**Name/Title:** Yoga Ball Bash

**Purpose of Event:** To perform a 48 count circle dance continuously while using equipment.

**Prerequisites:**

Prior practice performing with rhythm sticks  
Prior practice performing line or circle dances  
Prior knowledge of an 8 count and how to create an original 8 count movement.

**Suggested Grade Level:** 6-8

**Materials Needed:**

2 rhythms sticks per student  
1 stability ball per student  
1 or more aerobic step risers per student. If risers are not available 5 gallon buckets may be used.

**Recommended music:** Black Eyed Peas I Gotta Feeling

**Beginning dance formation:** One large circle with students spaced far enough apart to travel around their own stability ball.

**Dance source:** The idea for this dance came from looking at the website http://drums-alive.com

**Description of Idea**

Yoga Ball Bash 48 count dance

Step 1 Center Tap- 8 counts- Tap center of the ball simultaneously with both stick than tap sticks together in front of chest (repeat four times to equal 8 counts)

Step 2 Double Hit- 8 counts- Tap right side of ball 2x's with sticks simultaneously than left side of ball 2x's with sticks simultaneously (repeat twice to equal 8 counts)

Step 3 Low Overhead- 8 counts- Tap both sides of ball simultaneously then tap sticks overhead; resembles a jumping jack (repeat 4 times to equal 8 counts)

Step 4 Grapevine- 8 counts- step behind step together R tap top of ball next to you than step behind step together leftand tap top of your ball

Step 5 Single Tap Around- 8 counts- single tap the top of your ball while walking around the ball

Step 6 Freestyle 8 counts - Create your own 8 counts with your sticks while moving to the
stability ball to the right

Repeat Dance until the end of the song

**Variations:**

To make this dance more of a workout encourage the students to squat while performing some of the moves.

**Assessment Ideas:**

You can videotape the dance and then use a rubric to score each individual student in the following categories: rhythmic ability, execution, and expression.

**Adaptations for Students with Disabilities:**

Change the last 8 counts of the dance by having the students create an 8 count at their own stability ball so students with limited mobility do not have to travel.

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