



California Square Dance Council, Inc., Youth Advisory Committee

CAHPERD Report

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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION & DANCE 75TH CAHPERD CONFERENCE

March 17 – 19, 2005; Portola Plaza Hotel, Monterey, CA

WORKSHOP: “*Square ‘em Up! A Teacher’s Guide to Teaching Square Dancing*” will take place from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Friday, March 18th. Following the submission of our application, we realized the date conflict with the Bakersfield Fiesta (one of the largest festivals in California) where Bronc Wise is one of the featured callers. Scot Byars has agreed to fill in for Bronc and join Bonnie Abramson in presenting this interactive workshop that will begin with a brief overview of the program and then get attendees up to dance a few of the basics. The focus will be on health benefits as well as the idea of bringing square dancing “out of the barn” and into the lives of today’s youth.

EXHIBIT BOOTH: Space rental has been paid and the California Square Dance Council, Inc., (CASDC) will be in booth #507. There were 96 booth spaces available and all have been sold. We were even listed in one of their early newsletters as being one of the vendors. Bob Kamuf, Jim Mazcko, Patty Wilcox and Bonnie Abramson are set to staff the booth. Materials are still being gathered for distribution, but so far we have some materials from USDA, Callerlab and ARTS, as well as information being put together for CASDC. We are gathering video tapes of square dancing that will be shown on a television located in the exhibit booth. We figure this will offer constant “music and action” in the background of the booth. We also plan to have a photo display of youth dancing and recent newspaper articles.

Exhibit Set-up:	Thursday, March 17 th – 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.
Conference Reception:	Thursday, March 17 th – 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall
Grand Opening Event:	Thursday, March 17 th – 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall
Exhibits Open:	Friday, March 18 th – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Exhibits Open:	Saturday, March 19 th – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Exhibit Tear-Down:	Saturday, March 19 th – 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT HALL DEMONSTRATION DANCE: CASDC, in conjunction with the exhibit booth, is being allowed a 20-minute demonstration beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning,. Eric Henerlau will be calling for this event, and we are looking for 3 to 4 squares of dancers, including as many youth dancers as we can get, to do this performance. This will be “show” only, no audience participation. We have been granted “free” admission for the demo dancers, and I plan to have them meet no later than 9:30 a.m. at the entrance to the Portola Plaza Hotel so that we can escort them all in as a group.

MATERIALS BEING DISTRIBUTED: Among the materials to be distributed in the booth will be:

- CASDC – California Youth Scholarship Program information
- CASDC – Information on Square Dancing in California, including breakdown of geographic area and contacts for each area of the State.
- CASDC – Information on the California State Youth Square Dance Competition
- CASDC – “Teach the Teacher” program booklet and music CD
- USDA – Youth Fund Scholarship Program
- USDA – Youth Program Guidelines
- USDA – Take a Youthful Step to the Future: A Step-by-Step Guide to Establishing a Youth Square Dance Club
- CALLERLAB – Running a Successful Youth Square Dance Group
- ARTS – Bookmarks and general information flyers about ARTS Dance

NEXT CAHPERD CONFERENCE: I have just received notice of the next CAHPERD conference which will be held in November, 2005 in Sacramento. Depending on the success of this March conference we will see about future participation.