

Belles Run



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The latest news from Belles Run Philadelphia 2019



Belle

Hey,

It's me Belle! Yellow Rocks to everybody who got worried about me when I went on my California twirl. I'm not trying to cast a shadow but I heard my sister, Liberty, cracked up over it. Guess I should have called but you know...

Let's just say I spent some time getting familiar with some new friends, if you know what I mean. There's nothing like being with the gang, peeling off and soaking in a hot tub at the Russian River. And that's all I got to say about that. But now I'm back and better than ever and ready to move on again as Good Will Ambassador for Philly's big party in July of 2019. And I don't just mean the 4th of July Celebration! Philly is hosting the 36th annual IAGSDC convention, BELLES RUN!!!

That's FOUR fun-filled days of Square Dancing to some of my favorite callers in my hometown, the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection, PHILADELPHIA! They named it after me, Belle, 'cause they know I like to run around. And if you wanna run with me, register now for BELLES RUN, July 4-7, 2019. There are 315 of my favorite peeps already registered. Rates go up again this July. Don't miss out on the current \$230 rate.

Look for me in the coming months, because I'll be dropping in on a fly in, dance or party near you! This Belle is always looking for some new beaus or belles to run with. Yellow Rocks,

Belle

And, oh yeah, GO EAGLES!

[Registration](#)



Merchandise

We are currently taking clothing orders for delivery to a convention in Seattle this July. Want it now? We have most polos, sized up to XL, and our fun t-shirts available for **immediate shipping**. If you're like Belle, you love to shop. Head on over to our online shoppe.

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Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown

The host hotel for Belles Run 2019 is the [Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown](#) located at 201 N. 17th St, just off the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. One of Belle's favorite hangouts. It's rumored she's been escorted off the premises for unbecoming conduct more than a few times! **Room registrations begin this July.** Only \$149 a night for 1 to 4 people in a room.

Hotel

Fourth of July

Philly's annual Fourth of July Celebration, [Welcome America](#), is just steps away from the hotel. Join Philadelphians and visitors for FREE musical acts and fabulous fireworks. This year's headliner is the Divine Miss Mary J. Blige! Belle will keep you posted as to who will top the bill in 2019. But the Parkway also is home to most of the city's major art museums and institutions as well as beautiful works of public art.

Things to see in Philly

Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

Just west of the hotel, is Philly's Roman Catholic Cathedral, the [Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul](#). Completed in 1864, this grand structure is worth a visit for its magnificent facade, interior murals, and brilliant stained glass. Just across the street is the new Mormon Temple, Philly's first. For those of you who attended Squeeze the Hive and got to Temple Square, you won't be too impressed. It's a much more scaled back version!



Logan Square & Swann Fountain

In front of the Cathedral is one of Philly's most magnificent treasures, the Swann Fountain, in [Logan Square](#). The Swann Fountain, also known as the Fountain of Three Rivers, was designed and created in 1924 by Alexander Stirling Calder. Logan Square and the Fountain are a favorite gathering point for city dwellers looking to cool off. You will see folks dipping their toes or, especially kids, wading in it on a hot afternoon.



The Benjamin Franklin Parkway

[The Benjamin Franklin Parkway](#) is the hub for many of Philadelphia's most prestigious cultural institutions. Celebrating its centennial this year, the Parkway's design was based on the Champs D'Elysees in Paris. Many of Philly's vibrant celebrations, parades and milestone events are held here. In 2015, hundreds of thousands gathered to welcome Pope Francis on his visit to the US and the celebration for the Eagles Superbowl win. It's Philly's Party Central!



City Hall

[Philadelphia's City Hall](#) is at the eastern end of the Parkway and, high atop of it, stands one of Philly's most iconic images, the statue of William Penn, or Billy Penn as he's more commonly referred to around here. Alexander M. Calder, the father of Alexander Stirling

Calder, designed this statue. When viewed at a certain angle, one notices a very large protrusion from Billy's pelvic area, but don't get too excited since it's only the fingers of his right hand.



The Parkway features the work of three generations of the Calder family. The Parkway features the work of three generations of the Calder family. At the other end of the Parkway, in the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the mobile installation, Ghosts, by Alexander Calder, son, and grandson of the other two. So in progression from the east, you have the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost...

All of this, plus a whole lot more awaits you just a block or so from the host hotel. We'll get into the rest of the Parkway and other Philly must-see sights, restaurants, bars and activities in the coming issues.

Belle and the rest of the City of Philadelphia are looking forward to welcoming you to another Fabulous, Fun, Philly Event: BELLES RUN 2019.

See you in Philly!

Just a Peek at Some of My Travels...

I love to travel. Here's a peek at some of my recent travels. I hope to get to your town. Keep up with my travels on the [Belles Run Facebook page](#). Rumor has it I should be back in my hometown soon. [Independence Squares](#) is hosting another fabulous fly in on April 6-8.

Belle



Palo Alto, CA

Dancing with my friends James & Susan just before heading east



Family Reunion

I had a bit of a reunion on my cross country trip. The stuffing went flyin' at this party.



3 Texas Belles

Just three beautiful Belles hangin' out in Texas. Me, Gary, & Lise. Who's cutest?

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