully everyone is doing well in this crazy Texas weather. On March 15th a bad storm hit Couthatta RV Park and Bellville. Two of our club members sustained damage to their homes but were not harmed. Just keep in mind that “Spring is on the way.”

Thank you to everyone who came out for our March Campout – St. Patrick’s Day Dance. We had a wonderful time. The food we had at our potluck luncheon wasn’t lucky at all, it was great. Again, thank you to everyone who came out.

A good many of the Houston area clubs are having classes now. If you know anyone interested in Square and/or Round dancing, point them to one of the local clubs. If they go to

www.squarethru.com and click on the “Where-N-When” they will have a listing of all the clubs in the Houston area – including points of contact, times, and locations of their dances.

Don’t forget we will be having our 49th Anniversary dance at our next campout. On Friday night (April 5th) Steve Blankinship will be calling and Terry Pimm will be cueing. On Saturday night (April 6th) Gary Sanders will be calling and Marilyn Waguespack will be cueing. We also received word that the Fairbees in Houston are getting a bus to come out and help us celebrate.

As we are getting ready to go to press with this newsletter, we’ve just been informed by the Couthatta RV Park that effective immediately camping fees will increase to \$35 per night. Even with the increase, the fee is low compared to other RV parks, plus we still have the free use of the dance hall itself.

Hope to see y’all at the campout.

Yellow Rocks:
Tina & Everett Kelly
President - HACS



The camping site fees
have gone up to
\$35/night.

We need you to help grow our club!

We have been working hard to make it easy for you to publicize our club.

1. Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/houstonareacampingsquares

2. Website by our webmaster Carolyn Smith:

www.houstoncampingsquares.com

3. You can take flyers to the dances you visit. We have six flyers at the back of this newsletter, three for Camping Squares and three of general interest. Everett prints our flyers in quantity and takes them to dances. But you can print several, too, and pass them around. We appreciate it!

Let's all work together to make our club bigger and stronger!

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact President Tina Kelly at tkelly1948@yahoo.com .

We square dance (Mainstream and Plus) and also round dance.

At our regular dances:

(See flyer on pg 13 for specifics about the Anniversary Dance April 5-6.)

Fridays

7pm Early Rounds

7:30-9:30pm Squares/Rounds

9:30pm Games

Saturdays

Noon

- Potluck
- Club general meeting

6pm Social hour

7pm Early Rounds

7:30-9:30pm Squares/Rounds

9:30pm Clean and lock up kitchen

9:45pm Games



Steve Blankinship
Club Caller



Terry Pimm
Club Cuer

CAMPING INFO

Camping fees at Coushatte are \$35 per night. You do not need a camping reservation. Just show up and park your rig near the red building, which is where we dance.

When you check in to the dance, you will pay your camping fee along with your entry donation. Members pay \$5 per person per night. Non-members pay \$10 per person per night.

Membership dues
should be paid now.

Lodging in Sealy for non-campers

Holiday Inn Express (979) 877-0700

America's Best Value (979) 885-3707

Super 8 (979) 885-2121

Countryside Inn (979) 885-7407



Houston Area Camping Squares Officers for 2024



From left: Dana Blankinship, Treasurer; John and Cindy Brahm, Vice President; Tina and Everett Kelly, President; and Karen and Mark Nace, Secretary

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Our club was well represented at the pre-convention meeting and dance in Shreveport. It was a really good planning time for those helping with the 75th National Square Dance Convention, which will be in Waco in June of 2026. Did you know that a number of our members are involved in regional, state and national square dance committees that benefit us all? Thank you!



St. Patrick's Day dance March 1-2, 2024



St. Patrick's Day fun March 2, 2024



Were you dancing in 1999? These pictures are from the 15th Anniversary Dance. And just think, we're celebrating our 49th Anniversary at our next campout—April 5-6, 2024!



Way back in 2011



*Thank you for the old pictures, Dan Payne, Man of 10,000
Photos. And thanks for the new, ongoing ones, too!*

Flash back to 2012



And here's the group picture from 2013



April 5-6, 2024

Houston Area Camping Squares Spring Fling Anniversary Dance



Caller
Gary
Sanders



Cuer
Marilyn
Waguespack



***Celebrating
49 years!***

*Meal at 6pm Saturday
\$15 donation includes meal*

Friday night dance

*Steve Blankinship
Terry Pimm*

7pm Early Rounds

7:30-9:30pm Squares/Rounds

9:30pm Games

Saturday

6-7pm Anniversary supper

Saturday night dance

Gary Sanders

Marilyn Waguespack

7pm Early Rounds

7:30-9:30pm Squares/Rounds

9:30pm Games

Tina Kelly, president 417-766-5415 / Dana Blankinship 936-537-2363

**Come for the weekend - or just for a day. Stay in your RV, tent or a Sealy/Brenham hotel.
Coushatta Recreation Ranch / 4029 Clay Ranch Ln./ Bellville, TX 77418**

