WHAT MAKES BOING DIFFERENT?

Do you remember: ...doing handstands against the living room wall? ... running down a grassy hillside so fast your legs could barely keep up? ... jumping rope for what seemed like forever, just to see how long you could last? That's what being a kid should be all about. Growing confidence, building self-esteem, developing a sense of wonder about the





world and your own unique potential. Sadly that's becoming harder for kids to accomplish. Too often in sports it seems like strict rules, perfect technique, gold medals, and fancy uniforms and costumes are as important as the sheer joy of participation.

The BOING! Gymnastics center in Perkasie PA is a small oasis for all kids from the high pressure world of competitive sports and regimented arts. It's a place where all kids (the toddlers, the teenagers, the tall and skinny, the

short and chubby, the two left feet types and the gifted athletes) can come once or twice a week and experience the joy of challenging themselves to be their best instead of the unreasonable pressure to always be the best. We believe all kids, regardless



of the athletic ability, can benefit from three to four years of gymnastics training in a non-competitive environment where success is measured by personal development instead of oversized plastic trophies.



HOW BOING! CAME TO BE

The BOING! Gymnastics center was created by Mark and Donna Gibson. Donna was a Pennridge gymnast back when there was such a thing as Pennridge gymnastics. Mark was a member of the British national



gymnastics team. They met in 1982 when Mark was coaching boys to the US national team level.

In 1988 they started a preschool gymnastics program called KINDERGYM that grew to become one of the largest programs of its kind in the eastern US. They sold KINDERGYM in 1991. After traveling the world for about a year and a half they returned to Perkasie to start a family. In 1996, just one

year after their first child was born, they took off again traveling around the US to promote a book Mark had written called GOING FOR IT! GFI! was designed to teach gymnasts how to develop winning character through the challenges of gymnastics.



Sales boomed when several members of the USA national team staff began handing out *GFI!* to the national and Olympic teams and recommending it for all gymnasts. Soon Mark found himself in demand as a speaker in gyms all over the US and Canada. Traveling together as a family (that grew to include two more children) the Gibsons toured about six months a year in a motor home.



Since 1996 Mark has conducted GOING FOR IT! workshops for more than 45,000 parents, coaches and gymnasts in 38 states. Mark soon became regarded as one of the premier speakers in the gymnastics industry. He has had several

articles published in the national gymnastics magazines and has been a featured speaker at the national gymnastics convention.

Mark and Donna have now brought their extensive experience back to their home town. They know that BOING! is a weird name for a business... and that's the point. They want Boing! to be unique and special, just like all the kids that cartwheel through its doors every week.



www.boinggymnasticscenter.com

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No meet or show fees

#2 No over-priced uniforms or costumes

#3 No costly pictures

#4 No long driving trips

#5 No crazy contracts

We keep your fun affordable



2023/24 CLASS SCHEDULES

- Yearly membership \$30 per gymnast (Covers insurance for the year and is separate from the class fee shown below)
- \$15 class fee discount for each additional family member

Length Cost Mon Tues Wed Thu Fri Sat

Parent & Child Gymnastics (You & Me Kid-12 months to 3-1/2)

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	to 3-1/2 yrs	1111115	10 wks	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00

Boys & Girls Gymnastics (3-1/2 years to teen)

3-1/2 yrs to 4-1/2 yrs Co-ed	45 mins	\$170 every 10 wks			5:00	6:00	10:30	Birthday parties every Saturday
4-1/2 yrs to 6 yrs Co-ed	60 mins	\$190 every 10 wks	6:00	12:30	6:00	4:45	9:15	parties e
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Don't forget the most fun birthday parties every Saturday



Can we watch classes? FAOS



Sure you can watch! Heck, we may even ask you to demonstrate. Do keep in mind that observing your child's gymnastics class is not the same as participating in your child's gymnastics class. In other words, sitting quietly in the observation area secretly comparing your kid to the others is OK. (Oh, like you don't do that.) Waving, running out to fix messed up pony tails, and generally distracting the class is not OK. Please try to contain yourself... it's only an hour, you can do it.

What should we wear?

You can wear your old prom dress if it makes you feel special but your gymnast must be dressed appropriately. Girls should wear clean leotards. Tights with no feet are OK if its chilly. No need for socks ... bare feet preferred. Tie back that lovely long hair and leave all the jewelry at home princess. Boys should wear a clean Tee shirt and shorts with no metal buttons, zippers or belts. Bare feet are best (everything in the gym is carpeted.) No baggy sweats or T shirts please. Another great reason to love gymnastics! No fancy uniforms or expensive costumes to buy.

Any hidden costs I should expect?

No! You pay a membership of \$30 once a year and a class fee every ten weeks... and that's it. No special uniforms or fancy outfits required and we don't surprise you with meet or show fees. If you can't live without photographic documentation your kids new cartwheel then feel free to bring in your own camera and snap as many Kodak moments as you need. We like to keep life simple around here.

Do you do birthday parties?

Oh Boy! Do we do parties! By all means buy your burgers from the burger experts but always have your party with the "having fun with kids" experts at the BOING! gymnastics center. You get the whole gym to yourself for an hour and a half (no other groups in the gym at the same time.) Parties are for kids aged four years old and up.

Do you have competitions or recitals?

You mean those four hour marathons where you get to see your kid for three minutes wearing an outfit that cost you a weeks pay? No! We don't do that. BOING! is a non competitive program. We just love teaching the best gymnastics classes around and providing kids with a unique gymnastics experience they'll find nowhere else.



We Believe

- ..that kids sports have a tendency to get way too complicated & time consuming for parents
- ..that kids should be challenged to be their best instead of having to live up to the unrealistic expectation to always be the best
- ...that parents deserve a break from being nickel and dimed by hidden add-ons like uniforms, pictures, and show/meet fees
- .that childhood should be all about discovering your uniqueness and developing the confidence to express it
- .that gymnastics is the perfect "foundation sport" and that all kids, regardless of athletic ability, should experience three to four years of continuous gymnastics education in a non-competitive environment
- ...that Ben and Jerry's ice cream is good... very good!

Gymnastics Classes:

- You & Me Kid
- Preschoolers
- Girls/Boys' Gymnastics

And:

- **Birthday Parties**
- Summer Camps

Located:

127 S. Third St Perkasie PA, 18944



