

Welcome to the Big Easy, New Orleans, Louisiana!

Register now for the 38th annual convention of the National DeSoto Club! The fee is \$50 if post-marked by Monday, June 17th and \$60 after that. The registration fee covers printing, postage, name badges, plaques, and the conference center facility expenses. One fee covers all your family members and all your DeSotos. Each registrant will receive a convention packet, a name badge for each person, a goodie bag, and a dash plaque.

Contact Information (please print legibly):

Name _____ NDC # _____
Street Address _____ City _____
State/Providence _____ Zip/Postal code _____ Country _____
Phone # _____ Email address _____
of people in your convention party _____ Names for additional badges _____

- This is the first time I have attended an annual National DeSoto Club convention.

- I cannot attend in person, so please send me a convention packet (enclose \$30 per packet).

- I will be bringing _____ DeSoto(s) to New Orleans (if more, please list on a sheet of paper).

Year - _____ Model - _____ Body Style - _____ Doors - _____

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- I would like my car to be judged.

- I would like to volunteer to be a judge.

- I would like to place my car in the Modified class (Class 7) – generally 2+ minor modifications (wheels, etc.) or 1 major modification (engine, etc.), excluding any modification for safety (safety belts, disc brakes, dual reservoir master cylinder, etc.).

- My car qualifies for the Winner's Circle and I would like it placed there (DeSotos may be placed in this class if they have won within the previous 3 years, either an NDC Best of Show, an NDC Best of Class, or an AACA First Place Jr. National Award or higher. You will need to show proof of one of these awards to enter into the Winner's Circle. This is a non-judged class.).

**** NOTE: Club insurance requires EACH CAR on the show field TO HAVE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER in front of the left front tire!****

- I will have a model car for the Friday model contest. Adult Child

Convention T- Shirts:

DeSoto convention T-shirts will be preordered. A must have! Please specify all sizes and quantities here. A limited quantity will be on sale at the convention. Currently available at the discounted rate of \$25 each, regardless of size, or \$32 after the convention. **See future *DeSoto Adventures* magazine for the design.**

Men: #S _____ #M _____ #L _____ #XL _____ #2XL _____ #3XL _____ #4XL _____ #5XL _____ #6XL _____ # _____ @ \$25 _____

Women: #XS _____ #S _____ #M _____ #L _____ #XL _____ #2XL _____ #3XL _____ #4XL _____ # _____ @ \$25 _____

Total # of shirts _____ Total price of shirts \$ _____

How to reserve your hotel room:

The convention host hotel is the **Best Western Plus**, located at 1700 Lapalco Blvd., Harvey, Louisiana 70058. Phone (504) 366-5369. The hotel is holding 80 rooms for us at a special reduced rate of \$109/room plus tax and fees. You can book your room by calling (mention the National DeSoto Club 2024 convention) or use the reservation link on the club's website at www.desoto.org/events. Book your room early. The reservation cut-off date is June 24th, 2024, with a cancellation policy of up to 72 hours prior to the reservation.

Convention Registration - \$50 (\$60 postmarked after June 17th, 2024) \$ _____

Total price of convention packets being ordered - \$30 (non-attendees only) \$ _____

Convention activities: Please refer to the January-February issue of the *DeSoto Adventures* for full details.

Wednesday July 24th: Welcome buffet at 4100 Barataria Blvd., Marrero, LA 70072, from 12:00 pm 'til dark at host Thomas Rogers' home. We are planning to have a multitude of food that New Orleans is noted for: jambalaya, boiled shrimp, crawfish, oysters, roast beef po-boys, and all types of drinks. We will have air-conditioned tents to accommodate all. Approximately 10 minutes from hotel. \$25/person.

Number of people attending @ \$25/person _____ Total \$ _____

Thursday July 25th: Bus pick-up at hotel at 8:15 am. Visit to WWII museum, lunch @ WWII museum (this is pay on your own), leave at 2:00 pm on bus. \$45/adult, \$35/child

Number of adults attending @ \$45/adult _____ Total \$ _____

Number of children attending @ \$35/child _____ Total \$ _____

Afternoon/evening: Bus to Jackson Square and Cabildo/Presbytere tour, followed by a short French Quarter walk on your own. Be at Walden St. Park Dock at 6:00 pm for boarding the steamboat Natchez for a 2-hour jazz dinner cruise. Bus ride back to hotel. *****If you select this, you must also select the morning tour to the WWII museum as the bus is round trip.***** \$116/adult, \$70/child.

Number of adults attending @ \$116/adult _____ Total \$ _____

Number of children attending @ \$70/child _____ Total \$ _____

Bus shuttle back to hotel if you are NOT doing the afternoon/evening tours. This is for those who want to go to the WWII museum, but want to skip the afternoon events and dinner cruise. If you only sign up for the WWII museum, you must select this as well. \$10/person.

Number of people @ \$10/person _____ Total \$ _____

Friday July 26th: 8:30 am, driving tour to Oak Alley Plantation, 51 miles. \$26/adult, \$10/child.

Number of adults attending @ \$26/adult _____ Total \$ _____

Number of children attending @ \$10/child _____ Total \$ _____

Lunch buffet @ Oak Alley. Salad bar, chicken sausage gumbo, crawfish etouffee, red beans and rice, smoked sausage links, chicken jambalaya, corn mash, peas w/mushrooms, bread pudding, peach cobbler, coffee, tea, water. Cash bar. \$30/adult, \$15/child under 12.

Number of adults attending @ \$30/adult _____ Total \$ _____

Number of children attending @ \$15/child _____ Total \$ _____

Drive back to hotel. Swap meet and model contest. Bus ride to famous Antoine's restaurant, pick-up at 5:30 pm, dinner 6:30-8:00 pm. Dinner consists of: puffed potatoes, Antoine's salad, Gulf fish almondine or chicken and mushroom beurre blanc, and Antoine's baked Alaska for dessert. Cash bar. \$100/person, includes tax, gratuity, and bus ride there and back to hotel.

Number of tables needed for parts vending _____ Number people attending Antoine's @ \$100/person _____ Total \$ _____

Saturday July 27th: 38th NDC car show, location TBA, 8:00 am - 2:00pm. Barbeque on site, pay your own way. Drive your DeSoto back to the hotel and get ready to drive 22 minutes to the awards banquet. 5:00 pm social, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm dinner and awards at the Jean Lafitte Auditorium. Buffet style, \$55/person. Open bar, add \$15/person.

Number of people attending buffet @ \$55/person _____ Total \$ _____

Number of people selecting open bar @ \$15/person _____ Total \$ _____

Sunday July 28th: Farewell breakfast at our hotel with Café Du Monde catered, serving French beignets and coffee-au-lait. This is a must if you visit New Orleans! \$15/person.

Number of people attending @ \$15/person _____ Total \$ _____

Please total all sections above. Total Due: _____

COMPLETING YOUR REGISTRATION

1. Please make your check payable to National DeSoto Club and write "NDC convention 2024" on the memo line.
2. Please mail completed registration form with check to Bill Noble, 2214 Grange Hall Rd, Beavercreek, OH 45431.
3. Postmarked by June 17th, 2024 to avoid the late fee.
4. Final deadline to receive the registration by mail is July 15th, 2024. If you cannot get your registration to Bill Noble by that date, please bring the registration form with you to the convention.

Questions or need special accommodations? Please contact convention host Thomas Rogers at (504) 812-8493 (preferred) or email thomasrogers4929@gmail.com for answers. I look forward to seeing you all here in New Orleans!