

The Line Dance Marathon

May 28 – May 31, 2026



REGISTRATION

The Marathon's **"VIP ALL ACCESS"** and **"ALL ACCESS"** passes are 4-day passes that include all activities. At least a day pass is required to enter any workshop. Be sure to check registration deadlines.

HOTEL & AIRPORT

The **Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center** is located in the Research Triangle Park (RTP), Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina (phone: 919-941-5050). The staff will be going out of their way to make your weekend fun and enjoyable, offering daily meal specials and Marathon room rates of \$147.00 (1-4 persons). Reserve your room early (*book your room by phoning the number above or from The Line Dance Marathon website ONLY*). **Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU)** is a 15-minute drive via complimentary hotel shuttle.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From 40E and 40W, take exit 282/Page Rd. Turn onto Emperor Dr. Sheraton Imperial is on the left.

BALLROOMS

The Marathon will lay over 9,000 sq ft of dance floor in 5 workshops/ballrooms that total over 25,000 sq ft of conference space. One room will be dedicated to Beginner/Improver lessons on Friday and Saturday. Open dancing will be offered several hours each day.

INSTRUCTORS

Our instructors are some of the best in the line dance world. They will be teaching many exciting and new dances in over 90 workshops. Dances of all levels, beginner through advanced, will be offered from Thursday through Sunday.

DANCE BOOK & T-SHIRT

The **Marathon T-shirt** and **Marathon Stepsheet Thumbdrive** will be **PRE-SOLD ONLY**, so indicate on the registration form if you want to order either or both. You will not be able to purchase these during or after the event. The Stepsheet Thumbdrive will include all stepsheets of dances taught during the event.

THURSDAY

Registration opens at 10am and your event package will be waiting. At 12pm, the event starts with 4 workshops per hour from our international staff. Our instructors will be teaching the latest and greatest dances from around the world. Open dancing in the Royal begins at 3pm. A **Preview of Friday's Dances** will be at 6pm in the Main Ballroom. The Marathon officially kicks off the dance weekend at 8:00pm with its first of four evening dance parties.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

On both days, registration opens at 9am and workshops begin at 10am. There will be 4 workshops per hour plus open dancing throughout the day. On Friday, **USLDCC Choreography Championship Prelims** will be held in the Main Ballroom from 9:30am to 11:30am. **USLDCC Championship Finals, Preview of Saturday and Sunday Dances** will be at 5pm. **USLDCC Championship Awards** and **The Show** will be presented Saturday at 8pm. The evening dance parties will start at 8pm on Friday and immediately following the show on Saturday. Dance all levels in the Main Ballroom Or choose one of the two Empire Ballrooms, where dancing will be dedicated to the beginner/improver dancer in one, and an all request dance party will be offered in the other.

COSTUME PARTY

'Aloha is the theme of Saturday evening's Costume Party. Come watch the show in costume and dance all night dressed in your best Hawaiian shirt or dress, as a Tiki, or Hawaiian flora or fauna.

SUNDAY

There will be 4 workshops per hour from 10am-2pm. Then dance the floor away in the Main Ballroom. Finally, come to the **Farewell Pizza Party and Dance** at 8pm in the Crystal Coast. Pizza served at 8pm - while it lasts

VENDORS will be on site for your shopping pleasure.

