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SEE THE USA WITH USDA! USDA's USA Traveler Program

Do you like to square dance? Do you like to travel? Then USDA's USA Traveler Program is made for you!

The program is intended to promote visitation throughout all 50 states by encouraging dancers to attend 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 new bars awarded at 24, 36, 48, and 50 states. 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!

If you haven't yet started the USA Traveler Program, now is the time. Download a form from the USDA website at www.Traveler.usda.org, get it signed off at a local dance, then start traveling! For further information, check out the website or contact the USA Traveler Program chairman Jerry & Donna Robey at Traveler@usda.org.