



*An Invitation to Attend the*  
**52nd annual National Carousel Association Convention**

September 17–21, 2025

Spokane, Washington

**INLAND NORTHWEST GRAND ADVENTURE  
DREAMS – SMILES – TRADITIONS**

You are invited to join our grand adventure and experience six Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho antique carousels and the Pacific Northwest's largest theme park. Conventions provide an opportunity to experience the mission of the NCA: *"The purpose of the NCA shall be to promote conservation, appreciation, knowledge and enjoyment of the art of the classic wooden carousel and especially the preservation of complete operating carousels."*

**HEADQUARTERS HOTEL**

The Ruby River Hotel in downtown Spokane is the headquarters for our carousel adventure. You will need to call the hotel and make your own Guest Room reservations by calling 509-326-5577 and stating that you are with the National Carousel Association Convention. We have secured a special discount rate of \$125 per night plus taxes and fees. We currently have a room block from September 14 through September 21. Free parking is included for those who are driving.

The Ruby River Hotel does not provide an airport or Amtrak Station shuttle. The following services are available:

Uber and Lyft  
Spokane Airport Rides, 509-822-3856  
Advanced Transportation Taxi & Shuttle, 509-218-1354  
Spokane Limousine, 509-747-9235  
Spokane Transit Authority

**CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, September 17

NCA Board Meeting  
Opening reception and dinner at hotel

Thursday, September 18

1909 Loeff Carousel, Riverfront Park, Spokane, Washington  
Restaurant, gifts, chocolates and San Antonio Roller Works Carousel, Country Mercantile, Pasco, Washington  
Gesa Carousel of Dreams, Carmel / Carousel Works, Kennewick, Washington

Friday, September 19

Grand Coulee Dam Visitor Center, Washington  
Ferry County Merry-Go-Round, c. 1895 Armitage–Herschell, Republic, Washington  
Banquet and auction at hotel

Saturday, September 20

Playland Pier Carousel, 1922 Spillman Engineering, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho  
Silverwood Theme Park and their 1950s Allan Herschell carousel, Athol, Idaho  
Carousel of Smiles, 1920s Allan Herschell, Sandpoint, Idaho

Sunday, September 21

NCA General Membership Meeting

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION**

Early registration due prior to July 15: \$615 per person  
-or- regular registration due prior to August 17: \$635 per person  
NCA membership if non-member (one per household): \$50  
Post-convention Montana carousel tour: \$290      Convention T-shirt: \$20      Roundabout Faire table: \$30

Convention Registration Includes:

Breakfast, Thursday through Sunday morning  
Lunch, Thursday and Friday (lunch on your own Saturday)  
Dinners, Wednesday through Saturday  
Bus transportation, Thursday through Saturday, water and snacks on the buses  
Admission and rides on five carousels, admission to Silverwood Theme Park

**PRESERVATION FUND RAFFLES AND AUCTION**

The NCA is dedicated to the preservation of operating carousels and has a number of support programs. First and foremost is the NCA Preservation Fund. This is funded by the fund-raising events at our annual convention, and by additional donations from our members. The funds are used for grants for the preservation and restoration of operating carousels and for related projects. We encourage everyone to donate carousel-related items for use with the convention bus raffles, silent auction and live auction.

**ROUNABOUT FAIRE**

We will be offering a limited Roundabout Faire this year—one table per vendor. It will be in the hotel's Shoreline Ballroom where dinner will be served on Wednesday and Friday. The Friday auction will be in the same room. Vendors can also set up at the Carousel of Dreams and the Carousel of Smiles on Thursday and Saturday evenings, respectively.

*For more details on the convention and Montana tour, visit the convention page on the NCA website, [Carousels.org/Conventions/2025](http://Carousels.org/Conventions/2025). Online registration and payment also available for convention and Montana tour.*

**POST-CONVENTION MONTANA TOUR**

**September 21–23**

Includes visits to four Montana community carousels and the Montana Heritage Commission's Bovey Collection (band organs and more) at the Nevada City Museum in Virginia City.

Sunday, September 21

50,000 Silver Dollar Bar, restaurant and gift shop, Haugan, Montana  
Spirit of Columbia Gardens Carousel, community-carved, Butte, Montana

Monday, September 22

Montana Heritage Commission Bovey Collection, Nevada City Museum, Virginia City, Montana  
Boulder River Carousel, 1958 Brill, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Boulder, Montana  
Great Northern Carousel, Ed Roth-carved, Helena, Montana

Tuesday, September 23

A Carousel for Missoula, community-carved, Missoula, Montana  
Return to Spokane, Washington

Montana Tour Registration Includes:

Breakfast at hotels, Monday and Tuesday  
Lunch, Sunday through Tuesday  
Dinner, Sunday and Monday

Bus transportation, admission to Nevada City Museum, rides on four Montana carousels, water and snacks on bus

**MONTANA TOUR HOTELS**

We will be staying at the LaQuinta Inn & Suites in Butte on Sunday evening, September 21. You will need to call the hotel at 406-494-6999 and state that you are with the National Carousel Association Group to receive the discounted rate of \$125 plus tax.

We will be staying at the Helena Great Northern Best Western Premier Hotel on Monday evening, September 22. You will need to call the hotel at 406-457-5500 and state that you are with the National Carousel Association Group for the discounted rate, \$169 plus tax, two queen beds or \$184 plus tax, the one king bed.

We also recommend you add Tuesday evening, September 23, to your reservation at the Ruby River Hotel in Spokane. You will receive the discounted convention rate of \$125.

**Mail your registration to: National Carousel Association, PO Box 18367, Spokane, WA 99228**



# EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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## Roundabout Faire Registration

For details on the Roundabout Faire please visit the 2025 convention page on the NCA website, [Carousels.org/Conventions/2025](http://Carousels.org/Conventions/2025)

DESCRIPTION OF WHAT YOU SELL \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you interested in volunteering at the convention? If so please circle any below:

Registration    Loading Busses    Bus Raffles    Bus Captain    Banquet/Auction  
AV technical    Article/photos for *Merry-Go-Roundup* coverage

*Donated carousel items are needed for the bus raffles and auction.*

For details on the Owners and Operators Conference please visit the 2025 conference page on the NCA website, [Carousels.org/Conventions/2025/owners.html](http://Carousels.org/Conventions/2025/owners.html)

Return this form with check (payable to):

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