November 1-2, 2024

Houston Camping Squares

Fall Festival



Matt Barnes
Saturday
night caller



Tricia Morley
Saturday
night cuer



Fri. Nov. 1

Caller: Steve Blankinship

Cuer: Terry Pimm

7pm Early Rounds

7:30-9:30pm

Squares/Rounds

9:30pm Games

~~~ Donation: \$10/dance

~~~Yummy fall treats!

Sat. Nov. 2

Noon Potluck

6pm Social hour

Caller: Matt Barnes

Cuer: Tricia Morley

7pm Early Rounds

7:30-9:30pm

Squares/Rounds

9:30pm Games

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Houston Area Camping Squares

2024 dances

Jan. 5-6

Feb. dark

March 1-2

April 5-6

*Anniversary Dance
with Gary Sanders*

May 3-4

June 7-8

July 5-6

Aug. 2-3

Sept. 6-7

Oct. 4-5

Nov. 1-2

*Fall Spectacular
with Matt Barnes*

Dec. 6-7

Christmas party



Houston Area Camping Squares

Join us for Mainstream, Plus,
Round and Line dancing.

It's once-a-month fun!

Fridays & Saturdays

7pm Early rounds

7:30-9:30pm Squares/rounds

9:30pm Games

Also join us for:

Noon Saturday pot luck

The hall has a full kitchen that you can use.

6pm Saturday Social Hour

Come and visit before the dance!

Club caller: Steve Blankinship

Club Cuer: Terry Pimm

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4029 Clay Ranch Ln. / Bellville, TX**

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or a Sealy/Brenham hotel.**

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Let's Dance

Two sessions
2 PM to 4:30 PM
7 PM to 9:30 PM
\$10 per person
per session

HOUSTON SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE COUNCIL

Spring Swing

FUN! FELLOWSHIP! Y'ALL COME!
Everyone welcome! New Dancers encouraged to attend!
Mainstream with nationally known callers Tim Tyl and Vernon Jones

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Concordia Lutheran Church
4115 Blalock Rd
Houston, TX 77080

Casual or square dance attire
Wear pastels or floral for fun!

**Trade-and-Buy opens at 1 PM,
Come early and check it out!**

Dinner on your own.
Bring snacks and desserts to share during the dance.
Water and tea will be provided.

Tim Tyl

Vernon Jones

Live Lively
Square Dance

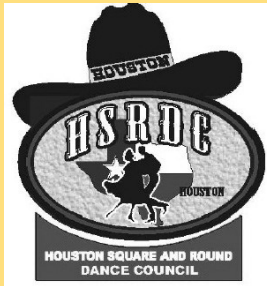
FYI:

**HSRDC 2nd Quarterly Meeting 2024
Teen Scholarship Dance
Trade 'N Buy**

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Concordia Lutheran Church

4115 Blalock Rd., Houston, TX 77080



Caller: Matt Barnes

Cuer: Tricia Morley

Schedule:

2:30 pm setup Trade 'N Buy

3 pm 2nd HSRDC Quarterly Meeting

4 to 6:30 pm Trade 'N Buy

Round Dancing

Square Dancing

Light snacks served

Trade 'N Buy: Bring gently worn clothes, shoes, petticoats to donate.

Proceeds go to the Teen Scholarship Fund.

Donation for dance: \$10

Cruise 2026

"TOP OF THE LINE"

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Ted Kennedy (AL) Hunter Keller (MT) Ted Lizotte (NH) Bear Miller (CO) Tony Oxendine (NC) Jack Pladdys (OH) Jet Roberts (AL)
Charlie Robertson (OK) Justin Russell (TN) Rounds By Elaine Wintrow (OH) Rounds By Jan Toms (TX)

7 Nights: February 8 - 15, 2026
Rates starting at \$784 per person
Taxes and port fees are extra at \$152 per person

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Departs Galveston 4:00 pm
Day 2 - Cruising at sea
Day 3 - Cruising at sea
Day 4 - Roatan
Day 5 - Costa Maya
Day 6 - Cozumel
Day 7 - Cruising at sea
Day 8 - Arrives Galveston 7:00 am

DEPOSIT IS \$250 PER PERSON
Final payment due November 1, 2025
Your deposit is fully refunded if canceled by this date

INSURANCE IS RECOMMENDED
CALL FOR DETAILS.

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and Advance Dancing**

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