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Learn to Square Dance!

Fall Class Starts
Tuesday Sept. 14
At 8pm, in Lobdell
(second floor of Student Center)

Tech Squares

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About Tech Squares

Modern square dancing is a language:

"... pass the ocean, spin the top, explode the wave ..."

Modern square dancing is a dance:

"... weave the ring, twirl, promenade ..."

Modern square dancing is a puzzle:

"What does 'ends cross run' mean?"

You don't need a partner or any experience to get started. If you can walk and listen at the same time, you can square dance. Our 13-week class teaches everything you need to know about club-level square dancing. It is faster than any other class we know of, but then this *is* MIT. (A more typical class length is 40 weeks, but really, 13 weeks is plenty of time.)

Is western clothing not your style? We completely agree! Most club members wear jeans and a T-shirt; we have no dress code.

Does country music hurt your ears? You won't need earplugs. We play mostly rock or pop music—anything with a good beat.

You can get PE credit for taking our class. You have to take four PE classes at MIT—why not have fun while you're at it?

This is neither elementary school nor a retirement home. If you were forced to square dance in school and hated it, *please* give it another shot. If you think there is a minimum age requirement of 50 to square dance, our club defies that rule.

"... flip the diamond, scoot back, extend ..."

"... spin chain and exchange the gears ..."

We teach all the terminology and moves you need to square dance anywhere in the world. Callers use these terms to direct the dancers in real time, possibly even making it up as they go along. Every dance is different, and you never know what's coming next. Although square dancing is identified mostly with the United States, its popularity has spread throughout the world. There are many clubs in Europe, Asia, and Australia as well as in the Americas.

Do you prefer couple dancing? We do that, too! After each set of squares we do a cued form of ballroom dance known as round dancing. These dances are generally waltz, two-step, swing, or Latin. We hold round dance workshops at various times throughout the year.

Send us an email to squares@mit.edu and we will let you know when we start a class! For more information about Tech Squares, see http://www.mit.edu/activities/tech-squares/