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USA TRAVELER PROGRAM

Do you like to travel? Do you like to attend square dances wherever you go? Then look into the USA Traveler Program! The purpose of the USA traveler program is to promote visitation between dancers in all 50 states by encouraging dancers to visit club dances, festivals, state conventions, or national conventions across state lines and around the United States. The goal – to dance at an event in each of the 50 United States!

Dancers participating in the USA Traveler Program carry a form to be signed by an official at a club dance, festival, or convention. As the forms are completed (in sets of 12 states), they are submitted to the USA Traveler Program chair. Upon completion of the first 12 states, the dancer receives a USA Traveler badge and a bar denoting 12 states visited. New forms can then be completed for subsequent sets of 12 states (no duplication permitted) with bars awarded as follows:

12 states	Red bar
24 states	White bar
36 states	Blue bar
48 states	Silver bar
50 states	Gold bar

Badges and bars are presented at the annual USDA Board of Directors meeting which is held each year during the National Square Dance Convention.

Each participant who reaches 48 and 50 states will also be awarded paid admission to the next National Square Dance Convention. Then it's time to start again for a "second time around" award!

Further information on the USA Traveler Program, including a downloadable copy of the USA Traveler Program form, is available from the USDA website at www.usda.org/traveler.htm.

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