Dance in the Desert 2026 Schedule

Time	Ballroom	Arizona Room	Santa Rita Room
		FRIDAY	
Friday 3 – 7 pm	Registration		
Friday 4 – 6 pm		**Music Jam w/ Dave F.**	
Friday 5 – 7 pm		***Dinner*** (Food Trucks @ 4:00 pm)	
Friday 7:15 – 11:15 pm	***Waltz Dancing Concert*** with Stringrays: (7:15-7:45 pm) (open to Voyager residents)*		
	Contra, etc.: Christine & Stringrays (8:00 – 9:30 pm)		
	Alex & Sonoma Crossing (9:45 – 11 pm)		
Friday After 9:30 pm		***Music Jam with Dave F.***	
		SATURDAY	
Saturday 8 – 9 am	-----	-----	***Continental Breakfast***
Saturday 9:15 – 10:30 am	***Contra, etc.*** Christine & Stringrays	***Let's Talk*** Jeff	-----
Saturday 10:45 – noon	***English Country Dance*** Alex & Sonoma Crossing	***Tunecrafting*** and ***Learn a New Tune*** Rodney	-----
Saturday 12:00 – 1 pm	-----	***Lunch*** (Food Trucks @ 10:30 am)	----
Saturday 1:15 – 2:30 pm	***Contra: So you think you can dance?*** Alex & Stringrays	***Getting Groove in Your Bow Arm*** Hayden	***Singing W/ Juanita*** (open to Voyager residents)*
Saturday 2:45 – 3:15 pm	***Contra Medley*** Alex & Christine & Sonoma & Rays	***Music Jam***	
Saturday 3:30 – 4:45 pm	***Contras Between the Lines*** Christine & Sonoma Crossing	***Guitar Accompaniment*** Max	***Stuntology w/ Sam*** (open to Voyager residents)*
Saturday 5:00 – 5:30 pm	***Waltz Concert*** (open to Voyager residents) * Sonoma Crossing	-----	-----
Saturday 6 – 7 pm	**Catered Dinner and Raffle**	-----	------
Saturday 8 – 11:15 pm	***Contra, etc.*** Christine &Sonoma Crossing (8:00 – 9:30 pm)		
	Alex & Stringrays (9:45 – 11:15 pm)		
Saturday After 9:30 pm		***Music Jam with Dave F.***	

Sunday

Sunday 8 – 9 am	-----	___	***Continental Breakfast***
Sunday 9:30-11 am	------	-----	***Caller's Conversation*** Christine and Alex
Sunday 11:00- noon		***Lunch*** (Food Trucks @ 10:30 am)	
Sunday 12:00 – 3:00 pm	***Last Hurrah Dance*** Alexandra and Christine w/ Sonoma Crossing (12-1 pm), Stringrays (1-2 pm) and both bands together (2-3 pm)		

Dance Workshops and Sessions

Breakfast Contras: Tasty contras to wake up our bodies to get us moving and grooving …….…. Saturday 9:15 am

English Country Dance: ECD favorites for both the avid and curious English dancer …… Saturday 10:45 am

Contra: So you think you can dance? Playful contra games to engage your brains & bodies. Come with a "can do" attitude! ……..… Saturday 1:15 pm

Contra Medley: Just dancing! ……..... Saturday 2:45 pm

Contra Between the Lines: Dances with moments of interaction with the other lines ……..,,… Saturday 3:30 pm

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Last Hurrah Dance : All the musicians, all the callers and all the fun! ……..……..…..….. Sunday 12:00 pm

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Musician Workshops and Sessions

Let's talk: Getting musicians and callers on the same page ……..……..…. Saturday 9:15 am

The Art of Tunecrafting and Learn a New Tune……..… Saturday 10:45 am

Getting Groove in Your Bow Arm: Fiddle……..…….. Saturday 1:15 pm

Guitar Accompaniment: ……..… Saturday 3:30 pm

Music Jam with Dave F: No set genres, tunes based on who shows up …..…… Multiple! Check the schedule grid

Calling and Other Fun

Let's Talk: Getting callers and musicians on the same page ……..…….… Saturday 9:15 am

Singing with Juanita: Come sing with Juanita ……..…..… Saturday 1:15 pm

Stuntology: Liberate your inner dork/learn impossible and/or embarrassing stunts anyone can do: eefin, farting with a straw, goat mouth, etc. etc. ……Saturday 3:30 pm

Caller's Conversation: Both callers, with insights, tips, hints, etc.…….…….. Sunday 9:30 am

Talent Info:

Callers are: Alexandra Deis-Lauby and Christine Merryman

the Stringrays are: Rodney Miller, Sam Bartlett, Mark Hellenberg (Pokey), Stuart Kenney and Max Newman

Sonoma Crossing are: Jeffrey Spero and Hayden Stern

***Music Jam*: Leade**r is Dave Firestine