





Cuers deliver cues for round dancers.



Fitness



Souvenirs: ribbons. dangles, badges, buttons

Square and round dancing offers unique benefits

Dance often and you will reap the benefits.

- Lots of Fun -- You will wonder if it can be legal to have this much fun! Fun, fitness, fellowship, friendship, and food--all favorite words you will enjoy.
- Safe -- You dance in a chemical-free setting--no smoking, no alcohol, no drugs-often a school gym or cafeteria or a church hall or community center.
- More Friends -- Dancing is for everybody: youth, solos, couples and families. You will meet new people easily in a relaxed, social atmosphere. Everyone is always welcome at square and round dances.
- Stress Relief Since square and round dancing is led by a leader giving commands, you become so focused on the "calls" that your other mental worries are forgotten, at least for a couple of hours. It's an activity that's good for your mind and body!
- <u>Calorie Burn</u> -- Dancing burns between 200 and 400 calories in thirty minutes of dancing -- a fun way to achieve this benefit.
- Mentally Healthy -- Dancing bolsters enthusiasm and optimism. Studies have shown that activities that involve both physical and mental activity at the same time help slow the onset of Alzheimer's disease.
- Balance -- Studies have shown that most adults who dance tend to have less incidents of falling as they get older.
- Cardiovascular Fitness -- Dancing improves your blood circulation, can lead to a slower heart rate, may lower your blood pressure, and can help reduce your risk of heart disease.
- Body and Brain Boost -- Square and round dancers execute the calls as they are announced, which keeps the body and brain challenged. Memorized calls work a part of the brain; the caller's choreography works another part.
- Walking -- If your goal is 10,000 steps per day to maintain physical fitness, you can usually achieve that goal by dancing.
- Strong Bones -- The side-to-side movements of dancing strengthen your weightbearing bones and help you prevent and/or slow the loss of bone mass.
- Low Impact Aerobic Exercise -- Dancing increases your flow of blood and nutrients throughout your body as you walk to the music and keeps your joints moving. It helps you tone and shape your muscles.

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Four generations enjoy square dancing.



Callers "call" for square dancers.



Fun





Friendship





Square dancing at community events