



The Event:

CLOG/NCHC proudly presents the 2009 USA National Clogging Championships, September 5 – 6, 2009, in Nashville Tennessee at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel! We invite you to join fellow clogging enthusiasts for a memorable weekend in Music City as clogging groups, duos and solos compete for the title of USA National Champions. It's a best of the best championship in both traditional and contemporary clog dance. From start to finish, experience the thrill of American clog dance in Nashville, TN.

Consider a sampling of the features:

- USA National Championship Honors
- Unique Awards & Trophies
- Stay & Compete in Same Location
- Spacious Raised Stage
- Early Registration Discounts
- Lots of activities for down time like Opry Mills, Grand Ole Opry, Wild Horse Saloon.
- And much much more.....

Don't miss out! Make plans to attend today. Be sure and book your hotel rooms early as rooms will sell out!!!! **Cut-off for room rate is Tuesday, August 4, 2009.** After this date, the rate will be very high!

Accommodations: Cut-off for room rate is Tuesday, August 4, 2009.

Host Hotel - The Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN will serve as host hotel for the USA National Championships, offering event attendees a special "clogging event" rate of only \$99 per night (+ tax 1 - 4 ppl per room plus \$10 resort fee)

Gardenview rooms \$65 additional

Reservation Number: 1-866-972-6779

Gaylord Opryland Hotel • 2800 Opryland Drive • Nashville, TN 37214-1297

The \$10/day resort fee includes:

- *Wired and wireless high-speed internet access*
- *Fitness Center access*
- *Designated complimentary in-room beverages*
- *Local shuttle service*
- *Daily newspaper*
- *Local and toll free 800 telephone calls (20 mins per call)*

Be sure and ask for the clogger's rate on Labor Day Weekend. Please be advised the hotel self **parking rate** is \$16 per day with in out privileges. \$25 for valet parking.

Venue - Stay and compete in the same location! The Opryland Hotel will host the event in the Presidential Ballroom.

Airport Shuttle – Opryland Hotel is a short 10 minute drive from Nashville’s International Airport. Gaylord Opryland offers guests transportation via an airport shuttle or hotel shuttle.

To request airport transportation - call toll free 1-866-972-6779 or 615-883-2211.

For Group Transportation Sales, please call 615-902-8033.

Upon your arrival to the airport, you can find the Gaylord Opryland Welcome Desk on the lower level of the airport between the two escalators. An agent can assist with your travel needs and ticket purchase, or you can use our kiosk, which is conveniently located at the welcome desk. If an agent is not available to provide assistance, you can find the Hotel's shuttle located immediately to the left as you exit the front door of the lower level of the airport.

Daily shuttle schedule

- 5 a.m. – 11 p.m.
- Daily express shuttle service: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. (departs every 20 minutes)

Cost

- \$38 per person, roundtrip fare
- \$28 per person, one-way fare
 - Guests 65 and older and children under 12 receive a discounted rate of \$25 for roundtrip fares and \$15 one-way fares per person. Children under 4 are complimentary.

Guidelines: Please refer to the NCHC Rules

Bi-Level Championship: The 2009 USA National Clogging Championships offers two levels of competition in many categories. The contestant and or director determine level. The Challenge Level is offered for contestants with less competition experience. The Masters Level is offered for contestants with more competition experience.

Registration Deadlines: as follows: Registration Form enclosed.

Prompt - Received/Postmarked By August 10, 2009

Regular - Received/Postmarked After August 10, 2009

Participant Registration: Participant entries are \$15 per person, per category by August 10, 2009 and \$20 per person, per category after August 10, 2009.

Spectator Registration: Adult (13 & over) spectator passes are \$5 per day by August 10, 2009 and \$7 per day thereafter. Child (6 to 12) spectator passes are \$4 per day by August 10, 2009 and \$4 per day thereafter. No charge for children spectators under age 6. Seating is general admission.

Earn FREE Spectator Registration: We need parents to work the door for security during the event. Work a 2 hour shift and get FREE spectator admission for the whole weekend. Up to a \$20 savings!

Email Susan at clog@clog.org with desired days and morning or afternoon. First come first serve basis. They will be able to see the clogging during their work shift! These slots filled up very quickly last year.

On-site Registration: Event registration will be located at the Presidential Registration Desk and available Friday 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Saturday 7:30 am to noon and Sunday 7:30 am to noon.

Scores: Group and Duo score postings and score sheets will be available for viewing. Solo score postings and score sheets will not be provided.

Vendors: Vendors will be located at the event. Contact Terry Glass at glasst@planet.com for vending information and fees.

All Star Team: See All Star Team information.

