

FAQS ABOUT SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

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Olympia Area Square Dancers, Lac-A-Do Hall
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Welceome!

We hope you had a chance to attend our free Introduction to Square Dancing to see how much fun square dancing can be. And we also hope you are thinking about taking square dance lessons. We'd like to answer some of your questions about lessons. We'll talk mostly about the lessons starting in September, but there will be later opportunities.

Questions & Answers

What is the lesson schedule?

We teach the Basic 51 moves of square dancing in 10 weeks. We offer lessons starting on Mondays and Thursdays throughout the year. Basic lessons start at 6:30 p.m. and end about 8:15.

Who can take lessons?

We welcome couples, singles and families aged 10-110. Almost everyone can learn to square dance. We all learn at a different pace, but that's part of the fun. The only people who may find that lessons are too fast-paced are those with moderate to severe developmental disabilities, or who cannot walk for 10-15 minutes at a time.

How much do lessons cost?

Adults pay \$50 for ten lessons. Youth pay \$30. Families pay \$130. We suggest you pay for the whole set of lessons. But if that presents a hardship, talk to someone at the sign-in table. We want to make lessons accessible to all.

Who sponsors lessons?

A number of square and round dance clubs dance at Lac-A-Do Hall. They are all part of Olympia Areas Square Dancers, Incorporated (OASDI), the organization that runs the hall and sponsors lessons. Dancers from all the clubs will come to lessons to help YOU learn to dance because they have had so much fun square dancing, they want to share with others.

WHY SQUARE DANCE?

Great Exercise - gets you off the couch
Fun and laughter
Keeps your mind active
Great people - friends old and new
Good music - all types
A relaxed atmosphere
Yummy food
Casual Dress

What if I have to miss a lesson or more?

Because we want to teach you all 51 basic moves in 10 weeks, it's better if you can come to most lessons. Each lesson builds on the one before. But we know that conflicts will come up. If you miss one lesson, we can work with you to review.

If you must miss several weeks, you're in luck because we always have a new set of lessons starting. If you drop into a later class we will credit your unused lessons to the new class (remind us please). Some people start a class even if they will only be with us for a few weeks before an extended vacation. They get a good foundation, and can start a later class when they get back.

What else should I know?

- The best time to start lessons is NOW. But we offer lessons throughout the year. See our card or website.
- Dress is casual, but it's good to wear shoes that slide easily on the floor.
- You can bring friends to the first lesson. They don't have to have come to the Introduction.
- When you learn the 51 basic moves, and then 17 more mainstream moves, you can square dance anywhere in the world.
- If you have questions or must miss the first lesson, call Nancy at 360-438-1284 or Ed at 360-352-2662.