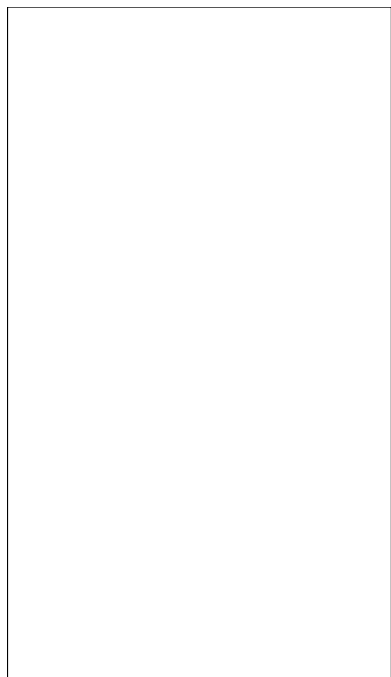


**WE WANT YOUR SQUARE  
DANCE EXPERIENCE TO BE  
AN ENJOYABLE EVENT.**

**PLEASE USE THE INFOR-  
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INFORMATION ABOUT  
BOOKING A SQUARE  
DANCE PARTY, LOCAL  
SQUARE DANCE CLUBS OR  
LESSONS.**



# Square Dancing



*for everyone*

## WHAT IS SQUARE DANCING?

Square dancing is party time every time you do it. Square dancing brings people together for fun and fellowship. The fun starts right at the beginning, you meet new people and make new friends. Square dancing has long been called “Friendship Set To Music”.



Modern square dancing has an American heritage. The ancestors of this dance came to America with the earliest settlers. The “traditional” roots of our heritage dance are well established in Canada, New Zealand, Australia, as well as the French Colonies to name a few. Today modern square dancing is as American as barn raising, barbecues and ice cream socials. Square dancing has come a long way from its “barn dance” roots, but the friendly atmosphere of neighbors getting together enjoy an evening’s companionship has remained.

## IS SQUARE DANCING HARD TO LEARN?

Learning the steps is easy. An experienced square dance caller will teach the moves and the name of the calls that you dance. The caller will then combine these moves and music into dance patterns for even more enjoyment and fun. As the evening goes on additional calls will be taught and added to the program and perhaps a contra or line dance will be added.



## SO YOU WANT TO HAVE A SQUARE DANCE PARTY? WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

First you need a place to dance. For each square of dancers, that is four couples or eight people, you will need an area about 10 feet by 10 feet. This dance area could be a patio, deck, lawn area, or a recreational

hall, any area that is relatively flat. Suggest to your guests that they wear comfortable, flat, (no high heel) shoes. If your dance area is going to be outdoors and your party is at night, some type of lighting is highly recommended.

Contact a caller to book your party - do this as early as possible as callers are booked well in advance.

The caller will bring all the necessary sound equipment he will need for the dance. He will need from you access to 110 volt electrical outlet and a sturdy table to set his sound system on. As some callers use records for their music, at an outdoor dance a shaded area is needed to prevent the sun from warping them.

Decorations always help set the mood or theme of your party. Encourage your guests to dress in western garb, boots, jeans, hats, bonnets, bolo ties, etc. If available get bales of hay, old saddles, worn out boots, old cowboy hats, farm tools like rakes and shovels, all these make great square dance party decorations.

Be creative with your selection of food and refreshments. If you plan on serving your guests food, it could be as simple as chili beans and corn bread or a complete sit down meal, it’s your choice. Mexican food is a good choice for a buffet, it lends itself well to the western motif.