Personal Video Camera Policy: Personal video cameras will be allowed, however on a limited basis. All video cameras must be registered with the event. Cameras may not obstruct the view of any contestant or spectator and must be battery operated. Video registration fees are \$15 per video camera. Group Directors with at least one group entry in the 2009 USA National Championship will receive one complimentary video pass. All videos must be tagged to video. Videoining allowed only in designated areas.

Event Video/DVD's: The 2009 USA National Clogging Championships will offer event video & dvd packages for attendees.

Personal Program Messages: The 2009 USA National Clogging Championships will offer participants, spectators and family members the opportunity to place personal messages in the Official Event Souvenir Program. This is your way to wish your favorite group, director, dancer or family member the best of luck. Just forward your messages along with \$5 per message to the USA National Championships, c/o Susan Phillips, 2986 Mill Park Court, Dacula, GA 30019 or clog@clog.org. Each message can be up to 25 words in length.

Dance Order: Entries will be programmed with random computer placement. Enter early and save with registration discounts.

Music: Group & Duo contestants must provide all music either on a compact disc (CD) or high quality cassette tape [one song per tape, cued and ready to play]. Variable speed CD players and cassette players will be available for use. Please have backup music sources available. Speed checks will be provided prior to performance. No on stage sound checks planned. Music for solos, short duos and special events will be provided by the event.

Qualification:

Groups & Duos - Just place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in your age division within a qualifying category at any NCHC Qualifying Event by July 31, 2009. Entries competing in the National Championships must have at least 51% of the dancers that originally qualified. A list of qualifying events is available online. Note: NCHC is also extending an invitation to the division winners of the 2008 USA National Clogging Championships that were held in Nashville.

Solos & Acapella Teams - Accepting open entry / No pre-qualification or pre-requisite necessary

All Star Team - Accepting open entry from participants of the 2009 USA National Clogging Championships.

Traditional Categories – Accepting open entry from participants of the 2009 USA National Clogging Championships. (Any category with figure requirements)

Sites in Nashville: *The Grand Ole Opry* is adjacent to the Opryland Hotel with free shuttle transportation. *Opry Mills* is also adjacent to the hotel and offers outlet mall shopping, an inexpensive food court, great restaurants like Rain Forest Café, Aquarium, and a movie theatre.

The *General Jackson Showboat* is always a fun trip. Be sure to plan an evening at the *Wildhorse Saloon*.

To make reservations and learn more, go to <http://www.gaylordhotels.com/gaylord-opryland> and click on the special events and attractions.

Directions to the USA National Clogging Championships

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No matter where you're driving from, it's easy to get to Gaylord Opryland from area interstates, as well as the Nashville International Airport.

See below for directions, and be sure to print an Area Map for your journey.

From Nashville International Airport

- Leave the airport complex and go west on Interstate 40
- Proceed to Exit 215 and take Briley Parkway - 155 North
- Go to and exit the parkway at Exit 12
- Turn left off the exit ramp onto McGavock Pike
- Turn left at the first intersection into the Gaylord Opryland Complex

Interstate 40 West from Knoxville

- Go west on Interstate 40
- Proceed to Exit 215 and take Briley Parkway - 155 North
- Go to and exit the parkway at Exit 12
- Turn left off the exit ramp onto McGavock Pike
- Turn left at the first intersection into the Gaylord Opryland complex

Interstate 40 East from Memphis

- Go east through Nashville on Interstate 40
- Proceed to Exit 215 and take Briley Parkway - 155 North.
- Go to and exit the parkway at Exit 12
- Turn left off the exit ramp onto McGavock Pike
- Turn left at the first intersection into the Gaylord Opryland complex

Interstate 65 South from Louisville / Bowling Green

- Go south on Interstate 65
- Proceed to Exit 90B to Briley Parkway - 155
- Go south on Briley Parkway and exit at Exit 12
- Turn right off the exit ramp onto McGavock Pike
- Turn left at the first intersection into the Gaylord Opryland complex

Interstate 65 North from Birmingham

- Go north on Interstate 65
- Proceed to Exit 90B to Briley Parkway - 155
- Go south on Briley Parkway and exit at Exit 12
- Turn right off the exit ramp onto McGavock Pike
- Turn left at the first intersection into the Gaylord Opryland complex

Interstate 24 West from Chattanooga

- Go west on Interstate 24
- Proceed to Exit 54B to Briley Parkway - 155
- Go north on Briley Parkway and exit at Exit 12
- Turn left off the exit ramp onto McGavock Pike
- Turn left at the first intersection into the Gaylord Opryland complex

Interstate 24 East from St. Louis

- Go east on Interstate 24
- Proceed to Exit 43 to Briley Parkway - 155
- Go east on Briley Parkway and exit at Exit 12
- Turn right off the exit ramp onto McGavock Pike
- Turn left at the first intersection into the Gaylord Opryland complex