

Square Dance? Who ... Me? Yes! You!

Would you like to incorporate a lot more fun and friendship in your life? Looking for an activity that involves everyone in the family from teens to great grandparents without any of them getting bored? Are you looking for a drug, alcohol and smoke-free environment? Would you like to find an activity that is fun AND will improve your body, mind and spirit? Exercise class just not cutting it anymore? Do you want to meet some of the nicest people you'll ever know?

Square dancing may be just what you need!

What is modern western square dancing?

Square dancing is part of our cultural heritage. It is a group of movements set to music and directed by the caller. Four couples complete the movements together within a "square."

The music of square dancing encompasses everything from traditional country-western to modern pop. There's music for everyone.

"Square dancing is fun and friendship set to music!"

Square dancing is:



Good for your body!

A Mayo Clinic Health Letter stated that dancing is a positive alternative to aerobic dancing or jogging. Dancers may cover 5 miles in a single evening!

Social dancing increases energy, improves muscle tone and coordination. Other studies have shown that you may lower your risk of coronary heart disease and strengthen bones.



Good for your mind!

As you dance, you follow the instructions of the caller. You will learn different

movements and work with a partner. You keep mentally active the entire time. A study published by the New England Journal of Medicine found that dancing can reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease.



Good for your spirit!

One of the greatest benefits of square dancing is the sheer FUN of it! There is a lot of social interaction and you will find yourself forgetting your worries as you dance. Stress levels go down and smiles abound!

Do I Have to Wear Those Funny Clothes?

During lessons, you may wear anything that is comfortable. Be sure to wear comfortable, low-heeled shoes. Jeans, T-shirts, Capri pants, and slacks are all fine.

When you start to attend square dances, you will wear square dance attire. Square dance attire has changed a lot, especially for women! Some of us still like the flared skirts and crinoline slips. Others are more comfortable in prairie-length skirts (about calf length or longer). Several local stores carry clothing that will work for you.

Men wear long-sleeved shirts with slacks or jeans and comfortable shoes. They may want to add a string tie or scarf.

Is square dancing expensive?

Square dancing is a truly economical form of entertainment. Most dances in the area charge \$5 per person.

Where do I dance?

Once you have finished lessons, you may dance in Lawrence, Topeka, the Kansas City area, Wichita, Ottawa, Gardner and other Kansas cities. You can dance anywhere in the United States and all over the world! Calls are always in English, so drop in anywhere!

Is square dancing hard?

If you know your right hand from your left and can walk, you can square dance. It does take time and practice, but you'll find it's worth it.

You've convinced me! How do I start?

Happy Time Squares will start lessons on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 7 p.m. Lessons will continue on Monday nights from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The first three lessons are FREE so you can see if you like square dancing [we know you will!].

Our caller, Chris Wildhagen, conducts classes. With over 25 years of teaching experience, Chris will have you square dancing in no time.

Happy Time Squares members also come to lessons. As "angels," they will join you in squares and help you master the moves associated with Basic and Mainstream Square Dancing.

How do I get more information?

For questions and information, call:

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From past classes:

"I have never been surrounded by such a wonderful group."

"It's good clean fun in a wholesome environment."

"When I first came, I was convinced I wasn't going to like it. I was wrong. It's great!"

"It's an inexpensive way to make good friends combined with great exercise."

"Emphasize that square dancing is for all ages."

"I enjoyed the fun atmosphere and the individual help. The angels are very nice and supportive."

"I enjoyed Chris's helpful attitude toward new dancers, and the friendliness and encouragement of angels. A fun environment."

About Happy Time Squares

Happy Time Squares is a Lawrence-based club with members from Lawrence, Douglas County, Topeka, Tonganoxie, Ottawa, and other cities in the area. We are a nonprofit group that started in September 2005.

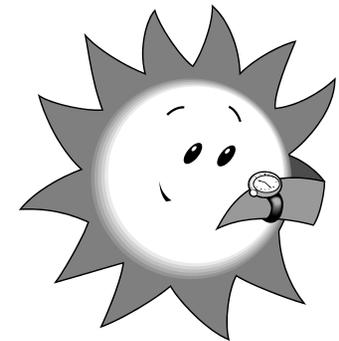
We dance on the second Saturday of each month. Feel free to come and watch (no charge). Visit our website for dates and locations:

www.HappyTimeSquares.com

**"For more fun than
you can imagine!"**

Learn to Square Dance!

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