# Buddha Camp: aggressive mind-body 

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## I. INTRODUCTIONS

Buddha Camp Practical: M, W, F: LEFT, T, Th, Sa: RIGHT Sunday: Backwards Why Barefoot? Why "aggressive?" Lighting *Yoga: Hold Yoga Poses 15~30 seconds in silence, emphasizing stability *Pilates: appropriate speed of repetition *Rotation: adding the horizontal plane movement (rotation)
*T'ai Chi: active stretching for at least one body part worked in the series

## Yo Pi~Gyra~Tai!

S/F: slower/faster option
Flexibility is ACTIVE stretching
Introduction to the experience involves: Purpose (to aggressively fuse yoga, Pilates, rotating disciplines, and T'ai Chi for active stretching), Theme (to focus on stability and mobility), Breathing should be comfortable and I'll offer some suggestions from each discipline, Speed should be a comfortably-challenging pace for you, so go at a speed that makes you successful. I"ll offer you some Buddha Camp tempo challenges. Mat placement could be vertical towards the front, or crossed as the letter "T." Music is non-traditional mind-body music especially chosen for Buddha Camp. Centering: squat in Chair pose w/arms in "Namaste" position, Progression: look up, eyes closed, on toes.

| Movement Pattern |
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| Discipline STABILITY~ YOGA  <br> 1~2.STANDING TREE MOBILITY~PILATES P: arms overhead <br> R: arms on hips <br> Reaches to opposite foot behind, with single leg <br> squat: MOBILITY~ROTATION  <br> Sinking the Chi w/ankle of stabilizing leg over <br> opposite knee, sitting. STABILITY~MOBILITY <br> COMBO~ T'AI CHI  |

Repeat other side

| Movement Pattern |
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| 3.STANDING series: ONE SLOW SALUTATION of Discipline STABILITY~ YOGA <br> 8 counts: CHAIR, LUNGE, PLANK, UP DOG,   <br> DOWN DOG, LUNGE, CHAIR, MOUNTAIN, S/F   <br> option   |
| Repeat Salutation adding Pilates 3 STARs and 3 <br> SWANS and 3 STARs between LUNGES (chair, <br> lunge, 3 stars, down dog w/1 leg up, up dog, 3 swans, <br> down dog w 1 leg up, 3 stars, lunge, chair) |
| Jumping to star position and lateral flexions <br> w/arms on legs |
| T'ai Chi Carry the Lantern to Standing Rooster S/F <br> option |

Transition TO FLOOR
Movement Pattern
4.YOGA BUDDHA LUNGE-PILATES BUDDHA OPEN PLIE SQUAT~GYRATING BUDDHA LUNGE~ T'AI CHI BUDDHA BALANCE with LOTUS~REACH

Discipline
Progression/Regression
Keep back knee on floor in last lunge to transition to floor; "I am love and light; only I can make things right." "If it's going to be,
TO FLOOR~REACH TO FLOOR it's up to me, for I control my destiny."

| Movement Pattern | Discipline Progression/Regression |  |
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| 5~6..MERMAID Position of lateral flexion binding arm behind body | STABILITY ~ YOGA | P: elbow on floor <br> R: elbow slightly flexed |
| Mermaids taking opposite foot off of floor | MOBILITY PILATES | P: add hip flexion w/top leg towards the front |
| Unilateral pushups w/ arm circles overhead behind opposite shoulder | MOBILITY ROTATION |  |
| Triceps stretch and kicking side rooster Repeat to other side. | STABILITY~MOBILITY COMBO~T'AI CHI | P: keep kicking rooster leg off of the floor |


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| 7.STAFF Position | STABILITY ~ YOGA | P: lift glutes off of floor |
| Roll Ups and Downs | MOBILITY PILATES |  |
| Oblique Open Ocean w/Ocean Breath | MOBILITY ROTATION | P: go all the way to the floor |
| Embrace the Full Moon and Spinal Extension w/arms overhead to stretch abdominals | STABILITY-MOBILITY COMBO~ T'AI CHI |  |
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| 8-9. Crocodile or Crow | STABILITY~ YOGA |  |
| Pilates Tuck and Extend with yoga "pigeon transition" | MOBILITY PILATES | P: on toes; R: on knees |
| Swimmers Reaches and Circles in Plank 8 xs each side, resting on floor in between | MOBILITY~ROTATION |  |
| Knee on opposite foot in prone position and T'ai Chi Flying Bird (retraction) | STABILITY~MOBILITY COMBO~T'AI CHI | R : keep hands on floor to maintain balance |


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| $\begin{array}{l}11 .\end{array} \text { A: SIDE PLANK (FOREARM OR PALM) Stability }$ |  |  |
|  on one side  |  |  | <br>

\hline STABILITY~ YOGA\end{array} $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { R: on elbow and knees, lower top arm; P: on } \\
\text { elbow and ankles; raise top arm }\end{array}\right]$
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| Spinal Articulation (Pilates~style bridges) w/single <br> leg abductions changing sides each time (cues: <br> "up, out, in, down") | MOBILITY~PILATES | R: keep hands on floor for bridge; P: $1 / 2$ <br> Shoulder Stand |
| Criss Cross and Double Leg Stretch Series | MOBILITY~ROTATION |  |
| Pet the Horse rotations for obliques in seated | Roll like a ball or Seal as a <br> transition to Seated |  |

13. Transition TO STANDING:
"Step throughs" w/arms overhead and optional rotation "chops." The goal is to stp through in the sagittal plane and avoid abduction and circumduction of the hip. Imagine a plate of glass on both sides of you, and do the movement without hitting the glass. P: pad the knee area by folding the mat a few times.
Movement Pattern

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| 15. A: STANDING Nose to Knee Series (1 side) | STABILITY~ YOGA | R: just hold leg and balance; P: hold bottom of <br> foot and place nose on knee |
| B: Knee lifts w/hip extensions adding rotation <br> "chops" from transition | MOBILITY~PILATES |  |
| Repeat A + B other side |  |  |
| Standing Flexions w/arms overhead | MOBILITY~ROTATION |  |
| Sink the Chi with Mountain + Chair + Table | STABILITY~MOBILITY <br> COMBO~ T"AI CHI | Progression/Regression |
| Movement Pattern Discipline Pry to finish on a Single Leg Stance; R: keep <br> toes on the floor <br> lift Namaste Arms to sit in Chair, then diagonal STABILITY~YOGA Maintain neutral spine; add vestibular <br> challenge if possible of cervical rotation <br> Pilates: hip "chop" with opposite knee MOBILITY~PILATES R: keep toes on floor and just abduct/adduct <br> with inside arm; <br> Full Body Rotation on unilateral stance MOBILITY~ROTATION Maintain neutral spine; P: add single leg leg <br> squat on flying bird <br> "Flying Bird:" bilateral shoulder <br> adduction/abduction STABILITY~MOBILITY <br> COMBO T"AI CHI  |  |  | 

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