

Move Those Bodies: Exercise the Whole Family Will Love By Anya Willis of FitKids

You might hear it from the doctor all the time: more exercise! In fact, the whole family could benefit from being more active. Fortunately, it's easier to incorporate more movement into your routine when you've got a team. It doesn't have to be a drag, either! Check out these resources from FitKids & The Spiral Goddess Collective for getting the whole family exercising regularly.

Indoor Exercise

Some workouts take place inside, but that doesn't make them any less impactful.

- Sign up the family for <u>taekwondo lessons</u> to simultaneously work out the body and mind.
- Practice yoga at home or take a class together.
- If you have access to a gym, play family games of basketball.
- Check out First Friday Free Dance at <u>The Spiral Goddess Collective!</u>

Outdoor Exercise

Something about physical activity with the sun shining above brings a different level of intensity.

- Start running together as a family. Make games of it like tag and racing.
- Go swimming to race and play together.
- Create mini boot camps for your family to compete in.
- Attend Hiking Yoga with The Spiral Goddess Collective, Thursdays at 6 pm!

Low-Impact Exercises for Your Senior Family

Some exercises may be too intense for seniors. If this is the case at your house, lower-impact workouts may be necessary.

- Water aerobics give you great exercise without putting too much strain on your joints.
- <u>Pilates is an excellent exercise</u> that works out your entire body and is mindful of different kinds of bodies.
- <u>Dance, dance, dance.</u> Whether you take classes or simply turn on the radio, get moving!

Low-on-Time Strategies

We all have busy schedules. If yours doesn't seem to allow any extra time for exercise, there are still ways you can incorporate more activity into your everyday life.

- Stuck at work and/or school all day long? <u>Take the stairs</u> as much as possible to get those legs moving and that heart pumping.
- Can you spare just a few minutes? Try this <u>10-minute workout</u> you can implement every day.
- An important part of any workout is stretching before and afterward. If you can't work in a full session of exercise, <u>commit to stretching</u> for 10 minutes a day.

You and the whole family *can* live a more active lifestyle with the right strategies. Play workout games as often as possible to keep things fun, and don't forget to implement some low-intensity workouts perhaps better suited to your senior family member(s). Ready, set... go!

If you're looking for the perfect place for movement, check out <u>The Spiral Goddess</u> <u>Collective</u>. Questions? Feel free to email <u>thespiralgoddesscollective@gmail.com</u>.

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